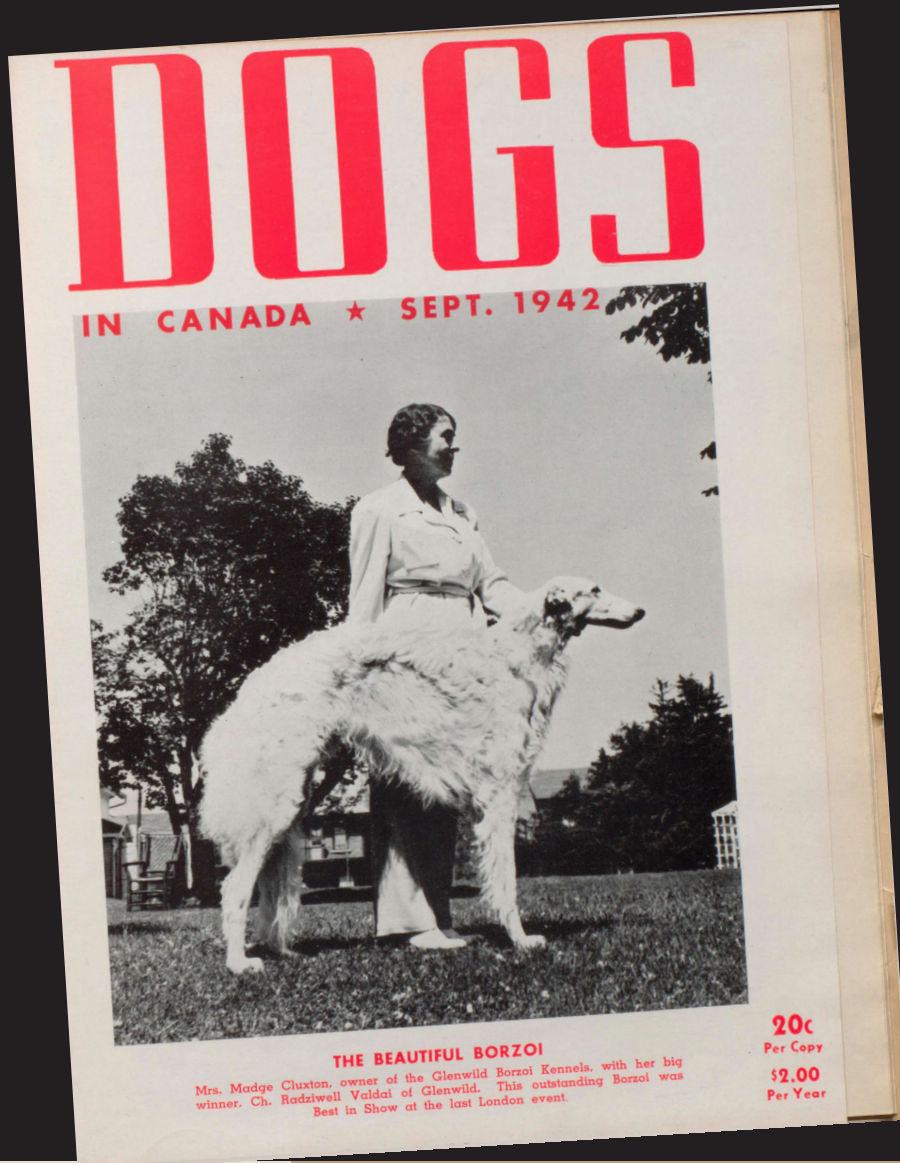




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TOP FIELD SPANIELS OF 2022

Hunting Spaniels are skilled at locating, flushing, and retrieving fowl on both land and water. The Canadian Kennel Club's Top Field Spaniels of 2022 list includes events from October 2021 to the end of 2022, including National results. Starting in 2023, the results will be tabulated by calendar year, as are all our other events.



#1 Open All-Age Field Spaniel – NOSC AFTCH FTCH Bushbuster's Colt Forty Five MH

Top open all-age Field Spaniel for 2022 is an English Springer Spaniel named Colt; owned and handled by Stan Pappas.

[View Top Field Spaniels](#)

TOP FIELD RETRIEVERS OF 2022

Retrievers, Poodles, and Irish Water Spaniels may compete in retriever field trials. Dogs are tested both on their ability to mark the location of downed birds and on their retrieving skill over land or in the water. At the higher levels, dogs are required to carry out very sophisticated retrieving tests, including marking multiple birds and finding unmarked birds.

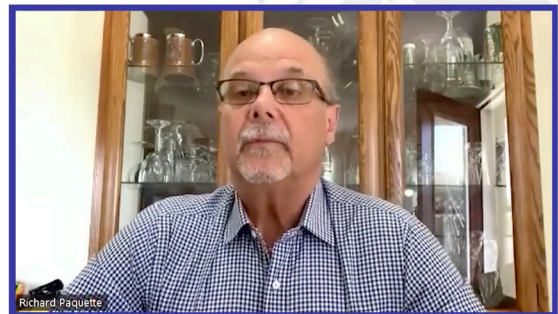


#1 Combined & Open All-Age Retriever – FTCH RHR Belmont's Sweet Baby Surprise

Top combined all age and open age retriever for 2022 is a Labrador named Texas, owned and handled by Kevin Hill.

[View Top Retrievers](#)

INTERVIEW WITH RICHARD PAQUETTE RE: THE UPCOMING ELECTION (PART 1)



We encourage you to submit your nominations for who you would like to see as your Board of Directors for 2024-2026 and please cast your vote in the upcoming election!

All members are set-up to vote electronically. If you wish to vote via paper ballot, please change your voting preference in your Member Portal or email voting@ckc.ca by October 14, 2023.

Voting opens on Nov. 1, 2023. We ask that you please log in to your Portal account before then to ensure your address, birthdate, and email address is up to date so you can vote in the election this fall.

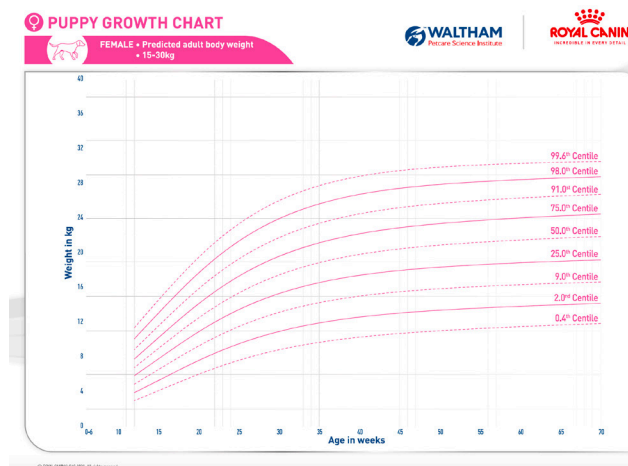
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PUPPY GROWTH UNCOVERED: THE FREE TOOL EVERY BREEDER NEEDS

Guest blog by Dr Emmanuel Fontaine, Scientific Communications Veterinarian at Royal Canin North America

Elevating your breeding programs starts with a keen eye on puppy growth, and that's where Waltham Puppy Growth Charts come into play. These indispensable tools, developed by leading pet nutrition experts, empower you to monitor your puppies' growth accurately, ensuring their health and well-being. In this blog, we're diving into the how-to's of these charts, their profound impact on puppy health, and the ways you can integrate them into your practices. Join us on this journey of knowledge, improve your puppy care, and become a beacon of wisdom for your fellow breeders and puppy owners alike. Let's grow together, for the sake of our future champions!

Monitoring the growth of our beloved puppies is more than just a testament to their health—it's a proactive measure to predict and potentially mitigate future health risks. But navigating this crucial aspect can be daunting, especially given the wide range of breeds and sizes. Fortunately, the Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition provides us a reliable compass—their scientifically formulated puppy growth charts.



Charting the Course: Mastering Puppy Growth with Waltham's Scientific Tools

With these charts, tracking puppy growth becomes a straightforward task. Breeders can effortlessly measure against the standard, identifying any departures from the norm early enough to prevent them from evolving into serious complications.

And as breeders, you understand that each puppy is unique—especially when it comes to growth. There's no universal standard; different breeds and sizes exhibit diverse growth rates and patterns. This complexity is why the Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition's puppy growth charts are invaluable—they encapsulate data from 50,000 healthy young dogs, providing a robust benchmark for various breeds and sizes.

Spotting the Early Signs: How Growth Charts Aid in Proactive Puppy Care

Moreover, they serve as a foundation for developing a suitable diet and feeding schedule for your puppies, ensuring their nutritional needs are met. For effective use of these charts, select the one that aligns with your puppy's breed and size. Make sure to measure your puppies' weight and body condition score accurately and consistently to get the most out of this tool.

With these charts in hand, breeders can juxtapose their puppies' weight against breed and age-specific expectations. This process can unveil any deviations from the standard range, allowing for early detection of potential nutritional or health concerns such as overfeeding, underfeeding, parasitic infections, or even congenital defects. Early intervention not only prevents severe complications but also significantly enhances our puppies' quality of life.

Here are some actionable tips for breeders to integrate the WALTHAM™ Puppy Growth Charts into their kennels:

- Regularly weigh your puppies and annotate their weight on the charts.
- Utilize the visual guide on the charts to assess your puppies' body condition score.
- Adjust feeding volumes and frequency based on your puppies' weight and body condition score.
- Ensure the diet you provide is balanced and fulfills the nutritional requirements of growing puppies.
- Keep a watchful eye on your puppies' health and behaviour and seek veterinary advice if any signs of illness or abnormality surface.
- Empower new owners with the knowledge and tools to continue monitoring their puppies' growth until adulthood using the charts.

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Your Free Gateway to Optimal Puppy Health

The WALTHAM™ Puppy Growth Charts are not just an exceptional tool for promoting puppy health—they're readily accessible and free of cost. Head over to the Waltham Petcare Science Institute website to download these scientifically backed resources. This platform serves as a fountainhead of knowledge, offering a deeper understanding of the science behind the charts and the myriad advantages of using them.

And the benefits don't stop there. The website also hosts a plethora of other tools and resources designed for pet care professionals and owners, including webinars, podcasts, publications, and newsletters.

To maximize the utility of the WALTHAM™ Puppy Growth Charts, consider these practical steps:

- Download the charts corresponding to your puppies' breed and size from the website.
- Print the charts and have them within easy reach in your kennel.
- Be a catalyst in our community by sharing these charts with fellow breeders, vets, and pet care professionals.

By implementing these steps, breeders do more than just support the growth of healthy puppies—they promote a culture of responsibility and care in our community. Share this knowledge with other breeders and inspire a shared commitment to raising healthier, happier puppies. Together, we can elevate the standard of puppy care!

ACES IN THEIR PLACES

A look at the important task of puppy placement



I always let the breeder pick my puppy out for me. That doesn't mean that I don't enjoy all the fun of buying a puppy from a responsible breeder. I get all the litter pictures and a visit or two with the litter before take-home day, but I trust the person that has spent decades with their breed, years with their

dam, and weeks with the puppies to know where each bundle of cuteness should go. I have been very pleased with their choices.

So how does a successful match start? With lots of conversations either by phone or via email. Be honest with the breeder about what you want from a dog. Try not to ask for specifics in colour. You can, of course, state your preferences but focus instead on temperament. Do you want a fast and sharp agility star? An intuitive therapy dog? A confident pal that you can bring to work daily?

While I do recommend not fixating on colour or markings, it might be necessary to be upfront about gender preference. While there are little difference between genders in most breeds, some breeders don't place males in homes with other males or females in homes with other females. As a general rule, a pair of opposite-sex dogs will get along easier when living together.

When communicating with a breeder, make sure to describe your home and lifestyle. Do you have kids coming in with friends throughout the day? Are you retired and want a dog you can take with your traveling across the country? Are you newly married and both working from home? The more details you provide, the better, as the breeder can then start to imagine each individual puppy in each unique situation and place accordingly.

You might be wondering why this is necessary since purebred dogs of the same breed are generally the same in temperament. While predictability is a major selling point when it comes to purebred dogs, personalities tend to vary slightly within a litter. Some are more confident, sensitive, chill etc. A reputable purebred dog breeder spends time with a litter, watching them react to all sorts of situations: a car ride, meeting veterinary staff for their first shots, a metal bowl dropping, the vacuum cleaner humming and more. They also watch the pack of puppies interact with one another. They know which puppy is the boss, who is more submissive and which one never gives up. They can quite accurately guess how each puppy would handle day-to-day life with you and your family.

Here are some ways accountable breeders place their beloved puppies.

By observation. Breeders spend a lot of time watching their litters. Not only because they are adorable puppies but also to see how they handle situations as have they arisen. In doing so, they can imagine how they will react to day-to-day life in their forever home. The breeder will notice who is always climbing onto their lap, who is usually playing alone and who starts all the games. These clues all help a breeder place puppies into the best situations.

By listening. Did the potential buyers mention they have a cat? Are they interested in herding trials? Does their elderly father visit often? Conversations between breeder and buyer help the breeder better understand the home and life the puppy is being offered. There are no dumb questions for a breeder to ask a potential puppy buyer. One never knows when an important

piece of information will be revealed that will help the breeder place the appropriate pup.

By involving other experts. Many breeders will work with a trainer, behaviourist, or someone knowledgeable in their breed to have independent temperament tests done. Breeders often work with other breeders, judges, and other experts to gather multiple perspectives on conformation and show potential.

By having the confidence to say no. Although it can be hard for a potential buyer to hear they aren't getting a puppy from a breeder, a rejection can be a blessing in disguise that can save you and the puppy loads of heartache. Some people aren't well-matched for certain breeds, and some people aren't meant to own dogs.

Placing puppies in the best homes possible is a job that reputable breeders take very seriously. Responsible breeders actively listen to what their potential puppy buyers want in a dog, trust their gut, and, of course, always help their puppy buyers out as the puppy transitions to the new home. The support continues throughout the life of the dog. I've been very pleased with the choices breeders have made for me, and if you work with a reputable breeder and trust their choice in putting the right puppy in your home, I think you will be too!

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE 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.

**Hannah Blacquier, 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.

**Marie-Ève Chiasson, QC, Member
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**Amanda MacDonald, AB, Member
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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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