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PEKINGESE IS CROWNED BEST IN SHOW AT THE 2025 CKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

The results are in from the 2025 CKC National Championship Dog Show, where dogs and exhibitors from coast to coast delivered an exceptional display of skill, dedication, and purebred excellence in Mississauga. This year's event brought together 814 dogs representing 135 breeds from across the country for an exciting weekend of national competition.

Thank you to every exhibitor, volunteer, breeder, steward, judge, and supporter whose dedication and enthusiasm helped create an unforgettable celebration of Canada's purebred dog community. Your commitment is what makes events like this truly special.

Best in Show:

Best in Show

GCHS Diaquiris Sno-Peke Purple Rain CGN

("Prince"), Pekingese

Owner: Cynthia Dyson

Handler: Cynthia Dyson

Breeder: Denise Cortelli & Cynthia Dyson

Reserve Best in Show

GCHG Hilltops Best Kept Secret At KL ("Rambo"),

Miniature American Shepherd

Owner: Kelli Rettie

Handler: Cody Longworth

Breeder: Ginger M Fleguel

Best of Group Winners:

Group 1 – Sporting:

1st: GCHS Bounce's It's A Lark! ("Larkin"),

English Springer Spaniel

Owner: Debra & Sydney Abelovsky

Handler: Colin Brownlee

Breeder: Debra & Sydney Abelovsky

2nd: GCHEX GCHG Danrich On D'Run To

Maktawae WC ("Colt"), Labrador Retriever

Owner: Lola Nichol

Handler: Lola Nichol

Breeder: Dana Richmond

3rd: GCHB Sunkozi Time For Reflection at

Bittersweet ("Maple"), Golden Retriever

Owner: Lea Batte

Breeder: Beverley Farquhar

4th: CH Ürgemezei-Villám Cokmok, Smooth Vizsla

Owner: Attila Sulyok

Breeder: Zsolt Pumerschein

Group 2 – Hound

1st: CH Lehigh Lexie at Witsend,

Scottish Deerhound

Owner: Judith Bowman

Breeder: Paula Pascoe & Pamela Smithson

2nd: GCHG Freespirits Fix Me A Double At Terrapin CGN ("Bourbon"), Saluki

Owner: Cheryl Paterson & Chris Millman

Handler: Amanda McAllister

Breeder: Mary White, Erika Rose, Richard Worden

3rd - GCHB Cataraqi Midnight Girl ("Jamie"),

Rhodesian Ridgeback

Owner: Carole Cockell

Handler: Noreena Seery

Breeder: Carole Cockell & Valerie Michaud

4th: GCH Azure's Volta ("Volta"), Whippet

Owner: Jessika Belley

Breeder: Mary Morris

Group 3 – Working

1st: GCHB Snowmist's Zenith ("Zenith"),

Siberian Husky

Owner: Kim Ramey-Leblanc

Breeder: Kim Ramey-Leblanc

2nd: GCH A-List Endless Journey ("D.J."),

Doberman Pinscher

Owner: Denise Kamine & Chelsea Kamine

Handler: Joanne Lusted

Breeder: Denise Kamine, Chelsea Kamine, Symone Kamine

3rd: GCH Salem Creek's Mason's Potion

("Lucius"), Cane Corso

Owner: Amanda Tam & Michael Hothi

Breeder: Gailynn Reed

4th: GCH Recurve's Be Unstoppable ("Jaxon"),

Newfoundland

Owner: Cathie Wood & Carina Wood & Jill Francis

Breeder: Cathie Wood & Carina Wood

Group 4 – Terrier

1st: GCH Bridan Kilmarnock At Thistle Do

("Johnny"), Border Terrier

Owner: C Lubinsky, Emily Burdon, Jose M Sanchez, C

Meyer

Handler: Emily Burdon
Breeder: Cynthia Lubinsky, E Burdon, Jose Sanchez, C Meyer

2nd: GCH Audacity's Indecent Proposal NS CGN ATD-M ATD ("Moxie"), Manchester Terrier

Owner: Janis Laporte
Handler: Janis Laporte
Breeder: Deborah Quance

3rd: CH Gregory Novinskaya NS ITD ("Grisha"), Scottish Terrier

Owner: Marina Novinskaya
Handler: Marina Novinskaya
Breeder: Joy Croft, Sandra Anderson

4th: CH Northcote's Snap Crackle and Pop ("Chloe"), Lakeland Terrier

Owner: Terri Alloway & Kim Wendling
Handler: Kim Wendling
Breeder: Terri Alloway & Kim Wendling

Group 5 – Toy

1st: GCHS Diaquiris Sno-Peke Purple Rain CGN ("Prince"), Pekingese

Owner: Cynthia Dyson
Handler: Cynthia Dyson
Breeder: Denise Cortelli & Cynthia Dyson

2nd: GCHG Bonwild Black Magic Woman ("Trillé"), Toy Manchester Terrier

Owner: Amanda Kelly, Sari Laitinen, Carolyn Horowitz
Handler: Sydney Robinson
Breeder: Sari Laitinen

3rd: GCHS Alegria's Dark Side of the Moon ("Floyd"), Havanese

Owner: Laurie Thompson
Handler: Sydney Robinson
Breeder: Melissa Keevil

4th: GCHS Boccalupo Maplewood's Coco Chanel at Cassiopeia ("Coco"), Italian Greyhound

Owner: Karen Pelletier
Handler: Norm Fargo
Breeder: Dini Odynski Westman

Group 6 – Non-Sporting

1st: GCH Starlight Birchbark Feats of Strength RN CGN NTD ("George"), Bulldog

Owner: Tatiana Hatton & Tim Hatton
Handler: Sonya Birch
Breeder: Tatiana Hatton & Tim Hatton

2nd: GCH Nuuktok's Atka Kunik S ("Kunik"), Standard American Eskimo Dog

Owner: Sharon Robertson & Graeme Burdon

Handler: Emily Burdon
Breeder: Sharon Robertson & Graeme Burdon

3rd: Didnt C Me Coming (Arena) ("Dyanara"), Standard Xoloitzcuintli

Owner: Dista N Goguen
Handler: Shannon Bouwman
Breeder: Maria Guadalupe Escoffee

4th: GCHB Summerwind's Beam Me Up To Keesbrook ("Scotty"), Keeshond

Owner: Brenda Brookes & Susan Coulson
Handler: Susan Coulson
Breeder: Jean Gauchat Hargis & Joshua Hargis

Group 7 – Herding

1st: GCHG Hilltops Best Kept Secret At KL ("Rambo"), Miniature American Shepherd

Owner: Kelli Rettie
Handler: Cody Longworth
Breeder: Ginger M Fleguel

2nd: GCHB Stonecroft's Star Seeking ("Stuart"), Pembroke Welsh Corgi

Owner: Anita Cameron, Kristen Francis, Barbara Heal
Breeder: Anita Cameron & Kristen Francis

3rd: GCHS AusableRVR's Fresh POW ("Aspen"), Australian Shepherd

Owner: Lisa Wensley
Handler: Bonnie Fisher
Breeder: Jocelyn Ehgoetz

4th: GCHB Ember Pine and Maple Trails CGN ("Kivi"), Finnish Lapphund

Owner: Pattie Page & Manon Brisebois
Handler: Dillon Conod
Breeder: April Wilkowski.

A message from our Executive Director

"This year's National Championship brought together outstanding dogs and exhibitors from across the country. Their commitment to preserving the health, history, and purpose of purebred dogs was evident in every ring. Thank you to our volunteers, judges, and partners for supporting this exceptional weekend. A special thank you to All-Breed Judge, Mike Macbeth, judging her final Best in Show assignment. Mike will continue to dedicate her life to preserving and promoting the Dandie Dinmont breed. Dandies are in good hands with Mike at the helm."

**— Natalie Tarini, Executive Director,
Canadian Kennel Club**

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THE CKC MERCHANDISE STORE IS NOW LIVE – SHOP EXCLUSIVE CKC GEAR TODAY!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the CKC Merchandise Store! After hearing from you and receiving valuable feedback, we've carefully selected a range of CKC-branded items that are now available for purchase.

Whether you're looking for a comfy T-shirt or a stylish windbreaker for the cooler days, we have just what you need!

Ready to shop? Visit our online store by clicking the link below:

[SHOP NOW](#)

Thank you for your continued support, and happy shopping!

Please note: The CKC merchandise store is operated by Canadian Custom Apparel. CKC is not involved in the store's day-to-day operations. Canadian Custom Apparel, the host of our merchandise store, does not offer returns. We encourage members to review all sizing, colour options, and product details carefully before placing an order. For questions or issues with your order, please contact Canadian Custom Apparel at info@canadiancustomapparel.com.

CKC LAUNCHES NEW RING STEWARD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Clubs have expressed a clear need for comprehensive education programs focused on the roles of show officials. In response, CKC Club Relations has worked closely with experienced ring stewards and judges to develop valuable training resources that support our clubs and events.

CKC is pleased to launch the first of several education programs on December 1, 2025:

Ring Steward Education V.101 – Conformation (All-Breed)

This free, online, on-demand program provides introductory training for anyone interested in supporting conformation events as a ring steward. Members and the public can enroll at no charge through CKC's online learning platform.

English:

[CLICK HERE](#)

French:

[CLICK HERE](#)

To support clubs in recruiting potential stewards, CKC will publish a Ring Steward Directory on the Club Resources page of CKC.ca on January 15, 2026. The directory will be updated monthly to include the names of individuals who successfully complete the program and provide consent to be listed.

For questions, please contact clubrelations@ckc.ca.

OFFICIAL CKC EVENT RESULTS NOW LIVE ON CANUCK DOGS

We're excited to announce that official results for all CKC Field and Performance events are now available on Canuck Dogs! This is in addition to the existing results for Conformation, Obedience, and Rally Obedience.

These results include winners from the CKC's 21 official field and performance events that were previously unavailable. Results will be updated weekly to reflect all event results processed to date.

Events now included:

- Agility Trials
- Beagle Field Trials
- Canine Good Neighbour Tests
- Chase Ability Tests
- Draft Dog Tests
- Earthdog Tests
- Herding Trials
- Lure Coursing Trials
- Pointing Field Dog Tests, Pointing Field Trials & Water Tests
- Retriever Field Trials, Hunt Tests & Working Certificate Tests
- Scent Detection Trials
- Spaniel Field Trials & Hunt Tests
- Sprinter Tests
- Tracking Tests
- Junior Handling (Conformation & Obedience)

Visit <https://www.canuckdogs.com> to explore the latest official CKC results!

SEE RESULTS

WHERE PASSION MEETS PURPOSE: THE 2025 NATIONAL SHOW RECAP

The 2025 CKC National Championship Dog Show was more than an event. It brought together the passion, dedication, and genuine love for purebred dogs that defines our community. All weekend, the International Centre in Mississauga, Ontario, buzzed with energy as exhibitors, breeders, and supporters filled the ringside with anticipation. It was hard to miss the joy and pride on every handler's face, whether they were stepping into the ring for the first time or returning in hopes of securing another title. From unforgettable moments in the final line-up, when Prince the Pekingese earned Best in Show and Rambo the Miniature American Shepherd took Reserve Best in Show, to the heartfelt determination of our Junior Handlers, this year's National Show reminded us why these events matter so deeply to our community.

Prince, officially GCHS Diaquiris Sno-Peke Purple Rain CGN, bred and owned by Cynthia Dyson in partnership with Denise Cortelli, was handled by Cynthia throughout the weekend. Reserve Best in Show recipient GCHG Hilltops Best Kept Secret At KL, known as Rambo, bred by Ginger M. Fleguel, and owned by Kelli Rettie, was beautifully presented by handler Cody Longworth. Their accomplishments celebrate not only the excellence of the dogs themselves but also the dedication and expertise of the breeders, owners, and handlers behind them.

Best in Show judge Mike Macbeth reflected on the calibre of this year's finalists, noting that each dog before her represented a high level of excellence. While every finalist was worthy of top consideration, she described how both Prince and Rambo demonstrated qualities that set them apart in an already remarkable line-up. She praised Rambo's correct coat, sparkling condition, elegant movement, and showmanship, adding that he did not put a foot wrong and stood like a glorious statue when she asked him to pose.

Her evaluation of Prince was equally rich with insight. Drawing on her lifelong background with Pekingese, Macbeth explained that the breed is particularly challenging to judge because so much of its structure lies beneath its coat, and true quality must be assessed by hand rather than eye. She added that a correct Pekingese must balance sound movement with the distinctive Pekingese roll, possess the proper head qualities, and have open nostrils essential for good health. Prince, she noted, embodied all of these rare traits. She described him as pear shaped, incredibly sound, with the

correct envelope head, beautiful expression, and those uncommon open nostrils. His ability to move freely while retaining the classic roll was a standout feature, and she said it was a thrill to find and reward such a spectacular representative of the breed.

Across every ring, stories unfolded with each class and group. Seasoned Champions moved with confidence, newcomers earned enthusiastic applause as they made their mark, and breeders proudly watched years of careful planning and dedication shine through in their dogs. One of the weekend's standout moments came from the Junior Handling Finals, where Best Junior Handler in Show Amelia Clark impressed the crowd with her skill, composure, and teamwork with her Scottish Deerhound. Moments like Amelia's were just one of countless highlights that made the weekend so special.

The atmosphere throughout the show was something special. Macbeth described the weekend as electric, noting the positive energy shared by exhibitors and spectators and the excitement of seeing Canada host a national event of this calibre once again. The decor, festive touches, professional staging, and commitment from every participating club and partner helped make the National Show a truly memorable experience from start to finish.

This event would not have been possible without the invaluable support of our partners. The Canadian Kennel Club extends heartfelt thanks to the Aurora and District Kennel Club, who organized this year's National Show and whose dedicated team ensured a seamless and enjoyable experience for exhibitors and spectators alike. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the Canadian Pet Expo, whose collaborative spirit and event expertise helped bring thousands of dog lovers through the doors to share in the excitement. We are also deeply grateful to Royal Canin for their ongoing commitment to Canadian purebred dogs and for supporting this year's National Show. Their contributions helped elevate the experience for exhibitors and attendees throughout the weekend.

More than anything, this year's National Show was a testament to what our community can achieve when we come together. Long before the first dog entered the ring, volunteers, ring stewards, judges, clubs, and partners devoted their time and expertise to ensure a memorable experience for everyone involved. Their efforts shaped a weekend that celebrated excellence while keeping the focus on community, which is the heart of everything CKC stands for.

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A Judge's Perspective: Mike Macbeth on Her Final Assignment.

Although Macbeth's insights about this year's finalists enriched the experience for many, her reflections on her judging career offer an even deeper appreciation for the passion and dedication she has brought to purebred dogs for decades.

A second-generation dog fancier, Macbeth grew up immersed in the world of Dandie Dinmont Terriers. Her mother founded Glahms Kennels in the 1950s, and together they built a legacy that would define Macbeth's lifelong devotion to the breed. Over the years, she imported promising dogs, studied bloodlines closely with mentors in the United Kingdom, and achieved major wins around the world. One of her proudest moments came in 2003, when her Dandie became the first dog from North America to win a breed show in Britain after the UK lifted its long-standing quarantine requirement for imported dogs. This change, which finally allowed overseas dogs to compete without a mandatory six-month quarantine, opened the door for North American exhibitors to return to British rings for the first time in decades. The following year, he became the first North American terrier to win the Group at the prestigious Windsor Dog Show.

Her judging career has taken her to more than 30 countries, where she became known for her kindness with novices, patience with puppies, and respect for exhibitors. She met dedicated dog people around the world and collected experiences she now recounts with her trademark humour and warmth. Judging Dandie Dinmont Terriers at Crufts in 2022, which she described as the pinnacle of her judging life, remains one of her most cherished memories. Her international assignments brought both prestige and adventure, including a glamorous televised show in Milan where she judged Best in Show wearing an elaborate beaded Oleg Cassini gown while seated on a golden throne made of plywood. As she recalled with amusement, sitting on thousands of beads cutting into her back and legs made for a memorable and painfully unforgettable assignment, the kind of moment that defined her remarkable journey in dogs.

Accepting the Best in Show appointment at the 2025 National Show as her final judging assignment carried special meaning, though she approached it with characteristic modesty. She noted that she did not feel nostalgic or emotional stepping into the ring, adding that when one feels it is time to retire, there is no point in lingering. Still, she admitted that while a tiny piece of her hopes she may be remembered for her attributes, she fully expects to be soon forgotten.

Her presence at this year's National Show added depth, history, and personality to an already extraordinary weekend, reminding us of the expertise, mentorship, and passion that continue to shape purebred dogs in Canada.

Full results from the 2025 CKC National Championship Dog Show can be found on CanuckDogs.com.

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DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

AD HOC REPLACEMENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report is of disciplinary action taken by the Ad Hoc Replacement Discipline Committee at its meeting held on October 18, 2025.

Maria Soto, BC, Member

(Complainant – Kristi Schenk)

Dismissed

Violations of the CKC By-laws, Code of Ethics, Chapter VII, Judges, Policy and procedures Manual, Code of Ethics for Judges.

Under Appeal



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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