

K9COLA Citizens for Off-Leash Areas

By-laws

Article I. Name, Mission and Values

K9COLA Mission

K9COLA, Citizens for Off-Leash Areas, is a non-profit corporation which supports and promotes safe off-leash areas in and around Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

K9COLA Core Values

- We believe that responsible community planning includes provisions for off-leash areas and that the existence of these areas benefits the community as a whole.
- We advocate the development of off-leash areas in the city and county, not to replace, but in addition to existing access to public spaces.
- We educate the community about off-leash areas and their benefits.
- We educate dog owners about dog training and behavior to promote responsible dog ownership.
- We partner with the city of Cedar Rapids to make off-leash areas safe, clean, and fun.
- We volunteer to enhance, develop and maintain the Cheyenne Park Off-Leash Area.
- We support various events, dog rescue groups and other non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, for the purpose of educating the general public about the benefits of dog ownership and companionship and for the encouragement of family pet ownership.
- We raise funds to accomplish our K9COLA Core Values and we use these funds responsibly.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. General.

Membership in the Corporation shall be available to anyone interested in helping the Corporation achieve its goals.

Section 2. Membership fees.

No membership fees are required.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. Officers

The group shall have three officers: a President/Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by a simple majority of those K9COLA members in attendance at the annual election meeting. In addition, the membership may elect a Vice-Chair and such other officers as the Board of Directors may deem necessary. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except for the office of President/Chairperson.

Section 2. Term of Office

Each officer shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. There shall be no limit to the number of terms an Officer may serve.

Section 3. Duties

The group President/Chairperson shall preside over all group activities; the group Secretary shall keep all official group records; and the group Treasurer shall preside over all financial aspects of the group.

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors

The group's Board of Directors shall be made up of the group's officers and additional board members. The Board of Directors shall be elected by a simple majority of those K9COLA members in attendance at the annual election meeting. Directors may be elected to serve specific positions as Committee Chairpersons/Coordinators.

Section 2. Numbers and Terms of Office

The number of the Board of Directors shall be not less than three (3) or more than eleven (11). Each Director shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. All efforts shall be made to elect Directors on a staggered schedule so that the majority of the Directors' terms are not scheduled to conclude during any one year. There shall be no limit to the number of terms a Director may serve.

Section 3. Duties

The business and affairs of the group shall be managed by its Board of Directors. As it may deem necessary, the Board of Directors may designate committees to oversee specific responsibilities or projects. Possible committees include, and are not limited to, Public Education, Site Coordination, Fund-raising, or Volunteer Coordination.

Article V. Parliamentary Authority

K9COLA's parliamentary authority will be *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, 9th edition.

Article VI. Amendment of By-laws

The By-laws can be amended with a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board.

Article VII. Dissolution

Dissolution of the group may only be accomplished by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Board of Directors, including support persons. Notice of proposed dissolution must be sent by U.S. mail to all Board of Directors and support persons of record, prior to the meeting at which the vote shall be taken. On dissolution, all group assets will be liquidated and donated to Friends of the Cedar Rapids Animal Shelter in the name of the group.