

Carleton University Animal Rights Club Constitution

Article I

Name of the Organization

The Organization shall be known as the Carleton University Animal Rights Club, and herein be referred to as “The Organization”

Article II

Purpose of the Organization

The organization shall work towards promoting animal rights both on and off campus and also build a community around this mission.

Article III

Structure

The General Membership shall be the legislative body of the organization and shall be composed of all members.

The Executives shall be the Administrative body of the organization and shall be composed of members elected by the General Membership.

Article IV

Membership

There shall be one level of membership within the organization.

Membership in the organization shall be valid from September to August.

If a member of the organization violates the organization’s Constitution or any of CUSA’s governing documents, and disciplinary action is being considered, the Executive shall submit a complaint regarding the matter to the Club’s Oversight Committee per the Club’s Sanctioning Procedure.

Article V

Executives

The role of the president is to oversee all operations within the organization and to make sure the proper functioning of events, communication, and all other aspects.

The VP Finance is responsible for tracking all expenses and reporting them to CUSA to be reimbursed, they also keep track of the bank account designated to our club and all that happens within it.

The VP events comes up with ideas for events, plans events, and attends events to ensure they run smoothly. This may also involve liaising with outside organizations or the U Ottawa Animal Rights Association. There is no minimum requirement for events that need to be planned each semester.

Article VI

Meetings

It takes only the president to call a meeting, and information will be sent over email about a Zoom meeting to the mailing list of people who requested to be on our mailing list and our social media channels. They are open to everyone. At a minimum, an email should be sent out before a meeting.

Article VII

Leadership Succession

Executives can occupy their positions for 1 academic year from September to August and then a meeting will be called to reorganize leadership. Leader succession will be held each September and two weeks notice will be given by email sent to the email list of club members. Any general member can apply to be an executive.

Consensus Based

The Organization has chosen to run a Consensus Based process for its Leadership Succession. The following are the steps necessary to facilitate a Consensus Based process.

1. All club members would be informed more than a week in advance of a meeting to attempt to decide the future leadership of the club in a consensus fashion and of a meeting location, with virtual options available for those unable to attend in person
2. The club membership may work towards consensus across multiple meetings
3. If successful, the members shall also designate a member to inform the Student Groups Administrator
4. If unsuccessful, the outgoing club president shall inform the Student Groups Administrator that the group will either pursue an election or ask for permission to have an application and interview process.

Article VIII

Impeachment

Ground for impeachment includes any sort of harassment, abuse, stealing, or illegal actions. Additionally, executives that fail to complete tasks or who are unable to maintain consistent communication with the others may be impeached. An

impeachment verdict will be reached by club consensus, and notice will be given 5 days beforehand.

Article IX

Amendments

To change the amendment a vote should be called from everyone who is a member and there must be a majority vote to make an amendment official.

Article X

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Organization, all assets gained through CUSA shall be returned to CUSA and all other assets shall be given to Animal Justice.