

Sample Constitution of an Animal Rights Club

ARTICLE I—GENERAL

SECTION 1: The official name of this organization shall be the Animal Rights Club.

SECTION 2: The club shall operate as a nonprofit organization.

SECTION 3: The student group will comply with all university policies and procedures as well as local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

SECTION 4: This organization shall exist for the following purposes:

- a. To provide speakers with a forum to make presentations of timely interest to members on contemporary aspects of animal rights
- b. To provide students who are vegan, vegetarian, or simply interested in learning more about the animal rights movement with a support group
- c. To promote the rights of animals to the student body as well as the faculty by petitioning for more vegan food options on campus, an end to dissection in classrooms, a campuswide ban on animal acts, and the surrendering of any live-animal mascots to a sanctuary
- d. To provide the members with social activities and events

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP/IMPEACHMENT

SECTION 1: Voting membership is open to all students, faculty, and staff at the university.

SECTION 2: Membership is open to all students without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, creed, marital status, public-assistance status, or sexual orientation.

SECTION 3: To become a member, you must fill out the membership application form and return it to the secretary of the club.

SECTION 4: Any member/officer may be impeached for misconduct (to be defined by the group, e.g., failure to perform duties, poor attendance, misuse of funds, etc.). The member/officer shall be given

a seven-day notice and an opportunity to defend himself or herself. This impeachment vote shall require a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers of this club shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

SECTION 2: The duties of the officers are as follows:

- a. President: Preside over all meetings of the club and serve as chair of the Executive Committee. Act as official representative of the club at other meetings and events.
- b. Vice President: Preside at meetings of the club and the Executive Committee in the absence of the president. Succeed the president if he or she is unable to complete his or her term of office. Coordinate committees.
- c. Secretary: Record and produce minutes of all meetings. Handle the club's correspondence.
- d. Treasurer: Handle all financial transactions of the club. Maintain thorough and accurate records of all transactions. Produce financial reports as required by the club.

ARTICLE IV—MEETING

SECTION 1: A regular meeting shall be held once each month during the academic year. A special meeting may be called by the Executive Committee or by a petition of 10 percent of the voting membership.

SECTION 2: Decisions of the club shall be enacted by a majority vote of the voting membership plus one, unless otherwise stated in this constitution.

Constitution ratified: [month day, year]

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