

Advancement Exemptions

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To: Kennel By-Laws Committee

Subj: Proposed Change to Kennel By-Laws

Ref: Kennel By-Laws Article I Section 101

I would like to recommend the following proposed Kennel By-Law change for consideration and adoption.

Article I Section 101, Paragraph B, Sub Paragraph 4. Exceptions

Currently Reads:

4. EXCEPTIONS:

a. Any qualified candidate who has otherwise complied with paragraphs D and E of this Section and who is also a World War I Veteran, World War II Veteran, Korean War Veteran (service between 27 June 1950 to 27 July 1954 - dates eligible for the Korean Service Medal: ref DOD), and any service prior to 27 June 1950 would also qualify for advancement to the rank of Pedigreed Devil Dog. The aforementioned candidates would not be required to attend the Supreme Growl of the Kennel to be elevated.

b. Any such other candidate who is in failing health, and to whom the trip to the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl of the Kennel would cause undue hardship and/or physical endangerment, shall, by written request of the Pound with the approval endorsement of the Pack, and with the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, be permitted elevation to the next higher degree at a Growl of the Pound, or at a Special Growl of the Pack permit. Pounds that are not part of a functioning Pack may petition the Honorable Chief Devil Dog directly. The written request from the Pound on behalf of a Pup or Devil Dog in failing health shall be accompanied by a statement from competent medical authority specifically addressing the condition of the individual for whom the exemption is being sought. The Pound Keeper's written request shall be countersigned by the Worthy Pack Leader in states where there is a functioning Pack; or, sent directly to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog where there is not a functioning Pack in the state, with a copy of the request sent directly to the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the respective Division. All requests for medical, World War II, and Korean War service exemptions shall be sent directly to the Honorable Dog Robber for factual verification. Once the Honorable Dog Robber validates, both, the faithful service of the Devil Dog for whom the medical exemption is sought and has determined that the medical evidence provided is compelling and complete; the Honorable Dog Robber shall obtain from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog such approval (either in hard copy or digitally) of the request of either the Pound or the Pack as determined to be sufficient for record-keeping purposes and, by direction, notify the Pound or the Pack as soon as possible that the request for World War II, Korean War Veteran wartime service and/or medical

exemption has been granted. Once the written approval has been received from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Pound Keeper, or Pack Leader, as appropriate, shall appoint an Installation Officer and Installation Team appropriate for the degree to be conferred, with the express understanding that said Growl will be held within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog and, in the case of a Growl of the Pound, the Worthy Pack Leader should ensure that there is a representative from their respective Staff, whenever possible.

Change to Read:

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a. Any qualified candidate who has otherwise complied with paragraphs D and E of this Section and who is also a World War I Veteran, World War II Veteran, Korean War Veteran (service between 27 June 1950 to 27 July 1954 - dates eligible for the Korean Service Medal: ref DOD), and any service prior to 27 June 1950 would also qualify for advancement to the rank of Pedigreed Devil Dog. The aforementioned candidates would not be required to attend the Supreme Growl of the Kennel to be elevated.

b. Any such other candidate who is in failing health, and to whom the trip to the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl of the Kennel would cause undue hardship and/or physical endangerment, shall, by written request of the Pound with the approval endorsement of the Pack, and with the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, be permitted elevation to the next higher degree at a Growl of the Pound, or at a Special Growl of the Pack permit. Pounds that are not part of a functioning Pack may petition the Honorable Chief Devil Dog directly. The written request from the Pound on behalf of a Pup or Devil Dog in failing health shall be accompanied by a statement from competent medical authority specifically addressing the condition of the individual for whom the exemption is being sought. The Pound Keeper's written request shall be countersigned by the Worthy Pack Leader in states where there is a functioning Pack; or, sent directly to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog where there is not a functioning Pack in the state, with a copy of the request sent directly to the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the respective Division. All requests for medical, World War II, and Korean War service exemptions shall be sent directly to the Honorable Dog Robber for factual verification. Once the Honorable Dog Robber validates, both, the faithful service of the Devil Dog for whom the medical exemption is sought and has determined that the medical evidence provided is compelling and complete; the Honorable Dog Robber shall obtain from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog such approval (either in hard copy or digitally) of the request of either the Pound or the Pack as determined to be sufficient for record-keeping purposes and, by direction, notify the Pound or the Pack as soon as possible that the request for World War II, Korean War Veteran wartime service and/or medical exemption has been granted. Once the written approval has been received from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Pound Keeper, or Pack Leader, as appropriate, shall appoint an Installation Officer and Installation Team appropriate for the degree to be conferred, with the express understanding that said Growl will be held within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog and, in the case of a

Growl of the Pound, the Worthy Pack Leader should ensure that there is a representative from their respective Staff, whenever possible.

c. Any such other candidate who does not fall under exemptions (a), (b), and has otherwise complied with paragraphs D and E of this Section and who has provided sufficient evidence that their travel to the Grand Growl of the Pack or the Supreme Growl of the Kennel is hindered by significant circumstances including but not limited to being the caregiver to immediate family member/s who may need ongoing 24 hour 7 days a week care shall, by written request of the Pound with the approval endorsement of the Pack, and with the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, be permitted elevation to the next higher degree at a Growl of the Pound, or at a Special Growl of the Pack. Pounds that are not part of a functioning Pack may petition the Honorable Chief Devil Dog directly. The written request from the Pound on behalf of a Pup or Devil Dog hindered by significant circumstances shall be accompanied by a statement from a competent medical authority specifically addressing the condition of the immediate family member/s whose care is deemed ongoing 24 hour 7 days a week. The Pound Keeper's written request shall be countersigned by the Worthy Pack Leader in states where there is a functional Pack; or, sent directly to the Honorable Chief Devil Dog where there is not a functioning Pack in the state, with a copy of the request sent directly to the Honorable Vice Chief Devil Dog of the respective Division. All requests covered by exemptions listed in (a), (b), or (c) shall be sent directly to the Honorable Dog Robber for factual verification. Once the Honorable Dog Robber validates, both, the faithful service of the Devil Dog or Pedigree Devil Dog for whom the significant circumstances exemption is sought and has determined that the medical evidence provided is compelling and complete; the Honorable Dog Robber shall obtain from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog such approval (either in hard copy or digitally) of the request of either the Pound or the Pack as determined to be sufficient for record-keeping purposes and, by direction, notify the Pound or the Pack as soon as possible that the request for either (a), (b), or (c) exemption has been granted. Once the written approval has been received from the Honorable Chief Devil Dog, the Pound Keeper, or Pack Leader, as appropriate, shall appoint an Installation Officer and Installation Team appropriate for the degree to be conferred, with the express understanding the said Growl will be held within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the written permission of the Honorable Chief Devil Dog. The Honorable Chief Devil Dog and, in the case of a Growl of the Pound, the Worthy Pack Leader should ensure that there is a representative from their respective Staff, whenever possible. The conditions that qualify for a significant circumstance exemption are as follows:

aa. Chronic Health Conditions including Diabetes, Heart Disease, Respiratory problems, or anything deemed a Chronic Health Condition by a competent medical authority.

bb. Cognitive Impairments including Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, Brain Tumors, Stroke, or anything deemed a Cognitive Impairment by a competent medical authority.

cc. Complex Medical Needs including Ventilators, Individuals with Severe Disabilities, Individuals considered Special Needs, Patients recovering from major surgeries, or anything deemed a Complex Medical Need by a competent medical authority.

dd. End of Life care including patients in Hospice or Palliative care, or anything deemed End of Life care by a competent medical authority.

ee. Other Significant Medical or Physical conditions including Moderate cerebral palsy, Paraplegia, Spina bifida, Hydrocephalus, Partially controlled seizures, Hearing or vision impairment, which affects the ability to communicate or function, or anything deemed a significant medical or physical condition by a competent medical authority.

Rational:

The first two exemptions cover the dogs with their service in WWI, WWII, Korea, or their own medical issues. They do not cover the other significant circumstances that some dogs deal with daily. Caring for their immediate family members including spouses, children, grandchildren, parents, sisters, brothers, or others who may have a medical condition whether mental or physical that fully encompasses their lives. They may get lucky and be able to attend a Pound Growl, but attending a Grand Growl or Supreme Growl is out of the question. Every dog across all Pounds, Packs as well as Kennel staff either knows someone in this predicament or they themselves are in it. This change would hopefully cover those dogs to get them their respective collars, which may be years in the waiting. The MODD is the Fun & Honor society, I do not think there is any better way to Honor those dogs who would fall under this exemption than to adopt this amendment and get them Advanced.

Respectfully Submitted

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Worthy Dog Robber

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