

Constitution Of the Animal Welfare and Behavior Club at The Ohio State University

Article I: Name

This student organization shall go by the name of the Animal Welfare and Behavior Club (AWBC).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization will be to educate and promote the science of animal welfare to the University and greater community through presentations, tours, and educational trips. This club will also address current topics related to welfare and examine current literature.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Non Discrimination Statement

The Animal Welfare and Behavior Club, nor any of its members, shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis.

Section 2: Member Eligibility

Membership shall be open to all registered students, undergraduate, graduate or professional, in good standing at The Ohio State University. Membership will be revoked by half vote of officers if member's behavior is deemed inappropriate or commits actions against the purpose of this club.

Section 3: Active Membership

To achieve active membership, a member shall be required to pay membership fees and attend at least three meetings and one event per academic year.

Article IV: Organization Leadership

The officers and advisor(s) of this organization shall constitute the Executive Council. They will be responsible for organizing and planning all events and meetings for the club, upholding the club's constitution, and guiding all events and activities in the direction of the club's purpose statement.

Section 1: Officer Eligibility

Any active member may be eligible to run for an officer position.

Section 2: Officers

The officers of this organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Relations Chair, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Student Council Representative, and Past President.

Section 2a: Description of Duties

All club officers shall be expected to attend all club meetings and events to the best of their ability, to participate in creating discussion and fostering an inclusive and engaging club environment, to assist in brainstorming topics, contacting speakers, and planning other club events for the semester, to communicate and collaborate with the other officers, and to represent and promote the club in a positive way.

President

The role of the President shall be to oversee all club activities, lead meetings, guide the club in the direction of the club's purpose statement, act as the communication between the members and speakers, presenters, or trip hosts, and foster proper discussion at meetings.

Vice-President

The role of the Vice-President shall be to support the President, assume the role of leadership in the case of the President's absence, lead planning the annual panel event, and provide current issues in welfare for discussion at general meetings.

Treasurer

The role of the Treasurer shall be to oversee and manage all club financial expenditures, revenues, and membership dues, and to coordinate all fundraising events.

Secretary

The role of the Secretary shall be to record meeting minutes, maintain general club communication via email, GroupMe, and surveys/sign up sheets, record membership attendance, send thank yous to speakers appropriately, and coordinate member of the month and/or other club spotlight content.

Public Relations Chair

The role of the Public Relations Chair is to post flyers regarding club activities, manage the club's poster space, update club social media profiles, and coordinate any other forms of promoting club events.

CFAES Student Council Representative

The role of the CFAES Student Council Representative shall be to attend all Student Council meetings and inform the Council of club events, and to report to the executive council all Student Council announcements and activities.

Past President

The role of the Past President shall be to support the incoming executive board, especially the new President, in a smooth transition of leadership.

Section 2b: Elections

Elections for officer positions shall be held at the end of the spring semester. Elections shall be conducted in the form of a blind vote and shall require a majority vote from all present active members. If a candidate fails to receive a majority of votes, a run-off election shall be held between the top two candidates that received the most votes. In the case of a University State of Emergency, election rules may be modified to best service the needs of the club.

Section 2c: Removal and Replacement

Any officer who commits actions that fall under the reasons for revoking membership shall be removed from their position and the club. If an officer for any reason can not fulfill their duties in a proper manner, their position will be replaced and they shall remain a general member of the organization. Replacement of an officer shall result in a vote open to all present active members to fill the vacancy. A replacement vote will follow the same standards as a regular election vote.

Section 3: Advisor

There shall be at least one advisor for the organization who must be a member of the University Faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. The Advisor(s) shall be responsible for overseeing and guiding the actions of the Executive Council and club as a whole. The Advisor shall also be aware of all financial expenditures.

Article V: Meetings

Meetings will be held in a biweekly manner. Date and time will be determined by the executive council. Additional activities such as speakers, trips, or presentations may be held outside of regular meetings, and will be determined by availability of speaker, members, and/or trip hosts.

Article VI: Finances

An annual due shall be required of all members. The Executive Council shall set the fee based on expected expenditures for the year. The advisor(s) shall be kept aware of all club income and expenditures.

Article VII: Amendments

This constitution shall be eligible to be amended on a semester basis. Voting to approve any changes will take place at the first regular meeting following the statement of the new

amendment. A majority vote of active members present at the time of voting shall be required to pass an amendment. New amendments shall invalidate all conflicting provisions.