



Statutes of the Civic Association „International Companion Animal Organization MADA, Civic Association “

Article I

Introductory Provisions

1. Name of the Association: International Companion Animal Organization MADA, Civic Association
2. Abbreviated Name: “MADA. Mosz-IAA”
3. Registered Seat: Rastislavice No. 60, Postal Code 941 08, Rastislavice, Slovak Republic
4. Legal Status: The Association is a voluntary, non-political and non-profit legal entity established under Act No. 83/1990 Coll. on the Association of Citizens, as amended.
5. Nature of Activities: MADA, Civic Association is an interest-based organization of individuals focusing on the development, protection and promotion of the breeding of companion animals and animals with other designations, in accordance with the objectives of the Association set out in Article III.
6. International Orientation: The Association reserves the right to establish cooperation with international organizations, in particular with the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), as a cooperating partner pursuant to Article 11 of the FCI Statutes, within the scope of mutual recognition of pedigrees, without any claim to membership or interference with the statutory rights of the national FCI member.

Article II

Main Activity

1. The Association MADA.mosz-IAA shall provide services of general benefit in the field of breeding of companion animals and animals with other classification, primarily in accordance with recognized international standards, ethical principles and animal welfare guidelines, in particular through the following activities:
 - a) Organizing educational, awareness-raising and professional events (training sessions, courses, seminars, discussions) focused on comprehensive issues of breeding, training, health care and overall welfare of companion animals and animals with other classification, including:
 - the dissemination of current knowledge in the fields of genetics, breeding, veterinary prevention, and nutrition,
 - supporting the lifelong education of breeders and judges in accordance with professional standards and principles of good practice,
 - raising awareness about the legal obligations of owners and keepers of companion animals and animals with other classification under Slovak law,
 - establishing expert platforms for exchanging experience between breeders, veterinarians, academic experts and public authorities,
 - organizing events also in cooperation with domestic and foreign entities with the aim of promoting awareness and standardization in the field of breeding companion animals and animals with other classification

The Association aims to ensure that these educational and awareness-raising activities contribute to the advancement of responsible breeding practices, animal health protection, knowledge development within the breeder community, and the implementation of scientifically grounded approaches in practice.

- b) Preparing, developing and publishing methodological, expert and educational materials intended for breeders, owners of companion animals and animals with other classification, professional personnel



(e.g., judges, assessors, instructors), as well as for the veterinary and academic community, in order to:

- disseminate up-to-date knowledge in genetics, ethology, veterinary care, nutrition and proper animal keeping,
- ensure uniform professional procedures and standards in breeding documentation, litter registration, animal identification and pedigree issuance,
- promote education in the prevention of animal cruelty, welfare principles and legal requirements, including Act No. 184/2018 Coll. on Animal Protection and Decree No. 283/2020 Coll.,
- develop specialized informational and training brochures, manuals, bulletins and other documents for use by breeder clubs, veterinary advisory services, judge training or the Association's educational activities.

These materials shall be distributed in printed and/or electronic form via the Association's own information channels, partner organizations, as well as publicly accessible platforms.

c) Conducting advertising, promotional, marketing and informational activities related to the Association's goals, in particular to raise public awareness about the importance of responsible breeding of companion animals and animals with other classification, to support professional and public events of the Association, to disseminate information about its activities, to raise awareness of breeding standards and genetic health, and to increase visibility of the issued breeding documents. This includes:

- creating and distributing promotional materials in printed and digital form,
- ensuring public relations communication through media, social networks and other information platforms,
- promoting exhibitions, professional conferences, trainings and partnership activities,
- communicating with target groups including breeders, experts, the general public and international partners,
- implementing marketing activities in compliance with the Association's Code of Ethics and respecting the legal regulations in the fields of advertising, data protection and consumer protection.

d) Building, developing and maintaining partnerships with organizations and entities active in the field of breeding companion animals and animals with other classification at the national and international levels, in particular through:

- entering into cooperation agreements, memoranda and partnership contracts with entities engaged in professional, scientific, educational, registration or exhibition activities related to animal breeding,
- exchanging experience, professional knowledge and best practices with domestic and international partners,
- coordinating joint projects, exhibitions, professional training and activities aimed at supporting responsible and genetically sound breeding,
- supporting mutual recognition of pedigrees and breeding documentation among partners, provided that traceability, animal health and ethical standards are ensured,
- proposing and implementing joint measures contributing to the harmonization of procedures in registration, assessment and promotion of companion animals and animals with other classification,
- respecting the exclusive rights of national members of international organizations (e.g. FCI) in accordance with international statutes and principles of fair cooperation

e) Preparing, developing and implementing projects to obtain financial resources from domestic and foreign public or private sources, in particular from grant programs, EU structural funds, state and local government subsidies, as well as through donations, sponsorship or other forms of support. Acquired funds shall be used exclusively for:

- achieving the objectives of the Association as defined in the Statutes,
- implementing expert, exhibition, publishing and awareness-raising activities,
- supporting professional education, infrastructure development and ensuring operational stability of the Association,
- ensuring transparent and purposeful management in accordance with Act No. 83/1990 Coll. on Citizens' Associations and valid accounting, public finance and tax regulations.

All activities related to acquiring and using funds shall be carried out in accordance with the principles

of transparency, efficiency and purposefulness, and shall be properly recorded, documented and subject to oversight by the relevant bodies of the Association.

- f) Organizing, co-organizing and providing expert supervision for exhibitions of companion animals and animals with other classification and other animal species at regional, national, international, European and global levels, in accordance with:
- the applicable legislation of the Slovak Republic, in particular Act No. 39/2007 Coll. on Veterinary Care, Act No. 184/2018 Coll. on Animal Protection, Decree No. 283/2020 Coll. and other binding legal regulations,
 - the Association's internal rules and exhibition regulations setting forth the conditions for participation, evaluation, registration and the course of exhibitions,
 - the standards and rules of recognized international organizations, particularly the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), if applicable or if the exhibition is organized in cooperation with members or partners of the FCI.
- g) Promoting ethical approaches to the breeding of companion animals and animals with other classification and adherence to generally accepted breeding standards, in particular through:
- supporting humane and responsible treatment of animals in line with the legislation of the Slovak Republic, especially Act No. 39/2007 Coll. on Veterinary Care, Act No. 184/2018 Coll. on Animal Protection and Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic No. 283/2020 Coll.,
 - establishing and maintaining internal standards and guidelines that ensure the physical and mental well-being of animals throughout their lives,
 - respecting and applying breed standards issued or recognized by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), especially when working with purebred animals and keeping breeding documentation,
 - conducting active awareness-raising to eliminate inappropriate breeding practices, genetic disorders and irresponsible reproduction of animals without pedigree,
 - promoting the legal opinion that all companion animals, including crossbreeds, are entitled to be issued a pedigree in accordance with Act No. 184/2018 Coll. on Breeding and Reproduction of Livestock, as amended,
 - sensitively recognizing the emergence of new breeds and ensuring systematic documentation of their development, including the obligation to issue pedigree certificates, in order to enable future tracking of the genealogical origins of individuals involved in the formation of the breed

The goal of these activities is to create a breeding environment based on transparency, expertise, respect for animals, and adherence to internationally recognized ethical and professional breeding principles.

Article III.

Objectives and Principles of the Association's Activities

The Association MADA.mosz-IAA, through the implementation of its main activities, pursues the following objectives:

1. The Association undertakes to fully comply with and actively apply all generally binding legal regulations of the Slovak Republic governing the protection, keeping and breeding of companion animals and animals with other classification, including, but not limited to, Act No. 184/2018 Coll. on the Protection of Animals and Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic No. 283/2020 Coll. on detailed rules for the protection of companion animals and animals with other classification. The Association shall ensure that all its procedures, outputs and internal regulations are in line with these legal regulations, particularly in the areas of: protection of physical and mental health of animals, provision of adequate keeping and breeding conditions, prohibition of cruelty, principles of humane treatment and respect for the specific needs of individual species of companion animals and animals with other classification. The Association also declares that in all of its activities – including breeder registration, exhibitions, breeder certification and the issuance of breeding documents – it will promote legal awareness, support compliance with legal standards and actively cooperate with competent public authorities to ensure legality, transparency and ethics in the field of breeding.
2. The Association will systematically support and promote responsible, ethical and professionally substantiated breeding of companion animals and animals with other classification, with particular emphasis on ensuring their physical health, psychological well-being (welfare), and overall quality of life in an environment appropriate to their biological needs. This includes not only practical support for breeders in applying modern, evidence-based principles of animal care and breeding, but also education

in the fields of nutrition, veterinary care, hygiene, socialization, stress prevention and animal handling. The Association will also develop and continuously update a set of recommended standards for responsible breeding, in compliance with Slovak legislation, European norms and internationally recognized ethical breeding principles. These standards will be made available to breeders and the public through internal documents, training sessions, guidelines and informational campaigns.

3. The Association will actively disseminate awareness, scientific knowledge and expert information among breeders, owners and professionals in the field of genetic health of companion animals and animals with other classification, with the aim of supporting the prevention of hereditary diseases, elimination of genetic defects and preservation of desirable phenotypic and behavioral traits. Within this objective, the Association will initiate and support educational activities focused on the basics of genetics, mating planning, the importance of health screening and testing for hereditary diseases, as well as the exclusion of individuals with serious genetic disorders from breeding. Special emphasis will be placed on genetic diversity and responsible management of breeding lines. The Association's professional recommendations will also include ethical evaluation of reproduction, taking into account the animals' health status, age, mental traits and environment, with the goal of ensuring overall welfare. These efforts will be based on widely accepted international recommendations, including those issued by the FCI and the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE).
4. The Association will issue pedigrees (birth certificates) for companion animals and animals with other classification and will maintain systematic breeding documentation to ensure complete, verifiable, unambiguous and traceable identification of each registered animal, including data on its origin, parental lineage, identifying features, breeder, owner, and breed or breed variant. This documentation will be maintained in accordance with the principles of genetic traceability, professional and responsible breeding, transparency, and animal protection. For recognized breeds, the breed standard issued or acknowledged by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) shall be respected. The Association expressly declares that all pedigrees issued shall have an internal character only, will be issued under its own name, and will be properly marked with the name "MADA.mosz-IAA", including its identification details and logo, to avoid any confusion with official documents issued by FCI member organizations. The Association shall not use any visual or terminological format that could create the impression that such documents are issued on behalf of FCI or its national members. At the same time, the Association acknowledges and respects the exclusive authority of FCI national members to maintain studbooks for FCI-recognized breeds and does not issue breeding documentation with the intention of replacing, duplicating or undermining the legal effect of official FCI documents.
5. The Association MADA.mosz-IAA commits to respecting and taking into account the breed standards recognized by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), particularly in the context of pedigree recording, breeding documentation and evaluation of individuals belonging to both recognized and unrecognized breeds. These standards will be applied as reference rules for preserving the phenotypic and behavioral traits of breeds, while respecting the exclusive right of FCI and its national members to create, amend and officially apply these standards. MADA.mosz-IAA will not interfere with the authority of the national FCI member in the Slovak Republic (SKJ) and will use FCI standards exclusively as a professional and methodological basis for ensuring breeding quality, but not as a tool for official evaluation on behalf of the FCI. For breeds not recognized by FCI, the Association may develop its own internal standards, taking into account international professional recommendations and animal welfare principles.
6. The Association MADA.mosz-IAA shall carry out expert publishing, methodological and educational activities in the field of breeding of companion animals and animals with other classification, as well as related disciplines, by publishing expert literature, methodological guides, informational bulletins and educational materials for breeders, animal owners, professionals and the general public. The focus of these publications shall be the dissemination of knowledge in the areas of responsible and ethical breeding, animal health and welfare, genetics, nutrition, breeding practices, disease prevention and compliance with legal regulations. Published materials shall be made available in both printed and electronic form and shall be distributed in line with the mission and objectives of the Association. The goal of this activity is to support education, raise the professional level of the Association's members, and contribute to general public awareness in the field of animal breeding.
7. The Association MADA.mosz-IAA shall actively cooperate with private and public veterinarians, specialized facilities, scientific institutions, universities and other entities involved in the health, welfare and breeding of companion animals and animals with other classification. The objective of such cooperation is to ensure professional oversight of breeding activities, consultation in setting breeding

standards, support for applied research, and collection of data concerning genetic health and animal welfare. These partnerships shall also be utilized when organizing expert events, training sessions and exhibitions, with an emphasis on ensuring high professional quality. Cooperation shall be based on contractual, partnership or project frameworks, with full respect for the legal autonomy of all parties involved.

8. The Association MADA.mosz-IAA shall establish, develop and maintain partnerships with domestic and international organizations active in the fields of breeding of companion animals and animals with other classification, cynology, felinology or related areas. The purpose of these relationships is to facilitate the exchange of expertise, harmonize breeding principles, promote mutual recognition of breeding documents, and support joint educational, exhibition and professional activities. All such partnerships shall be based on transparency, mutual trust, respect and voluntariness, and shall not infringe upon the exclusive rights of national FCI members. The Association shall formalize these relationships through contracts, memoranda of understanding or other partnership agreements, and reserves the right to unilaterally withdraw from such agreements if cooperation ceases to be in line with the objectives, values or professional standards of the Association.
9. The Association MADA.mosz-IAA shall recognize pedigrees (birth certificates) and other breeding documents issued by other legal entities or organizations, provided that such entities are properly registered in their country of establishment, conduct breeding activities in accordance with valid legislation, and their documents demonstrably meet the basic criteria of transparency, traceability of animal origin, responsible breeding practices and compliance with health and ethical standards. Recognition shall not apply to documents issued in violation of law, intended to circumvent regulated breeding rules, or that could mislead breeders or the public regarding their legal or professional status. Recognition of external documents does not imply an obligation of automatic reciprocity unless otherwise agreed in a separate partnership agreement. The Association also reserves the right to individually assess such documents and decide on their acceptance in accordance with its internal rules and objectives.
10. The Association MADA.mosz-IAA shall organize, co-organize and provide professional oversight for exhibitions of companion animals and animals with other classification at regional, national, international, European and global levels. These exhibitions shall be conducted in compliance with the valid legal regulations of the Slovak Republic, ethical principles of animal protection, and generally recognized exhibition practices. The Association shall not award exhibition titles that are exclusively reserved for national members of the FCI, such as CAC, CACIB, C.A.C.I.T., or C.I.B., in accordance with Article 12 of the FCI Statutes. Instead, it reserves the right to establish and implement its own system of exhibition awards (e.g., M-CAC, M-CACIB, M-C.I.B.), which shall be clearly distinguishable and not interchangeable with FCI titles. This system shall have an internal or partnership-based character only and shall not be presented as part of the official FCI structure. The aim is to support the exhibition activities of the Association's members without infringing upon the exclusive rights of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale and its national members.
11. The Association shall ensure professional education, qualification training and further professional development of judges and technical personnel participating in the organization of exhibitions and other expert events organized by the Association. The conditions for selection, professional preparation, evaluation, and registration of persons in the list of judges, as well as the rules of their participation in events, shall be regulated by the Association's internal regulations. The Association shall ensure that judging activities are carried out professionally, impartially and in accordance with the ethical principles of breeding. Furthermore, the Association declares that trained judges shall not be presented as FCI judges and their authorisation shall apply exclusively to events organized or guaranteed by MADA.mosz-IAA or its contractual partners.
12. The Association is authorized to enter into cooperation agreements with other legal entities, especially with organizations operating in the field of breeding companion animals and animals with other classification, for the purposes of exchanging expert information, mutual recognition of breeding documentation, sharing of best practices and support for exhibition and professional activities. Each cooperation agreement shall be based on the principles of voluntariness, equality, transparency, and respect for the rights and autonomy of each party. The Association shall not enter into contracts that may infringe upon the exclusive rights of national FCI members, particularly regarding the maintenance of studbooks for recognized breeds or the awarding of titles that fall under the exclusive competence of the FCI. All such agreements shall be assessed in terms of their compliance with the statutes of MADA.mosz-IAA and respect for the status of the FCI as the highest international cynological authority.
13. within the scope of mutual recognition of pedigrees (birth certificates), breeding documents and

genealogical data. The Association fully acknowledges and respects the exclusive competences of FCI national members, especially in the areas of awarding CAC, CACIB, C.I.B. titles, maintaining studbooks and approving breed standards of recognized breeds. All activities of the Association related to cooperation with the FCI shall be carried out in full compliance with the rules, structure and authority of the FCI.

14. The Association shall maintain records of emerging or newly formed breeds of companion animals and animals with other classification by systematically documenting their genealogical origin, phenotypic characteristics, genetic traits, and breeding interventions. The objective of such record-keeping is to ensure traceability of breed development, monitor the stability of its traits, and create professionally substantiated documentation for future evaluation and recognition. In maintaining these records, the Association shall apply principles of transparency, professional responsibility, animal welfare, and long-term sustainability of breeding. Each recorded individual must be clearly identifiable and included in the respective registry system managed by the Association.
15. The Association shall adhere strictly to the principles of ethics and responsibility in breeding activities, particularly regarding the protection of the health and welfare of companion animals and animals with other classification, prevention of undesirable breeding practices, and ensuring the credibility and transparency of issued breeding documents. The Association shall promote the implementation of standardized methodologies in the processing, issuance and archiving of pedigrees, certificates, identification protocols and other accompanying documents, while enforcing their clear identifiability, compliance with applicable regulations and exclusion of any confusion with documents issued in the name of or under the authority of the FCI or its national members. Through these procedures, the Association seeks to contribute to higher standards of breeding practice, protection of the organization's good reputation, and credibility towards expert partners and the public.

Article IV

Conditions for Organizing Exhibitions of Companion Animals and Animals with Other Classification

1. **Scope of the Association's Authorization to Organize Exhibitions**
The Association MADA.mosz-IAA is authorized to organize exhibitions of companion animals and animals with other classification, as well as other species of animals, at all levels – regional, national, international, European, and global – provided that these exhibitions comply with the applicable legal regulations of the Slovak Republic, international conventions ratified by the Slovak Republic, and the rules of the Association. In the case of exhibitions involving FCI-recognized breeds, the exhibitions organized shall respect the exclusive rights of the FCI and its members with regard to the awarding of titles.
2. **Joint Evaluation of Groups with Low Entry Numbers**
In cases of low entry numbers, the exhibition organizer is entitled to decide on the joint evaluation of individuals from multiple groups (e.g., within the competition for “Best of Group”), provided this fact is transparently announced in the show regulations or in the specific show schedule.
3. **Rules for Animal Participation Based on Health Condition**
Animals must be excluded from competition if they are:
 - a) visibly ill or showing symptoms of infectious diseases,
 - b) completely blind or deaf,
 - c) lactating females or females accompanied by puppies,
 - d) females suspected of being physically unfit.An exception applies to females in heat, who may participate in the exhibition if expressly permitted by the show regulations. If a judge determines during the evaluation that the animal's health condition precludes participation, the judge is obliged to immediately exclude the animal from the ring.
4. **Conditions for Animal Registration for the Exhibition**
Participation in the exhibition is conditional upon the proper registration of the dog via a registration form published by the organizer, submission of the application within the deadline specified in the exhibition closing date, and payment of the relevant exhibition fee. Participation shall not be permitted without fulfilling these conditions. Dogs not listed in the official show catalogue may not be judged, except in cases of a demonstrable error on the part of the organizer (e.g., a technical mistake in compiling the catalogue).
5. **Rules Regarding Cropped Dogs**
Participation of dogs with cropped ears or docked tails is permitted in accordance with the applicable legal

regulations of the animal's country of origin and the country in which the exhibition is held. All decisions regarding the exhibition of cropped dogs must be announced in advance in the show regulations. Judges are obliged to evaluate both cropped and uncropped dogs without discrimination and solely based on the breed standard.

6. Principles of Proper Grooming of the Animal

Grooming of the dog's coat or appearance using any chemical or physical interventions that could alter its natural appearance (color, coat texture, coat volume, appearance of the skin or nose) is strictly prohibited. Only standard grooming procedures such as hand-stripping, combing, brushing, trimming, and basic hygienic grooming are permitted.

7. Ethical Handling of Animals at the Exhibition

It is not permissible to leave a dog tied on a grooming table or any other preparation equipment for longer than the time reasonably necessary to prepare the dog before entering the show ring.

8. Identification of Dogs

9. Dogs must be identifiable by means of a microchip compliant with ISO standards (ISO 11784 and 11785) or by a readable tattoo. Both methods of identification are considered equivalent if they are legible and can be unambiguously linked to the animal and its documentation.

10. Discretionary Powers of the Organizing Committee

The exhibition organizing committee reserves the right to reject any exhibitor's application without obligation to state a reason. Such decisions must not be discriminatory, must be in accordance with the ethical principles and objectives of the Association, and must not violate fundamental rights or legal regulations.

11. Compliance with Exhibition Deadlines and Applications

Duplicate or late applications submitted after the official deadline shall not be accepted. Exceptions to this rule are permitted only in cases of a technical error on the part of the organizer and must be justified and recorded in the exhibition report.

12. Publication of Exhibition Rules

Each exhibition organized by the Association must have an approved set of exhibition rules published in advance. These rules must include: exhibition categories, participation requirements, ethical guidelines, fees, judging regulations and other relevant rules.

13. Recognition of FCI Titles

Official FCI titles such as CAC, CACIB, C.I.B., which fall under the exclusive authority of FCI national members, shall not be awarded at exhibitions organized by the MADA.mosz-IAA Association. However, the Association reserves the right to introduce its own internal designation of titles (e.g., M-CAC, M-CACIB, M-C.I.B.), which shall be clearly distinguished from FCI titles and shall be used exclusively for events organized by MADA.mosz-IAA or in cooperation with its partners. These titles shall be clearly marked as internal and unrelated to the FCI system.

Article V Membership in the Association

1. Establishment of Membership

1.1. Membership in the Association MADA.mosz-IAA (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") is based on the principle of voluntariness, individual interest in the activities of the Association, and identification with its mission, objectives and internal regulations. It is open to both natural and legal persons, regardless of nationality, residence or registered seat, provided they meet the conditions set out in these Statutes.

1.2. A natural person may be accepted as a member if, on the day of submitting the application, they have reached the age of 18, have full legal capacity, and express written consent to the Statutes, goals and values of the Association. A legal entity submits the application through a person authorized to act on its behalf or through a duly empowered representative.

1.3. Applications for membership must be submitted in writing. They must include the applicant's identification details, contact information, a declaration of consent with the Statutes and objectives of the Association, and, where applicable, a recommendation by an existing member if required by internal regulations.

1.4. The decision on admission is made by the Board of Directors at its next meeting following the delivery of a complete application. The Board of Directors has the right to reject the application without stating reasons. The decision must be delivered to the applicant within 30 days from the date of the decision.

No appeal may be lodged against the rejection.

1.5. The Board of Directors maintains an up-to-date internal register of members, which contains identifying information for each member, the date membership was granted, the date of termination (if applicable), and notes on any functions held within the Association. This register is managed in compliance with applicable data protection legislation and is not publicly accessible.

2. Termination of Membership

2.1. Membership in the Association shall terminate:

2.1.1. by written notice of withdrawal submitted by the member (resignation); membership shall terminate on the date of delivery of the notice to the Chair of the Board of Directors or a designated person,

2.1.2. by exclusion of the member based on a decision of the Board of Directors, if the member:

- a) seriously violates the Statutes, internal regulations or ethical principles of the Association,
- b) repeatedly or grossly damages the good name, reputation or interests of the Association,
- c) acts contrary to the goals or mission of the Association,

2.1.3. by the death of a natural person or dissolution of a legal entity without legal successor,

2.1.4. by dissolution of the Association as a legal entity,

2.1.5. by a final court decision revoking the legal capacity of the member (e.g., declaration of legal incapacity).

2.2. Upon termination of membership, any mandate to serve in the Association's bodies (e.g., Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee), as well as any delegated authority to act on behalf of the Association, shall automatically cease. The termination of membership does not relieve the member from any obligations assumed during the period of membership.

3. Rights of Members

3.1 Each member shall have the right to:

- a) participate in the activities of the Association and contribute to fulfilling its objectives,
- b) vote and be elected to the governing bodies of the Association, provided the conditions set out in the Statutes are met,
- c) be informed about the activities, decisions and financial operations of the Association through annual reports, resolutions and meeting minutes,
- d) submit proposals, suggestions, questions and complaints to the governing bodies of the Association and request a written response,
- e) benefit from membership privileges, such as expert consulting, training, participation in events, access to issued documentation or exhibition activities,
- f) request an explanation of decisions made by the Board of Directors or other bodies of the Association that directly affect them.

4. Duties of Members

4.1 Each member shall be obliged to:

- a) properly and timely fulfill membership obligations, including payment of membership fees if imposed,
- b) comply with the Statutes, internal regulations and decisions of the competent bodies of the Association,
- c) act in accordance with the goals and values of the Association and refrain from any conduct that could damage its reputation, standing or operations,
- d) protect the property and intellectual assets of the Association, including the results of its professional and organizational activities,
- e) responsibly perform entrusted functions within the Association's bodies and adhere to the principles of loyalty, transparency and ethics,
- f) cooperate with other members on resolving professional, organizational and societal matters and support the promotion of professional and ethical standards in the field of breeding companion animals and animals with other classification.

Article VI

Organizational Structure and Bodies of the Association

1. Organizational Structure of the Association

The organizational structure of the civic association MADA.mosz-IAA (hereinafter referred to as the

"Association") consists of internal bodies responsible for governance, supervision, decision-making and implementation of the Association's objectives. The bodies of the Association are:

- a) the Board of Directors, as the highest collective body of the Association,
- b) the Chairperson of the Board, as the person authorized to represent the Board externally,
- c) the Director of the Association, as the statutory executive body,
- d) the Auditor, as the independent supervisory body of the Association.

The Association may, as needed, establish additional advisory or executive bodies, committees, sections or working groups, if required by the scope and nature of its activities. Their establishment, mandate and functioning shall be governed by an internal regulation approved by the Board of Directors.

2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the highest collective body of the Association responsible for strategic governance, approval of key decisions and oversight of the activities of other bodies of the Association. The Board holds decision-making authority in all matters not explicitly assigned to another body under these Statutes.

2.1. Composition and Appointment

The Board of Directors is an elected body. Its members must be natural persons with full legal capacity who are members of the Association. The term of office for Board members is three years, and re-election is permitted. Membership in the Board is honorary and does not entitle the member to remuneration unless the Board decides otherwise in the form of reimbursement of expenses.

2.2. Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall, in particular:

- a) approve the Association's budget and its amendments,
- b) approve the Association's activity plan,
- c) approve the annual financial statements and the annual report,
- d) approve amendments to the Statutes and their annexes,
- e) decide on the admission or expulsion of members,
- f) decide on the dissolution of the Association, including its merger with another association,
- g) elect and dismiss the Chairperson of the Board,
- h) elect and dismiss the Director of the Association,
- i) elect and dismiss the Auditor,
- j) approve internal regulations and the rules of procedure,
- k) decide on limiting the Director's right to act on behalf of the Association,
- l) approve strategic partnerships, long-term projects and international cooperation,
- m) approve supplementary goals or programs of the Association not explicitly listed in Article III of the Statutes and determine their form as separate annexes to the Statutes. These annexes need not be part of publicly disclosed information unless otherwise decided by the Board.

2.3 Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once per year at a regular session convened by the Chairperson of the Board. In addition to regular meetings, the Chairperson may convene an extraordinary meeting either on their own initiative or based on a request by at least one-third of the members of the Board, the Director, or the Auditor.

2.4 Decision-Making

The Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum if a majority of its members are present. Resolutions of the Board shall be valid if approved by a majority of the members present, unless otherwise stipulated by these statutes or by law.

2.5 Chairperson of the Board of Directors

The Chairperson of the Board of Directors is a statutory representative of MADA.mosz-IAA and is authorized to act on behalf of the association independently. The Chairperson convenes and presides over meetings of the Board and performs other tasks in accordance with the decisions of the Board or these statutes. The Chairperson is elected by the Board from among its members.

3. Director of the Association

The Director of the Association is a statutory executive body of MADA.mosz-IAA and is authorized to act independently on behalf of the association in accordance with the statutes, decisions of the Board, and generally binding legal regulations. The Director manages the daily operations of the association, including administrative, organizational, and professional management, and represents it externally in legal and substantive matters.

3.1 Appointment and Term of Office

The Director shall be elected and dismissed by the Board of Directors from among individuals who:

- a) are at least 18 years of age,
- b) have full legal capacity,
- c) have no criminal record as defined by special legislation and have not been lawfully convicted of an intentional criminal offence or an offence related to the performance of their function.

The term of office of the Director is not time-limited unless otherwise decided by the Board.

3.2 Powers and Duties of the Director

The Director shall in particular:

- a) represent the association externally and act on its behalf independently,
- b) manage and organize the activities of the association in accordance with its objectives and the decisions of the Board,
- c) be responsible for the implementation of the budget and the management of the association's assets,
- d) prepare the draft budget of the association and submit it to the Board for approval,
- e) submit regular reports on the association's activities and finances to the Board,
- f) propose the admission or expulsion of a member,
- g) ensure implementation of the Board's resolutions,
- h) convene a meeting of the Board if requested by a Board member, the Auditor, or if required for the management of the association,
- i) oversee compliance with the statutes, internal regulations, and applicable legal provisions,
- j) issue internal organizational and operational directives unless otherwise decided by the Board.

3.3 Dismissal of the Director

The Director may be dismissed by the Board if:

- a) they submit a written resignation,
- b) they are lawfully convicted of an intentional criminal offence or an offence related to the performance of their function,
- c) they are unable to perform their duties for more than six months, as confirmed by a medical assessment,
- d) they seriously or repeatedly violate the statutes, Board resolutions, or generally binding legal regulations,
- e) a motion for dismissal is submitted by the Auditor or by a majority of the Board members for reasons worthy of special consideration.

3.4 Participation in Board Meetings

The Director has the right to attend meetings of the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity and is obliged to attend if requested by the Chairperson.

4. Auditor

The Auditor is an independent supervisory body of MADA.mosz-IAA responsible for overseeing the association's financial management and ensuring compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and decisions of the Board. The Auditor acts independently and impartially in performing their duties.

4.1 Election and Term of Office

The Auditor is elected and dismissed by the Board from among individuals who:

- a) are at least 18 years of age,
- b) have full legal capacity,
- c) have no criminal record,
- d) are not members of the Board or the Director of the association.

The position is voluntary and unpaid. The term of office is not time-limited unless otherwise decided by the Board.

4.2 Powers and Duties of the Auditor

The Auditor is authorized to:

- a) inspect accounting records, financial and non-financial assets, budget performance, and compliance with legal regulations,
- b) access all accounting and related documentation, records, and materials concerning the association's activities and finances,
- c) verify the accuracy of the annual financial statements and issue a written opinion to be submitted to the Board,
- d) submit at least one report per year to the Board on the results of the audit,
- e) notify the Board of identified deficiencies and propose corrective measures,
- f) propose convening an extraordinary Board meeting if a serious breach of law, the statutes, or

- mismanagement of assets is identified,
- g) propose dismissal of the Director in the event of serious or repeated violations of statutes, internal regulations, or legal obligations,
 - h) attend Board meetings in an advisory capacity.

4.3 Liability

The Auditor shall perform their duties independently and in the interest of protecting the rights, assets, and good reputation of the association. They are obliged to maintain confidentiality regarding any information obtained in the course of their duties that could harm the interests of the association or its members.

Article VII

Principles of Financial Management

1. Legal Personality and Economic Responsibility

- 1.1. MADA.mosz-IAA is a civic association with its own legal personality and is entitled to acquire assets, manage them, and conduct economic activities in accordance with its mission and the generally binding legal regulations of the Slovak Republic. The association shall be represented by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and the Director, each independently, unless the Board decides otherwise.
- 1.2. The association's bodies, particularly the Board of Directors and the Director, are responsible for the proper and lawful management of the association's assets. This responsibility also extends to any member entrusted with financial or other economic resources of the association, within the scope of their authority and entrusted competences. Such resources must be used solely in accordance with the objectives and purposes of MADA.mosz-IAA, as defined in these statutes, and with due professional care.

2. Income and Sources

The income of MADA.mosz-IAA may be derived in particular from the following sources:

- a) membership fees,
- b) income from activities directly related to the fulfillment of the association's objectives (e.g. organizing exhibitions, seminars, professional events, and training sessions),
- c) income from voluntary donations and voluntary financial or material contributions from individuals and legal entities, as well as other entities, including international organizations,
- d) grants and subsidies provided from public budgets (state, municipal, European) or other public sources,
- e) income from the 2% allocation of paid income tax in accordance with Act No. 595/2003 Coll. on Income Tax,
- f) income from charitable advertising under specific legislation,
- g) income from renting movable and immovable property of the association,
- h) income from advertising, provided it aligns with the objectives of the association and does not compromise its non-profit character,
- i) income from ancillary business activities, which may only be carried out to the extent and in a manner that does not jeopardize the main activity and is in compliance with applicable legal regulations; profits from such activities must be used exclusively to support the objectives and development of the association,
- j) other lawful sources of income.

3. Use of Property and Principles of Asset Management

- 3.1. The property of the association is indivisible and intended solely for ensuring the activities, and fulfilling the objectives and mission of the association. It is inadmissible for the assets of MADA.mosz-IAA to be distributed among its members. All financial and material resources must be used economically, effectively, and transparently, with the association following a budget approved by the Board of Directors.
- 3.2. Financial operations shall be conducted through a separate bank account of the association. MADA.mosz-IAA shall keep either double-entry or single-entry accounting (depending on the scope of activity) in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Accounting Act. Each use of financial resources must be properly documented.
- 3.3. Oversight of financial management shall be performed by the Auditor, who is authorized to inspect accounting documents and reports at any time and to submit reports and recommendations to the Board of Directors on findings and proposals to improve financial governance of the association.

Article VIII Dissolution and Termination of the Association

1. The association MADA.mosz-IAA may be dissolved:
 - a) by voluntary dissolution,
 - b) by merger with another civic association,
 - c) by a final and binding decision of the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic ordering its dissolution.
2. The decision to dissolve the association by merger with another civic association shall be made by the Board of Directors by a three-fifths majority of all its members. The decision must also designate the legal successor.
3. The decision to dissolve the association by voluntary dissolution shall be made by the Board of Directors, which shall simultaneously appoint a liquidator. The liquidator shall be responsible for settling the liabilities and receivables, preparing the liquidation financial statements, and disposing of the liquidation surplus in accordance with the decision of the Board of Directors. The liquidation surplus may be used exclusively for purposes similar to the objectives of the association and may not be distributed among the members.
4. The termination of the association and the completion of liquidation must be reported by the liquidator to the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic within 15 days from the date of their occurrence.
5. In the liquidation of the association, the provisions of Sections 70 to 75 of the Commercial Code on the liquidation of legal entities shall apply mutatis mutandis, unless specific regulations or these statutes provide otherwise.
6. The association ceases to exist on the day it is deleted from the register maintained by the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic; the legal effects of the termination shall arise on the date specified in the deletion decision.

Article IX Definitions

1. For the purposes of these Statutes, the following terms shall be interpreted as follows:
 - 1.1. A companion animal is an individual of a domesticated species of dog, cat, ferret, or rabbit, as well as an individual of a species classified among amphibians, reptiles, rodents, ornamental fish, or birds, including their hybrids. A companion animal does not include a wild animal, a dangerous species, or an animal bred or kept for farming purposes (Section 2(3)(a) of Decree No. 283/2020 Coll.).
 - 1.2. A pedigree certificate (birth certificate) is a document issued by an authorized entity declaring the origin of a companion animal, including its genealogical data and other identification details necessary for its classification in breeding. The association MADA.mosz-IAA ensures the issuance of such documents in accordance with its internal regulations, respecting breed standards set by the FCI.
 - 1.3. A breed standard is a set of morphological, behavioral, and functional characteristics defined by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) or another recognized expert body, which are authoritative for the recognition of a specific breed of companion animal.
 - 1.4. Partnership cooperation refers to a written contract or cooperation agreement entered into between MADA.mosz-IAA and another national or international organization involved in the breeding, protection, care, or registration of companion animals or other classified animals. Such cooperation may include the exchange of expert knowledge, provision of professional education, participation in joint exhibitions and events, and potentially the mutual recognition of pedigree certificates and the professional qualifications of judges—provided such cooperation does not infringe upon or challenge the exclusive competencies of national FCI members, particularly regarding stud book management and the awarding of FCI titles. MADA.mosz-IAA commits to respecting the principles of the FCI and clearly marking all its documents and activities in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for official acts of FCI member organizations or the FCI itself.
 - 1.5. The FCI (Fédération Cynologique Internationale) is an international cynological federation based in Belgium that unites national canine organizations, establishes breed standards, and holds exclusive rights to award titles such as CAC, CACIB, and other internationally recognized breeding awards. MADA.mosz-IAA respects the exclusive role of the FCI national member in the Slovak Republic and strives for the status of cooperating partner of the FCI under Article 11 of its Statutes,

particularly regarding mutual recognition of pedigrees and breeding records.

- 1.6. A judge is a natural person with the professional qualification and authorization to evaluate companion animals at exhibitions and events organized by MADA.mosz-IAA. The judge's authorization arises from the completion of training and inclusion in the list of judges maintained by the association.
- 1.7. For the purposes of MADA.mosz-IAA, the integrity of a natural person is demonstrated by submitting an extract from the criminal register not older than three months as of the date of nomination for election to office. The extract must be presented in its original form or as an officially certified copy. For persons who are not citizens of the Slovak Republic or who have permanent residence outside its territory, integrity is demonstrated by an equivalent document issued by the competent authority of the country of citizenship or residence. If such a document is not written in Slovak, Czech, or another comprehensible language, it must be accompanied by an official translation into Slovak. The Board of Directors is entitled to reject a candidate who fails to prove integrity in accordance with this provision.

Article X Final Provisions

1. The Association was established on the date of its registration by the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic.
2. These amended and supplemented Statutes were approved by the Board of Directors on 14 June 2025 and shall enter into force on the date of their registration by the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic, in accordance with Section 7(1) of Act No. 83/1990 Coll. on the Association of Citizens, as amended.
3. Legal relationships and matters not expressly regulated by these Statutes shall be governed by the generally binding legal regulations in force in the Slovak Republic, in particular Act No. 83/1990 Coll. on the Association of Citizens.