

**Weltverband Deutsch – Langhaar (WV – DL) e.V.
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**Weltverband Deutsch – Langhaar e. V.
By-Laws**

- In order to encourage in all countries the breeding, handling and presence of the hunting dog breed Deutsch-Langhaar, which is native to Germany, according to the breed's hunting purpose;
- With the intention to maintain the high breed standards of the DL (FCI 117b), assimilate the breeding, training and living conditions; and
- In recognition of political restrictions having been eliminated, to use and expand, in the regained freedom of travel, a constructive and productive cooperation among all Deutsch-Langhaar Associations in the world,

representatives of the Deutsch-Langhaar Associations from all around the world met on September 29th, 2010 in St. Wendel to found the „Weltverband Deutsch – Langhaar“ e. V. and adopted the following By-laws:

§ 1

Name, Registered Address

The name of the Association is “Weltverband Deutsch – Langhaar “, acronym “WV-DL“. It is to be registered in the register of associations at the local court in Fulda. Once registered, the Association will bear the suffix “e.V.”.

The place of business of the Association is in Fulda, Germany.

§ 2

Purpose

The Association perceives itself as an international voluntary alliance of national pure breed clubs of the hunting dog breed Deutsch-Langhaar. To this end, the Association promotes all efforts which serve the purpose described in and based on the current breed standards, deposited with the Federation Cynologique Internationale (F.C.I.); this shall be especially true for the pure breeding, type, temperament, constitution and hunting use.

The Association is a not-for-profit organization. The assets of the Association must be used only for purposes as outlined in the By-laws.

Members do not receive bonuses from the Association's assets, nor do they otherwise receive remuneration from the Association's treasury in their capacity as members. In addition, no person may be granted expenses or unreasonably high compensation that are contrary to the purpose of the By-laws. All service in the Association committees is performed in an honorary capacity.

Board members do not receive an allowance. The respective national association is responsible for reimbursing the expenses for their individual members / representatives.

§ 3

Measures to Serve the Purpose

Measures to serve the purpose of the By-laws are especially:

- Support the breed's interest when representing the breed in national and international pure breeding dog clubs;
- Promote world-wide the breeding, training and living conditions of the breed "Deutsch-Langhaar" through establishing generally binding regulations within the legal boundaries of the respective member countries;
- Support the breed's interest, in particular the support of the hunting concerns as these relate to sustaining and promoting the breed, when representing the breed in national and international associations and institutions;
- Promote animal welfare issues by coordinating the breeding, raising and training regulations according to animal welfare laws;
- Coordinate joint international events;
- Conduct natural hunting ability and performance tests according to national guidelines and the breed's hunting purpose described in the FCI breed standards;
- Engage in a comprehensive information exchange in all areas which support the breed's interest;
- Implement, world-wide, the FCI breed standards "Deutsch-Langhaar" deposited with the FCI;
- For breed judges: interpret uniformly, world-wide, the FCI-standards for the breed Deutsch-Langhaar;

- Enforce, world-wide, the breed name “Deutsch-Langhaar”.

§ 4

Fiscal Year, Place of Performance

Fiscal year is the calendar year. Place of performance is the registered address of the Association.

§ 5

Membership

Members of the Association must be national member clubs of the breed Deutsch-Langhaar which, in addition, are members of the national umbrella organization for the breed as well as members of the FCI or associated with the FCI. This also applies to a national breed club when it is organized in a breed community in its country and recognised by the national umbrella organization for the breed in its country (i. e. Scandinavia, Finland). Breed clubs in countries where the umbrella organization of the breed is not an FCI member or not associated with FCI, cannot become members of the DL-WV.

Member status is established by submitting a membership application to the Association office, including the current by-laws of the applicant club, proof of membership in the respective umbrella organization for the breed according to paragraph 1 above, and a declaration wherein the applicant club states that it acknowledges and accepts the WV-DL By-laws. The General Meeting decides on admissions. The decision might also be reached via a written procedure.

Membership is terminated by written notice. Notice must be received not later than September 30th of a year if it is to be effective at the end of the following calendar year. The member club resigning from the WV-DL has no claim on receiving Association funds.

Immediate expulsion of a member club is permitted if the member has violated the purpose of the Association in such severe manner that it is deemed damaging to the Association’s reputation. The General Meeting decides on immediate expulsion of member clubs. The decision might also be reached via a written procedure. The member club to be expelled has the right to be heard. The immediate expulsion becomes effective upon receipt of same.

When a member club no longer meets membership requirements as defined by paragraph 1 above, either through voluntary termination or expulsion, membership in WV-DL may continue provided that the member club has not been accused of severe breeding violations or severe violations of FCI regulations. Membership in the WV-DL is suspended until the General Meeting decides on the member club’s future membership status.

§ 6 Bodies

Bodies of the Association are

- the General Meeting
- the Board of Directors.

§ 7 General Meeting

Regular General Meetings are held at least every two years.

A General Meeting must also be called if it is in the interest of the Association or if a minimum of 20% of its members have requested, in writing, that a General Meeting be held and have specified the reasons for the meeting.

A General Meeting must be convened by the business manager on behalf of the President. The call for a meeting must be in written form in accordance with § 126 b of the German Civil Code (BGB) and with an eight weeks advance notice and include the agenda. The President or a Vice President conduct the meeting.

In the General Meeting, each member has one vote. When the chairman of a member club is not present to exercise the right to vote, the designated representative must show proof that he has been authorized to do so. Additionally, the President has one vote. All voting is done by show of hands, a simple majority of the valid votes being required. In case of a tie, the President or his designated representative have the decisive vote.

Changes to the Association By-laws require a majority of 2/3 of the valid votes. Official language is German. Written communication can be in English as well.

All members are entitled to submit motions/proposals. Motions must be submitted in writing and in duplicate to the business manager in either German or English not later than 6 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

The executive committee may enter motions which, as a result of recent events, are of an urgent nature. The General Meeting decides whether such motions will be admitted. Decisions are made by simple majority of the valid votes.

Only representatives (not more than 2) of the member clubs who are authorized to vote as well as the Board of Directors are permitted to attend the General Meeting. Authorised representatives of the member clubs may be accompanied by a translator.

The President may allow other persons to attend the meeting if this serves the interests of the Association.

The delegating member clubs are responsible for travel expenses.

The General Meeting has the following duties:

1. Plan the agenda;
2. Receive the reports of the President and the business manager;
3. Receive the reports of the Officers;
4. Ratify the Board of Directors;
5. Elect two Vice Presidents as well as Officers for special duties;
6. Decide on motions;
7. Discuss issues important to WV DL;
8. Terminate memberships;
9. Decide on continued membership according to § 6 (last paragraph);
10. Decide on membership fees and/or allocations when brought forth;
11. Amend the By-laws and issue regulations.

In the event that a decision must be made without delay, i.e. expulsion of a member club, voting by written ballot is possible.

The business manager is responsible for the minutes of the General Meeting. The minutes must be approved and signed by the President or the chairperson of the meeting. The minutes must be sent to the member clubs within two months.

§ 8 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of the President, who should preferably come from the native country of the breed, and two Vice Presidents from two different countries, and the business manager who is appointed by the President.

The Board Directors are elected by the regular General Meeting for a term of four years. At the time of this election, they must be elected board members of their country.

According to the definition of § 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB), the President and the appointed business manager are the legal representatives of the Association. Each is authorized, without the other, to represent the Association.

The Board of Directors must meet at least once a year. The meeting should preferably be held in a country where one of the Board Directors resides. Meetings are confidential. Minutes must be taken and sent to the member clubs.

Voting requires a simple majority of valid votes. In case of a tie, the President or his/her authorized representative has the decisive vote.

§ 7 (paragraph 3) applies accordingly.

§ 9 Officers

In addition to the Bodies (see § 6), the WV DL may appoint Officers for special duties. These Officers are elected by the General Meeting upon proposal by the Board of Directors. The Officers are responsible for independently performing the duties which are described at their appointment.

The elected Breeding Commission of the founding organisation of the breed, the Deutsch-Langhaar-Verband e. V., is automatically responsible for issues related to breeding. International breeding issues are to be resolved by the Breeding Commission of the DL-Association in coordination with the representative of the respective member country. The respective national breed clubs are responsible for national breeding issues.

§ 10 Membership Fees – Reimbursement

Only the General Meeting may determine a membership fee. Expenditures which have been approved by the General Meeting and which are of greater volume can be summarized on an annual balance sheet at the end of a calendar year and allocated to the member clubs in equal amounts. The business manager is also treasurer of the WV-DL.

§ 11 Amendment of the By-Laws – Dissolution of the Association

Amendments of the By-laws require a 2/3 majority of the members present in the General Meeting. Amendments of the By-laws or of single provisions are permitted only if the intended amendment has been placed on the agenda.

Dissolution of the World Association Deutsch-Langhaar also requires a 2/3 majority. In the event that the Association is dissolved, the Board of Directors must finalize the current business. The resolution for dissolution must include the disposal of Association assets.

§ 12 Transitional and Final Provisions

If there are doubts about the interpretation of the By-laws, motions or other correspondence, the German text prevails.

If portions of the By-laws become invalid, it will not result in the invalidation of the remaining portions of the By-laws. In these cases, the Board of Directors is authorised to make necessary

modifications and register these with the register of associations. The same applies to editorial modifications.

These founding By-laws were approved and adopted on September 29th, 2010 and signed by the following founding members: (see attachment).

St. Wendel (Germany) on September 29th, 2010

Amendments to the By-laws adopted by the General Meeting on June 22nd, 2012.