

Constitution of Animal Club

Preamble

The mission of Animal Club is to provide services to organizations with missions regarding animal welfare or education through volunteer events and service days. Additionally, the club will provide an environment at Indiana University where students can build and foster lifelong friendships through social events and club meetings.

Article I: Membership

Section 1

Any member of the Indiana University student body is eligible for membership in Animal Club.

Section 2

Participation in Animal Club must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section 3

The majority of members shall be students at Indiana University.

Section 4

The paying of club dues, which are collected once a semester, is necessary for club membership. Cost of dues will be decided by the officers on a semester-by-semester basis.

Section 5

All members of Animal Club must understand that they are not to hold Indiana University, Animal Club, or any member thereof responsible for injuries or damages resulting from participation in Animal Club events.

Section 6

Voting privileges are granted with membership. Non-members do not have voting privileges.

Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article III: Executive Officers

Section 1

The direction and governance of Animal Club shall be entrusted to the club's executive board; the officers of this board shall be president, treasurer, and the committee chairs.

Section 2

Length and period of all office terms shall be one year in length. Offices may be held for consecutive terms. There is no limit to the number of terms an officer may serve.

Section 3

The duties of the president shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following activities:

- Enforce the laws, by-laws, and regulations of the organization contained in this document and any other subsequent governing documents.
- Call and preside over the election process.

Section 4

The duties of the treasurer shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following activities:

- Responsible for maintaining Animal Club SOA (Student Organization Account).
- Responsible for the collection and deposit of Animal Club dues, fees, and moneys.
- Responsible for all Animal Club expenditures. The treasurer may not spend any Animal Club funds without the approval of the executive board.

Section 5

Committee chairs, and the duties associated with those chairs, shall be established and dissolved by the executive committee as need demands.

Article IV: Advisor

A faculty/staff advisor to Animal Club will be appointed by the unanimous decision of the officers of the club and with consent of the nominee.

Article V: Meetings

General club meetings shall take place once a month, and meetings shall be regular. Additional meetings can be called by the president.

Article VI: Elections

Section 1

Elections for officers shall take place in the spring semester in the month of April of the school year prior to the one in which elected officials will take office. Running candidates must have been an Animal Club member for at least one semester.

Section 2

Nominations for candidates shall be accepted from any active member. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the general membership present.

Section 3

Recall of Officers may take place with a two-thirds vote upon a recommendation of the Board of Officers.

Article VII: Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of the person's consent or lack of consent.

Article IX: Personal Gain Clause

This organization, if raising funds, shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

Article X: Statement of University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

Article XI: Statement of Non-Discrimination

Animal Club allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article XII: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by agreement of the amendment to pass by two-thirds majority.