

Bengal Canada

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1. General provisions and définition

1. Meaning

In this document, unless the context indicates a different meaning, the following terms mean :

- a) "**Bengal Canada**", "**BC**" or "**Club** ", means all members of Bengal Canada, its various bodies and its officers;
- b) "**CCC**" means Chats Canada Cats;
- c) "**Board of Directors**", means the decision-making body elected at the General Assembly of Members;
- d) "**Member**" means any member in good standing of the Club;
- e) The BC logos are :



2. Elected Domiciles

Bengal Canada is home to :

185, rue des Sapins
Drummondville, QC.
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3. Official Website

www.bengalcanada.org

4. Objectives

Bengal Canada has five (5) main objectives :

- a) **Establish and promote the Bengal breed standard** in Canada;
- b) **Promote** good breeding practices;
- c) **Provide support** to Bengal breeders and cat lovers in Canada ;
- d) **Educate** the public about Bengal cats;
- e) **Hold events** under the auspices of the CCC;

5. Members

There are three (3) categories of BC members, "Champion breeders", "Breeders" members and "Friend of the breed" members.

1. Members "Champion breeder"

Is designated as a "champion breeder" member in a good standing, any natural person having fulfilled the following conditions :

- Possesses a cattery, having produced at least one litter and/or having a male who produced at least one litter at date of the application for membership;
- Produces a cat that has earned the title of Champion or Premier at Chats Canada Cats in the last 24 months;
- Paid his fees for the current year;
- Did the hours of volunteer work for which he had committed the previous year;
- Never been struck off by the Board of Directors.

2. Members "Breeder"

Is designated as a "breeder" member in good standing, any natural person having fulfilled the following conditions :

- Possesses a cattery, having produced at least one litter and/or having a male who produced at least one litter at date of the application for membership;
- Paid his fees for the current year;
- Did the hours of volunteer work for which he had committed the previous year;
- Never been struck off by the Board of Directors.

3. Members "Friend of the breed"

Is a member "owner" in good standing, any natural person fulfilling the following conditions :

- Wishing become a BC member who is not a breeder;
- Paid his fees for the current year;
- Did the hours of volunteer work for which he had committed the previous year;
- Never been struck off by the Board of Directors.

4. Stricking off

Is struck off, any person :

- Resigned as a member;
- Died;
- Is struck off by the Board of Directors for non-payment, for violation of these By-laws or having been convicted under provincial and federal legislation for a crime against an animal.

2. Functional structures, affiliations and competition

1. General Assembly

1. Composition

The General Assembly is composed of all the members in good standing of BC;

2. Powers and duties

Powers

The General Assembly of Quorum members is sovereign. It may, by simple majority vote of the members presents :

- Take up any questions regarding the administration of BC;
- Reverse the decisions made by the Board of Directors on administrative matters;
- To dismiss an administrator;
- Reorient the mission statement of BC;
- To refer to the Board of Directors any question or mandate deemed relevant by the Assembly.

Functions

Without limiting its powers and attributions, the General Assembly has the following functions :

- Define the main directions of BC;
- Receive from the Board of Directors, an annual report of all activities;
- Receive reports from various committees;
- Adopt the financial statements;
- Modify amend and/or ratify these By-laws
- Every two (2) years, elect a president and an election secretary;
- Every two (2) years, proceed to general elections.

3. Meetings

The General Assembly meets at least one (1) a year.

4. Convocation

The General Assembly is convened by the Board of Directors, with least thirty (30) working days notice, either by e-mail or mail, to all members in good standing.

5. Right to speak

Any participant, member in good standing of the BC has the right to speak. As for observers, they must obtain the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the room to be granted the right to speak.

6. Right to vote

Any participant, member in good standing of the BC has the right to vote in the workshop and in plenary on the subjects of administration. The right can not be granted to observers at any time. Proxy votes are invalid.

1 member = 1 vote.

Voting rights for breed standards and breeding code practice

Votes on breed standards and breeding code of practice are by electronic vote by universal suffrage vote members in good standing.

However, in order to create a fair representativeness according to the experience, the expertise and the impact of these votes, the method of casting votes is adopted.

The weight of each voter is determined as follows :

Champion Breeder Member : 5 points
Breeder Member : 2 points
Friend of the breed Member : 1 point

The compilation of the number of points collected for a motion, proposal or other determines its adoption.

7. Resolutions

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2. The Board of Directors will also ensure that a report is sent to the nominator(s) within six (6) months of the meeting.

8. Quorum

The Quorum of the General Assembly is ten percent (10%) of the number of members in good standing.

2. Special Assembly

- a) By stating in writing their reasons, ten percent (10%) members in good standing may require the calling of a special meeting within a period of fifteen (15) days;
- b) In a case of appeal from the decision of the Board of Directors regarding the dismissal of a member, the latter has the right to demand the calling of such meeting;
- c) A written notice, by email or postal mail, as well as an agenda must be given by the secretary to each member in good standing of the Club
- d) The quorum is ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing
- e) The Special Assembly has all the powers of the General Assembly, but has a precise agenda, defined in advance, which can not be changed without a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present;
- f) One member present with the right to vote. Proxy votes are invalid.

3. Board of Directors

3.1. Composition

The Board of Directors is composed of the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary and four (4) Directors. They will have to designate, among them, the liaison officer with Chats Canada Cats.

3.2. Mandates

The terms of office of the members of the Board of Directors expire every two (2) years.

3.3. Functions

The functions of the Board of Directors are :

- a) Ensure the implementation of Bengal Canada's objectives and directions;
- b) Ensure the implementation of activities;
- c) Administering the day-to-day affairs of BC;
- d) Ensure the visibility of the BC and its members;
- e) Adopt balance sheet and budget forecasts;
- f) Acting as replacements to fill any post left vacant by resignation or dismissal.

3.4. Task definition

a) President :

- Chairs meetings of the Board of Directors as well as the General Assembly. It may, depending on the case, delegate this task;
- Calls the meetings of the Board of Directors;
- Ensures the management and administration of the Club;
- Coordinates public relations in collaboration with the Club Secretary;
- Signatory for the bank account;
- Sign official BC documents;
- Must provide all legal documents to the government so that the organization is always in good standing;
- Ensures that services are maintained and the distribution of tasks;
- Has one voting right on the Board of Directors;
- Report to the General Assembly;
- Performs the tasks assigned by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

b) Vice-president :

- He assumes all the functions of president during the absence of the latter;

- Is primarily responsible for membership, recruitment and cohesion development of BC members;
- Ensure the maintenance of the website, the accuracy of the information found there and its update. It may, depending on the case, delegate part of this task;
- Performs the tasks assigned by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

c) Treasurer :

- Signatory for the bank account;
- Keep up-to-dates accounting records and periodic bank reconciliations to the Board of Directors;
- Produces the tax return relating to the business;
- Ensures the follow-up of invoicing;
- Ensures the payment of the Club;
- Ensures the production of the annual financial statements and reports to the General Assembly;
- Has one voting right on the Board of Directors;
- Performs the tasks assigned by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

d) Secretary :

- Monitor membership renewal in collaboration with Vice President and the Treasurer;
- Minutes of meetings;
- Convenes the various instances;
- Has one voting right on the Board of Directors;
- Performs the tasks assigned by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

e) Directors :

- Acts at all times in the best interests of the Club, as an advisor ;
- Participates in the administration, direction, management and supervision of the affairs of the Club ;
- Has one voting right on the Board of Directors;
- Performs the tasks assigned by the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

3.5.Meeting

The Board of Directors must meet at least four (4) times a year.

3.6.Convocation

The Board of Directors is convened by the Secretary at least seven (7) days in advance.

3.7.Quorum

Quorum is established by a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors and proxy votes are not accepted.

3.8.Dismissal

The members of the Board of Directors have the power to dismiss one of their members if :

- He does not fulfill the tasks entrusted to him ;
- He has more than two consecutive unexcused absences from the minutes;
- He did not respect his commitments and/or the mandate that the members had entrusted to him;
- He goes against the decision of the members;
- He has been elected in contradiction with the procedures of these By-laws;
- He has violated these By-laws;
- He abuses his power and/or privileges.

2.3.8.1 Procedure

- Any member of these Board of Directors who is subject to removal from office must be invited to a special meeting with the Board of Directors so that he can explain himself to them;
- A notice of meeting must be delivered personally or by registered mail within ten (10) days;
- A two-thirds majority of the votes of the Board of Directors is required.

2.3.8.2 Right of appeal

- Any dismissed member has the right to challenge the decision of the Board of Directors by holding a special meeting.

4. Affiliation

The BC is affiliated with the Chats Canada Cats and will hold all of its events under its aegis.

5. Profits

Bengal Canada is a non-profit organization (NPO), apart from a functional turnover budget, the BC commits to financially support, from the profits of its events, the organizations of defense and animal welfare or projects for the feline species in Canada.

6. End of activities – Dissolution

In case of termination of BC activities, all remaining funds in the bank account must be turned over to animal welfare and advocacy organization or research projects for the feline in Canada.

3. Transitional and various provisions

7. Code of ethic for officers

In the case where the President and the Treasurer of the Club are married, spouses, parents or live at the same address. They can not be both co-signatories on the bank account and legal documents. The Board of Directors must designate another signatory, from among its members, to replace the signature of the treasurer.

8. Amendments on the By-laws

The General Assembly is the only body able to ratify the By-laws. However, other bodies may propose amendments and their early implementation may be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members of the Board of Directors.

It should be noticed that any hasty change must be ratified at the next General Assembly.

9. Validity

These By-laws are those of Bengal Canada and supersede any other By-laws, constitution or internal management previously passed and governed by BC.

10. Interpretation

In the event of any dispute regarding the interpretation of this document, the Board of Directors will decide.

11. Unforeseen case

The Board of Directors determines the procedure to be followed in cases unforeseen by these By-laws.

12. Gender agreement

In this text, the masculine is used only generically, without any discrimination.

13. Waiver

No member may derogate from these By-laws, without a derogation duly written by the President.

To obtain a waiver, you must make a written request to the Board of Directors with a clear explanation of why this waiver should be granted.

After consulting with the members of the Board of Directors, the President will send you a formal letter of derogation which you must keep in your files and present on request.

A refusal is also possible. In this case, you may submit a request for amendment to these By-laws to include your specificity (which could satisfy other members as well) at the next General Assembly.

These By-laws were adopted on :

President

Date

Secretary

Date