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## CELEBRATE PUREBRED DOGS AT THE 2025 CKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

The Canadian Kennel Club is proud to announce the return of the CKC National Championship Dog Show, taking place Saturday, November 22, 2025, at the International Centre, in Mississauga, Ontario.

This premier event is a celebration of purebred dogs, conformation, and our community of breeders, owners, and handlers. After many years away, the CKC National Championship Dog Show returns as part of the Royal Canin Crown Classic National Championship Dog Show weekend (November 20 – 23, 2025), presented in partnership with Canadian Pet Expo, Royal Canin, and the Aurora & District Kennel Club.

At the CKC National Championship Dog Show, CKC members and the public will experience:

- Purebred dogs judged to official breed standards highlighting how conformation is about structure, soundness, temperament, and purpose.
- The history and function of breed groups – from retrievers and terriers to hounds, herding, toys, working, and non-sporting breeds.
- Opportunities to connect with breeders, exhibitors, and judges while celebrating Canada's purebred dogs.
- Exclusive CKC member experiences – including a free CKC gift for the first 300 visitors at our booth and a chance to be featured on CKC's social media by sharing a selfie at our photo booth!
- Special admission offer – use promo code CKC2025 for \$4.00 off adult online single-day admission to the Canadian Pet Expo (valid Saturday, November 22 and Sunday, November 23 only).

Whether you're in the ring, in the audience, or enjoying the festivities, you'll be part of the celebrated return of the CKC National Championship Dog Show.

## NOTICE RE: EVENTS WITH CHANGES TO RULES & REGULATIONS FOR 2026

Please note that the following Rules & Regulations for events will contain amendments and changes effective January 1, 2026. The updated rulebooks will be posted on the CKC website in the month of December this year.

If you are a club that hosts any of these events, or you judge or participate in them, please take the time to review the updates when they are posted. You may also contact your local Council Representative for updates in this regard.

### Updated Rulebooks:

Agility Trial Rules & Regulations  
Canine Good Neighbour Evaluator Guide & Participant Handbook  
Junior Handling Rules & Regulations  
Retriever Field Trial Rules & Regulations  
Hunt Test Rules & Regulations for Retrievers  
Tracking Test Rules & Regulations

## CKC RECOGNIZES FEDERACIÓN CINOLOGICA DE CUBA (FCC) AS A FOREIGN STUD BOOK

CKC is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has approved recognition of the Federación Cinológica de Cuba (FCC) as a Foreign Stud Book (September 6, 2025).

With this decision, the FCC has been added to CKC's List of Recognized Foreign Stud Books, CKC and FCC now mutually recognize registration certificates and pedigrees, and dogs imported into Canada that are registered with the FCC are eligible for full CKC registration.

The FCC has been an FCI member since July 27, 1987. We look forward to a formal relationship that supports dog health and wellbeing and expands opportunities for Canadian and Cuban purebred dog enthusiasts.

For the full list of Foreign Kennel Clubs recognized by the CKC, [click here](#).

## NOTICE TO CONFORMATION JUDGES RE: NEW BREED 2026 (SWEDISH LAPPHUND)

Effective January 1, 2026 the Swedish Lapphund will be eligible to compete as a Listed Breed in Group 7 (Herding).

In accordance with CKC policy, CKC All Breed Judges and Breed/Group Judges that are licensed or on permit to judge breeds in Group 7 will be required to successfully complete an Open Book Test for this new breed prior to being approved to judge it.

The Open Book Test will be available for you to complete, using our Online Learning Platform, Teachable. You can login using the credentials CKC has provided to you, along with instructions on how to navigate and use the online platform.

The log in page can be found at the following link: <https://sso.teachable.com/secure/1470449/identity/login/password>

If you require any assistance regarding teachable or the open book test, please email [eventapps@ckc.ca](mailto:eventapps@ckc.ca) and we will contact you.

The Breed Standard will be available through teachable and at the following link on our website: <https://www.ckc.ca/en/Files/Breed-Standards/Breed-Standards/New-Breed-Open-Book-Test>.

A picture of the breed will be available on Teachable platform.

In the meantime, if a Judging Panel is submitted to Head Office for an event after January 1st and it does not include this breed, we will communicate with the club to assign the breed to a judge on the judging panel.

Lastly, please note that in accordance with CKC policy, copy below, judges will have 6 months from this memo to complete the Open Book Tests without being assessed any fees. However, the test must be successfully passed before any assignments for all breeds in Group 7 on January 1, 2026 or later.

“When a new breed is approved by the Board, conformation judges will be provided with a 6 month period to write an Open Book Test for that breed, after which, an administrative fee as set by the Board will be implemented.”

# APPEAL COMMITTEE REPORT

**Appellant: Inga Jansone (CKC Member)**

**Respondent: CKC**

Discipline Committee's Findings:

Inga Jansone's CKC membership be terminated for a period of three (3) years. Furthermore, the Discipline Committee levied costs associated with the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$282.50 (including HST) against Inga Jansone.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Upheld the appeal in whole and the decision of the Discipline Committee be set aside.

**Appellant: Patricia Kastanek (CKC Member)**

**Respondent: CKC**

Discipline Committee's Findings:

Patricia Kastanek's CKC membership be terminated for a period of three (3) years. Furthermore, the Discipline Committee levied costs associated with the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$282.50 (including HST) against Patricia Kastanek.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Upheld the appeal in whole and the decision of the Discipline Committee be set aside.

**Appellant: Sarah Muth (Non-Member)**

**Respondent: Emily Burdon**

Discipline Committee's Findings:

Found for Complainant, Emily Burdon and directed that Sarah Muth be debarred for a period of five (5) years. The Discipline Committee levied costs associated with the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$172.50 (including HST) against Sarah Muth.

Found for Complainant, Emily Burdon and directed that Sarah Muth's CKC membership be terminated for a period of five (5) years. The Discipline Committee levied costs associated with the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$287.50 (including HST) against Sarah Muth.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Upheld the appeal in part and varied the penalty from a debarment of five (5) years to 90 days. The Appeal Committee varied the costs associated with the investigation and hearing against Sarah Muth in the amount of \$172.50 (including HST) to \$339.00 (including HST). Therefore, Sarah Muth is debarred for a period of 90 days commencing September 30, 2025. Furthermore, the administrative costs are due forthwith.

Upheld the appeal in whole and the decision terminating Sarah Muth's CKC membership be set aside.

**Appellant: Stéphanie Trudeau (CKC Member)**

**Respondent: CKC**

Discipline Committee's Findings:

Stéphanie Trudeau's CKC membership be terminated for a period of one (1) year. Furthermore, the Discipline Committee levied costs associated with the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$157.50 (including GST) against Mrs. Trudeau.

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Stéphanie Trudeau be suspended of the privileges of the Club for a period of 90 days. Furthermore, the Discipline Committee levied costs associated with the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$157.50 (including GST) against Mrs. Trudeau.

Appeal Committee's Findings:

Dismissed the appeal and directed that the decision of the Discipline Committee be upheld. Therefore, Stéphanie Trudeau's CKC membership be terminated for a period of one (1) year, Mrs. Trudeau be reprimanded and she is suspended of the privileges of the Club for a period of 90 days. Furthermore, administrative costs are due forthwith.



## 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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