



**Pound Bylaws for the
MGySgt Ralph Hoffmann Pound 335
Florida Pack, The Villages, Florida**

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PREAMBLE TO THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws will not amend or delete any Kennel or Pack of FL Bylaws. The bylaws are enacted to ensure that every Dog in Pound 335 is treated fairly and equally. They are for the good of the Pound and the members of Pound 335.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 100 – Membership

Membership in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall be open to any regular member of the Marine Corps League. At the time of application, applicants shall be in compliance with the requirements of Article 1, Section 101- Eligibility, as defined by the Kennel bylaws.

All new applicants for membership must have two Dog Catchers and be accepted by Pound 335's membership at a Pound Growl.

Section 110 – Dues

Annual dues are due on September 1 of each year.

ARTICLE II - POUND

Section 200 – Definition

This Pound of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs shall correspond in character and function in this Order, as does the Detachment in the Marine Corps League's organization. The Pound's name shall be the MGySgt Ralph Hoffmann Pound 335.

Section 205 – Quorum

A quorum of Pound 335 shall consist of at least five (5) members, with two (2) of them being officers of the Pound.

NOTE: An official Growl requires the presence of three "sacred" articles and the American Flag: The Holy Bible, the Charter, or a copy, and the Bone signifying the Presiding Officer's authority. The absence of these three (3) sacred articles will render the assemblage an informal gathering. Reference: Kennel Bylaws Section 216: Growl of the Pound and the 2024 Kennel Ritual Manual, Opening Ceremony.

Section 210 – Vacating Office

Any Officer of Pound 335 who absents themselves from two consecutive growls without a valid reason shall have that office declared vacant by the Pound Keeper. The Pound Keeper, with the approval of the Pound Staff, shall appoint a new officer for the remaining term of office, as stated in Article Two, Section 213 of the Kennel Bylaws.

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via live
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Section 220 – Growls

Pound 335 will meet every other month at such time and place to be determined by the Pound Board of Trustees, subject to change by the Pound Keeper and BOT, and upon notification to the membership. The Pound Board of Trustees and appointed Staff will meet no less than four times per year, but may meet more frequently at the Pound Keeper's discretion.

ARTICLE III - Fiscal and Finance

Section 300 – Fiscal Year

The Fiscal Year of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs is identical to the Marine Corps League's Fiscal Year. It starts on **July 1** and ends the following **June 30**. Membership dues are payable by **September 1** of each year, per Kennel Bylaws.

Section 301 – Revenue

The revenue of the Pound shall be derived from the collection of membership dues, fines assessed during the Growl, and from other sources as approved by a majority vote of the membership at a Pound Growl.

Section 302 – Increase in Dues

Membership Dues are payable on or before 1 September. Any increase of membership dues must be approved by the majority of the membership attending a Growl of the Pound.

Section 303 – Fines

No fine shall violate the Kennel Bylaws or guidelines. Each infraction in Pound 335 shall be one Big Bone, with a maximum of one Big Bone at a time. This means the same dog can be fined again for other infractions or disruptions at another time during the Growl.

Section 304 – Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses incurred by Officers of Pound 335 and selected Committee chairpersons shall be reimbursable for expenses incurred during the performance of their duties. The expenses covered will include postage, copying, and other supplies required to meet the duties of their office (i.e., sick/get well cards and replenishment of the Pound Quartermaster supplies). All reimbursable expense vouchers shall be submitted to the Pound Dog Robber with original receipts.

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Section 305 – Expense Budget for Pound Keeper and BOT

The Pound Keeper is authorized to spend up to \$150.00 Bones each fiscal year to support short-notice expenditures that would benefit the Pound. The Pound Board of Trustees is authorized to spend up to \$300.00 Bones each fiscal year to support expenditures that would benefit the Pound. A majority vote of the membership attending a Pound Growl must approve all expenditures above \$300.

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Section 306 – Developing Annual Budget

The Pound Dog Robber and members of the Pound Board of Trustees shall develop an annual budget based on the Pound's expected revenues and past budget performance. In addition, any new or unusual revenues or expenditures that are anticipated should be included. The Pound Board of Trustees will review this budget at their April Staff Growl. The annual budget with adjustments will be presented to the Pound membership at the May Growl of the Pound and voted on for approval. Should further adjustments need to be made, the final annual budget will be presented to the membership for approval at the Pound's July growl.

Section 307 – Audit

The financial records of the Pound will be audited semiannually, in December and May of the current fiscal year. The Pound Dog Robber will provide a Report on the audits to the membership at two (2) Growls of the Pound during the fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV – DISCIPLINE

Remove
Discipline,
Added
Offenses.
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Section 400 – Offenses

The offenses recognized and punishable by this Order, as defined in Article X, Section 1001 of the Kennel bylaws, will strengthen the right to discipline where the oath of the Military Order of the Dog unequivocally is circumvented and or another member or member's family is wronged or injured by word, act, or deed by any member. This oath is to be strictly adhered to, especially at the time and selection of awards. Every member should be elected or receive an award on their merit, not at others' discredit.

Section 401 Charges

Charges shall be in writing in triplicate, signed by the plaintiff and filed with the Dog Robber. The Dog Robber shall supply one copy of the charges to the Defendant.



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Section 402 - Procedures for Charges

The Staff at the level of jurisdiction, the Pound, shall act as the Trial Board. All hearings of the trial shall be open to all Devil Dogs: Reference: Article Ten (10) Section 1003 of the Kennel bylaws.

ARTICLE V – ADVANCEMENTS

Section 500 - Degree Advancements Requirements

No Devil Dog or Pup in Pound 335 shall advance a degree without attending at least 3 Pound Growls in the year of the Convention in which they are applying to advance. The Dog must also have participated in Pound functions.

Section 501 – Recommendation for Advancement

The Pound officers shall discuss the advancement and vote whether to recommend advancement.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Section 600 – Amending Bylaws

The Bylaws can be amended at a regular or specially called Growl of the Pound. The amendment will require a two-thirds majority of the members of Pound 335, attending said Growl, provided that the proposed amendment(s) have been submitted in writing to the Pound Smart Dog and read at the preceding regular Growl, or specially called Growl of the Pound. The Pound Smart Dog shall add the matter to the agenda for the next Growl. A time period for discussion may be set by motion, at the expiration of which a show of paws will indicate acceptance or rejection.

ARTICLE VII – SUPERSESSION

Section 700 – Adoption of Bylaws

These Bylaws, upon adoption, repeal and supersede any other Bylaws of Pound 335, together with any amendments made to such prior Bylaws.



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Pound Bylaws Approval

The Pound Bylaws were presented to the membership of the MGySgt Ralph Hoffmann Pound 335, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League at the regularly scheduled growl held in The Villages, FL on June 2, 2025, and were voted and approved on 06/02/2025

Certification:

I, PDD Luis Cambal 20-027, Pound Keeper of the MGySgt Ralph Hoffmann Pound 335, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League, do hereby certify that the Bylaws were approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership present

Luis Cambal Date: 6-2-25

PDD Luis Cambal 20-027

Pound Keeper, MGySgt Ralph Hoffmann Pound 335

Attest:

PDD Lou Calleja 00-172, Smart Dog of the MGySgt Ralph Hoffmann Pound 335, Military Order of the Devil Dogs, Marine Corps League

Lou Calleja Date: 6/2/2025

PDD Lou Calleja 00-172

Smart Dog, MGySgt Ralph Hoffmann Pound 335