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From: PDD Charles Minton 08-451

To: Honorable Kennel Smart Dog

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel Bylaws

Ref: Kennel Bylaws Article II Section 208

I would like to recommend the following proposed bylaw change for consideration.

Article II Section 208- Eligibility to Hold Office section A sub paragraph 3.

Currently reads:

1. All members of the Pound shall be eligible for election, or appointment, to any office in the Pound, Subject, however, to the following limitations and restrictions:
2. The Pound Keeper must have the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog, with the Degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog being preferred.
3. It is preferable that the Pound Dog Robber has the Degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog.
4. To be eligible for an elective or appointive office, a Pup must have been a faithful Pup for at least one calendar year. This restriction may be waived ONLY when the fifth person making application for a Pound Charter is a Pup, who may be a proper Charter Applicant, and the Pup Charter Applicant may hold any Appointive Office other than that of the Pound Dog Robber. A Pup will be eligible to hold any office in the Pound that is elective other than the Pound Keeper and Pound Dog Robber.
5. All officers must be currently paid up in membership dues in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the Order.
6. Any officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the Marine Corps League, Inc., and in the ORDER, to lapse, shall forthwith surrender their office, and the office be declared vacant.
7. Any nominee for any elective office must be present at the time their name is placed in nomination and shall accept the office, except for valid reasons. The DOG ROBBER provided they have stated by written word their acceptance of the office if elected, may be nominated and elected in absentia.

Change to read

Section 208- Eligibility to Hold Office section A sub paragraph 3.

1. All members of the Pound shall be eligible for election, or appointment, to any office in the Pound, Subject, however, to the following limitations and restrictions:
   1. The Pound Keeper must have the degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog, with the degree of Pedigreed Devil Dog being preferred.
   2. It is preferable that the Pound Dog Robber has the degree of Devil Dog or Pedigreed Devil Dog.

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* 1. To be eligible for an elected or appointed office, a Pup should be a faithful Pup for at least one (1) calendar year. This restriction may be waived ONLY when the fifth person making application for a Pound Charter is a Pup, who may be a proper Charter applicant, and the Pup Charter applicant may hold any appointed office other than that of the Pound Dog Robber. A Pup will be eligible to hold any office in the Pound that is elected other than the Pound Keeper. **or if there are no other eligible Dogs to accept the nomination to an Elected or Appointed position during regular elections within the Pound,** then a PUP who has attended a minimum of two Growls may be nominated and elected or appointed to a position within the Pound except for the position of Pound Keeper or Pound Dog Robber.
  2. All Officers must be currently paid up in membership dues in the MCL, and in the MODD.
  3. Any Officer permitting their membership dues and good standing in the MCL and in the MODD, to lapse shall forthwith surrender their office, and the office be declared vacant.
  4. Any nominee for any elected office must be present at the time their name is placed in nomination and shall accept the office, except for valid reasons. The Dog Robber, provided they have stated by written word their acceptance of the office if elected, may be nominated and elected in absentia.

Rational:

By changing this too SHOULD be a faithful Pup for 1 calendar year, would allow those Pups who are wanting to step up and accept a position within the Pound, have a chance to do so. If they feel like they are involved and have a purpose in the Pound, they will continue to attend Growls and be a productive Dog in the Order.

Respectfully submitted

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