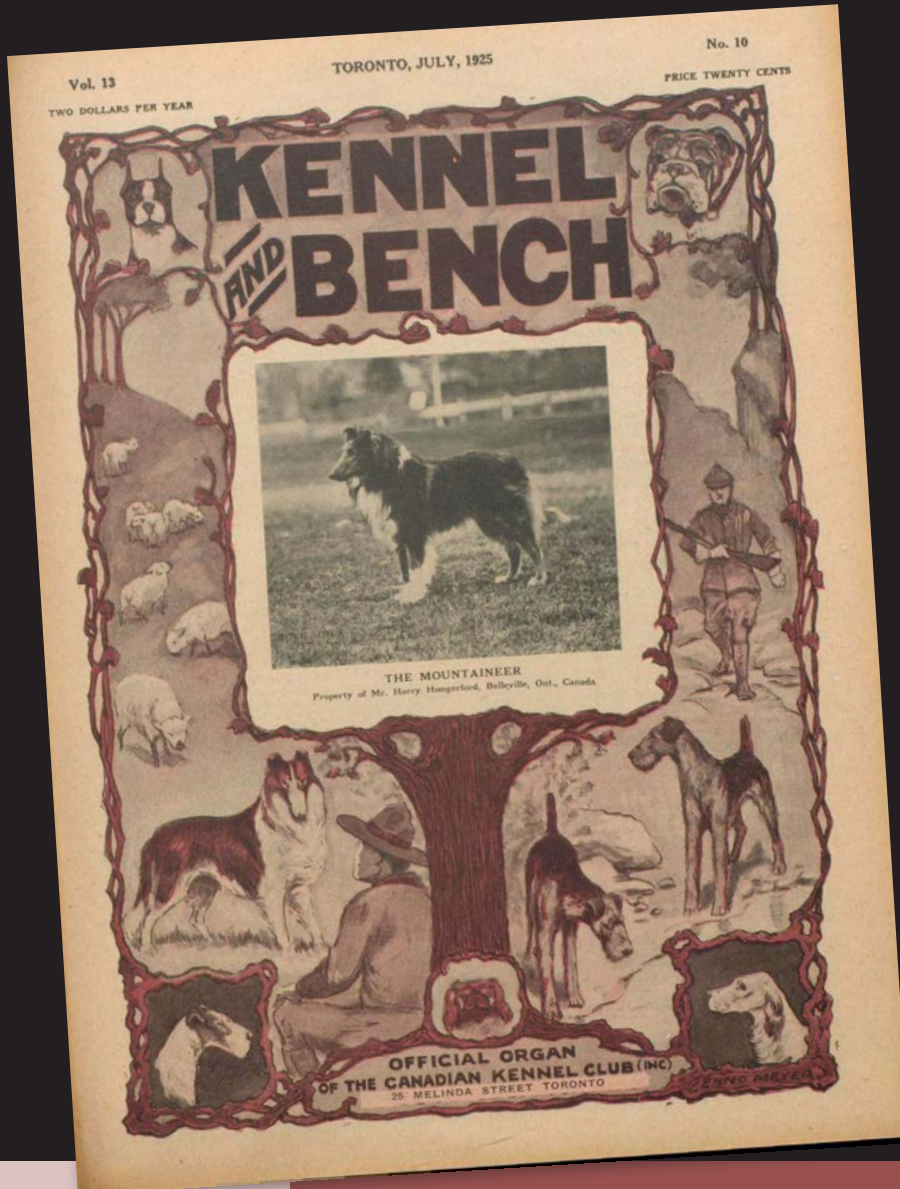




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WATCH THE FULL RECORDING OF THE 2025 CKC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2025 CKC Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in Edmonton, Alberta, on May 31, 2025. We are pleased to share the full recording for those who were unable to attend live or would like to revisit the event.

This year's AGM weekend included a quarterly board meeting, a wonderful meet and greet of the board and staff with CKC members at the Northern Alberta Canine Association (NACA) Dog Show, and the AGM itself. The weekend was an excellent opportunity for members, board directors and staff to share information and ideas, and discuss important things that impact our club in the future!

The AGM included an insightful presentation by Dr. Alison Skipper, Veterinary and Research Advisor at The Kennel Club (UK), on the topic of closed breed registers, as well as 2024's accomplishments and new work underway in 2025.

We encourage all CKC members to watch the full AGM recording and gain valuable insights from Dr. Skipper's presentation, as well as learn about CKC's progress in 2024 and 2025.

Watch the full AGM recording here:
<https://youtu.be/4se2R-In5XU>.



NOTICE: BREED STANDARD UPDATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

The CKC website now includes a new section for "Breed Standard Updates," which can be found at the bottom of the CKC Breed Standards webpage. This section will only be used for breed standard changes that have been approved by the Board.

The following breed standards have been updated by the Board effective July 1, 2025:

Group II (Hounds):

- Borzoi

Group IV (Terrier):

- American Hairless Terrier

The following breed standards have corrections:

Group III (Working):

- Bernese Mountain Dog –
Section on Neck that was omitted has been added back
- Doberman Pinscher – DQ overshoot more than 4.75 mm (0.1875 in)
- Leonberger – Tips of ears are level with corners of the mouth

Group V (Toy):

- Japanese Chin – Subheading for Body added

Please note that there is no longer a Breed Standard Amendment Service. Judges and clubs will be required to update their Breed Standard binder by printing updated pages on their own. For printing, breeds can be found within their respective group's "Individual Breed Standards" folder. Electronic versions can still be downloaded as full groups.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the Event Planning Department in Shows and Trials.

The Disqualification Booklet will continue to be updated and mailed each year or as required. The next update will be printed and issued in July 2025.

UPDATED DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBEDIENCE AND RALLY OBEDIENCE TRIALS

This notice is to provide you with an update regarding the distance requirement between Obedience Trials and Rally Obedience Trials.

The motion below was carried at the May/June Board Meeting and is **effective immediately**.

"THAT, the Policy & Procedures Manual, Chapter 6 Shows and Trials, Appendix 2 Mileage Restrictions be amended effective immediately as follows:

Shows And Trials

Appendix 2 – Mileage Restrictions

Note: Mileage Restrictions listed are for the distance required

between events of the same type. For judging restrictions, please refer to the event rule book.

- **Obedience Trials (clubs without priority dates)** – 100 miles / 180 kilometres
- **Obedience Trials (clubs with or up against a club with priority dates)** – 200 miles / 322 kilometres
- **Rally Trials (clubs without priority dates)** – 100 miles / 180 kilometres
- **Rally Trials (clubs with or up against a club with priority dates)** – 200 miles / 322 kilometres

This means that effective immediately, for clubs applying to hold either an Obedience Trial or Rally Obedience Trial, if there is another club holding trials on the same date and both clubs do not have priority dates, the distance between Obedience Trial to Obedience Trial and Rally Obedience Trial to Rally Obedience Trial must be a minimum of 180 kms.

For clubs applying to hold an Obedience Trial or Rally Obedience Trial that have priority dates, if there is another club holding trials on the same date that also has priority dates, the distance between Obedience Trial to Obedience Trial and Rally Obedience Trial to Rally Obedience Trial must be a minimum of 322 kms.

For a club applying to hold an Obedience Trial or Rally Obedience Trial that does not have priority dates, if there is another club with priority dates holding trials on the same date, the distance between the events must be 322 kms.

Please be reminded that this is for the same event type only.

Trials that have already been approved and for clubs that submitted an Event Date Application prior to the date of the Board Meeting, the distances for these specific events will be grandfathered. For all others, and in future, the new distance requirements will be in effect.

CKC INTRODUCES NEW ICONIC BREEDER CONFORMATION JUDGE PROGRAM

The Canadian Kennel Club is pleased to announce a new Iconic Breeder Conformation Judge program.

The program is intended to allow CKC member breeders the opportunity to obtain a judge licence for 1 breed for which they are considered “iconic” in breeding and showing.

A breed that they have been breeding for a minimum of 25 years and for which they can meet the requirements as set in policy with regard to breeding, showing, awards, champions and much more. Please review the policy in this regard in the **Policy & Procedures Manual, Chapter VII, Judges, Section C, Applicant Iconic Breeder Conformation Judge Licencing Program** for all of the eligibility requirements and approval process.

This is for 1 breed only and successful applicants cannot progress from this program to judge further breeds. Iconic Breeder Conformation Judges must be CKC members and must adhere to the same Code of Ethics for Judges as all other licenced judges.

The Application For Iconic Breeder Conformation Judge can be found on the website under Events> Event Forms> Judges.

This new program is effective July 1, 2025.

The fee to apply to become an Iconic Breeder Conformation Judge is \$100.00 plus tax.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Shows & Trials Department via information@ckc.ca or through Customer Service at 1-855-364-7252 or locally at 416-675-5511.

PAWS AND POETRY: A CKC MEMBER'S ODE TO PUREBRED DOGS

What happens when a lifelong dog lover with a passion for writing takes on a poetic challenge like no other? Colleen Rutherford Archer has written a poem for every purebred dog breed recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club. With a career spanning short stories, novels, and factual articles, Colleen has turned her deep affection for dogs into a joyful and informative tribute to the breeds we know and cherish.

Now retired from professional writing, Colleen finally found the time to take on an idea that had lingered for decades. “Years ago, an editor suggested a book of dog poems,” she recalls. “But it would have to include every recognized breed, and I didn’t have time back then. Now I do, and I decided to do it just for fun.”

Colleen’s playful verses aren’t just charming, they’re packed with carefully researched details about each breed’s origins, traits, and original purpose. “I spent over half a century researching articles, so diving into breed histories was a pleasure,” she says. “I used everything from breed books to videos of dogs with their owners.”

One of her favourite discoveries? The Norwegian Lundehund, a breed known for its flexibility, extra toes, and puffin-hunting past. “The Lundehund was definitely the most fun dog to research,” she says. “The poem practically wrote itself.”

He once hunted puffins among creviced rocks...
His forelegs can stretch out to ninety degrees,
While extra toes help him to grip rocks with ease.

Colleen’s connection to dogs runs deep, especially with the breeds she has shared her life with. Her Shetland Sheepdog Vicky earned her Utility title at just two years old. Robin, her

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Cairn Terrier, was a therapy dog who also played Toto in a stage production of The Wizard of Oz. “I probably saw parts of them in the breeds I wrote about,” she says.

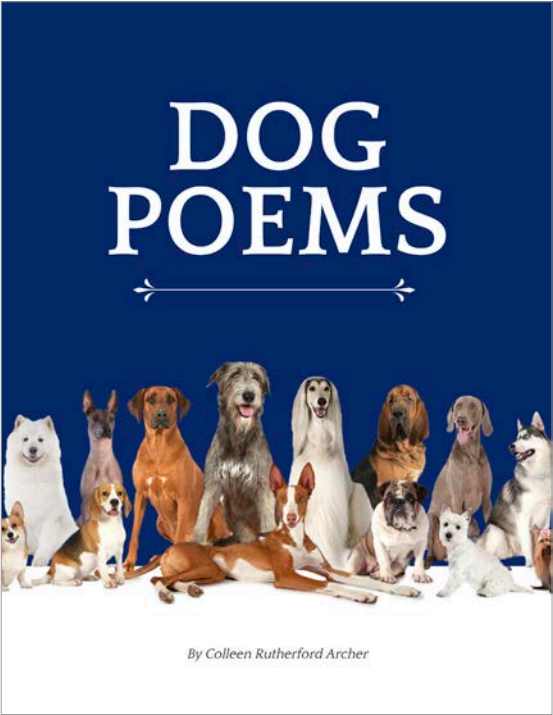
Over the years, her poems have drawn praise from editors, breed lovers, and even the late Barbara Woodhouse, the British dog trainer who coined the phrase “Walkies!” “She wrote to say she really enjoyed the poems and would treasure them,” Colleen says. “That meant a lot.”

So why poetry? “Poems can be a bit lighter than factual articles while still conveying information,” she explains. And in Colleen’s hands, a few clever lines can say a great deal about a dog’s temperament, its history, and why it might be a perfect match for the right home.

At the heart of it all is a deep respect for the bond between people and dogs. “Looking at what a breed was originally bred to do gives people a good hint at what that pup will grow up to be like,” she says. “Starting out with the right dog is so important, and that’s where the CKC can really help.”

Want to read the full collection? You can now explore every poem in Colleen Rutherford Archer’s delightful tribute to CKC-recognized breeds in our downloadable PDF booklet. (English only)

[Click here to view the complete poem collection.](#)



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DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report is of disciplinary action taken by the Discipline Committee at its meeting held on April 11, 12, and 13, 2025. All penalties commenced as of June 3, 2025, 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.

Benjamin Akhtary, BC, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership
for 3 years.

Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC

Member Breeders. 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

Reprimand.

Engaged in selling dogs registered and unregistered.

\$100.00

Susanna Anderson, USA, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Reprimand.

Failed to sign an Application for Registration of a Litter Born in Canada as the co-owner of the dam.

\$250.00

Michael Clarke, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 1 year
and continuing.

Failed to provide DNA parentage testing.

\$250.00

Deprived 90 days
and continuing.

Failed to provide his breeding records for inspection.

\$250.00

Shannon Comeau, AB, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Suspended 30 days.

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

\$250.00

G. Ken Cook, AB, Member

(Complainant – Nancy Kovall)

Reprimanded.

Violations of the Handbook for CKC Conformation Judges.

\$200.00

Bev Dorma, BC, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership
For 30 days.

Failed to maintain records of the full particulars of litters and Progeny in the litter.

\$150.00

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Christine Flamand, QC, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 1 year.	Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders.	\$200.00
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Deprived 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$150.00
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Christine Flamand, QC, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$150.00
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Gordon Hayburn, ON, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Dismissed.	Judged breeds in another country which he was not qualified to judge in Canada.	
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Karine Ianniciello, 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
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Tina Ing, ON, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 1 year.	Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders.	\$150.00
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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 heard.	\$150.00
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Inga Jansone, ON, 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
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Under Appeal

Patricia Kastanek, ON, 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
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Under Appeal

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

John Kolodziej, ON, Member

(Complainant – Thomas Conroy)

Reprimand.	Unsportsmanlike conduct at an event.	\$300.00
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Sabrina Labrie, QC, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 180 days and continuing.	Failed to properly identify dog.	\$250.00
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Deprived 180 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$250.00
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Donna LaHaise, ON, 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
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Charles MacDonald, NS, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 1 year.	Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders.	\$150.00
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Reprimand.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$100.00
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Chelby Marling, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – Emily Burdon)

Debarred 5 years.	Unsportsmanlike conduct at an event.	\$150.00
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Under Appeal

Cathy Mitchell, BC, 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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Suspended 90 days.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$150.00
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Sarah Muth, NS, Member

(Complainant – Emily Burdon)

Debarred 5 years.	Unsportsmanlike conduct at an event.	\$150.00
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Terminated membership For 5 yrs.	Failed to abide by the Code of Ethics.	\$250.00
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Under Appeal

Walter Piersanti, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 1 year and continuing.	Failed to provide DNA parentage testing.	\$250.00
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Deprived 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide his breeding records for inspection.	\$250.00
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DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Nicole Robidoux, QC, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 1 year.	Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders.	\$150.00
Deprived 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$150.00

Andrea Robins, ON, Member

(Complainant: John Kolodziej)

Reprimand.	Violations of the Handbook for CKC Conformation Judges and Chapter VII, Judges, Policy and Procedures Manual.	\$250.00
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Julie Rowell, ON, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 1 year.	Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders.	\$150.00
Deprived 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$100.00

Denise Smith, AB, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 1 year.	Failed to abide by the Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders.	\$250.00
Reprimand.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale but was provided at the time matter was heard.	\$100.00

Stéphanie Trudeau, QC, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership 1 year.	Failed to provide DNA parentage testing.	\$150.00
Reprimand.	Failed to maintain records of the full particulars of every dog sold in the litter.	\$150.00
Suspended 90 days.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$100.00

Under Appeal

Yuan Ying Zeng, ON, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Terminated membership for 1 year.	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
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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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