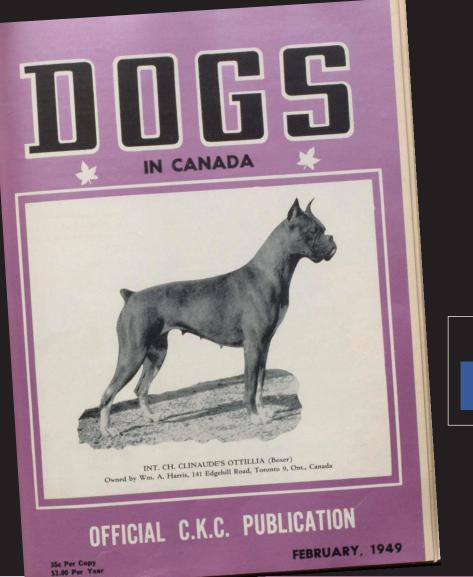


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CKC VETERINARY STUDENT BURSARY

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 our final two recipients of the CKC Veterinary Student Bursary:

University of Guelph The Ontario Veterinary College (OVC)

Awarded in November Award Recipient: **Daniel Guevara-Mann**



University of Prince Edward Island Atlantic Veterinary College (AVC)

Award Ceremony: Wednesday, October 4 Award Recipient: Michaela Ramsey



Please join us in congratulating our recipients and wishing them all the best in their continuing studies and future veterinary career!

CKC WELCOMES RATS! CANADA TO THE TITLE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Effective January 1 2024, CKC will be recognizing Titles earned from RATS! Canada. RATS! titles are now included in the versatility titles.

Rat sports are based on hunting skills and teamwork. Historically, vermin hunters and their dogs offered their services to farmers, hunting vermin and helping to maintain and preserve their food and grain supplies while also protecting their families from disease. The dogs were expected to find vermin in both fields, buildings and in their underground burrows.

The sport promotes teamwork between a dog that must track and indicate the presence of vermin in a given environment, and the ability and effectiveness of the handler in reading their dog. All done with respect, and with the welfare and animal participants' safety in mind.

The CKC is thrilled to be able to adopt this Title Recognition Program beginning in 2024. RATS! Canada offers titles, levels of increasing difficulty, and championships. All titles offered through RATS! Canada (with the exception of their Go-to-Ground titles) are eligible for the Title Recognition Program.

To see if there is a RATS! Canada event in your area, view the RATS! Canada, by clicking here: https://www.ratscanadadogsports.com/events.html

To obtain a CKC Title and Certificate, your dog must have a CKC Registration Number, a Performance Event Number, a Canine Companion Number, a Miscellaneous Certification Number or an Event Registration Number, along with providing CKC the fee of \$20 plus applicable tax and completion of the CKC Rats! Canada Form located on our website under Forms > Exhibitor Forms.

Titles earned from RATS! Canada prior to Jan 1 2024 will not be recognized by CKC. All new titles, regardless of level, earned after January 2024 are eligible for recognition.

Preceding titles are not required to be submitted for recognition.

UPDATE ON MAPAQ WEBINAR AND UPCOMING REGULATION

Thank you to all members who submitted questions and comments to CKC last month, in preparation for CKC's participation in a **webinar** (French only) hosted by MAPAQ on December 19, regarding the upcoming Regulation. Your feedback was shared with MAPAQ prior to and during the webinar, which included a Q&A session. It was important for our members to be heard and to seek clarification on elements of the Regulation prior to implementation in February. The webinar included participation from MAPAQ representatives, the CKC, and approximately 40 individuals representing various groups and associations.

While some answers were obtained during the event, certain aspects still require clarification. Consequently, we have contacted MAPAQ for further information. The webinar covered essential points raised by members regarding regulations impacting breeding, inspections, and the treatment of various breeders. They include:

- MAPAQ emphasized adherence to a maximum of 50 animals for breeding, boarding, or training. The MAPAQ considers this measure as a way to mitigate the prevalence of "puppy mills" and prioritize animal health.
- Inspectors will equally apply regulations to all breeders, irrespective of the scale of operations. The cap of 50 animals is universally applicable.
- Regarding how the government will differentiate between ethical and unethical breeders, MAPAQ presently does not have plans for a special accreditation system.
- To determine the permissible number of litters of puppies, scientific data from a **comprehensive French report** on breeding operations in Quebec and common practice have been considered.
- Inspections will be conducted by MAPAQ. Warnings will be issued for minor issues, while immediate penalties will be imposed for severe violations or cases of animal cruelty. Penalties will increase for repeat offenders. In investigating complaints, inspectors will verify the validity of the complaint before taking action and conduct random spot checks.
- A specific definition for a commercial breeder under these new rules was not provided.
- These rules will apply uniformly to all breeders, irrespective of the types of animals they breed.
- The CKC has shared comments and questions from members on several occasions regarding tail docking and ear cropping. MAPAQ is not proposing to make any changes to the regulations on this matter.

Understanding these insights is important as the implementation of these Regulation takes place on February 10, 2024.

CKC will continue to work with the Québec government and consult with our membership, in support of responsible breeders and breeding practices and canine health and wellbeing during the implementation phase of the Regulation. The following is a report of a decision reached by the Appeal Committee at its meeting held on December 9, 2023.

Appellant: Paul and Jennifer Berry, MB (CKC Members) Respondent: Carolyne Cybulsky, MB (CKC Member)

Discipline Committee's Findings:

Directed that Paul and Jennifer Berry be reprimanded. Furthermore, the Discipline Committee levied costs of the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$105.00 (including GST) against each of the Defendants.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Allowed in its entirety and the decision of the Discipline Committee be overturned and the complaint be dismissed.

Appellant: Sylvie Miron, QC (CKC Member) Respondent: CKC

Discipline Committee's Findings:

Sylvie Miron's CKC membership be terminated for a period of ten (10) years. Furthermore, the Discipline Committee levied costs of the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$262.50 (including GST) against the Defendant.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Upheld the appeal in part and quashed the decision regarding Section 7.2(g) of the Club's By-laws and varied the penalty for Chapter VII, Judges, Code of Ethics of the Club's Policy and Procedures Manual from membership termination for ten (10) years to two (2) years suspension of Judges privileges. Furthermore, the administrative costs of the investigation and hearing are due forthwith.

Appellant: Muhammad Shah, ON (Non-Member) Respondent: CKC

Discipline Committee's Findings:

Muhammad Shah's CKC membership be terminated for a period of ten (10) years. Furthermore, the Discipline Committee levied costs of the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$282.50 (including GST) against the Defendant.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Upheld the appeal in part and dismissed the decision for Section 64(h) of the Animal Pedigree Act and varied the penalty for Section 7.2(a) of the Club's By-laws specifically the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders, Section V. Selling Practices (g) and (h) from ten (10) termination of membership to three (3) years. Furthermore, the administrative costs of the investigation and hearing are due forthwith.



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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