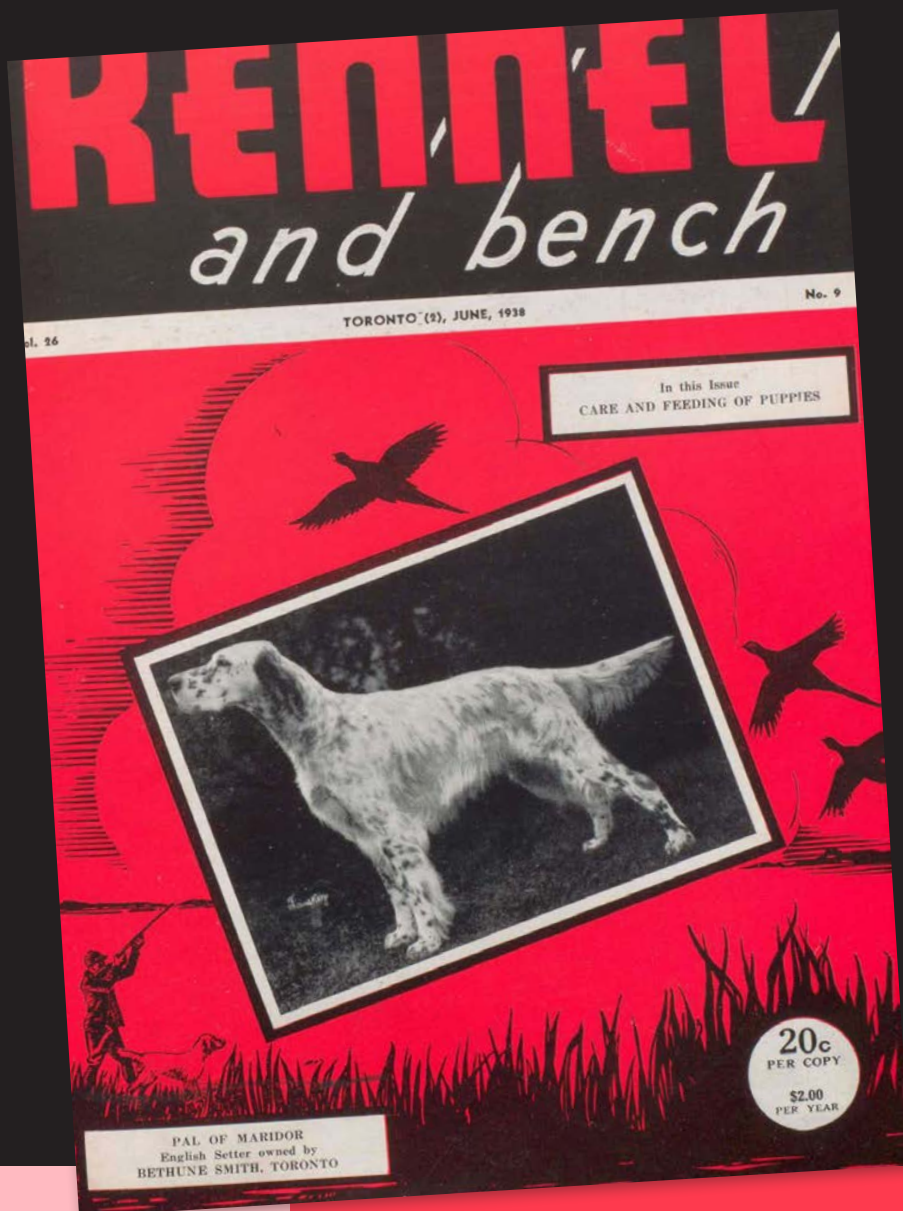




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RULES OF ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

The Canadian Kennel Club is excited to announce important changes to the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) and the registration process for purebred dogs. These updates will help ensure that all dogs registered with the CKC conform to the highest breed standards while maintaining the integrity of the purebred dog community across Canada.

What are the Rules of Eligibility?

The Rules of Eligibility are a set of 10 broad traits established for each breed that are necessary for a dog to be registered with the CKC. These traits include key characteristics such as size, coat colour, coat texture, markings, ear shape, tail carriage, and other physical features that are used to identify a breed. These rules are specifically for registration purposes and are distinct from the Breed Standards.

How are the Rules of Eligibility established?

A Rules of Eligibility Committee, working closely with the National Breed Clubs, has created the 10 traits for each breed. Once these traits are defined, breeders and enthusiasts vote on the rules through a Referendum Process. After the vote, the rules are sent to Agriculture Agri-Food Canada for final approval.

What happens to my existing registration?

If your dog's registration aligns with the newly established Rules of Eligibility for their breed, there will be no change to their registration status. However, if your dog's registration no longer meets the criteria, they will be placed under conditional registration. A dog with conditional registration can still compete in most CKC events (such as agility, rally obedience, and scent detection), but they will not be eligible to breed.

Why can't I register a litter from a previous sire/dam?

With the introduction of the ROE, all sires and dams must comply with the established traits for their breed. Previous litters may have been registered because the ROE was not yet in place for that breed. Once the ROE is established, only dogs that meet the traits can be used for breeding.

What does conditional registration mean?

Dogs with conditional registration are still considered purebred, but they do not meet the full requirements for registration as a parent for a litter. Conditional registrations allow these dogs to continue participating in CKC events, except for Conformation.

My dog's colour is a permitted colour, but it's incorrect on his paperwork. How do I fix this?

If your dog has been placed under conditional registration but you believe this is an error, you can request an amendment. The dog will be reviewed by a committee, and fees may apply to amend the registration.

Conclusion

The CKC is committed to ensuring that our registration processes reflect the highest standards for purebred dogs. The implementation of these Rules of Eligibility helps preserve breed integrity and ensures that every dog registered with the CKC meets the breed's most essential traits.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please contact our support team at information@ckc.ca. We encourage you to stay informed and ensure that your dog's registration is up to date.

For more information about these changes, please feel free to reach out to us or consult the Rules of Eligibility FAQ page.

JOIN US FOR DR. SKIPPER'S PRESENTATION AT THE 2025 CKC AGM – RSVP NOW!

The Canadian Kennel Club invites all members to join us for our 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 12 to 4:30 p.m. MDT. The AGM will be held at the Coast Nisku Inn, Edmonton, with an option to attend virtually.

A highlight of this year's AGM will be a presentation by Dr. Alison Skipper, Veterinary and Research Advisor at The Kennel Club (UK). Dr. Skipper will discuss why history matters to the future of purebred dog health and breeding. Dr. Skipper will share the results of research she conducted on historical breed registers, and the impact of closed breed registers on the health and sustainability of purebred breeds.

This is a fantastic opportunity for members to gain valuable insights from Dr. Skipper's expertise while also receiving updates on CKC's achievements and plans for the future.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage with CKC's leadership and fellow members. RSVP today to attend in person or virtually.

[REGISTER TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM](#)

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION: Please e-mail AGM@ckc.ca with your full name and membership number.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY'S GIVING DAY

On April 4, we were proud to be part of the University of Calgary's Giving Day. On this day, donations to the University are matched. Through the CKC's Veterinarian Bursary, our donation made double the impact for the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine's Companion Animal Health Fund.

The Companion Animal Health Fund is working on many important projects and research. In 2024, this fund supported the research of comparing surgical patient preparation protocols and POCUS (Point of Care Ultrasound) in emergency settings.



TOP 10 MOST POPULAR DOG BREEDS IN CANADA FOR 2024

Every year, the Canadian Kennel Club compiles data from registrations to identify the top dog breeds in Canada. This year, as always, we see the Labrador Retriever leading the pack, a breed that is native to Canada. With this said, there are some exciting shifts in breed preferences. Smaller breeds, in particular, are gaining popularity, reflecting broader preference and potential lifestyle trends among Canadian dog owners. Whether you're in search of a playful pup for outdoor adventures or a cozy companion to snuggle up with, these top 10 breeds represent the diverse range of personalities and needs that Canadian dog owners are choosing in 2024.

#1 Labrador Retriever



- **Origin:** Newfoundland, Canada
- **Original Role:** Waterfowl Retriever for Fishermen
- **Exercise Needs:** High
- **Grooming Needs:** Low
- **Why They're Popular:** The Labrador continues to reign as Canada's top dog for good reason. With their friendly nature, intelligence, and boundless energy, Labs are great for active families and dog sports enthusiasts.

#2 Golden Retriever



- **Origin:** Scotland, United Kingdom
- **Original Role:** Waterfowl Retriever for Hunters
- **Exercise Needs:** High
- **Grooming Needs:** Moderate
- **Why They're Popular:** Golden Retrievers are beloved for their gentle temperament and loyalty. They're perfect for families and thrive in environments where they can stay active and engaged.

#3 German Shepherd Dog



- **Origin:** Germany
- **Original Role:** Herding
- **Exercise Needs:** High
- **Grooming Needs:** Moderate
- **Why They're Popular:** German Shepherds are known for their versatility and intelligence. Whether in police work, search and rescue, or as loyal family companions, they excel in many roles.

#4 French Bulldog



- **Origin:** France
- **Original Role:** Companion
- **Exercise Needs:** Moderate
- **Grooming Needs:** Low
- **Why They're Popular:** With their compact size and playful nature, French Bulldogs are ideal for apartment living. Their affectionate personalities and low-maintenance grooming make them an increasingly popular choice.

#5 Poodle



- **Origin:** Germany
- **Original Role:** Waterfowl Retriever
- **Exercise Needs:** Moderate to High
- **Grooming Needs:** High
- **Why They're Popular:** Poodles come in three sizes – Standard, Miniature, and Toy – and are known for their intelligence, elegance, and versatility in dog sports. Their hypoallergenic coat also makes them a favourite among allergy sufferers.

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#6 Dachshund



- **Origin:** Germany
- **Original Role:** Hunting Badgers and Foxes
- **Exercise Needs:** Moderate
- **Grooming Needs:** Low
- **Why They're Popular:** These little dogs with big personalities are becoming increasingly popular! Dachshunds are perfect for smaller living spaces and have a charming, playful nature.

#7 Shih Tzu



- **Origin:** China
- **Original Role:** Companion
- **Exercise Needs:** Moderate
- **Grooming Needs:** High
- **Why They're Popular:** Known for their adorable looks and sweet demeanor, Shih Tzus are wonderful companions, especially for those who enjoy a lapdog that loves affection.

#8 Bulldog



- **Origin:** England, United Kingdom
- **Original Role:** Guard Dog
- **Exercise Needs:** Low
- **Grooming Needs:** Low
- **Why They're Popular:** Bulldogs are easygoing and affectionate, making them great companions for families. Despite their tough exterior, they are incredibly friendly and love to relax with their owners.

#9 Yorkshire Terrier



- **Origin:** Germany
- **Original Role:** Rat Catcher
- **Exercise Needs:** Moderate
- **Grooming Needs:** High
- **Why They're Popular:** Small in size but full of personality, Yorkies are a favourite for those living in apartments. Their vibrant energy and courageous nature make them a fun and loving companion.

#10 Beagle



- **Origin:** Germany
- **Original Role:** Hunting Small Game
- **Exercise Needs:** Moderate
- **Grooming Needs:** Low
- **Why They're Popular:** Beagles are known for their cheerful and outgoing nature. Their playful personalities and love for outdoor adventures make them a great choice for active families.

Looking for the right dog?

If you're thinking about bringing a dog into your home, it's important to remember that the most popular breed may not always be the best fit for your lifestyle. Do your research, visit breeders, and meet the breed in person before making your decision. Each dog has its own unique needs and personality, so it's essential to find a breed that matches your environment, energy level, and preferences.

For more information on each breed and to find responsible breeders in your area, be sure to visit the official national club's website for the breed you're interested in.

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HONOURING EXCELLENCE: THE 2025 CKC CHAIRS' AWARD WINNERS

The CKC, along with its Chair of the Board of Directors, Past-Chair, and Honorary Chair, is very pleased to recognize three exceptional CKC members for their invaluable contributions to our dogs, community, and sports. The CKC is deeply grateful and celebrates the many exceptional CKC members who were nominated for an award in 2025.

CKC National Breeder of the Year Award:
Brenda Brown – Edmonton, AB



The Canadian Kennel Club is proud to announce that Brenda Brown, of Baywood Portuguese Water Dogs in Edmonton, Alberta, has been awarded the prestigious CKC National Breeder of the Year Award. With over 35 years of dedication to the Portuguese Water Dog breed, Brenda has built the most titled Portuguese Water Dog breeding program in CKC history. Her influence extends far beyond conformation, having bred dogs that excel in multiple disciplines, including agility, water work, and obedience. Notably, in 2024, she celebrated her 91st CKC Conformation Champion, a testament to the success and consistency of her breeding program. Brenda's dogs have earned hundreds of titles across multiple associations, with her dogs securing 711 titles from the CKC and 130 titles from the AKC. Her commitment to the breed is also reflected in her active participation in health initiatives, including contributing to the discovery of the FGF4 gene linked to Addison's Disease.

Brenda's journey has been marked by numerous highlights, from breeding Canada's first Portuguese Water Dog to earn a Schutzhund title, to winning the coveted "Super Dog" title at the 2023 Portuguese Water Dog Club of America National Specialty with a dog she bred, owned, and trained. Her program has produced exceptional dogs that are not only top competitors but beloved companions. Brenda has also been a key leader in the Portuguese Water Dog community, having served as president of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada and as vice president of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Alberta. She attributes her success to the dedicated Baywood dog owners, who she credits with making her achievements possible. Brenda's breeding philosophy prioritizes health, temperament, and genetic diversity, ensuring that her legacy will endure for generations to come. Congratulations, Brenda!

CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award: Randy Doan – Aylmer, ON



The Canadian Kennel Club is pleased to announce Randy Doan as the recipient of the CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award. With over 40 years of involvement in the dog world, Randy has made a significant impact on the performance sports community. A dedicated breeder, handler, and judge, Randy has spent more than 15 years judging CKC events before an injury prevented him from continuing. As the owner of Goldoan Kennels in Aylmer, Ontario, Randy has bred and titled two dogs to the prestigious International Field Champion status and has been an advocate for the sport, having 10 dogs achieve CKC Field Champion titles. His long-standing involvement with the Elgin County Beagle Club, where he serves as president, further highlights his commitment to the advancement of the field trial community.

Randy's passion for mentoring young competitors is a driving force in his career. He encourages young people to get involved in the sport, aiming to inspire them to connect with nature and develop a lifelong love of the sport. One of Randy's proudest accomplishments is sponsoring and starting a Kids and Family Day to introduce younger generations to field trials. He also emphasizes the importance of maintaining a strong and supportive community, which is evident in his contributions to the Elgin County Beagle Club and his ongoing efforts to improve the club's facilities and spirit. Randy's hope for the future of the sport is that it continues to grow. The CKC

is honoured to recognize his dedication to the heritage and development of canine performance events. Congratulations, Randy!

CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year: Janice Gunn – Abbotsford, BC



The Canadian Kennel Club is thrilled to announce Janice Gunn as the recipient of the CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year Award. With over 52 years of dedication to the sport, Janice has earned an impressive array of titles in obedience, tracking, agility, hunt tests, retriever field trials, and conformation. She is a true pioneer in the obedience world, having earned 12 CKC Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) titles and eight AKC OTCH titles, with multiple perfect 200 scores across various obedience classes. Her unparalleled success has made her a respected figure in both Canada and the United States, where she has earned numerous High in Trial awards and represented her breeds at national events like the AKC National Obedience Competition and Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

Janice's influence extends far beyond her own accomplishments. As the founder of TNT Kennels & Training Center in Abbotsford, British Columbia, she has dedicated her life to teaching others, offering over 200 free training videos on her popular YouTube channel, which has attracted more than 9,000 subscribers. She has also conducted countless seminars across the country, helping dog owners and competitors improve their skills. Her commitment to the Obedience sport is further demonstrated through her mentorship of other handlers and her extensive involvement with the Dumbbell Obedience Club, where she has played a key role in organizing events and providing resources to support the community. Janice's journey is a testament to her passion for obedience, her love of teaching, and her dedication to growing the sport for future generations. Congratulations, Janice!

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DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

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
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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
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G. Ken Cook, AB, Member

(Complainant – Nancy Kovall)

Reprimanded.	Violations of the Handbook for CKC Conformation Judges.	\$200.00
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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
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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
Deprived 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$150.00

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

Gordon Hayburn, ON, Member (Complainant – CKC)		
Dismissed.	Judged breeds in another country which he was not qualified to judge in Canada.	

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

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
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

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

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

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
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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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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
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Deprived 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$100.00
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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
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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 matter was heard.	\$100.00
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Stéphanie Trudeau, QC, Member

(Complainant – CKC)

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

Alicia Griffin, ON, Member (Complainant – CKC)		
Suspended 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$150.00
Corey Kemp, ON, Member (Complainant – CKC)		
Suspended 90 days and continuing.	Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.	\$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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