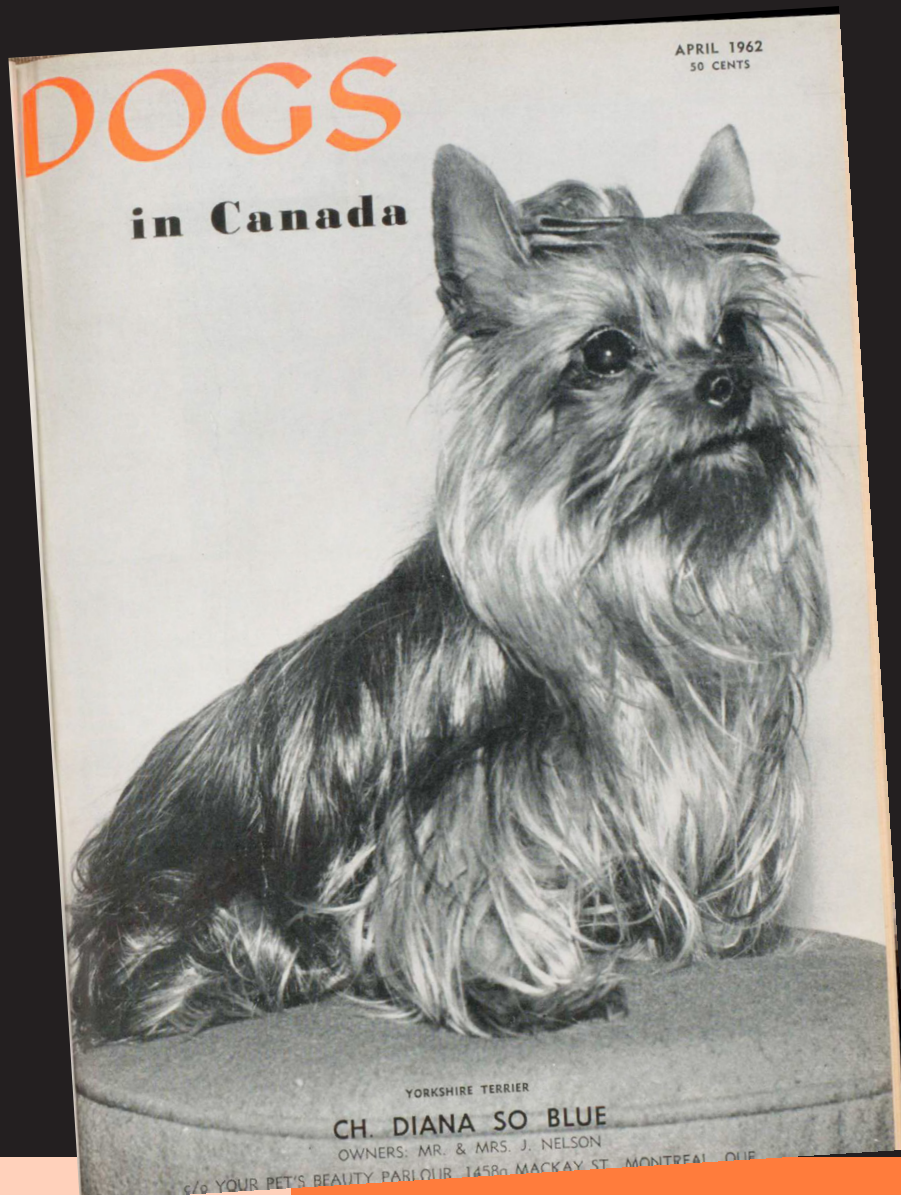




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CKC LAUNCHES FIRST OFFICIAL RESPIRATORY FUNCTION GRADING SCHEME SCREENING CLINIC

March 11 & 12, 2023

*In conjunction with the Scarborough Kennel Club
All-Breed Championship Dog Shows
Lindsay Exhibition Grounds, The Commonwealth Mutual
Insurance Building
354 Angeline Street South, Lindsay, Ontario*

*(Anticipated clinic hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday
and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday)*

The Canadian Kennel Club is thrilled to partner with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) to bring the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFG Scheme) to Canada — beginning with the first official screening clinic in March 2023. OFA licensed the RFG Scheme for North America in late 2022 and launched its first official RFG Scheme screening in January 2023. This development follows many discussions about the RFG Scheme between CKC, the UK Kennel Club and the University of Cambridge — with the support of CKC's Brachycephalic Breeds Advocacy Committee. CKC recognizes the importance of this initiative, to support members in promoting and preserving the health and wellbeing of all purebred dogs, including brachycephalic (short-nosed) breeds.

CKC was pleased to sponsor Canadian lead examiner, Dr. Allison Collier, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph, to train in Portland, OR with OFA-trained lead examiners at the US launch. Dr. Collier's experience was positive, and she looks forward to mentoring other Canadian veterinarians this year. CKC is also pleased to have Dr. Ameet Singh, DVM, Professor of Small Animal Surgery, University of Guelph, on board as a Canadian lead examiner for the RFG Scheme in Canada. This is the first of several RFG Scheme screening clinics to be planned this year.

There is no charge for the OFA registration or exam at CKC's first official RFG Scheme screening clinic. At future events, the standard OFA registration will be \$15 USD and the veterinary exam fees will be set by each examining veterinarian.

How to Register

Login to your OFA account, or if a new user, register for an OFA Online Account at <https://online.ofa.org/login/>.

Registration questions can be directed to Richard Paquette at zone4director@ckc.ca.

For more information about the RFG Scheme, [click here](#).

About the RFG Scheme

The RFG Scheme, also known as Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway System (BOAS) Testing, was developed by researchers at the University of Cambridge in the UK as an objective test to measure the clinical diagnosis and severity of BOAS. The purpose of the RFG Scheme is to increase understanding about the condition, increase awareness, and ultimately reduce the incidence of BOAS. In addition, responsible breeders may use the tool to screen their breeding stock and include the results in their selection criteria.

Supporting Breed Health

Supporting members in promoting and preserving the health and wellbeing of all purebred dogs, including brachycephalic breeds, is a key area of focus for CKC. In 2022, CKC hosted breed club webinars and a national symposium on healthy dog breeding, in collaboration with subject matter experts such as breed clubs of brachycephalic breeds, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), the International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) and Royal Canin. CKC is also developing an Integrated Breed Health Program (more information on this initiative will be available in the coming months), that includes breeder education, breed health strategies, a DNA program, and more, to compliment initiatives like the RFG Scheme and support member breeders with ongoing science-based education and best practices.

We will continue to work with the national breed clubs for the Pug, Bulldog and French Bulldog to arrange additional events and collaborate with key stakeholders to promote and preserve the health and wellbeing of all purebred dogs, including brachycephalic breeds. Watch for more details in the weeks ahead.

NOTICE TO CONFORMATION JUDGES AND CLUBS RE: NEW BREEDS – JUDGING PANEL APPLICATIONS

This is a reminder that the following breeds became eligible for competition in 2022 and 2023:

**Yakutian Laika
Biewer Terrier
Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen
Appenzeller Sennenhund
Bergamasco Shepherd Dog**

In accordance with CKC policy, CKC All Breed Judges and Breed/Group Judges that are licensed or on permit to judge groups in which these new breeds have been designated, will be required to successfully complete an Open Book Test.

Notices were sent out to all Conformation Judges each time the required Open Book Test became available.

The Breed Standards and Open Book Tests for all of these breeds, with the exception of the Yakutian Laika, are available on the CKC website under Events, CKC Breed Standards, New Breed Open Book Test.

For the Yakutian Laika Open Book Test please e-mail information@ckc.ca with the subject line Yakutian Laika.

This reminder is being sent as many Judging Panel Applications are being held up due to the fact that judges have not completed the Open Book Tests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the staff in the Event Planning Department in Shows and Trials. The completed tests can be e-mailed to: eventapps@ckc.ca.

GOVERNMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA TO REVISIT DEVELOPMENT OF PET ESTABLISHMENT REGULATIONS

CKC recently learned that the Government of Nova Scotia is considering re-forming the Minister's Forum on Animal Welfare given renewed interest regarding the development of regulations for pet establishments under the Animal Protection Act. We have been in touch with the Minister's office to offer our assistance and expertise on this matter.

As you may know, CKC's Zone 1 Director, Frank MacArthur, was invited to join a sub-committee of the Minister's Forum in 2021 to draft recommendations on the regulation and licensing of pet establishments in Nova Scotia. CKC and our members support the humane treatment of animals and the efforts of the Nova Scotia Government and SPCA to eliminate any abuses of dogs across our province. However, there was a lack of transparent governance regarding the 2021 development process for Pet Establishment Regulations and CKC appreciates the current Ministry's plan to take a more balanced approach on future development of licensing and regulations for pet establishments, including kennels.

Your Nova Scotia team, including Frank MacArthur, Emily Gratton, Nova Scotia representative on the CKC National Advocacy & Government Relations Committee and Lendra Barker, Past Zone 1 Director continue to work with our Nova Scotia focus group and CKC head office to keep you informed about this evolving situation.

CKC and its members want to work with the Nova Scotia government, the NS SPCA and other stakeholders, to develop regulations that are non-discriminatory, reasonable, and enforceable—that will ensure humane living conditions and ethical practices for all pet facilities.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Frank MacArthur at zone1director@ckc.ca.

FREE BREEDER EDUCATION WITH ROYAL CANIN ACADEMY

Have you heard? CKC partnered with Royal Canin Canada, bringing science-based education and resources to our CKC member breeders.

As part of this partnership, Royal Canin is opening their virtual Royal Canin Academy doors to all CKC members, free of charge!

Developed by world experts in canine breeding, the Royal Canin Academy is used by breeders and Kennel Clubs around the world. It features relevant and accurate scientific-based digital content and resources on canine breeding specifically created for breeders like you.

With hours of digital content and resources available 24/7, built-in tracking, and feedback opportunities, Royal Canin Academy has something for everyone - whether you're new to breeding or have been involved in your breed for decades.

With more content and courses in development (by our members, for our members!), take advantage of this amazing member benefit and join the Academy today!

[Register for the Royal Canin Academy](#)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The following report is of disciplinary action taken by the Executive Director in accordance with Section 15.1 of CKC By-laws in which the Executive Director has authority for first alleged offences relating to the non-delivery of certificates of registration.

**Cozette Balesdent, Dunnville, ON, Non-Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

Deprived for 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$250.00
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**Omar Khater, Edmonton, AB, Non-Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

Deprived for 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$250.00
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**Alicia McCallister-Ross, Dapp, AB, Non-Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

Deprived for 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$150.00
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**Terry Sicurella, Dunnville, ON, Non-Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

Deprived for 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$250.00
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**Anaïs Somier, Durham-Sud QC, Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

Reprimand	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale but was provided at the time this matter was considered.	\$100.00
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CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Who We Are

The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) is the primary registry body for purebred dogs in Canada and currently recognizes 187 breeds. As a non-profit organization, the CKC is dedicated to encouraging, guiding, and advancing the interests of purebred dogs and their responsible owners and breeders in Canada and promoting the knowledge and understanding of the benefits which dogs can bring to Canadian society.

The CKC is incorporated under Animal Pedigree Act, a federal statute under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture. The organization includes approximately 20,000 individual members and over 700 breed clubs across Canada. The Club registers purebred dogs, regulates dog shows and performance events, and speaks out on major issues concerning dog ownership and the health & welfare of dogs across Canada.

Mission

As the prime registry of purebred dogs in Canada, our purpose is to serve our members and the public with education, support, guidance and sanctioning of events for all their canine endeavours. Our goal is the preservation of purebred dogs and the health, well-being and enjoyment of all dogs.

Vision

The CKC with its members, will be the definitive authority in Canada for purebred dogs, and an advocate for all dogs, setting the standard for the preservation of breeds and continuous improvement of health, wellbeing and enjoyment of purebred dogs.

Values

Passion: We are dedicated to purebred dogs with the belief in the value of dogs as an integral part of our lives, our society and the contributions dogs brings to our humanity.

Preservation: We are committed to the preservation of breed characteristics while producing healthy well-socialized dogs, with a commitment to continuous improvement and well-being of purebred dogs.

Knowledge: We educate and expand public awareness of the contribution purebred dogs bring to society. This includes the vast array of activities and opportunities for purebred dog enthusiasts... as well as a commitment to the principles of responsible breeding practices and responsible dog ownership.

Commitment: We protect and enhance the interests of our members, breeders, associated clubs and the public, supporting them with openness, honesty and compassion.

Integrity: We uphold the integrity of our registry, the high standards of governance and management of the Canadian Kennel Club.

AN INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT FROM THE CKC

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