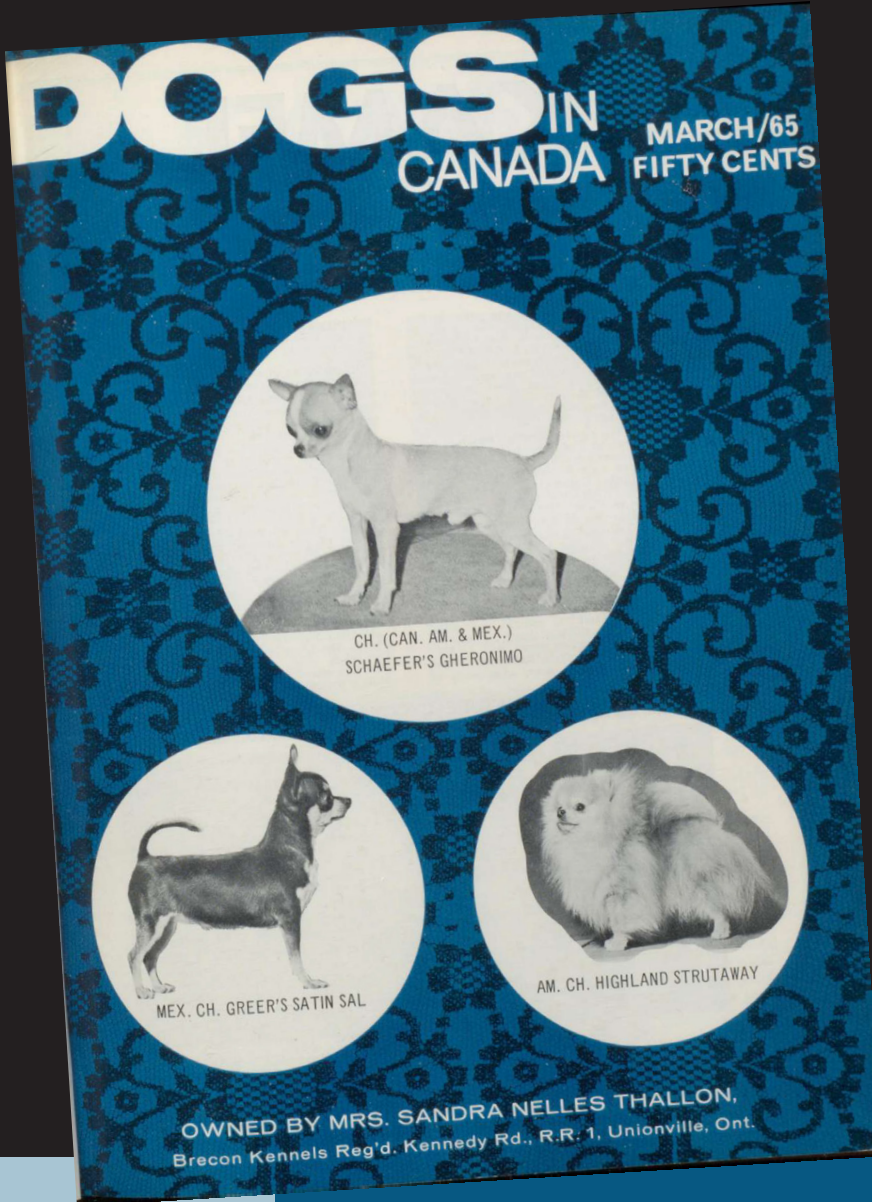




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NEW YEAR'S UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In this Executive Directors Update, Jeff Cornett shares an update including news about CKC membership trends, finances, and successful events in 2023. While navigating challenges, Jeff also speaks about changes in dog registrations since 2021.

Meet the new Board of Directors and get involved! Join committees to shape CKC's future across Canada. To learn more about our committees visit [here](#). To apply for a committee, fill out your application [here](#) and send it to ED@ckc.ca by 5 p.m. EDT on February 16, 2024.

And if you haven't already, don't forget to renew your membership! Log in to your Member Portal account or contact our customer service team at 1-855-364-7252 or via Live Chat on ckc.ca if you require assistance.



TOP DOGS UPDATE!

The Top Dogs award system was established in 1963 to recognize the achievements of handlers and their dogs in CKC-recognized events. Now, 60 years later, Top Dogs is being updated and expanded!

We are excited to be bringing some new offerings, including a focus on the Owner Handlers and a breakdown of Top Dogs by Province. Expanding Top Dogs will allow us 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. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to March when we will be sharing 2023's Top Dogs!

2023 will also be the final year of multi-discipline Top Dogs. With the launch of the versatility titles (which are free for CKC members), we have 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.

With new additions, Top Dogs 2023 will have a new look! The existing Top Dog awards will have certificates printed and mailed, as always. The new Top Dog additions will have environmentally friendly digital certificates created that can be saved/downloaded/shared by owners, without adding additional printing costs.

RESULTS AND CORRECTIONS: 90-DAY RULE

The CKC has invested in expanding the Shows & Trials team to process and post official results more efficiently.

Given the desire to improve the efficiency of results posting and reflecting that in 2023 results were entered within 30 days and posted within 60 days on average, the Board of Directors passed a new rule in 2023. Effective January 1, 2024, the new rule states that exhibitors have up to 90 days following an event to request a correction to official CKC results.

We encourage exhibitors to check their results with CanuckDog's unofficial posting and confirm the official results when available on the member portal. Results will typically occur within 60 days, although some results may be delayed due to results issues or late submission to CKC.

The CKC will not consider any request for corrections to results if received more than 90 days following the date(s) of the event(s).

NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS RE: CLUB POLICY – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Please be advised that at the December 2023 meeting of the CKC Board of Directors, Chapter V, Club Policy, Section A, General, (11) was amended effective January 1, 2024, as follows:

POLICY, CHAPTER V, CLUB POLICY:

Section A, General, (11)

The Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and Directors of all recognized clubs must be residents of Canada and all must be Canadian Kennel Club members in good standing. The names and offices held by these members must be reported to the Canadian Kennel Club within thirty (30) days of an election or filling of a vacancy together with a copy of any changes to the current constitution and/or by-laws of the club. Failure to comply may jeopardize the club's recognition and/or events.

The intent of the Club Policy requiring that the Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, & Treasurer) and all Directors of recognized clubs be members of Canada and Canadian Kennel Club members in good standing is to ensure that the people in charge of clubs are actively engaged in the CKC and its activities.

There are no requirements to add additional Officers or Directors. For example, many clubs have one Officer who is both Secretary & Treasurer and therefore only require 3 Memberships. There is no requirement to add an additional Officer or split this role if not required by your club's existing bylaws.

The CKC Board of Directors understands the importance of recognized clubs and their role in everything from hosting events to maintaining their breed standards. Those people in club leadership positions should also be active in the CKC.

The CKC Shows & Trials Department is ready and willing to work with clubs throughout 2024 to achieve these requirements.

WHY CHOOSE A PUREBRED DOG?

First, whether you find your new best friend at a shelter/rescue or from a breeder, its important to choose wisely and only work with reputable people. At the CKC, we love dogs. All dogs. Best in Show winning purebreds to High in Trial scoring mixed breeds to majestic wild wolves. All of them.

Every dog deserves a wonderful home and every wonderful home deserves to have a dog who is the perfect fit for them.

Throughout my life, I have owned purebred dogs. I sing the praises of purebreds every day and encourage those looking to purchase a dog to consider all options and to make an educated decision.

I tell potential puppy buyers asking for my advice that there are three places you should go to get a dog and three places you should definitely not go to get a dog.

The three places to get a dog:

- An accountable purebred dog breeder.
- A reputable not-for-profit shelter or animal rescue.
- Number 3 goes along with number 2 and that is a purebred dog rescue organized by a group of dedicated fanciers. Yes, purebred dog folks started rescue and we are really efficient at getting dogs into the right homes. Many National and Regional breed clubs also have a rescue function. These clubs are made up of people who are incredibly passionate about their breed, and quick to help when a dog in their beloved breed needs assistance.

The three places you should never get a dog from:

- A pet store. Many cities have outlawed selling live puppies because their puppies come from places number 2 and 3.
- A Puppy Mill. A puppy mill is a large-scale breeding enterprise where profits are the focus rather than healthy breeding practices and dogs.

- A Backyard breeder. There is a major difference between a responsible, ethical, preservation breeder and a backyard breeder. In a sentence, backyard breeders breed dogs without much knowledge about canine health, care or genetics, and ethical breeders are dedicated to the good health, temperament, and the betterment of their breed. Learn more about how to spot a responsible breeder here: [How To Spot A Responsible Breeder | CKC](#)

If you are starting out on a mission to buy a new dog, my experiences would lead me to highly recommend a purebred dog from an ethical breeder for a number of reasons. Those reasons are:

Purebred dogs are predictable.

There are approximately 400 purebred dog breeds on the planet. About 200 of them are recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club. One of the greatest things about dogs is their diversity. If you are committed to responsibly owning a dog, chances are there is a purebred that will closely match both your personality and lifestyle.

By looking at what a dog was bred to do, you can begin to match a breed to your life. The Dalmatian was bred to run alongside horse-drawn carriages for miles and miles. If you're a dedicated runner, a Dalmatian might be a good fit for you. However, if your idea of a workout is a leisurely walk around the block, the Dalmatian's energy could easily be too much for you and you may want to consider a slower-paced breed like the Pekingese, Tibetan Spaniel or Shih Tzu.

Predictability is an enormous plus to purebreds. It is the reason people are able to use German Shepherds as police dogs, Labrador Retrievers to guide the blind and Beagles patrolling airports. It's also why some people will pet your dog and start weeping because your dog's looks and mannerisms remind them so much of their beloved dog of the same breed they lost.

Purebreds are predictable. If you love your neighbour's Shetland Sheepdog, chances are the puppy Sheltie you buy from an accountable breeder will grow to be about the same size, have the same incredible intellect, require the same amount of grooming and exercise as an adult and be able to participate in similar dog sports. With the mixed breed, instincts, coats and temperaments are combined and the outcome can only ever really be a guess and more often than not, the outcome is a surprise. From what I have witnessed by friends buying "designer" (aka crossbred) dogs, surprises with dogs are rarely good surprises. The surprises are usually that the "doodle" is way bigger than expected, way more active than expected, has a different temperament than advertised and the coat requires way more upkeep than promised as a "doodle" is a blend of hair and fur. This quickly leads to painful mats when left to grow unattended.

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Purebred dogs have a history that is traceable.

Purebred dogs were developed to perform a function that helped make people's lives easier. The Doberman Pinscher is a personal protection dog that helped its creator when he went door to door collecting taxes. The Bearded Collie herds sheep working alongside a shepherd as a moving fence. The Irish Terrier is an all-round farm dog that very efficiently removes vermin from properties. Many Toy dogs were created to serve as companions, but also to warm beds as central heating wasn't around upon their creation as well as bedroom rattlers to keep vermin at bay.

Along with knowing why your breed was made, a well-breed purebred dog also comes with a pedigree so you can trace its actual family. A pedigree is a record showing the ancestry of a purebred dog. With the internet now connecting dog lovers globally, you are often times able to enter your dog's ancestors into a search and see images of your dog's family members!

Purebred dogs are often health tested.

One of an ethical breeder's primary goals should be to breed healthy and sound dogs. One of the ways they achieve this is through health and genetic testing. An accountable breeder makes sure their dogs are tested by veterinary specialists to reduce and/or eliminate the possibility passing on inherited health issues to future generations. Most breeds have a regional or national club that has a list of health tests that are recommended for their breed and expect their breeder members to carry out this testing on their dogs. Does this mean that responsibly bred dogs don't get sick? No, but it is a promise that the breeder took all the steps possible in an attempt to bring only healthy puppies into this world.

Purebred dogs from preservation breeders often come with health guarantees.

Many accountable breeders sell their dogs with a health guarantee. Contracts vary. some contracts include a guarantee against all genetic defects up to a certain age. Others guarantee against specific ailments. In order for a health guarantee work best, I recommend that puppy buyers take the puppy to their own veterinarian soon after the purchase, as is providing a quick time frame in which the puppy can be returned to the breeder for exchange or refund if the vet finds any issues.

Purebred dogs bred by ethical breeders come with lifetime support.

It has often been said in the purebred dog community that, when you buy a dog from an accountable breeder, you get 24/7 support for the life of that dog. While there is no substitute for veterinary care, when something new and minor happens to one of my dogs, I often contact their breeder to see if they have ever come across a situation like it before. 99% of the time they have and tell me what I can do to remedy it. If you buy a dog

from a puppy seller who isn't ethical, they won't respond to any inquiries that won't lead to a quick sale.

Responsible breeders know that the dogs they bring into this world are partially their responsibility from the whelping box to the coffin. Meaning that, if at any point in the dog's life the owners cannot provide the care they require, the dog is returned to the breeder and they will either keep the dog themselves or find it an appropriate, loving home.

I asked a friend who was in contact with a "doodle" breeder to ask them what happens should they no longer be able to care for the dog. The "doodle" breeder replied with simply "no returns".

Purebred dogs have a long legacy of people who have loved them. New owners often get welcomed into the breed by meeting other owners who are also passionate about the breed. Groups of owners often have Facebook pages, annual picnics and other social events they can enjoy together with their dogs.

Because purebred dogs from accountable breeders are predictable, traceable, tested, guaranteed and supported by experts, I will always have purebred dogs in my home and in my heart.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DISCIPLINARY 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.

**Bergeron Marco, QC, 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.	\$250.00
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**Lee Kakouli Poka, ON, Non-Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

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**Lucie Leclerc, QC, Non-Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

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**Marilou Pelletier, QC, Non-Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

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**Michel Bourget, QC, Non-Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

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**Sylvie Houle, QC, 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.	\$250.00
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**Tara Olsson, 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.	\$250.00
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**Travis Walton, AB, 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.	\$250.00
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**Venessa Costa, ON, Non-Member
(Complainant – CKC)**

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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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