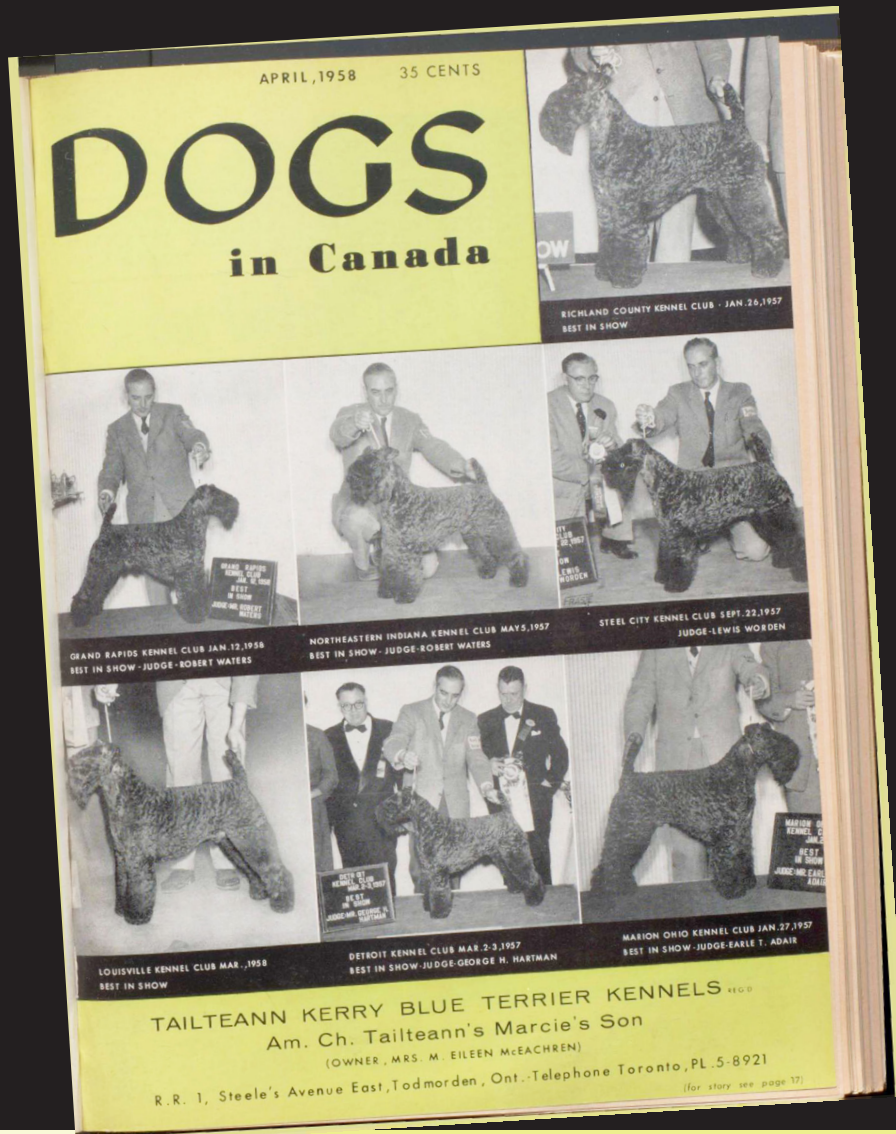




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Saturday, May 31, 2025

Start Time: 2:00 p.m. EDT with guest speaker Dr. Allison Skipper, Veterinary and Research Advisor

The Royal Kennel Club, United Kingdom

AGM Start Time: 5:15 p.m. EDT
Coast Nisku Inn and Conference Centre, Edmonton, Alberta
1101 4th Street, Nisku, AB, T9E 7N1

We are thrilled to be holding our AGM online as well as in-person in Edmonton, Alberta. Please join us to learn about what is happening in your club and ask questions of your board of directors!

CKC's Annual General Meeting includes important updates from 2024, while sharing exciting initiatives underway for 2025. The agenda will be available in the coming weeks, with registration details shared closer to the date.

We look forward to seeing you there!

CKC OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES THE FOREIGN STUD BOOK OF THE BAHRAIN KENNEL CLUB (BKC)

CKC is pleased to share that at the recent CKC Board of Directors meeting on March 1, 2025, the motion was carried to recognize the Bahrain Kennel Club (BKC).

With this recognition, CKC has added the Bahrain Kennel Club to its List of Recognized Foreign Stud Books. CKC and BKC now officially recognize each other's registration certificates and pedigrees, and dogs imported into Canada registered with BKC are eligible for full registration with CKC.

The Bahrain Kennel Club (BKC) is a full member of the [Fédération Cynologique Internationale \(FCI\)](#), the largest canine community in the world.

The CKC is looking forward to a formal relationship between the two Clubs that will support dog health and well-being globally, and increase access to activities and opportunities for Canadian and Bahraini purebred dog enthusiasts.

For the full list of Foreign Kennel Clubs recognized by the CKC, [click here](#).

CKC CONGRATULATES ALL CANADIAN ENTRANTS AND WINNERS AT THE 149TH WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

The 149th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show was held on February 8, 10-11, 2025 at the Madison Square Garden in New York City for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Among the more than 2,500 dogs entered, Canadian teams once again showcased their exceptional talent on the world stage. With a strong representation from Canada, our breeders, owners and handlers demonstrated their tremendous dedication and skill.

Among the many impressive performances, GCHB CH Roaneden's Shorelander ("Luca"), a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever owned and bred by Christine and Robert Jones, stole the spotlight by winning Best in Breed (BOB).

It is with immense pride that the Canadian Kennel Club congratulates all of our Canadian purebred dog entrants and winners at the 149th annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and all the hard-working breeders, owners and handlers who contributed to their success.



Miniature Pinscher

Rexroth Kimro Valentina, a Canadian born Miniature Pinscher was best of breed and group 4th. Owned by Kimberly Calvacca, Robin Greenslade, Dr. William Truesdale, Zoila Truesdale. Bred by Kimberly Calvacca, and Canadian owners and breeders Lesley Walter and Stefan Waler.

Doberman Pinscher

ConnQuest Best of Both Worlds, a Canadian born Doberman Pinscher was best of breed and group 2nd. Owned by Francis Sparagna, Diana Sparagna, and Canadian owners and breeders Theresa Connors-Chan and Gregory Chan.

Affenpinscher

Kick Em Kenny v Tani Kazari, an Affenpinscher was best of breed and group 3rd. Owned by Patricia Kanan, Cindy Huggins, and Canadian owner Yvonne Savard. Bred by MWAH Cooymas.

Akita

Marqways Born Into Royalty, a Canadian born Akita was best of breed. Owned by Canadian Marissa Prokopchuk and bred by Vincent Romeo, and Canadian breeders Serge Desforges and Marissa Prokopchuk.

Anatolian Shepherd

Timaru Guardian of the North, an Anatolian Shepherd was best of breed. Owned by Lesley Brabin and Canadian Ashley Martins. Bred by John Brabyn and Lesley Brabyn.

Border Collie

Nahrof Semper Supra, a Border Collie was best of breed. Owned by Canadians Zihui Lin and Yuan Wang. Bred by Lauren Somers and Errol Badior.

Brittany

Rlivermist Broxden Magnuttic, a Canadian born Brittany was best of breed. Owned by Canadians Craig Storey and Diane Storey. Bred by Amy Booth, Phil Booth and Canadian breeder Allyson Godfroid.

Dogue de Bordeaux

Brazen Shine On Darkstar, a Canadian born Dogue de Bordeaux was best of breed. Owned by Canadian Kim Lellig and bred by Canadians Kim Lellig and Pauline Da Silva.

Wire Fox Terrier

Fleet St. Roque Down Easter, a Wire Fox Terrier was best of breed. Owned by George Herrick, Nannette Herrick, Robert Carusi, and Canadian Hailey Carusi. Bred by Robert Carusi and Canadian Hailey Griffith.

Great Pyrenees

Brynjulf Don't Look Now at Pyrview, a Great Pyrenees was best of breed. Owned by Cindy Pearce and Canadians Sandy Dymont and Cassandra Dymont. Bred by Cindy Pearce.

Lakeland Terrier

Northcote's Isn't That The Way, a Canadian born Lakeland Terrier was best of breed. Owned and bred by Canadians Terri Alloway and Kim Wendling.

Norfolk Terrier

RexRoth's Tom Collins, a Canadian born Norfolk Terrier was best of breed. Owned and bred by Canadian Lesley Walter.

Norwegian Elkhound

Kingdom N Daggardwoods Silverado, a Norwegian Elkhound was best of breed. Owned by Marilyn Curtis, Kevin Richard and Canadian Nicole Cassavechia. Bred by Kevin Richard and Canadian Nicole Cassavechia.

Papillon

Riesa N Passionpaps Locked And Loaded, a Canadian born Papillion was best of breed. Owned by Madeline Mosing, Linda Foiles, and Canadians Douglas Kelly and Darlene Kelly. Bred by Canadians Darlene Kelly and Douglas Kelly.

Miniature Poodle

Lyric's Diamond All Star, a Canadian born Miniature Poodle was best of breed. Owned by Pamela Dickinson and Canadian Allison Chicorli. Bred by Canadian B Lynne Galloway.

Standard Poodle

Dawin One For the Money, a Canadian Born Standard Poodle was best of breed. Owned and bred by Canadian Linda Cambell.

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

Roaneden's Shorelander, a Canadian born Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever was best of breed. Owned and bred by Canadians Christine Jones and Robert Jones.

Samoyed

Vanderbilt's Lucky Shot, a Canadian born Samoyed was best of breed. Owned by Suzanne Danza, Steve Tursi, and Canadian Judi Elford. Bred by Canadians Judi Elford and Blair Elford.

Irish Red and White Setter

Cornadore Branco With Annagh, an Irish Red and White Setter was best of breed. Owned by Canadian Mary Wagner. Bred by Justyna Rojek.

Yorkshire Terrier

Oz's Run Run Runaway, a Canadian born Yorkshire Terrier was best of breed. Owned and bred by Canadian Loreta Serafini.

While results were only available for breed and group placements, we know that there are many more successes to be celebrated. Congratulations to all CKC members and their amazing dogs who entered and participated in all events including Dock Diving, Agility, Obedience, Junior Showmanship, and more!

****Please note: we have compiled these results using the official Westminster results. If we have missed something or made an error, please let us know at communications@ckc.ca.*

Source: <https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/results-by-breed/>

CRUFTS 2025: ABBEY MAHN'S JOURNEY TO REPRESENT CANADA IN JUNIOR HANDLING

The excitement is building as Crufts, one of the world's most prestigious dog shows, draws near. From March 6 to 9, 2025, Canadian Junior Handler Abbey Mahn will step into the ring to represent Canada at this iconic event. We caught up with Abbey to hear about her journey to Crufts, what she's looking forward to, and the heartfelt message she wants to share with the Canadians cheering her on from home.

Abbey's journey to Crufts

Abbey's passion for Junior Handling began at just 4 years old, when she entered the PeeWee Junior Handling class. "It has been an incredible, hands-on learning experience that spans nearly my entire life," she shared. As Abbey grew older, her commitment to the sport deepened, with each new challenge strengthening her skills.

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Abbey has earned many accolades throughout her journey, including winning her first Reserve Best in Show with her Schipperke, Fiona, and claiming the title of Canadian Junior Handling National Champion. These moments, and countless others, reflect her dedication to the sport and her love of working with dogs.



Support from home

Throughout her journey, Abbey has received tremendous support from the Canadian dog show community. "The community has been incredibly supportive, providing invaluable encouragement and guidance that has helped shape me into the handler I am today," Abbey explains.

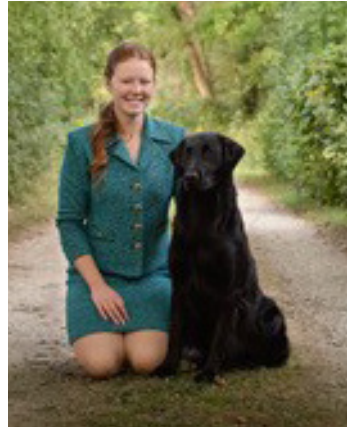
Abbey's journey wouldn't be the same without the love and encouragement from home. "Knowing that so many of you are supporting me from back home makes this experience even more meaningful. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey!" she says, expressing her gratitude for the people cheering her on.

Preparing for the big stage

Preparing for a high-profile event like Crufts requires both mental and physical preparation. Abbey's approach is grounded in building a strong bond with her dog, which is essential for trust and communication in the ring. "I focus on building a strong bond with the dog, which is essential for trust and communication," Abbey explains. "Remaining calm is also key – if I'm composed, my dog will be, too."

However, at Crufts, Abbey won't know the dog she'll be competing with until the final moments before the event. Abbey prepares by expanding her knowledge of various breeds. "I focus

on learning about different breeds, and with experience showing numerous breeds across all seven groups, I'm always striving to improve my skills," she explains. While she has enjoyed working with many breeds, Flat-Coated Retrievers hold a special place in her heart for their unique personalities. "They keep me on my toes and challenge me to grow as a handler," Abbey says. This broad preparation and adaptability are key to Abbey's success, no matter which dog she's paired with at Crufts.



The heart of the message: Inspire and support

Abbey's journey is not only about her own achievements but also about the dedication of young Canadian handlers who are making their mark on the dog show world. "This journey takes hard work, patience, and an unbreakable bond between handler and dog," Abbey reflects.

"I'm proud to represent the dedication and passion that young Canadian handlers bring to the sport."

Abbey hopes that her story will inspire others, especially young handlers, to pursue their dreams and connect with the amazing partnership we share with our dogs. "No matter the outcome at Crufts, I hope to inspire others to follow their dreams and celebrate the amazing bond we have with our dogs," she says.

For anyone considering getting involved in the dog world, Abbey has some valuable advice: "Be prepared to make a significant investment of time, money, and dedication. Showing up to the ring is just the beginning – caring for a dog requires a lifelong commitment to providing proper care, maintenance, and training."



A heartfelt acknowledgment

Abbey is quick to acknowledge the significant influence her grandmother has had on her journey. “My Grandma has provided me with invaluable hands-on experience and breed-specific knowledge, which has greatly contributed to my success in the show ring,” Abbey shares. Her grandmother, a breeder of Flat-Coated Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, and Schipperkes, has played a key role in Abbey’s growth as a handler.

Looking ahead to Crufts 2025

As Abbey prepares for Crufts 2025, she reflects on all that she has learned and accomplished. “This experience has been a journey of growth, learning, and achieving my goals,” she says. Abbey’s story is a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished with passion, hard work, and the unwavering support of a community.

Abbey’s message to all Canadians: “Thank you for your support! It means the world to me. I’m excited to represent Canada at Crufts, and I hope to bring back not only great memories but also inspiration for others to follow their dreams in the dog world.”

Good luck, Abbey!





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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