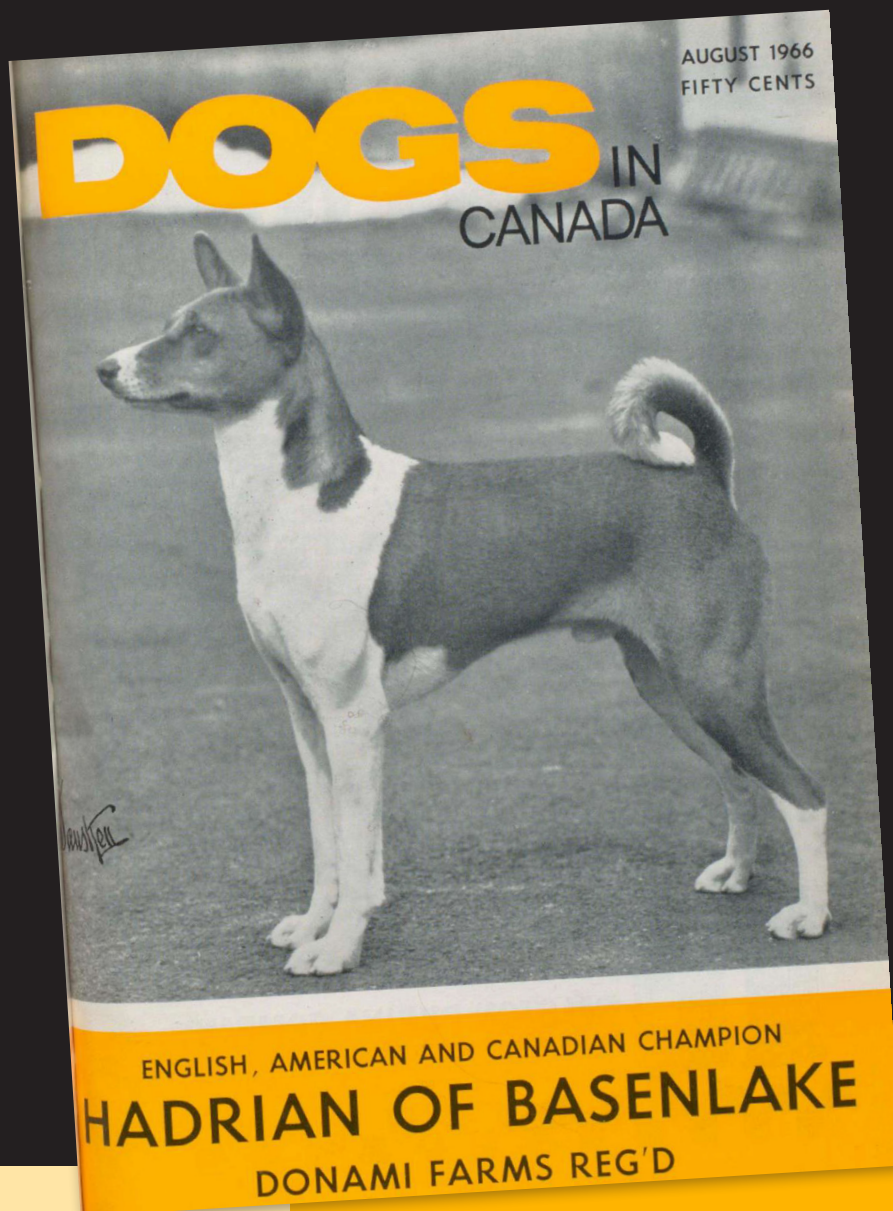




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ANNOUNCEMENT: NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED FOR THE CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Kennel Club is pleased to announce the appointment of Natalie Tarini as our new Executive Director, effective August 18, 2025.

Natalie is a bilingual leader who brings a wealth of experience to this role including strategic organizational leadership, advocacy, communications and marketing, and government relations, along with a deep love and passion for the well-being of dogs. Natalie holds a Bachelor of Science and a postgraduate diploma in public relations, upon which she has built a strong foundation in effective communication and stakeholder engagement.

For the last five years, Natalie has been the Executive Director of a national, member-driven organization. In this role, she has worked closely with a Board of 11 Directors and ensures operational excellence, regulatory compliance, and alignment with the organization's strategic goals. She led the development of a multi-year strategic plan and brought the vision to life through a focused, operational roadmap to guide the organization's growth and impact for its thousands of members nationwide. This experience positions Natalie well to lead the Canadian Kennel Club into an exciting new chapter, including the development of a new strategic plan that will help us achieve our mission.

We invite all CKC members and stakeholders to join us in welcoming Natalie to the Canadian Kennel Club and our community.

CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB RECOGNIZES TWO NEW DOG BREEDS

The Canadian Kennel Club is excited to announce a significant update to its Articles of Incorporation – the recognition of two new distinct breeds: Parson Russell Terrier and Russell Terrier.

This amendment, certified under the Animal Pedigree Act, 1988, reflects the commitment of the CKC to celebrating the diversity and heritage of purebred dogs. Certification was finalized on June 30, 2025, and includes the official Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for breeding.

Each of these breeds brings unique qualities and histories to the CKC community, and their official recognition opens new opportunities for owners, breeders, and enthusiasts to engage with the club.

Over the coming weeks, CKC will make any necessary changes to our systems and official documents (i.e. forms, policies, ROEs,

etc.) to implement the changes from the 2022 Referendum recognition of the Parson Russell Terrier and Russell Terrier. We will notify our members when these changes are complete, when you can view their Rules of Eligibility before registering new dogs and read the changes in the updated By-laws booklet and Policy & Procedure Manuals.

These breeds are now fully recognized by the CKC. Stay tuned for more updates!

CKC VETERINARIAN STUDENT BURSARY

The five veterinary colleges in Canada receive the annual CKC Veterinary Student Bursary in the amount of \$2,000 to award a deserving student to continue their education in the field of veterinary medicine and to support important veterinary programs.

Our second bursary of 2025 was presented at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine award ceremony at the University of Saskatchewan, on June 4, 2025. Valerie Bandas, CKC Zone 9 Director, Saskatchewan, attended and was honoured to present the award to Yovela Wang, MSC, DVM. Dr. Wang will be continuing her veterinary studies in oncology and is passionate about individualized care and providing compassionate support to both her patients and their families.

We are looking forward to supporting the remaining veterinary colleges this year and will provide these important updates with our members when available.



Photo: Canadian Kennel Club Veterinary Student Award.
Left to right: Dr. Gillian Muir (Dean), Yovela Wang (recipient)
and Valerie Bandas (CKC Zone 9 Director).
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CKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW RECOGNIZED AS CRUFTS QUALIFIER!

The Canadian Kennel Club invites its members and exhibitors to take part in the Crown Classic National Championship Dog Show weekend November 20 – 23, 2025 at the International Centre in Mississauga, Ontario, presented by Royal Canin, the Canadian Pet Expo, the Aurora and District Kennel Club, and the Canadian Kennel Club. As a feature part of the weekend's events, we hope you will join us at the 2025 CKC National Championship Show on Saturday, November 22, 2025. The CKC National Championship Show will be a 2026 Crufts Qualifier!

Effective immediately, Best of Breed winners at the 2025 CKC National Championship Show will be eligible to enter Crufts 2026. This marks an important addition to the list of qualifying achievements for Canadian dogs competing on the international stage.

The following Canadian dogs are eligible to compete at Crufts 2026:

- The top five dogs of each breed, as determined by the CKC Top Show Dog point system
- Dogs awarded Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Select Dog, Select Bitch, or Award of Merit at CKC-approved National Specialties
- Best of Breed winners at the 2025 CKC National Championship Show

Please note: Qualifications are only valid for the following year's Crufts event and cannot be deferred. For example, a dog that qualifies at the CKC National Show in 2025 is eligible for entry into Crufts 2026 only.

This update provides an exciting new pathway for CKC members to participate in one of the most prestigious dog shows in the world. We encourage eligible exhibitors to take full advantage of this opportunity.

RAISING HEALTHY LITTERS: INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION FOR DAMS & PUPPIES IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ON-DEMAND STREAMING!

Join CKC and Trupanion for a can't miss, on-demand webinar designed to help you protect what matters most— your litters.

Raising Healthy Litters: Infectious Disease Prevention for Dams & Puppies brings together two expert perspectives in an engaging fireside chat: internationally recognized infectious disease authority, **Dr. Scott Weese**, and respected CKC member breeder, **Alistair Sutherland** – chair of CKC's Genetics & Medical Committee and retired clinician and health administrator.



What You'll Learn:

- Why infectious disease prevention matters at every stage of breeding
- Practical ways to safeguard the health of your dogs and litters
- Answers to member submitted frequently asked questions

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and elevate your breeding program! Whether you're a new or seasoned breeder, this conversation offers science-backed guidance to help you protect both your litters *and* your program.

[Access the Webinar](#)

About the CKC and Trupanion

As the exclusive pet insurance partner of the Canadian Kennel Club, Trupanion brings over 25 years of experience protecting pets and is proud to support Canada's breeding community.

With Trupanion's Go Home Day Offer, CKC breeders can send their litters home with 30 days of immediate coverage from Trupanion upon activation— all at no cost to you or your buyers.

Our partnership is designed to give both you and your puppy buyers peace of mind, allowing you to focus on what matters most — the health and future of the dogs you love. Call 833-757-2498 or [click here](#) to get started!

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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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