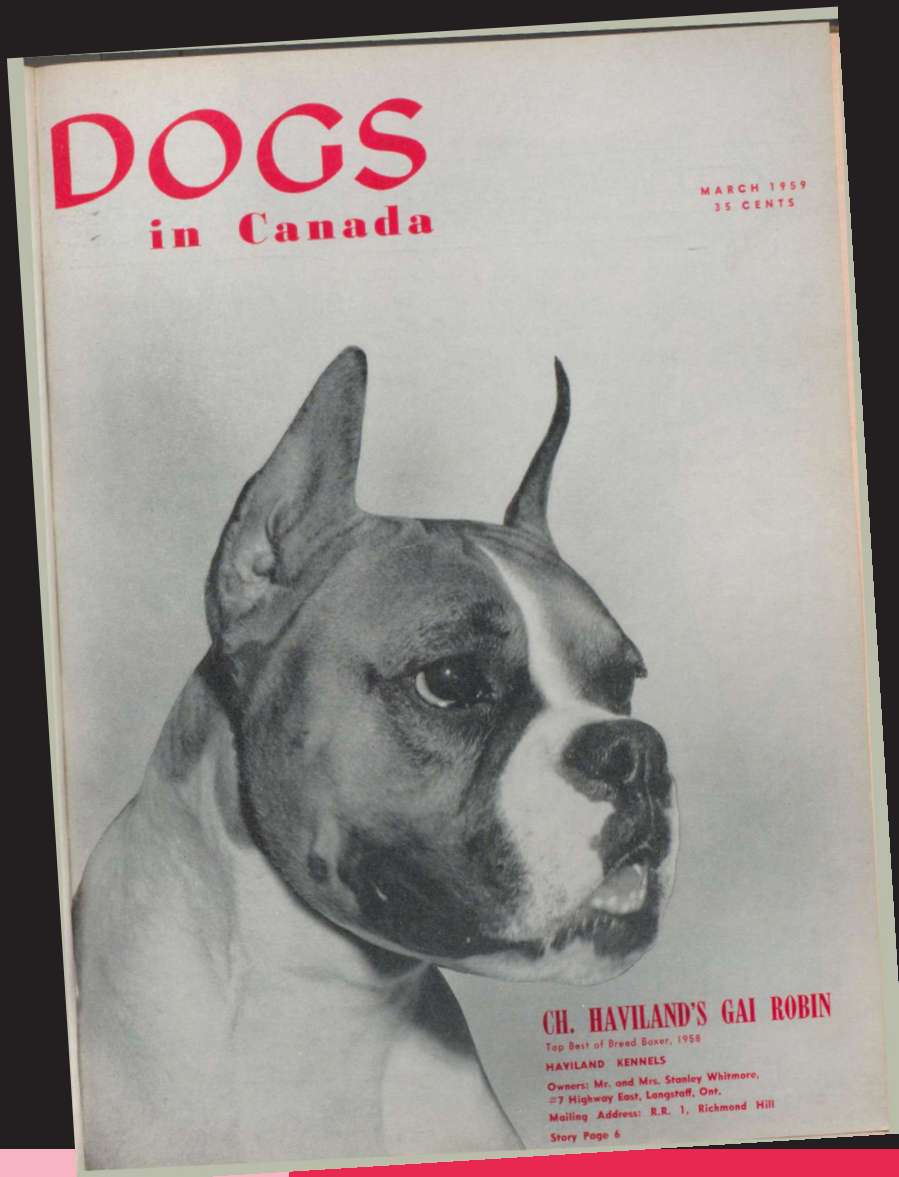




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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VOTING! NOTICE OF 2025 CKC REFERENDUM

The Canadian Kennel Club is YOUR club. We need you to VOTE in this year's Referendum to ensure our members' voices are heard when important decisions are being proposed.

Following the December Board of Directors' meeting, the Board has ordered a Special Referendum Ballot to take place June 1, 2025.

A copy of all Proposed Amendments, including 40 Rules of Eligibility changes as well as By-Law changes, will be shared with you in the coming months before the Referendum.

In order to be eligible to vote in a Special Referendum, a member must meet all of the following requirements at least fifteen (15) days prior to distributing the ballots:

- (a) be a member in good standing
- (b) be a resident of Canada
- (c) have completed one (1) continuous year of membership in the Club
- (d) have attained the age of nineteen (19) years

We need your VOTE! In order to ensure your voice is heard and you can vote, your CKC membership must be renewed. If you haven't already done so, you can renew your membership today in your [Member Portal](#).

CKC LAUNCHES NEW ADVOCACY PAGE

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new [Advocacy page](#) on the CKC website, which can be accessed via the main menu bar on ckc.ca.

Our advocacy efforts play an integral role in promoting the interests of CKC members and the health and well-being of all dogs. We are excited to share the Advocacy page, which will be a place for CKC members and the public to:

- **Stay Informed** and up to date with CKC advocacy efforts, news, resources, blogs and more!
- **Get Involved** and find out how to make an impact by advocating to decision makers. There will be information and resources such as tips for writing letters and contacting elected officials.

Advocacy continues to be a key strategic priority at CKC. We remain committed to building meaningful relationships with government and other animal-related organizations to further our goals. This includes influencing policies, legislation and regulations that impact purebred dogs. With the support of the CKC Board and our Advocacy Committee, we continue to grow our advocacy efforts which include the development of a CKC

Ambassador program, as well as advocacy tools to support and empower members across the country.

The content on the Advocacy page will be developed further over the coming weeks and months with the aim of keeping our members and visitors to CKC.ca apprised of CKC's ongoing advocacy activities. We encourage you to visit the page often and if you have any questions, please contact us at advocacy@ckc.ca.

2022 REFERENDUM UPDATE

We are ready to accept litter and dog registration applications for the 4 newly recognized Breeds approved as part of the 2022 Referendum. The 4 New Recognized Breeds are Azawakh, Japanese Akita, Miniature American Shepherd and the Russkiy Toy.

If you have an existing Miscellaneous Number for your Azawakh, Japanese Akita, Miniature American Shepherd or Russkiy Toy, the CKC has converted that number to a CKC registration number, and you can find that number by logging into your [Member Portal](#).

DAISY'S ROAD TO WESTMINSTER: A CANADIAN POODLE'S PATH TO GLORY



This February, the Westminster Dog Show in New York City is not just a major event for the global dog community – it's a moment of pride for Canada. Representing British Columbia, Daisy, a Miniature Poodle, will be making her mark at one of the world's most famous dog shows. Her journey to this point has been nothing short of remarkable, and it's an incredible story of passion, perseverance, and the power of community.

From the beginning

Daisy proudly hails from Lyric Poodles, a renowned kennel operated by Lynne Galloway of British Columbia. Under Lynne's expert care, Daisy has blossomed into the exceptional show dog she is today. Lyric Poodles is known for its commitment to breeding top-quality Poodles with exceptional temperament and health, and Daisy is a perfect example of that dedication. Lynne's passion for the breed and her years of

experience have been instrumental in shaping Daisy's success, and the Lyric Poodles legacy continues to shine through her accomplishments on the show circuit.

From a young poodle to a rising star

Daisy's journey to Westminster began the moment she entered the world. From her first show at just six months old, it was clear she had a natural gift. She impressed judges with her poise and confidence, and her owners – Allison Chicorli and her mother Pam – knew they had something special. In fact, Allison jokes that Daisy was “pre-stacked,” a term used in dog shows to describe how a dog positions itself naturally for evaluation. Daisy had it all: elegance, grace, and an undeniable presence.

Daisy quickly earned both Canadian and American championships, but her journey didn't stop there. In 2024, Daisy reached a pivotal milestone when she attended the prestigious Poodle Club of America National Specialty in Missouri. With hundreds of Poodles competing, Daisy's star shone brightly, leading to an unforgettable moment – a win in her variety. After this success, Daisy's team made the decision to work with professional handler Ethan, setting their sights on an even bigger goal: an invitation to Westminster.



Climbing the ladder to Westminster

The road to Westminster is not easy, and the competition is fierce. However, with Ethan's guidance, Daisy's results speak for themselves. Over the course of 14 shows, Daisy racked up impressive wins, including three Best in Shows, four Reserve Best in Shows, and multiple Group placements. She also secured a National Best of Variety, making her one of the top Poodles in the country. It was the perfect preparation for

Westminster, where she is sure to face tough competition, but with Daisy's track record, the sky's the limit.

A heartfelt journey with family and community support

For Allison, the best part of Daisy's journey has been sharing it with her mother, Pam. Together, they've traveled to shows, cheered for Daisy, and experienced the highs and lows of the dog show world. Along the way, they've found unwavering support from the Canadian dog show community, who have cheered Daisy on from afar and offered their assistance at every turn.

A standout memory for Allison was Daisy's first group placement in Canada, a moment that truly highlighted her talent. But it's not just about the wins – it's the community of dog lovers who have made this journey even more special. From local dog shows to international stages, the connections Daisy and her family have built along the way have made this experience unforgettable.



Allison & Daisy

Daisy's Sparkle

What makes Daisy stand out in her breed? While she meets the Poodle standard, it's her joy and enthusiasm in the ring that truly sets her apart. Daisy's excitement is infectious, and she “sparkles” when she steps into the show ring. Her distinctive look – an English Saddle clip – has earned her the nickname “the lady in pants,” and it's one of the qualities that makes her so memorable among competitors.

As she prepares for Westminster, Daisy is receiving top-notch care and attention in California, where Ethan and his partner, Olivia, are ensuring her coat is in perfect condition and her show skills are sharp. It's all part of the intense preparation for one of the world's biggest dog shows.

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Bringing British Columbia to the world stage

Daisy's presence at Westminster is a source of immense pride for her family, as well as for the Canadian dog community. For Allison, the opportunity to bring a piece of British Columbia to such a prestigious event is a dream come true. The outpouring of support from Canadians has been heartwarming, and the team is excited to showcase Daisy's talents on the world stage.

"Cheer loudly from home," says Allison. "Let's make sure the judge can hear Canada behind her!"

Encouraging others to join the dog world

For those inspired by Daisy's journey and considering getting involved in the dog show world, Allison has some advice: start by attending a local show and connecting with experienced breeders and handlers. Handling classes are an excellent way to learn and network, and there are countless dog sports to explore. The dog world is a welcoming community, and Allison encourages everyone to dive in and experience the joy it brings.

As Daisy heads to Westminster, she's not just representing her breed – she's carrying the hopes and support of her fellow Canadians, proving that with dedication, passion, and a little bit of sparkle, anything is possible.

Stay tuned for more updates on Daisy's journey to Westminster and join us in cheering her on from home!

All photos provided by Allison Chicorli, Daisy's Owner.

THE FASCINATING HISTORY AND LEGACY OF THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB OF CANADA

The German Shepherd Dog (GSD) is one of the most iconic and versatile breeds in the world. Known for their intelligence, loyalty, and courage, these dogs have a storied history. Explore the early days of the Alsatian Shepherd Dog Club of Canada, the origins of the GSD, and the story behind the breed's alternate name: the Alsatian.



Best of Breed at Royal Winter Fair, 1925

The Alsatian Shepherd Dog Club (ASDC) of Canada, now known as the German Shepherd Club of Canada, was established in 1922, providing a foundation for GSD enthusiasts in the country. The Club's Constitution and By-Laws were approved on September 5 of that year, and their affiliation with the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) soon followed. By January 1923, the Club held its first Annual Meeting in Burlington, Ontario, electing officers and appointing honorary leaders, including Mr. J. Russell, the CKC President.



Flyer using the Strongheart logo, 1925

The German Shepherd Dog's story began in the late 19th century, when Captain Max von Stephanitz, a German cavalry officer, envisioned creating the ultimate working dog. His efforts led to the development of a breed known for its intelligence and versatility—excelling in roles such as herding, police work, search and rescue, and guiding the visually impaired. The breed gained fame in North America in the 1920s, thanks to two canine movie stars who captured the public's hearts. Strongheart, registered as Etzel von Oeringen (1917–1929), and Rin Tin Tin, rescued from a World War I battlefield (1918–1932), became instant celebrities both on-screen and off. Their talent and charm boosted the breed's popularity worldwide, with Rin Tin Tin especially securing his place as a Hollywood icon.

During World War I, German Shepherds served heroically as messengers, ammunition carriers, and guides for wounded soldiers. However, anti-German sentiment after the war led to the breed's rebranding in the United Kingdom. To avoid associations with Germany, the name "Alsatian" was adopted, inspired by the Alsace-Lorraine region bordering France and Germany. This name allowed the breed to thrive without



Rin Tin Tin the 1st

Strongheart

controversy.

From their German beginnings to their global recognition, GSDs continue to be celebrated for their intelligence, versatility, and loyalty – qualities that have endeared them to dog lovers for generations. As we reflect on the remarkable history and enduring legacy of the German Shepherd Dog, we would like to recognize the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada for over 100 years of dedication and excellence as part of the Canadian Kennel Club family. Since its founding in 1922, the Club has worked tirelessly to preserve and promote the breed's intelligence, versatility, and loyalty.



All photos courtesy of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Canada, Bill Randall.



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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