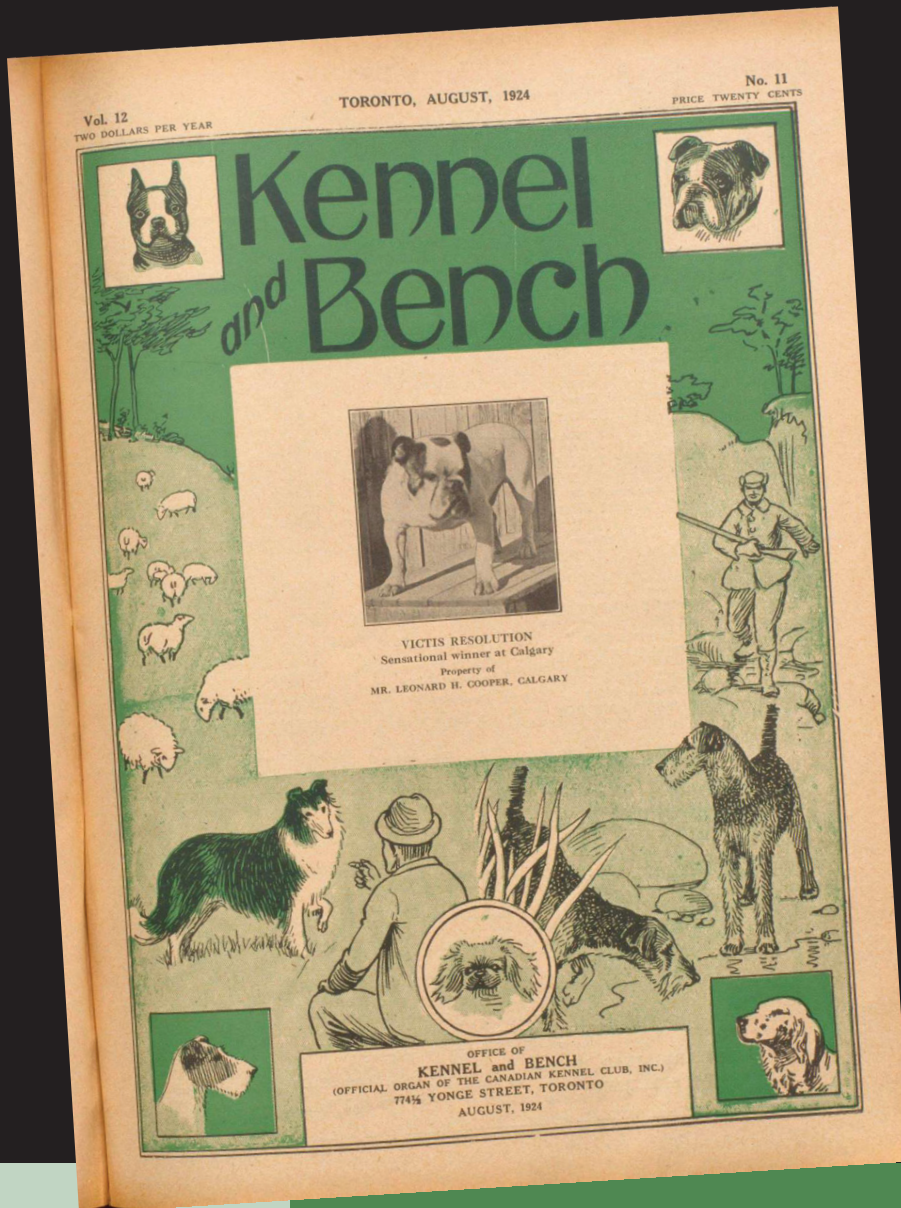




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2023 CHAIR'S AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The Chair's Awards recognize the outstanding commitment, dedication, and accomplishments of CKC members. Presented at the 2023 Annual General Meeting, we congratulate all our winners.

CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year – Rose Apollonio



Recognizing an individual for significant achievement in CKC Obedience and Rally Obedience.

Rose Apollonio: I have been competing with my dogs for 30 years in CKC, AKC and UKC events. All my dogs have ranked numerous times amongst Canada's Top Ten All-Breed Obedience teams. I've placed 5 times as #1 overall.

Competing in Canada and the U.S., we have achieved over 650 High-in-Trials and over 25 scores of 200.

In addition to competing, I have been an Obedience instructor for over 25 years and have mentored many students toward achieving their competition goals.

CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award – Sharon Luckhart



Celebrating the intrinsic value of dogs and their virtues in assisting mankind, this award recognizes an individual with significant achievements in heritage performance events. Heritage performance events include all CKC hunting-type and Field Trial events, Herding, Agility, Lure Coursing, Tracking, Earth Dog, Draft Dog and Scent Detection.

Sharon Luckhart: Thank you to the CKC for this honour. Remain committed

to the sport of purebred dogs on several fronts from field, rally, obedience, and show, as trainer, exhibitor and judge.

None of this would be possible without the support of the Labradale team including Ross Brennan, Liane Chaput Brennan, Amanda Samis and of course our four-footed companions, so shout out to them as well.

CKC National Breeder of the Year – Kim Ramey-Leblanc



This award celebrates the dedication and education required and recognizes a breeder who has dedicated their life to improving the health and well-being of purebred dogs.

Kim Ramey-Leblanc: THANK YOU! I cannot say that loud enough or often enough to all the amazing people who have been part of my journey in dogs.

Your generosity and thoughtfulness in sharing your knowledge and experiences goes beyond being helpful or kind.

I am humbled and delighted to be the proud recipient of the CKC National Breeder of the Year Award. AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL!

CKC ANNOUNCES NEWEST STRATEGIC PRIORITY: AN INTEGRATED BREED HEALTH PROGRAM

Announced as CKC's strategic priority at the 2023 AGM, CKC is taking significant steps to support member breeders in the preservation of their chosen breed(s) through an Integrated Breed Health Program.

The Integrated Breed Health Program supports the development of five key projects:

- Expanded Breeder Education
- Improved Breeder Community Support
- Developing Breed Health Strategies
- A DNA Program
- A CKC Breeder Certification Program

The CKC has an integral role in the preservation of well-bred purebred dogs. The five projects under the Integrated Breed Health Program are reflective of the values CKC member breeders hold in the preservation of purebred dogs. They will help connect future puppy buyers with dedicated CKC member breeders who are committed to breed-appropriate health

testing, ongoing science-based education, and best practices. And will help CKC demonstrate the expertise of the CKC and CKC member breeders in the preservation of healthy, well-bred purebred dogs to industry and government stakeholders.

All projects under the Integrated Breed Health Program are being developed - and will be released - in a phased, supportive manner. Some early elements, including the first Breeder Education course on Royal Canin Academy, and information gathering and review with our National Breed Clubs for the development of the Breed Health Strategies, are already underway.

CKC Members, breeders, National Breed Clubs, and other key stakeholders are being consulted every step of the way, with the Genetics & Medical Committee, Breeder Relations Committee, and other subject matter experts providing guidance and direction. We will work with key partners along the way to bring these projects to life, and members will have frequent opportunities to provide feedback and suggestions for next steps.

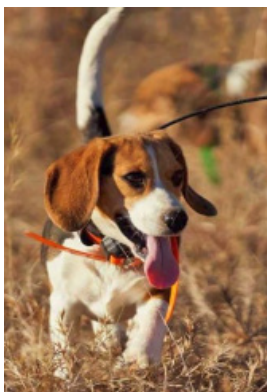
For more information on the projects under the Integrated Breed Health Program visit <https://www.ckc.ca/en/Breeding-Dogs/Integrated-Breed-Health-Program.aspx> or on the portal at <https://members.ckc.ca/portal/resources/integrated-breed-health-program>.

TOP FIELD DOGS OF 2022

The Top Field Dogs are arranged by the Top Dogs in each field event.

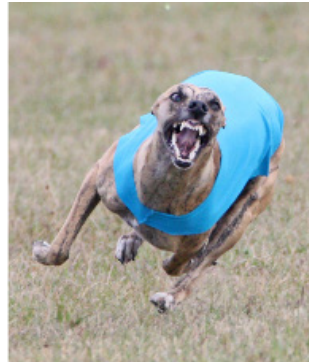
The Top Lure Coursers are presented by breed and the Top 10 overall. The Top Beagles are ranked within each competitive class.

2022 Top Field Beagles



The Top Field Beagle for 2022 is FTCH Bionic Tikka, owned and bred by Joe Marsala.

2022 Top Lure Coursing Dogs



The Top Lure Coursing Dog for 2022 is Whippet, Wirtu Cipher of Andare FCHX2 ACX, owned and handled by Edward & Ivy Molloy.

[View 2022 Top Field Dogs](#)

TOP HERDING DOGS OF 2022

Herding tests and trials are open to all breeds. The sport requires dogs to move a group of livestock (ducks, sheep or cattle) through a designated course of gates and into a pen. Guided by the commands of their handlers, the dogs must be forceful enough to maintain control of the stock, yet quiet enough not to panic or scatter the herd.

2022 was an exciting year for Herding in a Canada as not one, but two brilliant dogs tied for the Top Spot! Denny, a Border Collie from Saskatchewan earned the honour in his first year of trialing. Kaique, an Australian Shepherd from Quebec also takes the top spot. Kaique loves the thrill of Herding and always aims to please his owner/handler Elizabeth.

#1 - Sommer Denny HAS



Call Name: Denny
 Border Collie
 Owners: Christine & Matt Garrity
 Handler: Brandy-Lee Frazlic
 Breeders: Bev & Norm Sommer
 Date of Birth: September 14, 2020

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#1 - Chuckanut Kaique of Alphabet SDIS HAS



Call Name: Kaique
Australian Shepherd
Owner: Elizabeth B-Richard,
Handler: Elizabeth B-Richard
Breeder: Jan M Wesen
Date of Birth: April 15, 2018

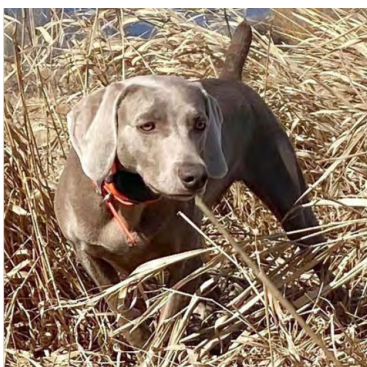
The Canadian Kennel Club proudly congratulates Denny and Kaique as well as their human teammates on their achievements! Two incredible dogs that share the Top Herding Dog title for 2022!

[View Top Herding Dogs](#)

TOP POINTING DOGS OF 2022

From retrievers, pointers, and spaniels to lure coursing hounds and rabbit hunting Beagles, learn more about the Top Field dogs who spent 2022 in the field with their favourite people doing their favourite thing.

#1 - AFTCH Trax Fresh Pony RM CD FD TD



A Weimaraner named Esme is our Top Amateur Shooting & Top Open Shooting Dog for 2022.

Owned by Megan Bastien and Shirley Nilsson, handled by Megan Bastien.

[View Top Pointing Dogs](#)

CKC VETERINARY STUDENT BURSARY

Starting in 2023, a deserving student from each of the five veterinary colleges in Canada shall receive the annual CKC Veterinary Student Bursary in the amount of \$2,000 to continue their education in the field of veterinary medicine.

Congratulations to the two of our following recipients of the CKC Veterinary Student Bursary:

Université de Montreal
Faculté De Médecine Vétérinaire (FMV)
Thursday, March 23, 2023
CKC Representative: Dr. Simon Verge DMV
Award Recipient: Mélissa Kate Fakhry

University of Saskatchewan
The Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM)
Wednesday, June 7, 2023
CKC Representative: David Gilmour, Zone 9 Director of the Canadian Kennel Club
Award Recipient: Janice Wong

University of Calgary
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (UCVM)
Bursary donation was done in March 2023
The University is not doing a ceremony for 2023, so a contribution was made to the Companion Animal Health Fund.



We will share our last two Bursary winners in the following weeks. Please join us in congratulating our recipients and wishing them all the best in their continuing studies and future veterinary career!

BLUEPRINTS FOR HEALTH: THE BREEDER'S GUIDE TO DOHAD

Picture your favorite puppy, those trusting eyes gazing up at you... and consider that every choice you make, from their mother's nutrition to their socialization period, can impact their adult lives. Imagine a future where chronic disorders like obesity, chronic enteropathy, and behavioural issues are significantly less common. A future where we, as responsible breeders, can shape not just the breed, but the health of each individual dog. This isn't a dream; it's a scientific reality we're just beginning to understand. An enlightening paper published in late 2022 has opened a new chapter in our knowledge journey. It explores

the concept of developmental programming, suggesting that the early stages of life hold the key to adult health outcomes. A puppy's world, from its mother's diet to its gut microbiome, weaning, growth rate, and even the timing of rehoming and neutering, can all mold its future. Isn't it remarkable? Our role as breeders is not just genetic architects, but also health shapers for our dogs, impacting their quality of life for years to come. So, in this blog, let's discover what the key take-aways from this ground-breaking paper are for dog breeders.

How Early Life Shapes Canine Health

In the quiet moments, as you watch a mother dog tenderly care for her newborn puppies, it's easy to marvel at the miracle of life unfolding before you. But these early stages hold more significance than you might imagine.

A newly emerged perspective, the developmental origins of health and disease (DOHaD) hypothesis, suggests that these early life experiences can dramatically influence a dog's risk of developing chronic diseases in adulthood. Conditions like obesity, chronic enteropathy, and behavioural issues could have their roots in the puppyhood we help to shape.

It's a bold idea, supported by diverse studies across humans, rodents, sheep, and pigs.

Yet, the research in our canine companions remains sparse, despite the increasing prevalence of these disorders. Our understanding of early-life risk factors could revolutionize preventive veterinary care and our breeding practices, ultimately creating a healthier future for our dogs.

The Lifelong Impact of Early Choices

A dog's journey begins long before its first breath and continues to evolve well beyond its first steps. And our influence extends beyond genetics into the realm of early-life experiences.

During gestation, a mother's diet or stress level can subtly mold her puppies' development. The suckling period affects a pup's growth, metabolism, and immune system. Early growth before neutering or puberty influences reproductive development and behaviour. Even the period from post-neutering or puberty to adult size, where the body's composition is finessed, is a critical window.

These findings underscore our role as architects of health, shaping our dogs' lives through the experiences we curate (see Table 1).

Yet, as with any great journey, we need a map to guide us. Despite the promise DOHaD holds, our understanding of it in dogs remains in its infancy. We still need to unravel the complex mechanisms underlying these early-life influences and determine how we can optimize conditions for our dogs' wellbeing.

The Urgent Need for DOHaD Research in Dogs

Such research won't be easy. It requires a team of multidisciplinary experts, longitudinal studies, standardized protocols, and recognition of breed-specific nuances. But the potential benefits are enormous. Not only could we enhance our dogs' lives, but we might also gain valuable insights into human health, considering our shared environment and common diseases.

In our quest to shape the future health of our dogs, we stand at a crossroads. To the left, the well-trodden path of traditional husbandry and veterinary care, addressing immediate needs. To the right, a path less traveled, one that asks us to consider not just the present, but the far-reaching echoes of our actions. A path inspired by the DOHaD concept.

Preventive veterinary care and husbandry practices should not merely be a response to present conditions. They should also be a carefully considered investment in our dogs' futures. The decisions we make today about nutrition, stress management, gut health, socialization, growth rate, and neutering can shape the future wellbeing of our dogs, affecting their immune, endocrine, nervous, and gastrointestinal systems.

As breeders, you are pioneers on this journey of understanding. By championing and supporting such research, you can help shape a future where chronic diseases are fewer, and our dogs enjoy a healthier, happier life. After all, isn't that the ultimate goal of our lifelong journey of knowledge?

Table 1: 10 Practical Tips Dog Breeders Can Immediately Use and Implement Based on the DOHaD concept

- #1 Provide optimal maternal nutrition before and during pregnancy to support fetal development and avoid metabolic disorders in offspring.
- #2 Promote early establishment of a diverse and balanced gut microbiome in puppies and kittens by avoiding unnecessary antibiotic use and providing probiotics or prebiotics when appropriate.
- #3 Encourage maternal behaviour and care during the suckling period to reduce stress and enhance immune system development in offspring.
- #4 Wean puppies and kittens gradually and at an appropriate age (around 8 weeks) to avoid abrupt changes in diet and environment that can affect gut health and behaviour.
- #5 Provide adequate nutrition during growth that meets the specific needs of each breed and avoids overfeeding or underfeeding that can lead to obesity or malnutrition.
- #6 Monitor growth rate and body condition score regularly and adjust feeding accordingly to prevent excessive or insufficient weight gain that can predispose to chronic diseases.

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#7 Socialize puppies and kittens with other animals and people from an early age (3-12 weeks) to help prevent behavioural problems such as aggression, fear or anxiety.

#8 Rehome puppies and kittens at a suitable age (around 8-12 weeks) to minimize stress and facilitate adaptation to their new environment.

#9 Neuter puppies and kittens at an optimal time that considers the benefits and risks of the procedure for each individual, breed and sex, and monitor their weight and behaviour after neutering.

#10 Provide regular veterinary check-ups, vaccinations, parasite control, dental care, exercise and enrichment for puppies and kittens throughout their life to maintain their health and welfare.

APPEAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a report of a decision reached by the Appeal Committee at its meeting held on July 8, 2023.

Appellant: John Kolodziej and Rhonda Holloway, ON (CKC Members)

Respondent: Andrea Robins, ON (CKC Member)

Discipline Committee's Findings:

Directed that John Kolodziej and Rhonda Holloway be debarred for a period of three (3) months.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Dismissed the appeal for John Kolodziej and upheld the Decision of the Discipline Committee.

Therefore, John Kolodziej is debarred for a period of three (3) months commencing July 17, 2023.

Upheld the appeal for Rhonda Holloway in whole and the decision of the Discipline Committee be overturned. Therefore, the complaint against Rhonda Holloway is dismissed.



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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