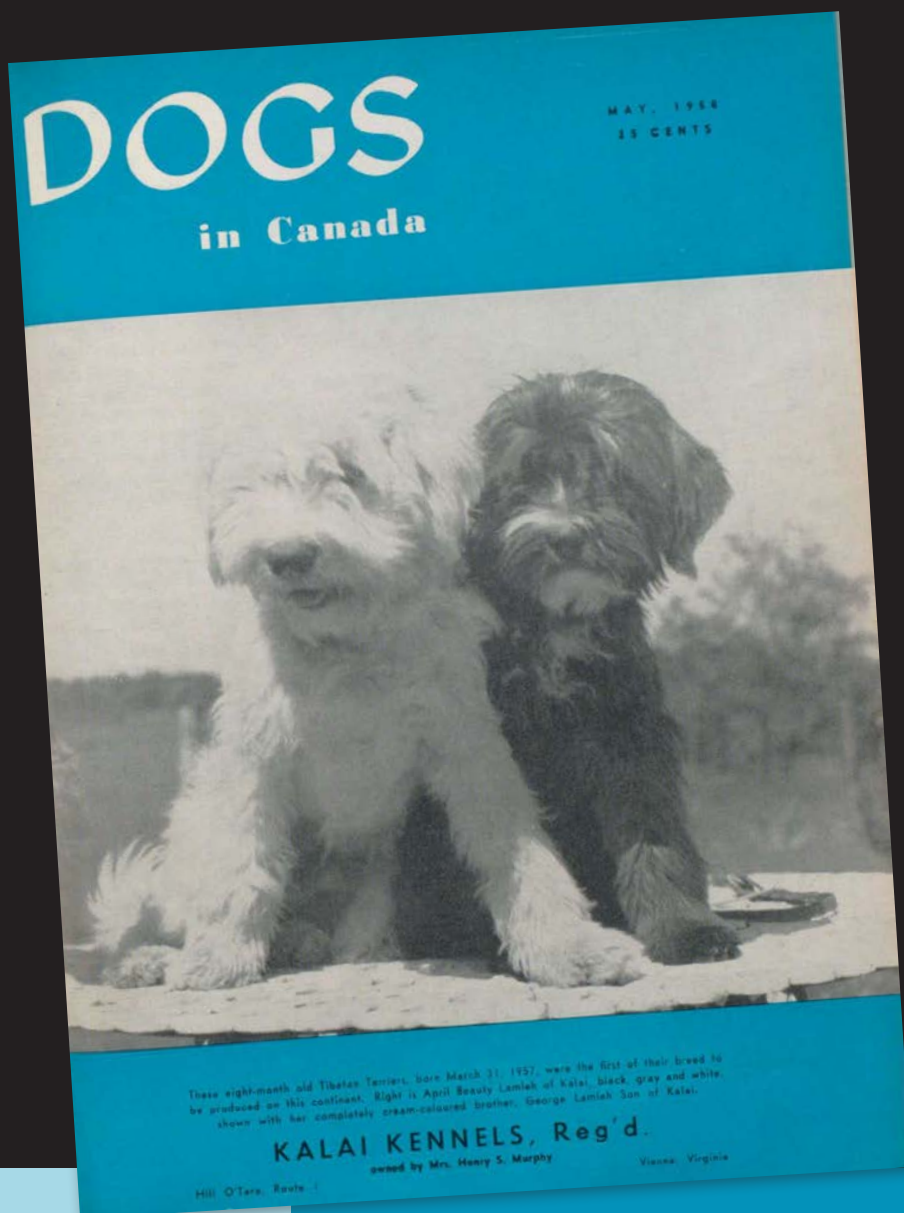




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## OFFICIAL NOTICE: 2025 CKC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Canadian Kennel Club is excited to invite all members to attend the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, May 31, from 12 to 4:30 p.m. MDT. The meeting will be held at the Coast Nisku Inn and Conference Centre in Edmonton, Alberta, with the option to attend virtually.

This year's AGM will feature Dr. Alison Skipper, Veterinary and Research Advisor with The Kennel Club (UK). Dr. Skipper's talk, titled "Why History Matters: The Story of Closed Breed Registers in Purebred Dogs," will provide valuable insights into how these registers have shaped the dog breeding world today.

In addition to Dr. Skipper's presentation, the AGM will include:

- Member recognition awards
- Updates on CKC's progress and achievements in 2024
- Key reports from the Chair, Executive Director, and other CKC leaders

The meeting will be a great opportunity for members to engage with the CKC leadership, discuss important issues facing the dog community, and contribute to the future direction of the Club.

Agenda highlights:

- Welcome and call to order
- Review of the 2024 AGM minutes
- Presentation of the 2024 Audited Financial Statements
- Reports from the Chair and Executive Director
- Member recognition awards
- New business and open floor discussion
- Closing remarks and adjournment

**How to register:** To attend in person or virtually, please click the link below to register. We encourage all CKC members to participate and make their voices heard in this meeting.

## FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO JEFF CORNETT ON HIS RETIREMENT

As of today, April 30, the Canadian Kennel Club bids a fond farewell to Jeff Cornett, who has served as our Executive Director since January 2021. After more than four years of dedicated leadership, Jeff is retiring, leaving behind significant transformation and progress at the CKC.

When Jeff joined the organization, the CKC was facing challenges, including a backlog of over 20,000 dog registrations and outdated IT systems. Under his leadership, these issues were addressed, leading to a more efficient operation. Today, CKC enjoys streamlined registration processes, improved event management, and enhanced communication channels, all of which have significantly improved service to our members.



Beyond operational improvements, Jeff worked closely with the CKC staff and Board of Directors to ensure the organization's future success. His leadership helped solidify a foundation built on passionate members, dedicated volunteers, and a professional team, ensuring the CKC's continued success in the years to come.

On behalf of the Board, staff, and all CKC members, we thank Jeff for his exceptional leadership and wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement. His contributions will leave a lasting impact on the CKC, and we will always appreciate the dedication and passion he brought to the organization.

Watch Jeff's [farewell video message](#) to hear his thoughts as he reflects on his time with the CKC.

Thank you, Jeff. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

## NEW FEATURES FOR PRIORITY DATE RENEWALS NOW AVAILABLE ON CKC MEMBER PORTAL

The Canadian Kennel Club is pleased to announce the launch of exciting new features on the My Clubs page of the CKC Member Portal. These updates will make managing Priority Date renewals more efficient for club officers, simplifying the process and providing enhanced functionality.

**What's new?**

1. Priority Dates management: Club Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) can now review, approve, or decline Priority Dates directly through the Member Portal. This new feature removes the need for paper forms, streamlining the process and ensuring timely approvals.
2. Orders tab: Once Priority Dates are approved, an order will be automatically generated. Clubs will be able to view and pay for their Priority Date renewal order through the Orders tab using a credit card. Invoices can also be printed or saved for future reference.

## How to access the new features:

When the next term of Priority Dates becomes available, clubs will be notified by email. To access the new features, simply log into your [CKC Member Portal](#), go to MY CKC, and select MY CLUBS.

## Important notes:

- Only club officers who are CKC members in good standing will have access to approve or decline Priority Dates.
- For a step-by-step guide on using these features, please refer to the training manual, available under the Clubs tab > Educational Information on the CKC website.

These new features are designed to simplify your club's operations and provide greater control over Priority Date management. We hope you find these updates helpful as you continue to manage your club's activities with ease.

For any questions or additional support, please contact CKC at:

Email: [information@ckc.ca](mailto:information@ckc.ca)

Phone: 1-888-364-7252

Live Chat: Available at [www.ckc.ca](http://www.ckc.ca)

Thank you for your continued involvement in the Canadian Kennel Club!

## MICROCHIPS – EFFECTIVE AND PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION

A nightmare for any dog owner: Your beloved pup runs off or vanishes, and you're left with nothing but thoughts of the worst-case scenario. Luckily, microchips are available, and nowadays, most dogs have one. Microchips are one of several ways dog owners can identify their dogs, increasing the chances of being reunited should they ever go missing.

### The primary methods include:

1. A microchip, a CKC-approved form of identification implanted by a veterinarian or the current owner.
2. A collar with an identification tag or license.
3. A tattoo, often applied by the breeder before selling the dog.

### What is a microchip?

Microchips continue to be used by countries worldwide as the standard method of identifying dogs. About the size of a grain of rice, a microchip is injected under the skin and, when scanned, reveals a unique number linked to the dog's owner's contact information. This helps facilitate the dog's return and ensures it receives any special care needed, such as medication.

### Why microchip a dog?

The Canadian Kennel Club, as a registering body here in Canada, requires each purebred dog registered to be permanently identified with an ISO microchip

[approved by the National Companion Animal Coalition](#)

as mandated under the Animal Pedigree Act.

Veterinary and animal welfare organizations agree that microchipping is the best way to provide permanent identification along with peace of mind to pet owners. Microchips also save shelters money that would be allocated to feeding, housing and efforts to connect an unidentified animal with its owners.

According to the [Government of Canada's animal importation](#), commercial dogs under eight months of age, imported into Canada, must have an International Standards Organization (ISO) approved microchip.

### How and when do you get a dog microchipped?

The tiny microchip is injected under the skin and into the connective tissue of your pet. It can be done at any age but typically occurs when a puppy is still living with its breeder, or when a dog is surrendered to a shelter and needs to be rehomed. Once inserted, the chip can usually be read by passing a handheld scanning wand over the dog's back.

### Doesn't a collar with a tag do the same thing as a microchip?

While many owners use both a collar with an ID tag and a microchip, a collar offers immediate contact information but lacks the long-term security of a microchip. Collars can fall off, break, or be removed, and information on tags may fade. Microchipping, on the other hand, ensures permanent identification. Tattoos, which are also used as identification, tend to fade over time and are typically placed on the dog's ear or inner thigh, making them hard to read.

### No more invasive than a vaccination

The microchip is inserted using a needle, and the dog requires no anesthetic for the procedure. Many dogs don't even realize it's taking place.

### Diligently stored records

When the Canadian Kennel Club sells microchips to its members, the CKC records who the microchip was sold to, so that our records will always include the breeder, AKA the purchaser of the microchip. This is another reason why it is crucial for owners to keep in touch with their dog's breeder and update them when they move addresses, change phone numbers or email addresses.

When that breeder registers the dog and transfers ownership to the new owner, the microchip will then be connected to that dog's file and the recorded owner on file. Should that owner need to update the information on the dog's microchip, they can do so via the CKC Member Portal (if they are set up), or by calling the Canadian Kennel Club toll-free at 1-855-364-7252. The owner can provide the Membership Services team member with the dog's microchip number, along with some other information on the dog as requested, so they can update the dog's file.

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## Protection is not limited to purebred dogs

The Canadian Kennel Club also offers the [CanadaChip Recovery](#), where dogs who are not registered can also be enrolled. There's no charge to enroll a dog if the microchip was purchased from CKC. If CKC didn't sell the microchip, there is a \$10 (plus tax) fee for the enrollment, which is valid for the life of the animal. Cats and birds can also be enrolled in CanadaChip.

## Intricate technology, but a simple and inexpensive procedure

Getting your dog microchipped is a quick, easy, and cost-effective way to keep your dog safe. Microchipped dogs are much more likely to be returned to their owners. It's a way to prove ownership and give you peace of mind should your dog ever escape. Microchips also help assist with the traceability of dogs as most veterinarians and shelter agencies are equipped to scan for microchips. Microchips are not GPS tracking devices, but they do provide immediate ownership contact information.



It's important to note that in rare cases, a microchip may migrate away from the site of insertion. If a microchip is not immediately detected, the scanning wand should be passed over the entire body of the lost pet. Owners can ask their vet to confirm the microchip's placement during annual checkups.

## Want to know more about microchipping?

### Have any questions?

For more detailed information regarding microchipping, please click [here](#).

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# APPEAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is a report of a decision reached by the Appeal Committee at its meeting held on March 9, 2025.

**Appellant: Mike Degenhardt (CKC Member)**

**Respondent: Lola Nichol and Rachelle Somerville (CKC Members)**

Registration Committee's Findings:

That the litter application be registered without the signature of one co-owner of the dam, Mike Degenhardt. To process the registration of the puppies for which Mrs. Nichol has sold and to register the remaining puppies in the names of the three (3) co-owners of the dam pending the parties to settle their issues privately or through courts.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Found for the Appellant, Mike Degenhardt in part in that the litter application be registered with Lola Nichol, Rachelle Somerville and Mike Degenhardt as co-owners is affirmed. The Appeal Committee further directed that the registration of the individual puppies whether sold or retained by Ms. Nichol be process is set aside. The Appeal Committee further directed that as the appeal was partially successful, half of the appeal fee is to be returned to the Appellant.

**Appellant: Wendy Nolan (CKC Member)**

**Respondent: CKC**

Registration Committee's Findings:

To suspend registration of the litter and prohibit all transfer or registration of any dogs from that litter and any other dogs owned or co-owned by Mrs. Nolan pending all the requirements from the Committee are met. To refer Wendy Nolan to the Discipline Committee for failing to provide DNA parentage testing as per previous Registration Committee meeting. To send to Discipline Committee for failing to submit her private breeding records as per previous Registration Committee meeting.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Found in part for the Appellant, Wendy Nolan in that the prohibition of all transfers or registration of any dogs owned or co-owned by Mrs. Nolan pending all the requirements from the Registration Committee are met is set aside. In addition, the Committee set aside the request that the file be referred to the Discipline Committee for failure to provide DNA Parentage testing. The Appeal Committee further directed that the appeal be dismissed, and the decision of the Registration Committee be upheld with regards to the suspension of registration for the litter and prohibit all transfer or registrations for any dogs from this litter. Wendy Nolan is also to provide her private breeding records from November 19, 2019, to November 19, 2023, to Priya Bunsee, Bilingual Registration Specialist for inspection. The Appeal Committee further directed that the file shall be referred to the Discipline Committee for failure to provide her private breeding records for inspection. The Appeal Committee further directed that as the appeal was partially successful, half of the appeal fee is to be returned to the Appellant.



## 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.

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