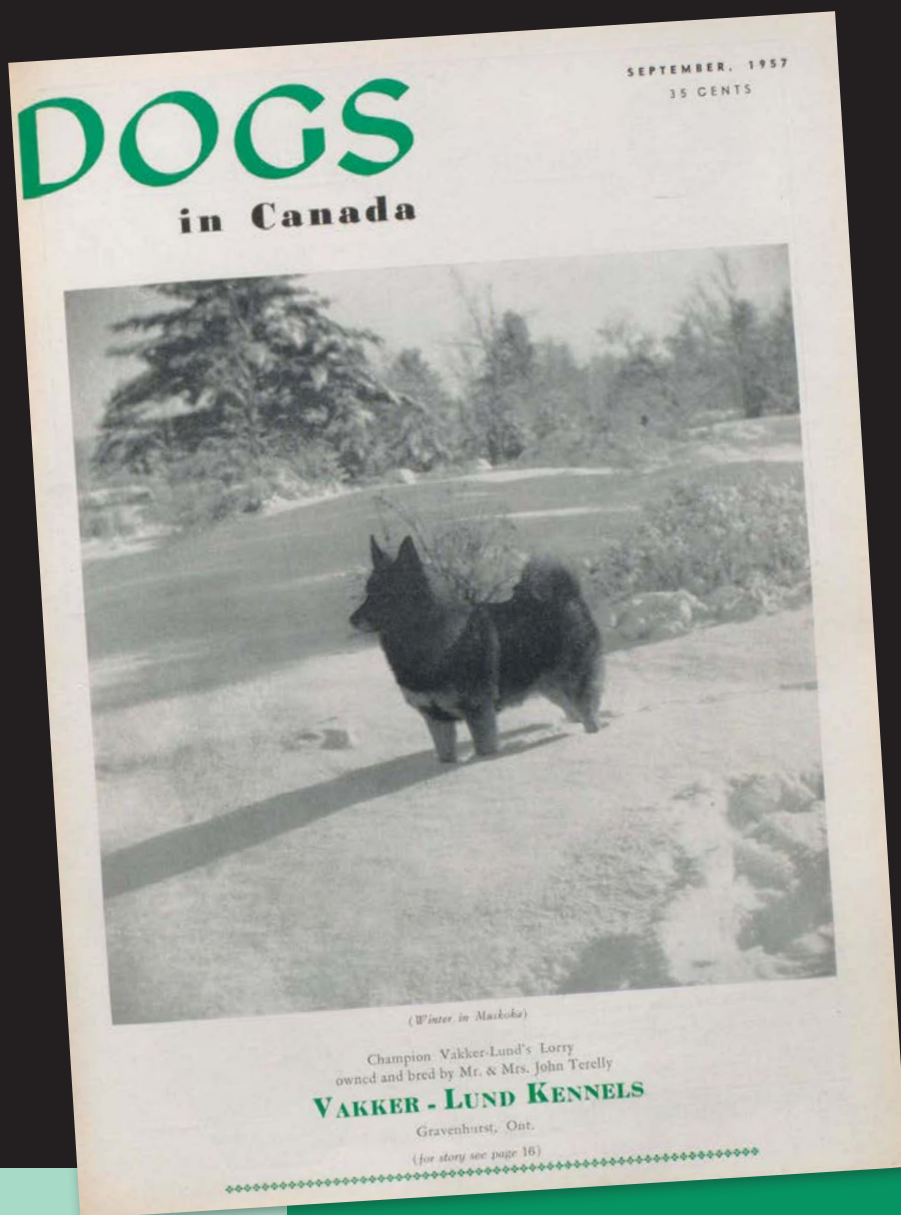




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GET READY FOR THE CROWN CLASSIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW WEEKEND - FEATURING THE CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW

The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) is pleased to co-host its first National Championship Dog show in many years on November 22, 2025.

The show, which will be a feature part of the weekend events, will showcase excellence among purebred dogs and is a special opportunity for these Canadian dogs to compete to win Best in Breed and Best in Show titles. The CKC National Championship Dog Show will also offer competitors the chance to qualify for the world's largest and most prestigious dog show, the Crufts Dog Show in Birmingham, England.

In addition to the CKC National Championship Dog Show on November 22, 2025, the event weekend offers many opportunities for pet lovers and their pets to enjoy!

Join us!

The CKC National Championship Dog Show is for experienced competitors, as well as enthusiasts, novices and spectators alike.

Whether you're a seasoned dog show fan or a newcomer to the sport, the show will offer something for everyone. You'll learn more about the world of competitive dog shows and witness a wide variety of dogs showcasing their talents.

Save November 22 in your calendar. Stay tuned for details on how to purchase tickets.

2024 STUD BOOK NOW AVAILABLE!

We're pleased to share that the 2024 Stud Book is now available, free for CKC members, through your Member Portal.

To make this year's Stud Book easier to navigate, the Litter Registration Report and the Canadian Born Dog Registrations Report are now presented as two separate documents for improved readability.

How to access:

- Log in to your **Member Portal**.
- Click "Resources" in the top menu and select "Stud Book."
- Choose the year you'd like to view.
- Browse Stud Book information by group and breed.

Explore the 2024 Stud Book today and celebrate Canada's dedicated community of purebred dog breeders and enthusiasts.

PARSON RUSSELL & RUSSELL TERRIER OWNERS: YOUR REGISTRATION STARTS HERE!

We're excited to let you know that the Canadian Kennel Club is now accepting litter and dog registration applications for the Parson Russell Terrier and the Russell Terrier.

If you already have a Miscellaneous Number for either breed, it has been converted to a CKC registration number. You can find your updated number by logging into your Member Portal.

Please use your new CKC registration number when entering events.

Need a new Registration Certificate? A PDF version can be provided free of charge upon request. Duplicate paper certificates are also available (fees apply).

NOTICE TO CLUBS RE: AVAILABLE PRIORITY DATES FOR CKC EVENTS

In accordance with Chapter VI, Shows and Trials, Section G, Priority Rights, Subsection 4 of the CKC Policy and Procedures Manual, this is to notify all recognized clubs across Canada that the following priority dates have been released and are now available for application:

AVAILABLE DATES - LOCATION: BRITISH COLUMBIA

LAKES DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB – CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY OBEDIENCE

July 9-10-11, 2027
July 14-15-16, 2028
July 13-14-15, 2029
July 12-13-14, 2030
July 11-12-13, 2031

NORTH OKANAGAN TRACKING AND OBEDIENCE CLUB – TRACKING

October 17, 2027
October 15, 2028
October 21, 2029
October 20, 2030
October 19, 2031

AVAILABLE DATES - LOCATION: ALBERTA

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WORKING HERDING CLUB OF ALBERTA – CONFORMATION

July 10-11, 2027
July 8-9, 2028
July 14-15, 2029
July 13-14, 2030
July 12-13, 2031

ALBERTA CLIPPER HUNTING RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION – RETRIEVER HUNT TESTS

June 26-27, 2027
June 24-25, 2028
June 23-24, 2029
June 22-23, 2030
June 28-29, 2031

LETHBRIDGE & DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB – OBEDIENCE AND RALLY OBEDIENCE

November 19-20-21, 2027
November 17-18-19, 2028
November 16-17-18, 2029
November 15-16-17, 2030
November 21-22-23, 2031

AVAILABLE DATES - LOCATION: SASKATCHEWAN

PRINCE ALBERT KENNEL & OBEDIENCE CLUB – CONFORMATION

September 7-8-9, 2027
September 5-6-7, 2028
September 4-5-6, 2029
September 3-4-5, 2030
September 2-3-4, 2031

AVAILABLE DATES - LOCATION: ONTARIO

STORMONT, DUNDAS & GLENGARRY DOG ASSOCIATION – SCENT DETECTION

August 27-28-29, 2027
August 25-26-27, 2028
August 24-25-26, 2029
August 23-24-25, 2030
August 22-23-24, 2031

BELLEVILLE & DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB – SCENT DETECTION

October 2, 2027
October 7, 2028
October 6, 2029
October 5, 2030
October 4, 2031

ST. CATHARINES & DISTRICT KENNEL & OBEDIENCE CLUB – OBEDIENCE & RALLY OBEDIENCE

August 13-14-15, 2027
August 18-19-20, 2028
August 17-18-19, 2029
August 16-17-18, 2030
August 15-16-17, 2031

NIAGARA PENINSULA RETRIEVER TRAINING CLUB – RETRIEVER HUNT TESTS

July 10-11, 2027
July 8-9, 2028
July 14-15, 2029
July 13-14, 2030
July 12-13, 2031

AVAILABLE DATES - LOCATION: QUEBEC

CHATEAUGUAY VALLEY KENNEL CLUB INC. – OBEDIENCE AND RALLY OBEDIENCE

July 2-3-4, 2027
July 7-8-9, 2028
July 6-7-8, 2029
July 5-6-7, 2030
July 4-5-6, 2031

CLUB D'ELEVEURS DE BEAGLES RICHELIEU INC. – BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL

September 4-5, 2027
September 2-3, 2028
September 1-2, 2029
September 7-8, 2030
September 6-7, 2031

AVAILABLE DATES - LOCATION: NOVA SCOTIA

ATLANTIC BEAGLE CLUB – BEAGLE FIELD TRIAL

October 16-17, 2027
October 21-22, 2028
October 20-21, 2029
October 19-20, 2030
October 18-19, 2031

Any club interested in obtaining these priority dates must submit an application to CKC Head Office, Attention: Shows and Trials Division, 5397 Eglinton Ave W, Suite 101, Etobicoke, Ontario M9C 5K6 on or before **October 1, 2025**.

If the application is being submitted via e-mail, please send it to eventapps@ckc.ca Attention: Shows and Trials, with the subject **PRIORITY DATES** on or before **October 1, 2025**.

If only one application is received, the priority dates will be granted to that club provided it meets all other applicable requirements.

When two or more clubs holding the same event type apply for an available date, priority will be given to the club that has been holding CKC events for the longest time. If more than one application is received from clubs having the same earliest accreditation date, a draw shall take place between these clubs and the winner of the draw shall be granted the priority dates. Applicant clubs shall be given an opportunity to send a representative to observe the draw.

AGILITY TEAM CANADA SHINES ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

“Walking the green carpet.”

It's a phrase whispered among agility competitors with equal parts awe and anticipation. At the Agility World Championship, the most prestigious event in the sport, handlers and their dogs step onto the turf knowing all eyes are on them. There's only one ring. One chance. And one dream: to represent their country on the world stage.



For Agility Team Canada, that journey began long before the green carpet. It started with early morning training sessions, countless hours of preparation, and a shared goal: to compete, and belong, among the best in the world.

This past July, Team Canada represented the red and white at three major international agility events held in Abrantes, Portugal:

- Junior Open Agility World Championship (JOAWC) – July 11–13
- Senior Open Agility World Championship (SOAWC) – July 11–13
- European Open (EO) – July 18–20

Each event brought its own energy, from the excitement of junior handlers stepping into their first global competition, to the determination of experienced seniors and elite open competitors navigating high-pressure team formats and five-ring venues.

“The support for each other was phenomenal,” said Theresa Rector, special project leader with Agility Team Canada. “Not just from one or two people, it was everyone. The cheering, the camaraderie, the sportsmanship. It was incredible to see.”

“There's so much pressure in this sport – on the dog, the handler, the team,” added Lindsay Benbow, assistant team

leader. “But what I saw in Portugal was this beautiful shift. People weren't just chasing results, they were cheering for each other, celebrating clean runs, near misses, and everything in between. That kind of culture is what keeps people in the sport.”

Across all three events, Canadian handlers and dogs delivered outstanding performances.

At the European Open, with over 800 dogs from more than 40 countries, Canadian competitors made a strong impression:

- Kirk Peterman & Grizzly placed 25th out of 171 in the Medium Team event.
- Jordan Jarvis O'Connor & Qwik finished 17th out of 173 in Medium Individual.
- Ciara Spurling & Cillian placed 46th out of 207 in Large Individual.
- Espirit with Ann Carrington and Fancy with Cathy Taylor both ran clean in Small Individual.

Four Canadian team members advanced to the EO Individual Finals, including:

- Ann & Espirit (17th out of 52 in Small)
- Jenn Coltman & Nyxie (13th out of 55 in Large)
- Dagmar & Annie Vézina (strong performance despite elimination in Intermediate)

At JOAWC and SOAWC, podium placements were achieved in the small dog divisions, and Canada's junior program, which is still in its early years, showed tremendous promise.

“The juniors really blew me away,” said Benbow. “They were focused, talented, and incredibly supportive of one another. We're still early in building our junior program, but I have no doubt these young handlers are the future of Canadian agility.”

More than medals, what stood out most was the sense of team spirit and mutual support.

Canadian competitors cheered one another on at every line, often with the signature Team Canada chant. In one touching moment, a junior handler took it upon themselves to hand draw a course map when none were provided and shared it with teammates. Across the board, the message was clear: no one stood alone.

“Even in our WhatsApp chats, you'd see these eruptions of excitement when someone had a great moment,” said Kate Polkovsky, team leader. “Not even a clean run, just a good moment. That camaraderie is so uniquely Canadian, and so real.”

Looking ahead: AWC in Sweden

In just a few weeks, attention turns to the Agility World Championship (AWC), taking place in Sweden from September 17–21, the most prestigious agility event.

Unlike EO or JOAWC, AWC is a one-ring, sold-out stadium event. Competitors walk onto artificial grass, past country flags and cheering sections, into total silence. There are no international teams, each dog-handler duo represents their country alone, under the scrutiny of a global audience and a livestream watched by thousands.

“You hear people call it ‘walking the green carpet,’” said Polkovsky. “It’s a defining moment and an honour.”

Because of Canada’s geography and the cost of travel, only one national tryout is held annually for all teams. From this single weekend of competition, teams are selected for EO, SOAWC, JOAWC, and AWC. The AWC team is the smallest and most selective, making it a particularly high achievement to qualify. This year’s AWC team includes many returning competitors – experienced handlers with a shared vision and deep preparation. They’ve been analyzing course trends, training together regionally, and building team cohesion across provinces through accountability chats and collaborative planning.

For Kayl McCann, a veteran of the world stage, the Agility World Championship is more than just another competition – it’s the ultimate proving ground.

“For Canadian Agility athletes, the AWC is the pinnacle of our sport,” said McCann. “The atmosphere is electric, the pressure is real, and with only a few runs to make your moment, every step counts. It’s an honour and a privilege to stand among that elite group.”

“Ultimately, there is no higher level in our sport,” said Rector. “To step onto that green carpet knowing how hard you worked, how far you’ve come, is something truly special.”

A Message from Team Canada

As the team prepares to take the world stage once again, they’re not just competing for themselves, they’re representing the entire Canadian agility community.

“Agility is for everyone,” said Polkovsky. “It doesn’t matter your mobility, your age, or your breed of dog. Whether you’re running at a local trial or in a stadium overseas, it’s still the same joy, the same bond, the same incredible sport.”

The CKC couldn’t agree more.

To follow updates from Agility Team Canada, visit their **Facebook page** and **Instagram**. Be sure to cheer them on this September as they take on the world at AWC 2025 in Sweden!

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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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