

**Constitution of the Australian Dingo Conservation Association
INC9882972 ARBN 117754793**

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the association to be “The Australian Dingo Conservation Association Incorporated” INC9887292.
2. The Australian Dingo Conservation Association Inc. (ADCA) is a non-profit organization formed to protect the Australian dingo in all States and Territories, to promote scientific research on the dingo, and to maintain a pure gene pool of dingoes for the heritage of this country.
3. The association will be a national body with a postal address/Secretariat in the ACT, or where the incumbent Secretary resides.

4. The aims and objectives of the Association (ADCA) are:

- a) To foster, promote and encourage the conservation of the australiand Dingo (*Canis Lupus Dingo*) as a subspecies.
- b) To educate, advise and inform the Australian community about the dingo and the threats to the species survival.
- c) To undertake scientific research into the Australian Dingo.
- d) To establish and adopt methods whereby dingoes may be assessed for purity.
- e) To establish and maintain a register for all dingoes assessed as pure for conservation.
- f) To establish educational and public relations programs based on factual information to promote the Dingo.
- g) To collect, verify and publish data on dingoes.
- h) To liaise with other groups, institutions and individuals who share similar ideals.
- i) To recognize the Dingo as a religious/cultural animal of particular indigenous Australians, and
- j) To activate, promote and encourage interest in the future of the Dingo in its pure form, and its place in the Australian ecology, and to do all other

things as may be necessary or conducive to carrying out the objectives of the Association.

Management.

5. The Association will be managed by a committee consisting of:

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Secretary**
- **Public Relations Officer**
- **Public Officer**
- **State Convenors** (shall be appointed where appropriate)

As the Association expands, more positions will be created and more support will be implemented, subject to the approval of the membership.

The committee shall elect a Newsletter editor, and nominate an official auditor, and a legal adviser.

Election of office-bearers.

6. Election of office-bearers shall occur at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the association. The nominations for office shall occur two months prior to the AGM, and will be published in the official newsletter.

Voting.

7. Proxy voting and postal voting is allowed, as members will be encouraged to participate whenever possible in the activities of the association (this will particularly apply to distanced members.)

Special resolutions.

8. Three weeks notice must be given prior to the meeting. Two thirds majority vote of those members present is required to pass the resolution, and proxy/postal votes shall be included.

Terms of office.

9. Yearly, with re-election for another term if nominated.

Vacancies.

10. In the event of a vacancy occurring on the committee, such vacancy will be elected by the committee until the next AGM is convened.

Qorum.

11. the quorum will be **five members**, as all meeting will be attended by ordinary members as well as the committee.

Property.

12. the committee will have control of all properties and the efficient management of the Association.
13. The committee shall have the power to form sub-committees to achieve the objectives of the association, which are:
 - a) Fundraising.
 - b) Establish research criteria.
 - c) Establishing record keeping methods and guidelines.
 - d) Any other function or need for the association to achieve its aims and objectives.
 - e) To reprimand and penalize any members breaching the Association's code of Ethics and Practice, after complaints have been received in writing by a member or other individuals.

Meetings:

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- a) Meetings will be chaired by the President.
- b) Meetings will be held every three months on a day to be notified, which will be at least three weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
- c) Venues will be decided in accordance with the proximity of members, and at the secretary's discretion.
- d) Meetings will convene at 11.00am and close at approximately 2.00pm, dependent upon how much business is conducted.
- e) A quorum will be five members.
- f) Special Meetings: May be convened at any time by the secretary, or in his/her absence another committee: or by requisition to the Secretary signed by not less than three members. At such meetings only matters specified in the requisition shall be discussed.

15. **The Annual General Meeting** shall be held on the last Sunday in November each year for the purpose of:

- a) Adoption of the minutes of the previous AGM.
 - b) Committee reports.
 - c) Financial reports
 - d) Altering and amending rules.
 - e) Election of officebearers.
 - f) Notification of the AGM will occur three weeks prior to the date of the meeting and will include a formal agenda.
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Membership.

16. A person is qualified to be a member if the person is a person referred to in the Act 21(2) a or b.
17. Membership may be obtained by application on the appropriate form and on the payment of the fee.
18. Every member shall be deemed to have agreed to and be bound by the rules, constitution, code of ethics and practice of the association.
19. The association may refuse without assigning a reason, any membership.
20. A member of the association may resign at any time, in writing to the secretary.
21. Failure to renew membership by the due date ceases membership.
22. Membership renewal date is the **30th June each year.**
23. Types of membership: Full, Family, Concession (Pension/Student card) and Associate.
24. Full membership allows voting rights, family, one vote per family, concession and associate no voting rights.
25. Fees will come under review at every AGM and can be altered by by-law, and alterations will be advised in the following newsletter.
26. All members should receive a copy of:
 - a) The Constitution of the Association
 - b) The Rule book.
 - c) Receipt for membership.
 - d) The code of Ethics and Practice (included in the rules).
 - e) Notice of all meetings including the AGM and the Agenda.
 - f) Shall be able to access all records of the Association.
 - g) Shall receive copies of the official newsletter of the association over the year.
 - h) Members joining from the 31st March onwards have ongoing membership until the 30th. June in the following year.

27. Foundation Members are persons who were the inaugural members of the association when it held its inaugural meeting. The foundation member shall not be liable to pay annual membership, and shall enjoy all the privileges and benefits of full membership of the association.

28. Honorary/ Life members- the Association may on nomination of the membership, create Honorary/Life members of the association as a mark of appreciation for service or other sufficient cause. Honorary/Life members shall enjoy all the privileges and benefits of full membership, and shall not be liable to pay annual membership.

29. The income and property shall be applied solely to achieve the objectives of the Association. No portion shall be paid to any member either directly or indirectly except as a bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organization.

30. True accounts shall be kept of all money received and expended, and the purpose for which the receipt and expenditure takes place.

31. The Treasurer of the Association shall maintain all records and accounting books of receipt and expenditure of the association.

32. The financial year of the association shall commence on the 1st. July each year.

33. The Treasurer on behalf of the association shall receive all monies paid to the association and cause official receipts to be issued.

34. The committee shall open banking accounts in the name of the association, into which all monies received shall be paid by the treasurer as soon as possible. Three signatories shall be designated to operate the account. Two only required to sign cheques, one being the treasurer.

35. The committee shall appoint an official auditor.

36. The Association Seal: The Seal of the Association shall be in the form of a stamp, inscribed with the name and incorporated number and /or ARBN of the association. The Seal of the Association shall not be used except with the authority of the committee and shall be accompanied by two signatures of the committee. The Seal shall remain in the custody of the Secretary.

37. The President shall:

- a) With agreement by the committee shall be the national spokesperson for the organization.
- b) Chair the meetings of the association.
- c) Preside over all fundraising activities.
- d) Sign all major documents and letters.
- e) Attend significant meetings with government bodies, professional groups and the media.

38. The Secretary shall:

- a) Record minutes of all meetings.
- b) Attend to all correspondence.
- c) Maintain all records, membership records, and the Dingo Conservation register.
- d) Issue certificates of DNA purity after appropriate testing has been completed.
- e) Convene and attend all meetings.
- f) Be caretaker of all property and the official Seal of the Association.

39. The Public Officer will be nominated by the committee to be responsible for the official documentation and annual returns to the Department of Fair Trading and Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

40. Funding: funds shall be derived from the membership fees, donations, sponsorship, and fundraising activities enacted by the association.

41. **Members Liabilities:** The liability of a member to contribute towards the payment of debts and liabilities of the Associations or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Association **is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of the membership of the association.**

42. Disciplining of members: Members shall act strictly in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Code of Ethics and Practice of the association, and shall not conduct themselves in such a manner that will bring the association into disrepute, or bring themselves as a member into discredit.

Where the committee is of the opinion that a member has failed to comply with these rules, disqualification of the member will occur after all steps have been undertaken according to the Act Section 50.

43. Alteration of the Constitution: The Association shall be conducted in accordance with the constitution. The constitution may be added to, or amended by resolution at any annual or general meeting, provided due notice has been given, and that the resolution is carried by a majority of two thirds of the members present voting thereon, and in the case of any resolution adding to or amending provisions relating to objects or committee powers, by a majority of at least 90% of the members present voting thereon. This will include proxy/postal vote for distanced members. These amendments shall not be effective until approved by the Incorporating state body and ASIC.

44. Dingo Conservation management must adhere to:

1. Efficient record keeping.
2. Co-operation with the stud book manager.
3. Accepting advice on breeding management.
4. Failure to comply with the guidelines after reasonable efforts to encourage compliance has failed, the members shall be removed from membership.

45. Further schedules will be developed to establish guidelines for the conservation register, government liaison, newsletter, education and public relations, liaison with zoos and fauna parks, and criteria for research programs.

46. In the event of the association being dissolved, the Public Officer shall be responsible for notifying the state incorporating body and ASIC, and shall assist in the winding up of the affairs of the Association. **The amount which remains after such dissolution, and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be paid and applied by the committee, in accordance with their powers, to any fund, institution or authority which is a non-profit organization.**

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Scientific Criteria for Research on the Australian Dingo

Aims and Objectives

1. Aim to protect the pure Australian dingo to ensure the propagation and longevity of the species into the future millenniums.
2. To eliminate any hybrid influence on the genetic framework of the dingo.
3. Establish a viable gene pool of pure dingoes with as much a diverse population as is possible.
4. To allow natural selection between pure dingoes in a breeding program as much as is possible.
5. Discover the relationship if any to:
 - a) South Eastern Highlands, desert and Northern dingoes of Australia.
 - b) The New Guinea Singing dog.
 - c) Relationship if any to the Grey Wolf.
 - d) Relationship to the wild canids of the African Continent
6. To establish a scientific program with the ADCA and specific scientists to achieve the approved criteria.

7. Based on the evidence produced from the research, a long term plan to be provided for the future of the dingo, which will include:
 1. A professionally and scientifically managed breeding program.
 2. Efficient records and stud books will be maintained.
 3. Optimum and spacious, secure housing to achieve a natural effect.
 4. The provision of safe habitats for release of dingoes into the wild.
 5. Research into the wild dingo populations to ascertain and protect core habitat regions and pure wild populations where possible.
8. Recognition of the results of this research must be jointly acknowledged.
9. Co-operation between conservation societies, statutory zoos, scientists will be optimum to achieve all the criteria. (this criteria accepted and approved 18/03/96)

M. E. Oakman

Secretary/Treasurer.

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