

## **AMERICAN ESKIMO DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. GUIDELINES FOR APPROVAL OF LOCAL SPECIALTY CLUBS**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of these guidelines is to assist AEDCA Board of Directors members in reviewing documents from local American Eskimo Dog specialty clubs seeking AEDCA approval. These are not intended as a formal policy, merely only as a guidance.

1. Constitution and Bylaws of the newly formed club shall either:
  - A. Conform to AKC's requirements in Sample Constitution and Bylaws for Local Specialty Clubs

**OR**

- B. Have been approved by AKC's Club Relations Department (copy of letter must be included in the club's packet).
2. The club's geographic area is defined in its Constitution and Bylaws.
3. A current membership list is included in the club's packet detailing each member's name, address, and telephone number; the year each joined the club; and the symbol(s) B (Breeder), E (Exhibitor), R (Rescue), O (Owner), and J (Judge) as defined by the American Kennel Club.
4. A map showing the club's geographic area and the locations of members' residences. This map will illustrate graphically the number of households that are within the boundaries of the club's geographic area. The club must have a minimum of 15 households that are within the geographic boundary UNLESS otherwise approved by AKC (copy of such letter must be provided).
5. The club must acknowledge that the AEDCA as its National Parent Club in its Constitution and Bylaws.
6. It is strongly recommended that the club be incorporated according to the laws of its state. This is for the protection of the individual members of the club. A copy of the letter(s) from the appropriate state office(s) should be included in the club's packet.
7. A brief history of the club and its accomplishments must be included in the club's packet.
8. The club will submit sufficient copies of its packet for each member of the AEDCA Board of Directors to the AEDCA Secretary. The AEDCA Secretary will then forward to each Board Member a copy of the packet along with a Board ballot asking for approval of the local specialty club. The ballot will only require each member to mark "Yes", "No", or "Abstain" so that each ballot meets the definition of a "secret ballot" according to the AKC and the AEDCA Constitution and Bylaws.

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