

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **NATIONAL CHINCHILLA BREEDERS OF CANADA**

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the  
NATIONAL CHINCHILLA BREEDERS OF CANADA

1. NAME

The Association shall be known as the “National Chinchilla Breeders of Canada”.

2. OBJECTS

The Association shall have for its object the encouragement, development and regulation of the raising of chinchillas in Canada.

1. By assisting in the collecting, preparation and marketing of pelts and any other project of interest and benefit to the breeders.
2. By carrying out a system of registration under the Canadian National Live Stock Records System.
3. By compiling statistics of the industry and furnishing official and authentic information in regard thereto.
4. And for these purposes to have power to make all needful contracts and agreements, and to make, alter and repeal regulations subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth.

**BY-LAWS**

3. MEMBERS

1. There shall be three classes of members:
  - (a) **HONORARY MEMBERS:** The Association may appoint honorary life members at a general meeting if the Board of Directors have by resolution named the proposed member or members and recommended that such appointment be made, but such honorary member shall take no part in the management of the Association’s affairs. Their position shall be purely honorary.
  - (b) **ANNUAL MEMBERS:** Annual members shall be those individuals, partnerships or companies located in Canada who have paid the prescribed annual fee and are owners and breeders of Chinchillas.

(c) NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS: Non-resident annual members shall be those individuals, partnerships or companies located outside of Canada who have paid the prescribed annual fee. These members shall have no vote or authority in the business of the Association.

(d) Partnership or company membership shall entitle individuals of such to individual privileges, and any partnership or company shall have one (1) vote only at an annual or other meeting. Application for partnership or incorporated company membership shall specify the person authorized to vote, act or sign for the partnership or company. A member of a partnership or company other than the person mentioned in the application may be authorized in writing by the partnership of the Association.

2. Application for membership shall be made in writing and each applicant on becoming a member shall agree to be bound by the Constitution, rules and by-laws of the Association, but the executive committee shall have power to reject an application for membership.

3. All members in good standing as a matter of contract and except as hereinafter provided enjoy the same rights and privileges as the original incorporators of this Association.

4. No member who is in arrears of membership or other fees shall enjoy such rights or privileges. The financial liability of each member shall be limited to the amount of membership or other fees or dues which he may owe the Association. A member in good standing is a member who is not in arrears of membership or other fees or dues, or suspended.

5. The membership year of the Association shall correspond with the calendar year.

6. Any member may, provided he is not in arrears for membership or other fees or dues, withdraw and terminate his membership in the Association at any time by giving the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records notice in writing of his intention to do so. No member shall be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Association during the year until his annual fee for the year is paid. On March 31st in each year all members who paid for the preceding year, but who have not paid for the then current year shall be removed from the membership roll. They may, however, elect to register and transfer at non-members rates during this three month period. They nevertheless may again become members in the manner prescribed by this constitution.

7. No member shall hold office or be entitled to vote or to give notice to amend this constitution if at the time he is in arrears of membership or other fees or dues, and no applicant shall be entitled to vote until his application for membership has been accepted. The Board of Directors shall have power to suspend or expel any members who fail to observe any rule or regulation set forth in this constitution or by-laws of this Association or whose conduct is in the opinion of the Board of Directors, prejudicial to the interests of the Association. A member so suspended or expelled shall have the right to apply to the Board

of Directors at the next meeting of the Board for reinstatement, and shall be reinstated provided two-thirds of the members of the Board present vote in the affirmative.

On report of the Executive Committee of the charge against a person which may result in suspension or expulsion, the charges shall be laid before a meeting of the Executive Committee and the person charged shall have fifteen days notice in writing of such meeting and be given the right to be heard.

#### 4. MEETINGS

The Board of Directors shall set the time and place for Annual and Special meetings. Notice of such meetings must be given seven days in advance except when held immediately after a general meeting or with the consent of all the directors concerned. A minute of such consent shall be entered in the minutes of such cases.

A copy of the notice calling the Annual or General Meeting shall be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and to the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records, in a like manner as to members of the Association.

A quorum for the transaction of business of the Association of an annual or general meeting shall be fifteen (15) members; at a directors meeting, three (3) directors; and at an executive meeting, three (3) members of the executive.

At the written request of fifty (50) members, the executive shall call a special general meeting. Such meeting shall have no power to amend the constitution.

#### 5. FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal year of the Association shall correspond with the calendar year.

#### 6. OFFICES

The Head Office shall be at Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth and Province of Ontario, or at such other place as designated by the resolution of the Board of Directors, and the office for the registration of pedigrees shall be the office of the Canadian National Live Stock Records, in the city of Ottawa, Ontario, under the supervision of the Record Committee of the Canadian National Live Stock Record Board.

7. DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

**Directors** – The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, the number of whom shall be determined, and who shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Directors will be elected for a two year term, but not more than sixty percent of the existing Board will come up for re-election at any one time. It will be the responsibility of the Secretary to notify the membership sufficiently far ahead each year which directors have completed their term of office.

For the purpose of election of Directors, the membership shall be divided into territorial groups which shall consist of members residing in each of the following provinces or aggregation of provinces respectively and the members of each province or group of provinces shall elect their own representative to the directorate and number to which each group shall be entitled shall be:

British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.....	1
Ontario.....	2
Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.....	1

Two further Directors shall be elected; one out of the Eastern Region and one to be out of the Central or Western Regions. The Director shall be elected by members they are to service.

For the purpose of determining who shall be nominated for the office of Director in each of the groups as aforesaid, a nomination paper must be obtained from the Secretary of this Association, which nomination paper must be signed by not less than six members in good standing in his province or group of provinces. Such nomination papers properly completed must be received by the Secretary on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

On or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, in each year, the Secretary shall send by post, prepaid, to each member of the Association in good standing on the first day of September of that year, a voting paper which shall have printed thereon the name of the members who have been nominated. The form and style of voting paper to be used shall be determined by the Executive Committee

Each voting paper shall be endorsed on the back thereof with the seal of the Association before being sent out.

A member desiring to vote shall, upon receipt of a voting paper, place an “X” opposite name or names, as the case may be, of those nominees for whom he desires to vote. Any voting paper showing voting marks for less than or more than the requisite number to be elected shall be declared a spoiled ballot.

Only those voting papers bearing the seal of the Association as aforesaid and which shall be received by the Association's Solicitor at his post office on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October next after mailing of such voting papers shall be counted. If through mistake, inadvertence, accident or other cause, the voting papers are not sent by the secretary on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September in any year, he shall send same as aforesaid as soon as possible thereafter, and the time for receiving the voting papers shall be extended so that thirty days shall elapse between the day on which they were sent and the time of receiving the same.

The Solicitor shall forthwith after the last day of receiving voting papers, in the presence of a Notary Public or a Justice of the Peace, or a Commissioner of Oaths or a Chartered Accountant, open same and proceed to count the votes and the supervising officials as aforesaid shall forward their certificate, authenticated by their signatures and title of office, to the Secretary of N.C.B.C. declaring the result of the election which shall be final and conclusive.

In the case of an equality of votes, the Secretary shall have the casting vote. The Secretary, after receipt by him of the said certificate, shall forthwith notify by post, prepaid, each member of the Board of his election for the ensuing year.

The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting following the Annual General meeting, and shall elect from among themselves a President and Vice-President, and shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, Committees, and Representatives.

The Board of Directors shall have power to fill vacancies which may occur among the officers or committees through resignation or death, only in the event that two-thirds of the term, or sixteen months, has been served. If more than eight months remain to be served, the Board of Directors shall call a by-election for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

The Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to the Executive Committee.

President: The President shall hold office for one year or until his successor is elected and shall be eligible for re-election. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and the Registration Committee, to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association and generally to do all matters, acts and things as are usually done by presidents of similar organizations, and he shall be a member of all committees.

Vice-President: A Vice-President shall hold office for a similar term, and in the case that the President is unable to act on account of illness or absence, perform all the duties of the President.

Secretary-Treasurer: The duties of the Secretary shall be to attend all meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and to keep exact minutes of the proceedings of same and to do such things as may be delegated to him by

this constitution, the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or the Registration Committee. He shall be the custodian of the constitution of this Association, and all Amendments thereto approved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada. He shall hold same available for examination by any member during the regular office hours of the Head Office. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received by him in a chartered bank to the credit of this Association and shall pay same out again by cheque only, and countersigned by the President or Vice-President. He shall be bonded in such amount as may be required from time to time by the Board of Directors. He shall keep proper books of account containing entries of all such matters or things as are usually entered in the books of account, and shall furnish from time to time such statements in detail as may be directed by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee: The Board of Directors at their first meeting after each Annual general meeting shall elect three of their number to act on the Executive Committee. A copy of the minutes of each Executive Committee meeting shall be forwarded to each Director and to the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records, and to the Chief Registration Officer, Production Service, Department of Agriculture, within ten days after a meeting.

Auditor: The Association, at each annual general meeting, shall appoint a Chartered Accountant as auditors. His duty shall be to examine all books and records of the Head Office of the Association, vouchers for all payments, and certify the usual statements of receipts and expenditures and assets and liabilities for the year for presentation to the next annual general meeting.

Registrar: The Canadian National Live Stock Record Committee shall assign to this association a person to act as Registrar. The duties of the Registrar shall be similar to the duties of the Registrars in the employ of the Canadian National Live Stock Records.

Registration Committee: This committee shall consist of the President or the Vice-President who shall be chairman, the Secretary who shall be Secretary, the Chief Inspector, the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records, or his representative, and one other Director of the National Chinchilla Breeders of Canada.

The Committee shall have authority to adjudicate upon any irregularity reported by the Canadian National Live Stock Records or any dispute between breeders which, from the evidence submitted to the Canadian National Live Stock Records, warrants consideration and may impose such penalties in fees or otherwise as they may determine.

They shall have authority to authorize change of ownership and registration of pedigrees where signatures or other information is unobtainable, but in no case may their decision be inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution.

Representatives: Representatives to organizations asking that such be appointed shall be appointed at the Annual general meeting, but if for any reason any of these are not so appointed, the Board of Directors shall have power to appoint the same. Representatives

to the Canadian National Live Stock Record Board shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

## 8. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at all Annual and General meetings shall be as follows:

1. Identification of members.
2. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Report of Officers, Directors and Committees.
4. Correspondence.
5. Unfinished business.
6. If Annual Meeting, election of directors for ensuing year.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

The above order with the exception of “1” Identification of members, may be changed at the pleasure of the meeting assembled.

## 9. AUDIT AND ANNUAL REPORT

The Board of Directors at each annual general meeting shall submit a complete report of its acts and of the affairs of the Association. It shall present a detailed statement duly audited of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year and of the assets and liabilities of the Association. A copy of this report, a list of the officers elected and the representatives to the Canadian National Live Stock Record Board, also general information on the affairs of the Association, shall be sent to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and to the Director Canadian National Live Stock Records, within twenty days after the Annual Meeting. A copy of the Annual Report shall be mailed to each member in good standing.

## 10. EXPENSES, INCOME AND PROPERTY

The income and property of the Association from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion and furtherance of the objects of the Association and no part thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of bonus or otherwise as profit or gain to members of the Association, past, present or future, or to any person claiming through any member; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the bona fide payment of remuneration to any secretary, treasurer, registrar, officer, clerk or servant or any other person or persons for services actually rendered the Association whether such are members of the Association or not, and the expenses of the Directors or other officers incurred in doing the business of the Association.

The Association with other organizations comprising the Canadian National Live Stock Records shall pay monthly to the Record Committee of the Canadian National Live Stock Records a proportionate amount of the expense of conducting the Canadian National Live Stock Record office.

#### 11. AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY

When authorized by the Board of Directors, the signing officers of the Association may borrow money as required for the proper conduct of the Association's business.

#### 12. AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Association by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present, but no Amendment shall be valid until approved by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada and filed at the Department of Agriculture for Canada. Notice of all proposed amendments shall be given to the Secretary at least sixty days in advance of a general meeting and they shall be included in the notice calling such meeting; otherwise the meeting shall have no power to deal with same.

#### 13. CORPORATE SEAL

The seal as stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the corporate seal of the Association.

#### 14. BOOKS

The Association shall cause a book to be kept by the Secretary and by the Secretary of each Branch of the Association, if any, wherein shall be contained a copy of the constitution, so that persons becoming members of the Association may at all reasonable times examine the same.

#### 15. BOOKS OF REGISTRY

A register shall be kept at the office of the Canadian National Live Stock Records. This register shall be known as the "Canadian National Record for Chinchillas" and shall be published by the Canadian National Live Stock Records at such time as decided by the Board of Directors and in such form as the information on record office duplicates of certificates of registrations issued warrants.

A current copy of the Canadian National Record for Chinchillas published during any year shall be supplied to members of the Association in good standing at the time the volume is issued, at a price set by the Board of Directors, upon receipt of a written application accompanied by the necessary fee, addressed to the Director, Canadian National Live Stock Records, Ottawa, Ontario. The Canadian National Live Stock Records shall notify members of the Association in good standing as to the date of making application for each volume. The charge for back volumes to members or for any volume or volumes to non-members shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

#### 15 a. PRIVATE BREEDING RECORDS

A private record as approved by this Association shall be maintained at each ranch, by the rancher. This record shall give particulars as required on the official ranch record sheets, and shall include: name of every animal in ranch, registration number and date of birth, and accurate record of all births and service dates, giving name and registration number of sire and number of males and females in litter; all deaths or removals of animals from the herd for any cause shall also be recorded. All such entries must be made within three days of actual date of birth, service, death or removal and all such entries shall be made in ink or typewritten. This record shall be open at all times to inspection by officials of this Association, officials of the Department of Agriculture for Canada, and officials of the Canadian National Live Stock Records.

#### 16. BRANCH ORGANIZATIONS

Branch organizations desiring affiliation with this Association must submit their constitutions and by-laws for the approval of the Board of Directors. The activities of any such branch organization shall be confined to its own branch interests and shall not conflict in any way with the activities of this Association. Consideration shall be given to membership in this Association in the granting of any assistance to a branch organization. Authorized branch organizations shall have constitution and by-laws approved by the National Chinchilla Breeders of Canada and shall submit a report of activities annually as well as a detailed and audited financial statement.

#### 17. REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES

1. There shall be furnished by the Canadian National Live Stock Records for all living Chinchillas registered a certificate of registration on the form adopted by the Record Committee. The pedigree shall be in such form as decided upon by the Board of Directors.
2. All certificates of registration shall be submitted for the approval of the officer appointed for that purpose by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada.

3. Any person expelled or suspended from membership shall not be allowed the privilege of recording pedigrees in the Canadian National Record for Chinchillas.
4. Any person prohibited from recording pedigrees by any other organization incorporated under the Livestock Pedigree Act shall not be allowed to record pedigrees in the Canadian National Record for Chinchillas.
5. The Record Committee shall have power, for any cause which, in the opinion of the Committee seems proper, to suspend any member or to refuse application for registration or transfer from any person whether a member or not. The Record Committee may refuse to accept the signature of any person on an application for registration or transfer whether a member or not, pending action by the Board of Directors, the Registration Committee or by a general meeting of this Association. Any such action taken by the Record Committee under this provision shall be immediately reported to this Association.

## 18. REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS

The Canadian National Live Stock Records will allot to each owner of Chinchillas, letters with which he shall tattoo mark or cause his Chinchillas to be tattoo marked for the purpose of identification for registration. In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company, or if any party is taken into partnership, the tattoo letters may be transferred upon application to the Canadian National Live Stock Records by the registered owner or his authorized representative. Likewise, the transfer may be made from a deceased owner to his heir. If a rancher is operating more than one registered ranch he may apply to the Canadian National Live Stock Records for and be allotted letters for each additional ranch.

### 19 a. IDENTIFICATION

The system or plan for identification shall include assigned letters to be tattooed in the left ear, number and year letter in the right ear.

## 20. RULES OF ENTRY

1. Application: Application for registration must be made to the Accountant, Canadian National Live Stock Records, and must be accompanied by the registration fees indicated in Article 26 of this Constitution.
2. Marking: The Board of Directors, from time to time and as occasion may require, shall make regulations regarding the tattoo markings of animals for registration, but such regulations shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

## 21. MONTHLY REPORT OF BIRTHS

Each breeder under registration must submit to Canadian National Live Stock Records before the tenth day of each month, a report of all litters born on his ranch during the previous month. The report to show the assigned tattoo markings and sex of each kit on the report. Reports must be made on forms supplied by the Canadian National Live Stock Records for that purpose and be signed by the owner of the ranch or his agent.

## 22. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

The following Chinchilla are eligible for registration:

- (a) An animal born in captivity in Canada, whose sire and dam are registered in The Canadian National Record for Chinchillas, and which has obtained an overall grade of at least "B", as determined on the attached grading card and explanation sheet, on official inspection by an authorized official of the Association and provided it is regularly tattoo marked for identification within six months of birth.
- (b) An animal born in captivity in a foreign country and owned in Canada, provided it is regularly tattoo marked for identification, has been registered by a foreign registry acceptable to Canadian National Live Stock Records and has been properly transferred to the new Canadian owner.

## 23. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

- 1. Application for registration of an animal must be made to the Canadian National Live Stock Records on a form supplied by them. All blank spaces must be filled in, in ink, or be typewritten and the form must be signed in ink by the owner of the animal in question at the time of its birth.
- 2. If the sire of an animal for which application for registration is made was not on the same ranch as the dam a certificate of the service must be filed with application.
- 3. The breeder of a Chinchilla is the owner or the lessee of the dam at the time she was mated. The first owner is the owner or lessee of the dam at the time the litter was born.

## 24. TRANSFERS AND DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES

- 1. In case of the sale of a Chinchilla the seller must furnish a certificate of registration in the Canadian National Record for Chinchillas, showing the purchaser's ownership. Refusal to do so on any pretext whatever, except under written agreement to the contrary, shall be ground for his expulsion, if a member, from the Association, if not a member, further applications for registration or transfer shall be refused.

2. Application for registration of change of ownership must be made in ink or typewritten on forms supplied by the Canadian National Live Stock Records and must give date of sale and date of delivery. Change of ownership will be endorsed on the back of the original certificate of registration which must be forwarded to the Canadian National Live Stock Records with the application for transfer of the ownership. The certificate may be returned by the Canadian National Livestock Records to either the applicant or the purchaser.
3. Chinchillas leased or loaned must be temporarily transferred by the lessor to the lessee; forms for this purpose supplied by the Canadian National Live Stock Records.
4. A duplicate certificate may be issued if the registered owner or his authorized representative files a statutory declaration on a form supplied by the Canadian National Live Stock Records, showing in a satisfactory manner that the original is lost, destroyed or unobtainable.

## 25. REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. All fees should be paid to the Accountant, Canadian National Live Stock Records, and may be sent by Postal Note, Post Office Money Order, Express Money Order, Bank Money Order or certified Bank Cheque, payable at par in Ottawa, Ontario and they shall forthwith be deposited by him to the credit of the Association in a chartered bank selected by the Record Committee.
2. In case fees are received by the Treasurer of this Association, they shall immediately be forwarded to the Accountant, Canadian National Live Stock Records, for deposit.

## 26. FEES

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Annual .....	\$100.00
Membership when taken out before January 31 <sup>st</sup> .....	75.00
Membership when taken out by a <u>new member</u> before July 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	75.00
Membership when taken out by a <u>new member</u> after July 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	35.00
Annual (non-resident) .....	12.50

(Which includes subscription to the Bulletin)

**REGISTRATION:**

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
Registration, each animal .....	\$2.00	\$4.00
Monthly Report of Births .....	FREE	FREE
Transfers .....	2.00	4.00
Ranch Name .....	10.00	20.00
Transfer of Ranch Name .....	10.00	20.00
Registration of tattoo letters .....	7.50	15.00
Transfer of tattoo letters .....	7.50	15.00
Duplicate Certificate .....	2.00	4.00
Registration of lease .....	2.00	4.00

Each Transfer of ownership to wind up an estate, or where a father takes a son into partnership or where a son enters into partnership with a father or from a father to one of his children, or where a company changes its name, or where a partnership is dissolved and a transfer made of the partnership animals to one or more continuing partners, provided that in no case does any financial consideration pass .....\$1.00

To NON-MEMBERS: Double the above fees in all cases.

27. SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS, DEFINITIONS

(a) **Suspended Members:** A suspended member is a member who has been suspended by the Board of Directors, or who is automatically suspended because he has not conformed to the rules and regulations of this Association as set forth in this constitution, or who as a member, has been placed on probation by the Registration Committee or by the Record Committee.

(b) **Suspended Registrations:** A suspended registration is a registration of pedigree or transfer that has been placed under suspension by the Board of Directors or by the Canadian National Live Stock Records on account of some irregularity, such suspension to remain until same has been lifted by resolution of the Board of Directors or of the Executive Committee.

(c) An expelled person is one who has been deprived of the privileges of the Association indefinitely.

28. NON-MEMBERS

Any person not a member of this Association, registering and transferring Chinchilla on the records of the Association shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as a member except as otherwise specifically provided for.

## 29. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

1. Any member who violates any rule or regulation of this constitution is automatically suspended and deprived from any of the rights and privileges of a member in good standing.

2. Registration or transfer of ownership of a Chinchilla is made on the understanding that the particulars given on the application are correct. If it is subsequently discovered that the particulars given are incorrect or fraudulent, the registration or transfer shall be suspended by the Canadian National Live Stock Records and cancelled by this organization. Pedigrees recorded incorrectly may be cancelled and re-recorded by the owner or by the Canadian National Live Stock Records at the expense of the original applicant for registration or transfer, but it is understood that neither this organization nor the Canadian National Live Stock Records shall be held responsible for any loss or damage that may be sustained through suspension, cancellation or correction of any registration or transfer.

3. When as a result of an inspection of the manner in which private ranch records are being kept, and identification practiced by any rancher, it is shown that the regulations in that regard as laid down herein are not being observed, the Board of Directors may immediately suspend or expel such rancher, if a member, and if not a member further registrations and transfers may be refused, and if such inspection should reveal that the private ranch records and identification system as practiced by such rancher are in such a state of confusion as to raise a doubt as to the identity of any number or all of the Chinchillas in the ranch, the Board of Directors may suspend the pedigree of any number or all Chinchillas involved.

4. The following extracts from the Livestock Pedigree Act to which all breeders are subject:

16. (1) "Except as authorized by this Act, where an Association for a specified breed exists, no person shall in respect of that breed conduct a book of record or issue a certificate of registration or any document purporting to be a certificate of breeding".

16. (2) "Every person who violates this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, or to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months".

17. (1) "Every person who

(a) knowingly signs or presents, or causes or procures to be signed or presented, to the recording officer of an association or to the person

in charge of the Canadian National Live Stock Records, any declaration or any application for registration or any transfer of ownership respecting any animals containing any material false statement or representation”.

(b) “knowingly represents that a certificate of registration applies to an animal other than the one in respect of which it was issued;

(c) falsifies or alters a certificate of registration or of a transfer or of any document of or pertaining to a purebred animal registered in the records of an association;

(d) sells as purebred an animal that is not identified as prescribed by the by-laws of any association;

(e) sells as purebred or contracts to sell as purebred any animal of a class or breed in respect of which an association has been incorporated, without furnishing, or agreeing as an integral part of the contract of sale to furnish the certificate of registration, together with the duly recorded transfer of ownership thereof, to the actual buyer; or

(f) sells as purebred or contracts to sell as purebred any animal of a class or breed in respect of which an association has been incorporated, that is not registered or eligible for registration as purebred by the association:

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months”.

17. (2) “Any animal owned in Canada of a class or breed for which no record exists in Canada, and duly registered in a foreign book of record recognized as authentic by the Minister shall for the purpose of this section, be deemed to be purebred”.

18. “Every person who uses without authority the name of the Canadian National Live Stock Records, Canadian National Live Stock Board, Canadian National Live Stock Record Committee, or any of the associations, or any name so nearly resembling any of those names that it is likely to deceive the public, is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months.

19. “Every person who violates any provision of this Act in respect of which no penalty is elsewhere provided in this Act is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars”.

20. “Section Eleven Hundred and Forty-two of the Criminal Code does not apply to proceedings in respect of an offence under this Act”.

30.

Wherever the context permits in this constitution, the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine the feminine and neuter.

Wherever the word “animal” is used in this constitution, it refers to “Chinchilla”.