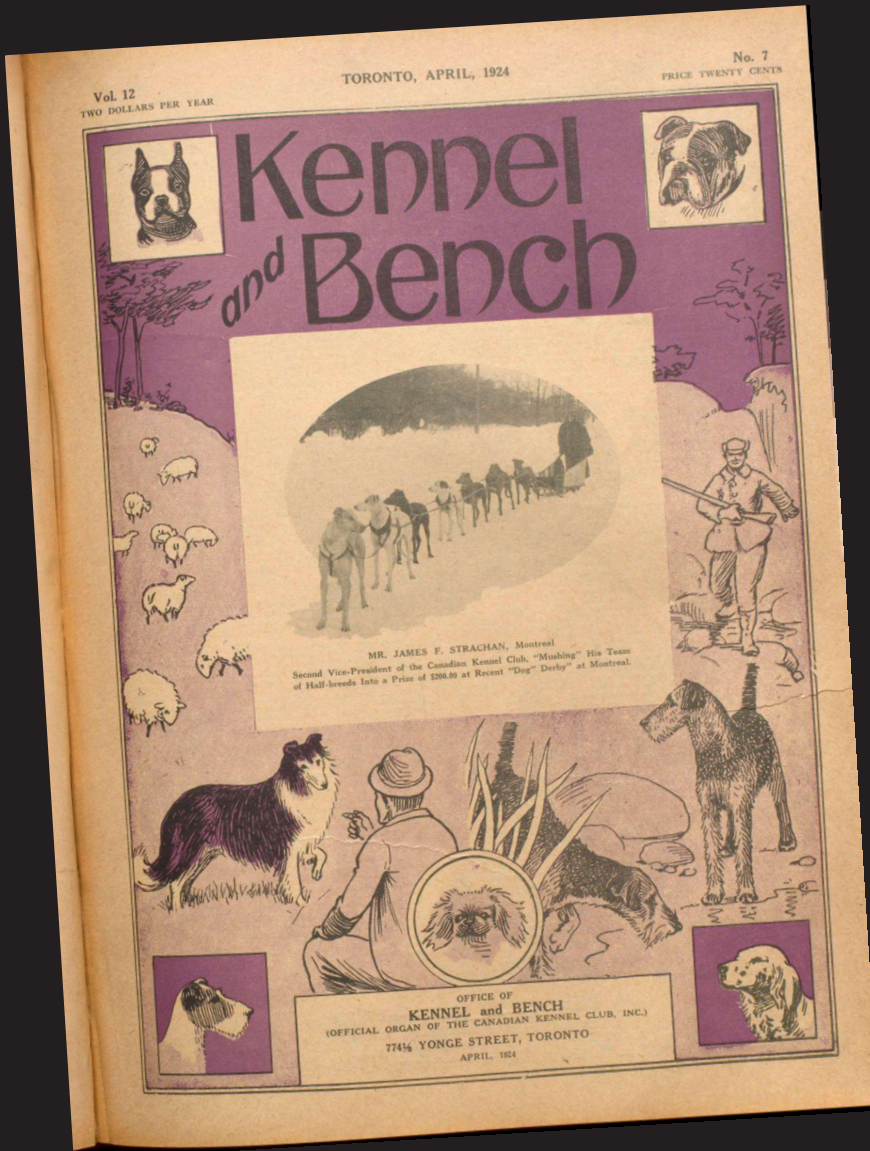




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2023 ELECTION WRAP-UP

Volunteers are the heart of the CKC.

We are pleased to share the committee appointments from the March 16, 2024, board meeting, detailed election results, and the future of the Dogue de Bordeaux.

Thanks to the efforts of Dogue de Bordeaux breeders and fanciers to engage and encourage Members to vote. 31% of CKC Members voted with 95% in favour of the Dogue de Bordeaux moving forward to full recognition.

As we begin a new three-year term with our Board of Directors, we want to take a moment to thank all of the members who volunteered their time over the past 3-year term. Whether it's the hard-working club members putting on shows and events, dedicated and passionate breeders volunteering at Meet the Breeds, members volunteering their time for Committees and Councils, as Zone Directors, or any of the other myriad ways that members support the CKC, and the world of dogs.

We are very excited to be working with the incoming Board of Directors over the next three years. Thank you to every member who took the time to cast their vote and have their opinion heard!

The Board of Directors is a crucial part of the CKC, ensuring all members are heard, supporting shows and events, and championing purebred dogs. Thank you to everyone who put forth their name for Zone Director in the November election.

Election Wrap-Up

Zone 1: Janice Kivimaki 279 votes
Frank MacArthur 189 votes
Janice Kivimaki won with 59.62% of the vote

Zone 2: Tina Sandford was acclaimed

Zone 3: Sylvain Sirois 355 votes
Linda St-Hilaire 336 votes
Sylvain Sirois won with 51.37% of the vote

Zone 4: Ramona Bauer was acclaimed

Zone 5: Robert Whitney was acclaimed

Zone 6: Peter Scott was acclaimed

Zone 7: Marc Ralsky 206 votes
Tanya Hatton 142 votes
Marc Ralsky won with 59.19% of the vote

Zone 8: Corinne Walker was acclaimed

Zone 9: Valerie Bandas 151 votes
Rachel Brower 124 votes
Valerie Bandas won with 54.90% of the vote

Zone 10: Lee Anne Bateman was acclaimed

Zone 11: Tempest Deptuch was acclaimed

Zone 12: Wayne Davidson 214 votes
Delvina Beaulac 201 votes
Wayne Davidson won with 51.56% of the vote

Congratulations to each of our new Zone Directors, and welcome back to those who have served previously.

2024 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Canadian Kennel Club committees draw together experienced members with a high level of expertise from different regions of Canada to engage, support, and improve the club!

An ideal Committee member is someone with a passion and commitment to purebred dogs, their community, and the preservation of breeds.

Thank you to everyone who put forth their name with a willingness to volunteer for a committee over the next 3 years. Congratulations to all of those who have been appointed; we look forward to working with you!

2024-26 Committee Member Appointments

Registration Committee:

Barbara Arndt
Denis Gros-Louis

Breed Standards Committee

Jocelyn Gagne
Stephanie Horan
Susan Quesnel

Breeder Relations Committee

Stewart Dankner
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Lisa Ricciotti

Ad Hoc Brachycephalic Breed Advocacy Committee

Lundi Blamey
Dr. Meredith Walker, DVM

ROE REGISTRATION

Register to be eligible to cast your vote for the Rules of Eligibility for your Breed. Help CKC maintain breed integrity and standards by providing essential information on key traits and characteristics for Registration purposes.


SUPPORT YOUR BREED!

The CKC is seeking Canadian breeders and eligible breed enthusiasts for the following breeds to vote on Rules of Eligibility (ROE) with the CKC:


TOY FOX TERRIER



AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG




ICELAND SHEEPDOG



GERMAN PINSCHER




TIBETAN SPANIEL



JAPANESE CHIN




AFFENPINSCHER



PEKINGESE



KEESHOND



Discover more about Rules of Eligibility (ROE) and how to register to vote at:
www.ckc.ca/ROE

Support your breed and register to vote before the March 29th deadline.



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Registration will be opened from February 29, 2024-March 29, 2024, and after the registration period has closed you will be invited to participate in a survey on the Proposed Rules of Eligibility for your Breed.

ROE Registration

NEW FEATURE: SCHEDULE YOUR TRUPANION "GO HOME DAY" OFFERS FROM CKC'S PORTAL

Setting puppy owners up for success is now easier than ever.

We've connected Trupanion's Go Home Day Offer scheduling form to our online litter registration on the Portal.

After you've completed your litter registration and hit the submit button, you'll see a new form for Trupanion's Go Home Day Offer scheduling system. Enter your new owners' information and they will receive their special offer for 30 days of immediate coverage from Trupanion with no upfront cost.

Don't have all your new buyers confirmed yet? No problem! You can skip the form, sign up later using Trupanion's website, or submit the owners you do have and update the remainder with Trupanion at any time before your puppies go home.

The new form will launch tomorrow. While we're excited to help make supporting your owners a step easier, we know that software launches aren't always totally smooth. If you notice a glitch, let us know so we can address it. We're looking forward to your feedback on this exciting new venture!

Thank you! Your application has been successfully submitted.

Did you know your litter is eligible for 30 days of medical pet insurance through our partners at Trupanion?

Send your puppy buyers home with peace of mind. Trupanion Go Home Day Offers provide 30 days of insurance and waive waiting periods, so each buyer's coverage goes into effect immediately upon activation. Simply enter in your new puppy buyers' information here and Trupanion will take care of the rest.

Roof! Don't worry - we'll take care of your puppy buyers' coverage. You can update the information you provide in any way with Trupanion at any time before your puppies go home.

Set up your Puppy Buyers with their exclusive Go Home Day Offer

Puppy Buyer's First Name *

Puppy Buyer's Last Name *

Puppy Buyer's Email *

Puppy Buyer's Phone number *

Have you joined Trupanion's FREE Breeder Support Program Yet?

Trupanion values dedicated breeders who share their mission to help pets live long, happy lives. Designed with breeders, the

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Trupanion Breeder Support Program features complimentary marketing materials to provide to your buyers, access to an exclusive breeder Facebook group, reporting on types of claims submitted by your puppy buyers, and a dedicated account manager for 1-on-1 support.

Learn more about Trupanion's Breeder Support Program here or call 855-757-2498.

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW CERTIFICATE

Great news for clubs hosting conformation all breed shows!

We love watching Veterans strut their stuff in the show ring. We now have a Best Veteran in Show certificate available! You can order this certificate with your other show supplies through the Order Desk.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CANADA'S TOP DOGS

Owning a Top Dog is an honour bestowed on few and remembered by all in your sport. Taking a dog to the top of your chosen discipline requires hours upon hours of training, research, conditioning, grooming, travel and yes, it also takes money. It's a feat that no owner gets to by themselves. Even before your puppy was yours, years of careful breeding went into that pup and countless people in the dog community helped bring your dog to this level.

I thought it would be great to look back on how Canada's Top Dogs began and revisit some great dogs of the past while looking towards the future of Top Dogs and exciting changes happening through the Canadian Kennel Club's partnership with Canuck Dogs.

Here are some of the important dates in the history of reporting Canada's Top Dogs:



In 1965, First Top Show Dog Stats were introduced by Dogs in Canada magazine publisher, Elizabeth Dunn. At that time, they were referred to as the "Blue Book of Top Winning Dogs". This list presented the Top 3 all breeds, Top 3 in Group and Top 3 in



each breed. The formula wasn't always consistent; some years included only the total points, while others total points, plus the number of Best of Breed, Group placements and Best in Show wins. Joan Morden was the first recorded statistician for the Top Show Dogs. A memorial trophy in her honour was awarded to the Top Show Dog up until 2010.

Obedience were stats introduced in 1966. In the beginning only the number of dogs competing in each breed was included as part of a Dogs in Canada obedience column written by Betty McHugh.

In 1974, the first Top Obedience Dog Stats were published in Dog in Canada magazine and were compiled by Betty McHugh.



In 1988, Barry Truax took over tabulating the Top Show Dog Stats, creating a computer program that would expand coverage to also include group and all-breed performance stats. In 1991, this same

program would be used to complement the stats published for the Top Obedience Dogs.

Prior to 1998, the occasional Field event stats were published. June 1998 marked the first official Field Issue of Dogs in Canada, combining a field-dedicated editorial with the 1997 Top Lure Coursers (Bonnie Goebel), 1997 Top Pointers (Sue Deyell) and 1997 Top Retrievers (Dennis Voigt).

In 2008, Dogs in Canada ceased publication. With the exception of Field events, Top Dog statistics began to be generated by the Canadian Kennel Club.

Top Agility Dogs were first published in 2009. Created by Seanna O'Neill, it was a mix of Top 10 by points, Top 10 by yards per second and Top 5 in each breed. In an effort to be more inclusive, in 2012, the Canadian Kennel Club's Agility Council introduced a point system for qualifying scores and the new Top Agility Dogs followed the same format as other disciplines, highlighting the achievements of competitors at the Breed, Group and All-Breed level.

In 2011 Top Dog statistics began to be published on www.ckc.ca, picking up where the former Dogs in Canada website left

off with official stats and the return of the much loved winners' interviews.

2013 saw Canada's Top Rally Dog Statistics shared for the first time, while Beagle Trials expanded the Field category for the 2017 results.

After 2015, CKC created a new category of Top Dogs: Multi-Discipline to acknowledge the incredible achievements of versatile dogs who perform well in different event styles. At that time, only one dog in CKC history had made it to the Top 10 All-Breeds in two disciplines and he did it in style, achieving the seemingly impossible for six consecutive years with his handler Charlie MacMillan. Appropriately named, "Fly'r", this adored Golden Retriever retired from the ring as a legend and inspired a whole new generation of Top Dogs to increase their versatility.

It did not take long! The 2016 results introduced the world to "Caesar", a Labrador Retriever and his owner-handler, Heather Watts. While Caesar is the first dog Heather trained, it didn't stop them from taking the Multi-Discipline crown in 2017.

In 2019, Portuguese Water Dog, Eauchien's Quinta (call name "Quinta"), was the #1 All Breed Agility as well as the #4 All-Breed Rally Top Dog in 2019 and the #5 Portuguese Water Dog in Obedience which made her the first Multi-Discipline dog to have a Top 10 placement in 3 different events! Quinta is proudly owned by her breeders, Tammy Hibberson and Leslie McCracken.



As the Top Dog program continued to expand, it becomes clearer and clearer that this growth is driven by the dogs and owners who build their bonds in competition; the teams who show up every weekend and turn challenges into achievements leaving a trail of broken records and breed firsts behind them. Even as competitors across the country eagerly await CKC's official Top

Dogs results, a new Top Dogs season has already begun and thousands of teams have already started to defend their titles or make a first run for the top spot. In dog sport there are no guarantees - first-time owners, first-time competitors and novices of all kind have claimed their place among veterans and pros in the Top 10, All Breeds.

In late 2023, the Canadian Kennel Club announce that ALL TOP DOG STANDINGS are now available on CanuckDogs.com.

Dog lovers can now check out the rankings for Agility, Herding and all Field Trial events including Beagles, Lure Coursing, Pointing, Retrievers and Spaniels.

On top of that exciting news, it was also announced that performance standings on CanuckDogs.com now rank all dogs with qualifying wins, not just the Top 10 Dogs. The standings for these events are updated weekly. (please remember that there is a lag between an event ending and results being submitted to CKC and checked/confirmed).

In early 2024, the Canadian Kennel Club announced new Top Dog offerings, including a focus on the Owner Handlers and a breakdown of Top Dogs by Province. This will expand Top Dogs will allow the club to celebrate more dogs and identify those top winning dogs (who might not be able to make it to all of Canada's biggest shows).

2023 was the final year of Multi-Discipline Top Dogs. With the launch of the Versatility titles (which are free for CKC members), the Canadian Kennel Club has a new way to celebrate those dogs who are involved in multiple events. The Versatility Title Program includes over 30 events and offers six different titles.

Cheers to last year's Top Dogs, the Top Dogs of decades ago and the Top Dogs of tomorrow!

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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.

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