



**BYLAWS**  
**RED & WHITE DAIRY CATTLE ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
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**ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation shall be Red & White Dairy Cattle Association.

**ARTICLE II**

The location of this corporation shall be at Kansas City, Missouri, and at such other place or places within or without the state of Missouri as the Directors of the corporation may determine.

**ARTICLE III**

**OBJECTS**

Prominent among the objects of the corporation shall be the following:

1. To encourage and promote the breeding and development of a new breed of Red & White dairy cattle, hereinafter referred to as Red & Whites, that measure up to a high standard production of milk and butterfat and possess good utility value.
2. To make or cause to be made by itself or in conjunction with other agencies or associations adequate provisions for the registration and transfer of pedigrees, and the recording of milk records of Red & Whites.
3. To make or cause to be made scientific and statistical studies of the ability of Red & Whites to produce milk efficiently, to encourage and promote the exhibition and public recognition of Red & Whites having desirable qualifications for such production, to prepare and cause to be disseminated descriptions by pictures and otherwise of desirable or model types of such cattle.
4. To encourage the use of semen for artificial insemination from high quality Red & White bulls, thereby facilitating breed improvement.
5. To print and distribute or cause to be printed and distributed such publications relating to Red & White cattle as may be desirable to advertise and promote the breeding thereof.

**ARTICLE IV**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Individuals, partnerships and corporations eligible to membership in the association shall include persons, firms, and corporations of good repute actively engaged in breeding, owning and handling Red and Whites, or semen thereof.

Section 2. Memberships may be granted by the secretary to eligible persons, firms, or corporations, upon payment of the membership fee, if any, prescribed by the Board of Directors. Such membership shall remain in force and effect until cancelled or disapproved by the Board of Directors or terminated in the manner or under the circumstances set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Owners of memberships in the Association shall be entitled to register animals, record pedigrees and transfers, record milk records of qualified Red & Whites at rates prescribed by the Board of Directors. Family operations shall be permitted to register animals, record pedigrees or transfers under one membership.

Section 4. A junior member shall be defined as a boy or girl from nine (9) years of age until December 31 of the year they become twenty-one (21). Boys and girls, one of whose parents is a bona fide member of the

Association, shall be entitled to register animals, record pedigrees and transfers and shall be called Junior Members. Juniors whose parents are not bona fide members may apply for membership in the Association. Fee for application is set by the Board of Directors and proof of age must accompany application. The junior member must at all times abide by the Bylaws and Rules of Registry of this Association.

Junior membership does not entitle the junior member to voting privileges or a subscription to breed publications. Junior members are entitled to member rates for registry.

When a junior membership expires, a junior member may become a regular member of the Association by paying the proper fee.

Section 5. Membership shall be non-transferable and shall be automatically cancelled upon the death of the member (or dissolution of corporation or partnership, if held by a corporation or partnership) except that estates of deceased members may continue under the decedent's membership, provided the dues are current, for a period of twenty-four (24) months following the date of death. Upon cancellation of a membership, such membership may be reinstated only upon approval of the Board of Directors. In the event a membership shall lapse the membership may be reinstated by the secretary at any time the owner wishes and pays the annual dues for the current year.

Section 6. The annual fee or dues for members shall include a subscription to regular publications of the Association and shall be in an amount determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. In case of fraud or deception committed by any member of the Association recording with the Association or owning Red & Whites recorded by the Association, either in the handling, breeding, sale of cattle or of semen, exhibition or recording of such cattle, or in the keeping or recording or presenting for record of milk or butterfat records, or in case of failure to furnish certificates or transfers of cattle sold and represented as recorded in the Red & White Herd Book within a reasonable time or for violation of any rule, regulation or Bylaw of the Association, the Secretary may suspend services to such person when the facts warrant such action, pending a review by the Board of Directors of any evidence pertinent to such situations. A person, firm or corporation to whom such services have been suspended may request in writing a hearing before the Board of Directors upon charges to be preferred by the Secretary and any ruling, either suspension, expulsion, or reprimand, made by the Board of Directors shall be final. A record of any suspension or expulsion or order refusing to permit use of the services and facilities of the Association shall, if entered, be made upon the membership record card of the member kept by the Association.

Alteration of certificates of recordation or registration or transfers not made or authorized by the Secretary or Registrar or fraud in connection with applications for such certificates or transfers shall, upon action by the Secretary to that effect, render such certificates or transfers invalid.

If satisfactory proof is presented to the Secretary or Registrar of fraudulent recordation or registration of a pedigree or transfer the Secretary or Registrar is authorized to strike the same from the records and to recall for cancellation the certificate issued by the Association. Any action of the Secretary or Registrar in such cases shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors at a hearing to be held upon demand of the interested parties.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members of the Association and five (5) directors shall constitute a quorum. The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Directors shall be elected for (3) year terms upon the expiration of the terms of existing Directors. Directors shall be elected by ballot, said ballots to be in the Association office thirty (30) days prior to the annual membership meeting, with terms of office herein prescribed. Results of the election shall be announced at the annual membership meeting. Upon being elected, a director shall appoint an alternate director who shall have full voting privileges at any meeting where the director is not in attendance. Vacancies on the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation or removal shall be filled by a member of the Association elected by the remaining members of the Board to serve the remainder of the term. No Director shall receive remuneration for his services as Director. The expenses of Directors incurred in attending meetings may be paid by the Association at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held each year upon call by the President within three days prior to the annual meeting of the Association and also directly subsequent to the conclusion

thereof, at which latter meeting the Board by majority of votes shall select officers of the Association, including a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Any two offices except the offices of President and Vice President may be held by one individual. The Board of Directors may elect such other officers, including an assistant secretary or treasurer or registrar as may be deemed necessary. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors for terms of one year unless otherwise specified by the Board. The President and Vice President shall be elected from Board members. The Secretary and Treasurer may or may not be members of the Board.

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President and shall be called upon request of five members thereof expressed in writing.

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held by teleconference or videoconference. Such a meeting must be conducted by a technology that allows all persons participating to hear each other at the same time (and, if a videoconference, to see each other as well).

Section 3. The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee consisting of three (3) persons, one of whom shall be the President. The other two are to be elected from among the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may delegate such powers and duties as it deems necessary to the Executive Committee. The Board of Directors may also appoint such additional committees as they deem necessary at any regular or special meeting.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to adopt, amend and alter rules and regulations relating to (1) the issuance of registration or recordation certificates; (2) the recording of milk records; (3) classification on a herd or individual plan; and (4) such other matters and things of general application to the breeders and owners of Red & Whites that may be within the general authority of the Board of Directors in carrying out the functions and powers of the Association. All such rules and regulations with respect to registrations or recordations, recording of milk records or classification adopted by the Board of Directors shall be and remain binding upon the membership of the Association and non-members who desire to use such registry, recording, or classification system, until and unless changed, altered or amended by action of the membership at a special or regular meeting of the Association. The Board of Directors may establish separate schedules of fees, rates, and charges payable by non-members of the Association for the use of the registration, recording or classification services established and maintained by the Association or may deny non-members the right to such services of the Association. The Board of Directors may establish separate and distinct types of registry and recording of cattle with different privileges and effect, including a tentative registry or birth recordation, an advanced recordation or registry or a permanent registry, or such types of registry as the Board may deem necessary, subject to authority of the membership to make changes therein at any annual or special meeting.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall direct and supervise the publishing of any publications of the Association.

Section 6. The Board of Directors shall manage the business and affairs of the Association and shall have power to purchase or otherwise acquire, lease, sell, convey, transfer, assign, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber or deal in any property or rights, interests, or privileges of the Association, upon such price as the Board sees fit; and the Board shall have the power to authorize the borrowing of money for Association purposes, and execution in the name of the Association of evidence of the indebtedness.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and such other officers, including assistants or a registrar, as may be from time to time specified by the Board of Directors. Such officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors for terms of one (1) year unless otherwise specified by the Board. Any two offices may be held by the same person, except the office of president and vice president.

Section 2. The president shall be the principal executive officer and shall have the general supervision and control of the business and affairs under the direction of the Board. He shall call and preside at meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Association and perform such other business as may be specified in the Bylaws, directed by the Board, or as naturally pertain to his office. Committees may be appointed by the president and are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The vice president shall perform the duties of the president when he is unable to act, and such other duties, as directed by the Board, or as naturally pertain to his office.

Section 4. The secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of the Association, conduct the necessary correspondence of the office, care properly for the records of the Association and perform any such other duties as may be prescribed by the Bylaws, by the Board of Directors, or as naturally pertain to such an office.

Section 5. The treasurer shall receive all money of the Association and account for same, pay all expenses of the Association, keeping adequate records as prescribed by the Board of Directors of the financial affairs, and shall make a complete financial report at the annual meeting. The treasurer shall also mail each Director a financial report giving such information and at such times as the Board of Directors may require. Books of the treasurer shall be audited each year by a competent public accountant if directed by the Board. The treasurer shall give such surety bond as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **FINANCES**

Section 1. After the necessary expenses of the Association have been met, surplus funds, if any, shall under the direction of the Board of Directors be held or expended for the promotion of the interests of the breed, and shall not, in any event inure to the personal financial benefit of any member.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Section 1. The annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Special meetings shall be called by the President on request of ten (10) members in writing setting forth the reasons therefor, or may be called by the Board of Directors at any time.

Section 2. Ten members, or the majority of the members of the Association, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting or special meeting. A member must be present in order to vote, except for election of directors as prescribed in Article V, Section 1. Attendance at a meeting shall constitute waiver of notice of such meeting. The affirmative vote of the majority of the members voting thereon shall be required on any matter, except amendments to the articles of incorporation which shall require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members voting thereon.

Section 3. The order of business at the annual meetings insofar as same may be practicable shall be (1) roll call of members;

(2) reading of the minutes of the previous meeting; (3) reports of officers; (4) reports of committees; (5) election of directors; (6) unfinished business; (7) new business.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **AMENDMENTS**

Bylaws may be adopted, altered, or amended by majority vote of the Board of Directors, provided that any such action with respect to the Bylaws shall be reported at the next annual meeting of the members and in the event a majority of members voting at such meeting disapprove of such action, the same shall be null and void. The Articles of Incorporation may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the members or at any special meeting called for that purpose. Any amendment must first be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors and then adopted by a vote representing two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Association voting thereon.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **FISCAL YEAR**

Except as from time to time otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, the fiscal year shall be from July 1 through June 30.



**RULES OF REGISTRY  
(ADOPTED 7-22-98; EFFECTIVE 10-1-98;  
AMENDED 3-18-99, 4-4-03)**

The Red & White Dairy Cattle Association (RWDCA) has established a herd book to register Red & White dairy cattle and certain other cattle and to maintain these records for future generations. Only animals from approved dairy breeds will be accepted for registry. A complete list of Approved Breeds will be maintained by the RWDCA and may be amended at any time by action of the board of directors. The herd book will consist of two divisions, the Red Registry and the Extended Registry.

The Red Registry shall include all animals that are red & white, solid red or solid white in color. Red & white is defined as ranging from very light yellow/rust to deep red. The Extended Registry shall include all animals that do not meet the color requirements for the red registry.

Percentage of breed bloodlines will be recorded and listed on the registry certificate. Any breed percentage two or less will be dropped and added to the predominant breed. Letter abbreviations for breeds will be determined, in part, by accepted industry standards.

Animals in either registry division will be eligible for all programs of the RWDCA except RWDCA-sponsored shows. Animals eligible for shows must be registered in the Red Registry and must be true red and white, solid red or solid white in color.

Approved Breeds

The following have been accepted as Approved Breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Red Dane, Angler, Swedish Red, Norwegian Red, Illawarra, Aussie Red, Rouge Flammande, Normande, Lineback, Meuse-Rhine-Issel, Dutch Belted, Gelbvieh, Red Poll, Simmental, White Park, and Montbeliarde.

Integration of Current Herd Book

Offspring of any animal currently registered in the RWDCA will be eligible for registry provided approved breeds are used in future generations. Animals identified as Friesian (breed letter designated as F) shall be changed to Holstein (breed letter designated as H). Animals currently registered as RW100 or CF100 shall be designated as H100. Those animals registered as red and white or red shall be entered into the Red Registry; all other animals shall be entered into the Extended Registry.

Application for Registry

1. Application must be made on the form provided by the RWDCA, DHIA application, photocopy of approved breed certificate, or other form approved by the board of directors.
2. The application for registry shall state the bloodlines of the ancestors of the animal. If either the sire or dam of any animal is registered in the RWDCA, this name and registry number must be used. If either the sire or dam is registered in another breed association, that name and registry number must be used. If either the sire or dam is unregistered, an identification number must be given on the application. This identification number must be a number not duplicated on any other animal in the herd. If no identification number is given the sire and/or dam will be listed on the certificate of registry as "unknown".
3. All cattle shall be named and may not consist of more than 30 spaces, including suffixes. Names shall not duplicate names of animals previously registered. The following suffixes are required:
  - RED designates red & white or red animal
  - RC designates known red-carrier animal
  - TW designates twin
  - TR designates triplet

- ET designates embryo transfer
  - \*BR designates animal born red that turns black (black-red) or black & white animal that carries the black-red gene
  - \*BC designates red and white animal that carries black gene
  - \*BP designates animal that displays brindle (black stripes) pattern
  - \*TD designates DUMPS negative
  - \*DP designates DUMPS positive
  - \*TL designates BLADS negative
  - \*BL designates BLADS positive
4. Breeder's prefix (herd name) must be kept as the first part of the animal's name.
  5. The breeder of an animal (the owner of dam at time of breeding) or his authorized representative must sign each application for registry, or a breeding slip must be included. Offspring of leased females cannot be registered by any person other than the owner of record, except by written permission of the lessor. Lessee's prefix may be used upon written permission of the lessor.
  6. Offspring of a dam registered in the Red & White Dairy Cattle Association must be registered to the owner of dam at time of calving.
  7. Required identification shall be one of the following:
    - a) sketches of both sides
    - b) one photo of one side
    - c) photocopy of approved breed certificate markings
    - d) solid-colored animals must be identified with a unique tattoo or RWDCA-approved ID eartag
    - e) RWDCA-approved ID eartag

The RWDCA reserves the right to reject illegible markings.
  8. Applications may be rejected where, due to birthdates or other irregularities, they are deemed to be unreliable by the registrar. It is provided, however, that a request for review may be made to the Executive Committee or the board of directors. Applications shall include the following statement: "I hereby certify to the truth and accuracy of the data given above and offer this animal for entry in the records, and in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, by-laws, and rules of registry of the Red & White Dairy Cattle Association. I also certify that careful comparison of the diagrams or photographs of the color markings with the animal has been made and found to be correct. I accept full responsibility for any damages resulting from inaccurate breeding information. In addition, I agree that all records on the animals in my herd, whether made by me or others, including production records, may be obtained by the Red & White Dairy Cattle Association in its programs."

### Certificates

All registry certificates shall include color, sex, birthdate, eartag number or tattoo, as well as the required identification listed above. Breeder's name and address will be given. The registry status shall be indicated on the certificate. All registry certificates shall show the percentage of breed bloodlines as stipulated in the rules of registry. If animal is naturally polled, the word "polled" shall appear on the certificate.

### Transfer of Ownership

1. Sale of all animals registered in the Red & White Dairy Cattle Association should be reported to the Association within 60 days of sale. The fee for transfer of ownership reported within 60 days of sale shall be less than the fee for sales reported after 60 days, said fees to be prescribed by the board of directors.
2. Transfer of ownership shall be made on forms supplied by the Association and the seller is expected to furnish the buyer promptly with a transferred certificate giving the correct date of sale and paying the fee unless stipulated when the animal is sold that the buyer is responsible for transfer fee. Within-family transfers will be a lesser fee than the regular transfer fee. Any transfer may be cancelled by the secretary or registrar upon application by both parties or upon application of one party and due notice given to the other party. Transfers will be cancelled only for error or where delivery of the animal was not consummated.

### Registry of Herd Name

The Association shall maintain a list of reserved herd names which may not be infringed upon. Breeders may register their herd name (prefix) at no charge. Members of an immediate family may, by written consent of

the prefix holder, use the same herd prefix. Principle owner of farm must be given if the animals are registered in the farm name.

#### Fraud or Deception

The provisions of the by-laws with respect to fraud and deception shall be applicable.

#### Fees

The board of directors have the power to establish fees for registration, transfers, type appraisal, and other registry work. All fees must accompany the work to be completed by the Association unless accounts have been previously opened, checks made payable to the Red & White Dairy Cattle Association (RWDCA).

#### Bloodtyping

1. All bulls whose semen is used artificially must be bloodtyped by a duly authorized laboratory and said type be recorded.
2. The Association recommends, but does not require, that all bulls used for breeding be bloodtyped for future reference.
3. At the discretion of the board of directors, a random sampling bloodtyping program may be activated on progeny registered in the Red & White Dairy Cattle Association.

#### Registration of female born twin to male

A female born twin to male cannot be registered until she is proven to be a breeder by blood test, veterinarian examination, or is pregnancy checked by a veterinarian. Veterinarian's statement must accompany application for registry.

#### Procedure for Embryo Transfer

Detailed embryo transfer regulations are available from the RWDCA upon request.

#### Registry of Cloned Cattle

Detailed regulations for registry of cloned cattle are available from the RWDCA upon request.

#### Issue date on certificate of registry

Effective July 1, 1996, the issue date used on certificates will be the date that the registry is completed.

#### Random Sample Blood Typing

On May 1, 1998, a "spotcheck" blood typing program was activated wherein approximately one in 1000 females will be selected at random to be blood typed to verify parentage.

#### Resolving Errors in Registry

The following two-step policy to resolve registry errors was adopted on April 5, 1997:

1. A letter is to be written to the owner requesting that the discrepancy be checked and verification of the correct information be sent to the RWDCA.
2. If no response is received to the first letter, a second letter shall be sent stating that the situation must be rectified or, upon board action, all animals concerned will be expunged from the records of the RWDCA.

### **APPROVED BREEDS AND LETTER DESIGNATION**

Ayrshire	A	Dutch Belted	DB
Brown Swiss	B	Gelbvieh	GV
Guernsey	G	Red Poll	RP
Holstein	H	Simmental	SM
Jersey	J	White Park	WP
Milking Shorthorn	M	Montbeliarde	MO
Danish Red	D		
Angler	AN		
Swedish Red	SR		
Norwegian Red	NR		
Illawarra	I		
Aussie Red	AR		
Rouge Flammande	RF		
Normande	NM		
Lineback	L		
Meuse-Rhine-Issel	MR		