

Statutes of the International Terrier Association, Interra

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Name and place of the association

1. The association holds the name of Interra.
It was founded in Paris in 1995.
2. The association has no permanent legal residence. Its respective place of business is the address of the acting president.

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Purpose of the association

1. Interra is an association with the aim of promoting all Terrier breeds which are officially recognized by the FCI in its nomenclature under the FCI-group 3, Terriers, and here after 'our Terrier breeds'.
2. The promotion of our Terrier breeds, especially the dispositions and the typical characteristics of our Terrier breeds, their health, ability and beauty, in breeding, keeping, training and showing is conducted on the basis of the relevant rules and regulation of the FCI and its member countries, the KC in UK and the AKC in USA.
3. The association pursues exclusively idealistic values.
The instruments of the association may only be used for purposes explicitly mentioned in these statutes which have the character of rules of the procedure.
The officials of Interra act in an honorary capacity.
4. No person may be favoured by the expenditures foreign to the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remunerations. Only actually incurred expenses are reimbursed.
Travel expenses of the delegates are borne by the club which the delegate is a member of.

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Instruments of Realization of the purposes of the organization.

The aim of Interra shall be promoted and implemented especially by the following means.

1. Systematic flow of information and public relations in order to improve the popularity of our Terrier breeds and their specific needs.
2. Support and promotion of all measures appropriated to improve the health, ability and typical appearance of our Terrier breeds.
3. This is performed especially by
 - a. Exchange of breeding regulations.
 - b. Exchange of actual judges lists.
 - c. Information about minimum conditions for keeping dogs.

- d. Organization of seminars and other training measures.
- e. Publication of an Interra information paper.
- f. Organization of an Interra Winner show by a member country which is nominated by the general assembly three years in advance in each case.
- g. Realization of solidarity and support measures in case of discrimination against [our Terrier breeds](#) in Interra member countries.
- h. Fighting against international dog dealing.
- i. Award of a medal of merit to persons or institutions that have done the promotion of the goals of Interra a particularly great service.

§ 4 Membership

1. The membership of Interra can only be gained by such countries which are members of the FCI. Great Britain/UK, USA and [Australia can be jointed as associated members](#).
2. The application can be submitted by:
 - a. The Terrier club of such a country.
 - b. An association of the Terrier clubs of such a country, provided that several clubs are responsible for [our Terrier breeds](#) in that particular country. [If](#) several clubs are in charge of the same breed the participation of the second club is only possible with the approval of the parent club.
 - c. Individual, representative Terrier clubs of such a country, provided that several clubs responsible for [our Terrier breeds](#) cannot come to an agreement on an association.
 - d. If several clubs are responsible for one Terrier breed in a particular country, the oldest club in charge of that breed has to be considered with respect to the Interra membership of that country, unless the oldest club explicitly waives an Interra commitment.
 - e. [Individual membership from a Terrier breeder or judge can be accepted, if the country of official residence and FCI judge status has no official Terrier Club, that could join INTERRA. In this case, the individual member may attend and participate on the General Assembly but with no voting rights. In this case, the membership fee will have the symbolical amount ou 10€.](#)
3. The application for membership has to comprise:
 - a. The explicit acknowledgement of the Interra statues.
 - b. The obligation to a punctual payment of the membership fee.
 - c. The proof of membership of a national Kennel Club recognized by the FCI.
4. The General Assembly decides upon the admission of a new member at the suggestion of the board with 2/3 of the represented votes.
The board is authorized to obtain this decision by means of a written vote as well.
5. The annual subscription amounts to 250,00.- Euro and is payable before the end of the second calendar month [of the year for which the amount of the member-fee is due](#).
New members have to [transfer the owed amount on the bank account of Interra at the moment when introducing the application for admission](#).

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Rights and obligations of the members

1. Each member of Interra is entitled to:
 - a. All benefits of this association.
 - b. The participation in all activities of the association.
 - c. The participation and the vote at the General Assembly.
2. Each member is obliged to:
 - a. Support the goals of the association and to encourage its activities.
 - b. Fulfil its duties towards the association conscientiously, especially the duty to pay the annual subscription.
 - c. Act in solidarity towards the other Interra members.

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End of membership

The membership is lost by:

1. The declaration of resignation; which has to be made until the 30.09 of the current year with effect from the 31.12 by registered letter to the President.
2. Exclusion because of the non-performance of the financial obligations. This exclusion can be decided by the board after the member has ignored two reminders.
3. Expulsion:
A member may be expelled by decision of the General Assembly on proposal of the board for violation of these statutes.

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Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the association are:

- a. The General Assembly
- b. The board.

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General Assembly

1. The General Assembly is composed by the representatives of the member countries, which have paid their subscriptions for the current year, as well as the members of the board.
Each member country and each member of the board has one vote which can be delegated in case of absence.
2. If one member country is represented by more than one delegate (§4, 2c) who cannot find an agreement on united voting, the right to vote is decided by drawing lots.
Each member country has the right to send up to three delegates.

3. An ordinary General Assembly has to be held once per year preferable in December, the financial year closing on December 31st.
The assembly is convoked by the board, which also decides on the agenda. At least one third of the member countries might also convoke an assembly.
The invitation and the agenda have to reach the member countries at least two months before the date of the assembly.
An extraordinary General Assembly; will be convoked on the same regulations as the ordinary General Assembly; the invitation deadline can be shortened to one month.
4. There is a quorum in the General Assembly regardless to the actual number of participants.
The General Assembly is chaired by the President or, in case of his absence, by the General Secretary.
For an extraordinary General Assembly, at least half of the representatives eligible to vote have to be present.
Decisions are made by the majority of the actually present members.
5. The General Assembly is responsible for decisions on:
 - a. The program of the activities of the association.
 - b. The elections to the board and of the auditors.
 - c. The approval of the annual balance.
 - d. The suggestions to alter the statutes.
 - e. Fixing the annual subscriptions.
 - f. The admission or the exclusion of members.
 - g. All subjects put on the agenda.
6. The decisions of the General Assembly are binding for the association. As far as the inner affairs of specific member countries are concerned they have the character of recommendations.

§ 9 The board

1. The board is the executive committee of the association, it takes all the necessary measures to accomplish the aiming fixed in the statutes in the sense of §2 and §3 in accordance to the decisions of the General Assembly.
The board consists of:
 - The President
 - The Vice-President
 - The General Secretary
 - The Treasurer
 - The Editor
 - The Vice-General SecretaryThey are elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years; re-elections are possible.
2. If a member of the board resigns during his term of office, he will be replaced at the next General Assembly.

The thus elected new member of the board will officiate during the remaining period of his predecessor.

Should more than half of the committee members retire; the term of office will end for the whole board.

Within three months, the remaining board members will call a General Assembly in order to elect a new board.

3. The board meets for a session at least once per year on invitation by the President or on request of at least half of the board members.
The meetings are chaired by the President, or in case of his absence, by the General Secretary.
Voting is held by open or by closed ballot, the later if one member wishes. In case of equal votes, the President's vote shall be decisive.
4. The board fixes its own rules of procedure.

§ 10

Finances and Accountancy

1. The financial year starts at the 1st of January and is closed on December 31st.
2. The treasurer has to report regularly to the board on the financial state and on the annual income and the expenses accountancies and to submit a proposal on the budget for the following year.
3. The General Assembly elects two auditors for each term of office, who check the accountancy of the association prior to a General Assembly with elections and submit a suggestion of release to the General Assembly.

§ 11

Liquidation of the Association

1. The liquidation of Interra can only be decided by a General Assembly which has been called particularly for that purpose with an appropriate agenda with a 3/4 majority; at least 60 % of the members eligible to vote have to be present.
2. The General Assembly decides by a 2/3 majority upon the distribution of the property. The remaining money should be divided proportionally between the countries, remaining still as members.
The distributed amount will belong in proportion to the duration of the membership to Interra of the country-member at the time of the dissolution of the association Interra.

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Language

The language in the board and on the General Assembly is English.

Suggestion:

It would be important to vote on the whole text of the statutes and to decide that only an English version does exist.