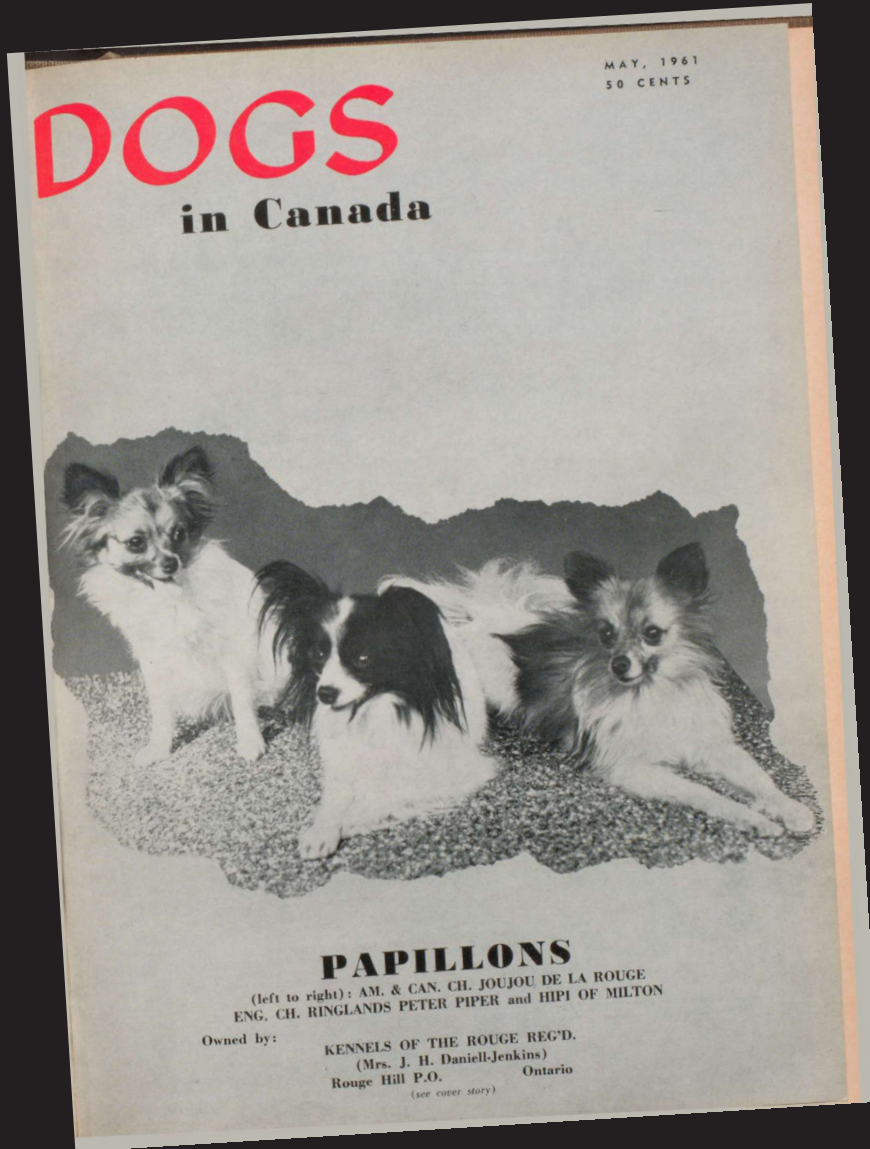




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## TOP DOGS 2023

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.

We're kicking off the celebration with the exciting sport of Agility!

Each day this week we will be posting a new Top Dog list, so check back in and keep an eye on social media.



#1 - AGMCH10  
GAGMCHV  
AGMCHV2  
Marolou  
Highway MXPV  
AGMX11  
AGSCX MXP  
JTX2 CGN

The Top Agility Dog for 2023 is a Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier owned and handled by Diane Guillotte.

[VIEW TOP AGILITY DOGS](#)

Congratulations to all of Canada's Top Agility Dogs!

## TOP 10 MOST POPULAR DOG BREEDS 2023

The Canadian Kennel Club is proud to share with you the Top Ten Most Popular Dog Breeds of 2023!

Ten breeds from five Groups make up the list. For the 29th year in a row, Canada's own Labrador Retriever takes the top spot followed by the Golden Retriever and the German Shepherd Dog. The French Bulldog steps up to the number four spot and the Poodle takes fifth.

The charming Cavalier King Charles Spaniel makes its first appearance on the Top Ten list, coming in ninth. The Cavaliers have been recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club since 1957 and are known for their gentle and affectionate nature.

A reminder to those looking to add a puppy to their home: Just because a breed is popular does not mean it is the right fit for every home. Be sure to do your research and meet with owners of adult versions of the breed you are interested in. A show or trial is a great place to do that. Always buy from an accountable breeder and check out the national club's webpage for more information on the breed that interests you.



#1

Breed: Labrador Retriever  
Country of Origin: Canada  
Original Job: Duck Hunter and Fisherman's mate.  
Talents: Retrieving, Guiding the blind, Dock Diving and more.  
Exercise Needs: High  
Grooming Needs: Low.  
National Club: <http://www.labradorretrieverclub.ca/>



#2

Breed: Golden Retriever  
Country of Origin: Scotland  
Original Job: Hunting feathered game  
Talents: Field Trials, Obedience, Rally and more.  
Exercise Needs: High  
Grooming Needs: Moderate  
National Club: <https://grcc.net/>



#3

Breed: German Shepherd Dog  
Country of Origin: Germany  
Original Job: Herding  
Talents: Schutzhund, Scent Detection, Obedience, talents and more.  
Exercise Needs: High  
Grooming Needs: Moderate  
National Club: <https://www.gsdcc.ca/>

★ 2023 ★



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**4**

French Bulldog

★ Bouledogue français ★

**#4**  
 Breed: French Bulldog  
 Country of Origin: France  
 Original Job: Companion  
 Talents: Therapy work, Agility, Conformation and more.  
 Exercise Needs: Moderate  
 Grooming Needs: Low  
 National Club: <https://www.frenchbulldogfanciers.club/>

★ 2023 ★



CKC/CCC

**7**

Havanese

★ Bichon havanais ★

**#7**  
 Breed: Havanese  
 Country of Origin: Cuba  
 Original Job: Companion  
 Talents: Agility, Therapy Work, Conformation and more.  
 Exercise Needs: Moderate  
 Grooming Needs: High  
 National Club: <https://www.havanese fanciers.com/>

★ 2023 ★



CKC/CCC

**5**

Poodle

★ Caniche ★

**#5**  
 Breed: Poodle  
 Varieties: Standard, Miniature and Toy.  
 Country of Origin: Germany  
 Original Job: Water Retriever  
 Talents: Obedience, Agility, Conformation and more.  
 Exercise Needs: High  
 Grooming Needs: High  
 National Club: <https://www.poodleclubcanada.club/>

★ 2023 ★



CKC/CCC

**8**

Shetland Sheepdog

★ Berger Shetland ★

**#8**  
 Breed: Shetland Sheepdog  
 Country of Origin: Shetland Islands  
 Original Job: Herding  
 Talents: Obedience, Rally, Agility and more.  
 Exercise Needs: High  
 Grooming Needs: Moderate  
 National Club: <https://canadianshelties.ca/>

★ 2023 ★



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**6**

Australian Shepherd

★ Berger australien ★

**#6**  
 Breed: Australian Shepherd  
 Country of Origin: United States of America  
 Original Job: Herding  
 Talents: Flyball, Dock Diving, Agility and more.  
 Exercise Needs: High  
 Grooming Needs: Moderate  
 National Club: <https://mycnasa.com/>

★ 2023 ★



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**9**

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

★ Épagneul Cavalier King Charles ★

**#9**  
 Breed: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel  
 Country of Origin: England  
 Original Job: Companion  
 Talents: Therapy Work, Scent Detection, Conformation and more.  
 Exercise Needs: Moderate  
 Grooming Needs: Moderate  
 National Club: <https://cavaliercanada.com/>

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## #10

Breed: Portuguese Water Dog  
Country of Origin: Portugal  
Original Job: Fisherman's  
Retriever and Boat Messenger  
Talents: Rally, Agility, Dock  
Diving and more.  
Exercise Needs: High  
Grooming Needs: High  
National Club: <https://pwdcc.org/>

## 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 5-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
- Trina Gallop
- Louise Glenda Newton
- Richard Paquette
- Alistair Sutherland

### Communications Committee:

- Trina Gallop
- Joanna Suan
- Jean-Claude Surprenant
- Alistair Sutherland

### Event Officiating Committee:

- Thomas Alexander
- Darwin Boles
- Thora Brown
- Heather Langfeld
- Seanna O'Neill

### Genetics & Medical Committee:

- Dr. Paul Eckford, PhD
- Dr. Oksana Moshynska, PhD
- Dr. Roberta Parish, PhD
- Alistair Sutherland
- Dr. Meredith Walker, DVM

### IT Steering Committee:

- Anthony Hartelaub
- Andrew Ryall
- Rometheis Wize

### Rules of Eligibility:

- Thora Brown
- Marnie Harrison
- Lisa Ricciotti

### Ad Hoc Brachycephalic Breed Advocacy Committee:

- Lundi Blamey
- Dr. Meredith Walker, DVM

# 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.

**Troy Bell, AB, Non-Member  
(Complainant – CKC)**

Reprimand.

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

\$150.00



# 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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