

## **MIDDLE GEORGIA POUND 322**

### **PREAMBLE TO BYLAWS**

These Bylaws at no time will change or take away any Bylaws set forth in the Kennel or Pack Bylaws statute ever. These are enacted to see that every Dog in Pound 322 is treated fairly, squarely and equally. They are for the good of the Pound and the members of Pound 322.

### **ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

A. All new members must be voted on by the membership of Pound 322 at a Pound Growl according to Kennel Bylaws statute Article I, Section C and must be adhered to.

B. Dues for all Non-Paid Life Members in Pound 322 shall be 25 Big Bones if paid before 1 January of the fiscal year of those dues. If not paid before 1 January Pound dues will be 30 Big Bones with 5 Big Bones being the late fee. This will make a total of 25 Big Bones until 31 December and 30 Big Bones after that date. This includes Kennel Dues of 10 Big Bones and Pack Dues of 5 Big Bones. New Fiscal Year Dues are due on 1 September following the Supreme Growl.

### **ARTICLE II – POUNDS**

A. Quorum of Pound 322 shall be considered to be at least 5 members, this includes Pound Officers present at any Growl.

B. Any Officer in Pound 322 who absents themselves from two consecutive growls without a valid reason shall have that office declared vacant by the Pound Keeper and the Pound Keeper shall appoint a new officer as so stated in Kennel Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE III – AWARDS**

A. POUND DOG OF THE YEAR Committee is made up of all former recipients who will choose the new Pound Dog of the Year. The Chair shall be the most Junior Pound Dog of the Year. Discussions should be held strictly to the work preformed by the Dogs so nominated. The likes or dislikes of any Dog nominated shall not be discussed, tolerated or allowed at anytime, only discussion should be the activities of the Pound the Dog participated in. All Devil Dogs of Pound 322 shall be eligible for this award. Only one Pack Dog of the Year will be nominated. That is then forwarded on to the Pack by the Pound as our nomination. The nomination for Pack Dog of the Year will be at the discretion of the convening Pound Dog of the Year

Committee. Only one Kennel Dog of the Year will be nominated. That is then forwarded on to Kennel by the Pound as our nomination. The nomination of the Kennel Dog of the Year will be at the discretion of the convening Pound Dog of the Year Committee. No discussion about the working and discussions of this Committee will be public at anytime, punishable by discipline.

B. All other Pound Awards are at the discretion of the Pound Keeper; such as Certificates of Appreciation and Pound Keepers Commendation.

#### **ARTICLE IV – FINES**

A. Including all Kennel and Pack Bylaws offenses this article will strengthen the right to discipline where the oath of the Military Order of the Devil Dog unequivocally is circumvented. Where another member or member's family is wronged of injury by word, act or deed by another member. This oath is to be strictly adhered to, especially at election time and selection of awards. Every member should be elected or receive an award on their merit not at the discredit of others.

1. CHARGES: Any such charge can and should be filed with the Dog Robber by submitting triplicate copies as so defined under the Kennel Bylaws. The charges will distribute as by directive.

2. PROCEDURE: These shall be carried out according to the Kennel Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V – FINES**

A. No fine shall be in violation of the Kennel Bylaws or guidelines. Each infraction in Pound 322, shall be one bone, with a maximum of two bones, at one time. This means the same Dog can be fined again for other infractions or disruptions at another time in the Growl.

#### **ARTICLE VI – ADVANCEMENTS**

A. No Dog in Pound 322 shall advance a degree without attending 75% of Pound Growls the year of the Convention they are advancing. The Dog must have participated in Pound functions.

B. The Pound shall discuss the advancement and vote whether to recommend advancement.