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official notice

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

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ETOBICOKE, ON
12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET

We are pleased to announce that CKC will host its Annual General Meeting in person and virtually this year.

With guest speakers, member recognition awards, and reporting on the Club's progress in 2023, this is one meeting you don't want to miss!

AGENDA:

GUEST SPEAKERS

DR. EMMANUEL FONTAINE, SENIOR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATIONS VETERINARIAN, ROYAL CANIN NORTH AMERICA
TOPIC: INNOVATING CANINE FUTURE - THE NEW ERA OF PUPPY CARE

HARIN GREER & CATHERINE PALADIN, TRUPANION
TOPIC: THE IMPACT OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN TRUPANION AND THE CKC

Call to Order

Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Presentation of the 2023 Audited Financial Statements

REPORTS

- Election Commission's report on the results of the 2023 Election and Special Referendum
- Chair's Report
- Executive Director's report
- Annual reports of committees and councils

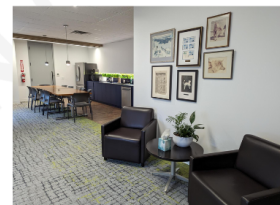
Member Recognition

Unfinished Business

New Business – The Floor is Open to Members

Closing Remarks

Adjournment



To register for the AGM we ask that you please email AGM@ckc.ca with the subject line "2024 AGM" with your first and last name, membership number, and whether you are attending in person or virtually.

For more information regarding this year's Annual General Meeting, please visit: <https://www.ckc.ca/en/AGM>

UPDATE ON ONTARIO PUPS ACT AND CONSULTATION ON CROPPING, DOCKING & DEWCLAW REMOVAL

Ontario-based CKC members,

As you know, the Government of Ontario introduced [Bill 159, Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales Act \(PUPS Act\), 2023](#), in December 2023, to prevent producers of unhealthy puppies (aka puppy mills) from proliferating in the province. If passed, the PUPS Act will amend the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act (PAWS Act).

The Bill recently passed second reading and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy. The Committee intends to hold public hearings in May and CKC plans to participate, to advocate on behalf of CKC member breeders and purebred dogs. We wish to ensure that responsible breeders are not unduly burdened by select provisions in the Act and to avoid “one-size-fits-all” regulations that may not work for all dog breeds and do not take into account differences across breeds, genetics, and health status.

CKC has been meeting and working with the Ontario Solicitor General’s office since Fall 2023 to relay our views and ensure that we have seat at the table to try to influence regulations. We participated in a consultation in January 2024, with the support of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, and a canine reproductive and a CKC member preservation breeder expert.

We have expressed our concerns to the government that select provisions in the PUPS Act would disproportionately and negatively impact accountable breeders and purebred dogs, and not the intended target: producers of unregistered and/or unhealthy puppies. We maintain that private record keeping, and mandatory permanent identification should be part of effective legislation/regulations and would permit the traceability of substandard producers without negatively impacting responsible breeders.

We will send another update in the future once we learn more about the Act and regulations as they take shape.

Consultation Regarding Cropping, Docking and Dewclaw Removal

As we mentioned in December 2023, the Ontario government plans to consult on regulations relating to tail docking, ear cropping, dewclaw removal and debarking under the PAWS Act. Preliminary stakeholder consultations are underway and CKC will engage our Ontario-based members in the coming few weeks, whose breeds may be impacted by potential regulations, for their feedback.

CKC continues to advocate on behalf our members and purebred dogs and will keep members engaged and apprised of our efforts in the days and weeks ahead.

UPDATE ON NEW CDC DOG IMPORTATION RULE COMING AUGUST 1, 2024

Since we learned that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its dog importation regulation, effective August 1, 2024, we have been working hard to advocate on your behalf by meeting with relevant stakeholders to gather and review information, determining advocacy options and strategy, and planning next steps. We have also been speaking with our members and reading your concerns about the new rules.

Since the news, we met with the American Kennel Club (AKC), the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), CFIA, CVMA and other like-minded industry stakeholders. Based on our discussions with our U.S. counterparts, we have learned that U.S. stakeholders had the opportunity to provide feedback on CDC’s proposed changes in 2023 and the new CDC rule is final. We also learned that the possibility of influencing the new CDC regulation prior to August 1 is extremely unlikely.

The CDC states that the updated regulation is intended to prevent the re-introduction of dog-maintained rabies virus variant (DMRVV) into the U.S. and will address recent challenges seen with international dog importations, such as fraudulent documentation and dogs housed in unsafe conditions if they did not meet requirements for entry to the United States. The CDC also confirms that the new regulation will more closely align with the World Organisation for Animal Health’s standards for the international movement of dogs from countries with a high risk of dog rabies.

While CKC supports the need to reduce the risk of bringing and spreading rabies across both borders, we understand that the new CDC dog importation rule will unduly impact many responsible CKC members, such as those who work with U.S. counterparts to diversify breeding programs, travel to the U.S. to compete in shows and events, utilize U.S. veterinary services, and provide puppies to U.S. citizens.

We have learned that any changes to these rules could take time, potentially years, to lobby for new U.S. legislation that may allow for exceptions to the new CDC rule. Under the circumstances, we believe that our efforts are best directed at working with our U.S. counterparts, CFIA and other stakeholders to share our concerns regarding the negative impacts these changes impose on our members, and to try and influence opportunities for discretion through enforcement. Highlighting the low-risk profile of CKC-registered dogs for infectious diseases, as well as the long-standing positive relationship between Canada and the U.S. will be important points that we will make in our ask for leniency for our members.

NOTICE BOARD

CKC-led upcoming advocacy activities will include:

- Developing a joint, co-signed communication with the American Kennel Club, including a shared letter to the CDC outlining the concerns and impact of the new CDC rule on our members on both sides of the border.
- Writing an OP-ED for a major U.S. publication, emphasizing the impact of the new CDC rule on both CKC and AKC members, which will also be co-signed by AKC.
- Meeting with Pets Canada next week to discuss joining our advocacy efforts regarding the new CDC rule.
- Meeting with CFIA and NCAC (National Companion Animal Coalition) partners next week to discuss the impact of the new CDC dog importation rule on CKC member breeders who provide puppies to U.S. citizens and members who transit to the U.S. for shows/events and veterinary appointments. Further, to ask CFIA to share our concerns and recommendations with the CDC.
- Writing a letter and requesting a meeting with the federal Minister of Health, Mark Holland expressing concerns and seeking support for special consideration for CKC members due to CKC's special relationship with our U.S. counterparts and the low-risk profile of CKC-registered dogs.

We remain active and resolute in our commitment to advocate on your behalf, to support members who legitimately import and travel with their dogs to the U.S. We will continue to work with our Canadian and U.S. partners on this important issue and will provide further updates about our advocacy work on the new CDC dog importation rule in the coming days and weeks ahead.

You may view the final CDC rule [here](#). For more information, please visit the [CDC website](#), which includes Frequently Asked Questions. If you have specific questions about your personal circumstance, please contact CDC at cdcanimalimports@cdc.gov, <https://wwwn.cdc.gov/dcs/ContactUs/Form> or call (800-232-4636) or TTY (888-232-6348).

GREAT NEWS FOR CKC CONFORMATION JUDGES - ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICIATE AT FCI INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The CKC has been working with FCI to update the Memorandum of Understanding regarding CKC Conformation Judges. We are pleased to announce that effective **May 1, 2024**, there are exciting changes for our Conformation Judges. There is no longer a need for a judge to judge four (4) National Shows in four (4) Different FCI member countries before they are allowed to award CACIB's. Conformation Judges will now be allowed to judge the breeds they are approved to judge in Canada and award CACIB's.

To view the FCI member countries: <https://www.fci.be/en/members/>

Below is the new revised Memorandum of Understanding effective May 1, 2024:

- a. CKC judges are allowed to judge in the FCI member countries all-breed, group and specialty national shows, the breeds they are approved to judge in Canada.*
- b. CKC judges are allowed to judge the breeds they are approved to judge in Canada, at FCI International CACIB Shows and are allowed to award CACIB to them.*

It will be the responsibility of the FCI Office and of the judges concerned to keep track of assignments undertaken in an FCI member country. Taking into account the legal restrictions on the exercise of extra-territorial jurisdiction by the CKC, it will be the responsibility of the CKC to communicate them to their judges and the practical implementation and enforcement of the agreed above principles will be under the responsibility of the FCI Office, of the FCI members and the judges concerned.

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report is of disciplinary action taken by the Discipline Committee at its meeting held on April 6, and 7, 2024. All penalties commenced as of May 14, 2024, unless otherwise stated.

Please note that subsequent infractions, not necessarily of the same offence, will carry penalties of increasing severity. Consequently, in those cases where an individual has been found guilty on a separate offence, the penalty will be more severe than for a first-time offender. The reference to the penalty continuing means that the penalty will continue until such time as the provisions of the Animal Pedigree Act, Club's By-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures have been satisfied.

Alex Betts, NB, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 2 years.	Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders.	\$250.00
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Deprived 90 days.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale. The certificate was provided at the time this matter was heard.	\$150.00
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Jessica Betts, NB, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 2 years.	Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders.	\$250.00
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Deprived 90 days.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale. The certificate was provided at the time this matter was heard.	\$150.00
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Emoke Braun, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 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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Mandy Ettel, AB, Member

(Complainant – Brandie Maitland)

Dismissed	Violations of the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.	
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David Gignac, BC, Member

(Complainant – Tammy Maxfield-Luethje)

Debarred 90 days.	Violation of the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.	\$300.00
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Termination membership for 1 year.	Failed to abide by the Code of Ethics.	\$250.00
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Dean Goudie, NF, Member

(Complainant – Julie Barrett)

Dismissed	Violation of the Code of Ethics.	
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Under Appeal

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Nihan Hall, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 2 years. Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders. \$250.00

Deprived 90 days and continuing. Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale. Failed to properly identify dog. \$250.00

GCH Hayewyres Ya Got Trouble by Enchantment

(Complainant – Meghann Belser)

Excluded from further CKC events pending an Examining Committee report. Violation of the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

Catherine Leblanc, QC, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 5 years. Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders. \$250.00

Deprived 90 days and continuing. Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale. \$250.00

Catherine Leblanc, QC, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 5 years. Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders. \$250.00

Deprived 6 months and continuing. Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale. \$250.00

Catherine Leblanc, QC, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 1 year and continuing. Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale. \$250.00

Catherine Leblanc, QC, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 1 year and continuing. Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale. \$250.00

Johanne Légaré, QC, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 90 days and continuing. Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders. Failed to provide her breeding records for inspection. \$150.00

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Kathleen Lang, SK, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 1 year
and continuing.

Failed to provide DNA parentage testing.
Acted or performed in a manner which may be deemed
as contrary to the basic principles and Objects of the Club
and/or in the best interests of the Club and its members.

\$250.00

Ginette Lussier, QC, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 90 days
and continuing.

Failed to provide a certificate of registration within
6 months of the date of sale.

\$250.00

Lee Ann Penney, QC, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership
for 5 years.

Engaged in the breeding and selling of non-purebred dogs.
Acted or performed in a manner which may be deemed
as contrary to the basic principles and Objects of the Club
and/or in the best interests of the Club and its members.

\$250.00

Thomas Power, NF, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Suspended 90 days
and continuing.

Failed to provide a certificate of registration within
6 months of the date of sale.

\$150.00

Melissa Prange, AB, Member

(Complainant – Tammy Sawatzky)

Terminated membership
for 1 year.

Failed to abide by the Code of Ethics.

\$250.00

Under Appeal

Wanda Sinkovits, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 1 year
and continuing.

Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC
Member Breeders.
Failed to provide her breeding records for inspection.
Failed to provide DNA parentage testing.
Acted or performed in a manner which may be deemed
as contrary to the basic principles and Objects of the Club
and/or in the best interests of the Club

\$250.00

Dave Slade, NF, Member

(Complainant – Julie Barrett)

Dismissed

Violation of the Code of Ethics.

Under Appeal

Heather Storie, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

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Failed to provide a certificate of registration within
6 months of the date of sale. The certificate was provided
at the time this matter was heard.

\$150.00

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Heather Storie, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 90 days
and continuing.

Failed to provide a certificate of registration within
6 months of the date of sale.

\$250.00

Anick Turcotte, QC, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 90 days
and continuing.

Failed to provide a certificate of registration within
6 months of the date of sale.

\$250.00

Rita Visser, AB, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership
for 3 years.

Engaged in the breeding and selling of non-purebred dogs.
Acted or performed in a manner which may be deemed
as contrary to the basic principles and Objects of the Club
and/or in the best interests of the Club and its members. \$250.00



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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