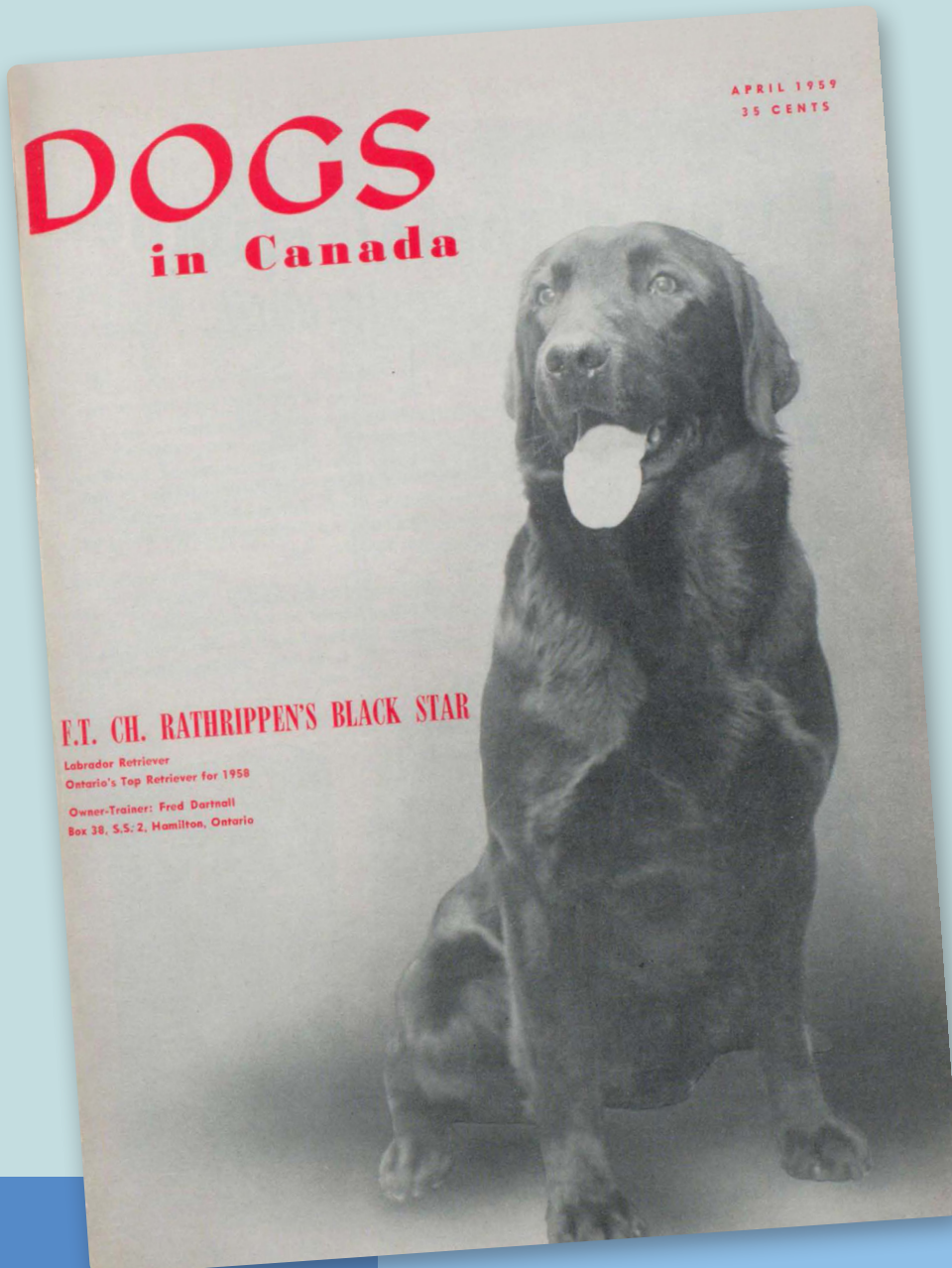




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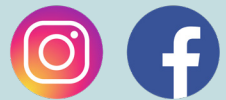
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CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES BOARD LEADERSHIP UPDATES

The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) is pleased to announce two updates to the organization's Board of Directors following decisions made at the February/March Board meeting.

Robert "Bob" Whitney Appointed Chair of the Board of Directors

Robert "Bob" Whitney, Director for Zone 5 – Ontario East, has been elected Chair of the CKC Board of Directors. A longtime member of the Canadian Kennel Club and an experienced leader within the purebred dog community, Mr. Whitney brings decades of involvement in CKC governance, events, and judging.

Over the years, he has served in a variety of roles within the CKC, including as a member of the Board of Directors and as Chair of several committees. He currently serves as a member of the Legislation Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee – Owner/Handler Competitions and is also the head of the Beagle and Basset Hound Field Trial Council and the Pointing Breeds Council.

Mr. Whitney has been actively involved in the sport as a breeder, owner, and handler, having worked with several breeds throughout his career. As an all-breed judge, he has judged all-breed and specialty shows around the world, including assignments in Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Bermuda, South America, Scandinavia, and the United States.

Following Mr. Whitney's election as Chair, the Board appointed **Tempest Deptuch as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.**

Thomas Alexander Appointed Zone 8 Director

The CKC Board has also appointed Thomas Alexander as the Zone 8 (Manitoba) Board Director. Mr. Alexander will serve the remainder of the current term, which runs until December 2026.

Mr. Alexander is a Life Member of the Canadian Kennel Club and brings decades of experience in the dog community. He has been an active member of the Fort Garry Kennel Club for more than 20 years and previously served as its President.

He has also served the CKC on the Event Officiating Committee for two terms and on the CKC Examining Committee. In addition, he has held leadership roles within several breed and all-breed clubs, including serving

as President of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club and currently as President of the River City Labrador Club.

Mr. Alexander has extensive experience supporting CKC events, including serving as Show Superintendent and Show Chairman for Fort Garry Kennel Club dog shows for many years.

The Canadian Kennel Club congratulates Mr. Whitney and Mr. Alexander on their appointments and looks forward to their continued contributions to the organization and its members.

CKC VETERINARY STUDENT BURSARY

The annual CKC Veterinary Student Bursary provides meaningful support to eligible veterinary students across Canada. The five veterinary colleges in Canada receive \$2,000 to award a deserving student to continue their education in the field of veterinary medicine and to support important veterinary programs.

At the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph, Nicolas Farentino, holds multiple leadership roles across the OVC community while focusing on his passion of emergency and surgical care. He completed a federally funded research project on canine nutrition as well as hands-on work experience at the Costa Rica Animal Rescue Centre. His experience with working dogs and canine research has illuminated a new area of veterinary medicine that he will continue to explore. He was thrilled to be selected as our 2025 recipient at OVC and wants to become more involved with CKC.

CKC will continue to invest in future veterinarians, strengthening their foundation and inspiring them to lead with compassion and dedication.



CKC OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES THE FOREIGN STUD BOOK OF CANINE OWNERS AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (COBA), NIGERIA

CKC is pleased to announce that at the Board of Directors meeting held on February 28, 2026, a motion was carried to formally recognize the Canine Owners and Breeders Association (COBA), Nigeria.

With this decision, COBA has been added to CKC’s List of Recognized Foreign Stud Books. CKC and COBA now officially recognize each other’s registration certificates and pedigrees. As a result, dogs imported into Canada that are registered with COBA are eligible for full CKC registration.

Founded in 2019, the Canine Owners and Breeders Association (COBA), Nigeria is an internationally recognized canine registry. COBA licenses dog shows and a wide range of dog sports across the country. It is the only Nigerian institution federated with the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), the world’s largest canine community.

CKC looks forward to building a formal relationship between our two Clubs—one that supports global dog health and well-being and expands access to activities and opportunities for purebred dog enthusiasts in both Canada and Nigeria.

For the full list of Foreign Kennel Clubs recognized by the CKC, click the button below.

[MORE HERE](#)

CANADA’S TOP 10 MOST POPULAR BREEDS IN 2025

Each year, the Canadian Kennel Club compiles national registration data to determine the most popular purebred dog breeds in Canada.

This year’s rankings highlight a remarkable milestone. **The Labrador Retriever has now been Canada’s most popular dog breed for 32 consecutive years**, reflecting the breed’s enduring appeal among Canadian families.

From sporting dogs that thrive outdoors to devoted companions who rarely leave your side, this year’s Top 10 showcases the remarkable diversity of purebred dogs across the country.

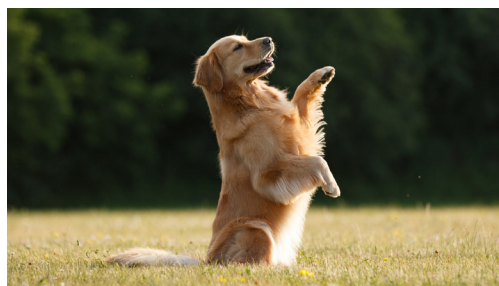


#1 Labrador Retriever

Year after year, the Labrador Retriever continues to lead the pack.

Descended from dogs brought to Newfoundland by early settlers and fishermen, the Labrador earned its reputation retrieving fish and game in harsh coastal conditions. Today, the breed’s versatility remains unmatched. Labradors serve as guide dogs, excel in field work and performance sports, and are beloved family companions.

They enjoy outdoor exercise, especially swimming, and benefit from regular brushing to manage shedding. Friendly, adaptable and eager to please, it’s no surprise the Labrador remains Canada’s most registered breed.



#2 Golden Retriever

Developed in the mid-19th century by Sir Dudley Majoribanks, the Golden Retriever was bred to retrieve game with enthusiasm and reliability.

Today’s Golden retains that active, willing spirit. Powerful and energetic, the breed thrives in homes where it receives plenty of outdoor exercise. Golden Retrievers are also known for their success in obedience and as guide dogs, reflecting their intelligence and steady temperament.

Regular brushing keeps their beautiful coat in good condition. Gentle, devoted and highly trainable, the Golden Retriever continues to win Canadian hearts.



#3 German Shepherd Dog

Developed in Germany in the late 1800s, the German Shepherd Dog was originally bred as a versatile herding dog.

Renowned for intelligence, courage and loyalty, the breed's working ability has led to widespread use in police work, tracking and search and rescue. Despite their calm and steady nature indoors, German Shepherd Dogs require substantial exercise and benefit from structured training.

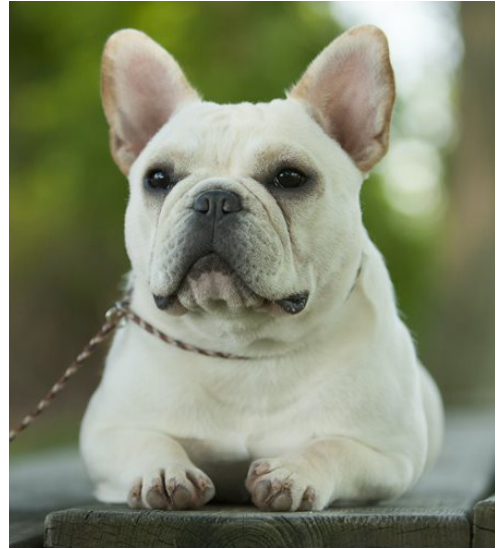
Regular brushing helps maintain their coat. Confident and dependable, they remain a top choice across Canada.



#4 Poodle

Known in Europe since the 16th century, the Poodle was originally used as a retriever of waterfowl. Available in Standard, Miniature and Toy varieties, the Poodle combines athleticism with remarkable intelligence. The breed requires regular exercise and consistent grooming, including clipping and brushing, to maintain its distinctive coat.

Whether competing in performance events or sharing quiet time at home, Poodles bring elegance and energy in equal measure.



#5 French Bulldog

Developed from miniature Bulldogs brought from England to France in the 19th century, the French Bulldog has long been prized as a companion.

Compact and well-mannered, the breed is well suited to less active households. Grooming is quick and easy, and moderate exercise is typically sufficient.

Their expressive faces and affectionate personalities continue to make French Bulldogs a popular choice nationwide.



#6 Australian Shepherd

Despite its name, the Australian Shepherd's development traces back to Europe before becoming firmly established in North America.

Bred to herd livestock, the breed thrives on activity and requires regular exercise and mental stimulation. Australian Shepherds excel in agility, herding and other

performance disciplines.

Low maintenance but not maintenance-free, their coat benefits from regular brushing. Energetic and highly trainable, they continue to grow in popularity.



#7 Havanese

A Cuban member of the Bichon family, the Havanese was bred primarily as a companion.

Affectionate and adaptable, the breed's exercise needs are easily met, making it suitable for both city and suburban living. Regular brushing prevents matting and keeps the silky coat in good condition.

Its cheerful temperament continues to make it a favourite among Canadian families.



#8 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Once favoured by King Charles II, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel remains a devoted companion breed. Playful and gentle, their exercise needs are easily satisfied. The silky coat requires brushing but no trimming is necessary.

Their affectionate nature ensures they remain firmly within Canada's Top 10.



#9 Bernese Mountain Dog

Originating in Switzerland's Canton of Bern, this all-purpose farm dog once drove livestock and pulled carts to market.

Strong yet gentle, the Bernese Mountain Dog requires regular exercise and thorough brushing to maintain its striking tri-colour coat. They are calm, devoted and well suited to cooler climates.



#10 Shetland Sheepdog

The Shetland Sheepdog originated in the rugged Shetland Islands off the northeast coast of Scotland, where smaller dogs were well suited to managing the region's equally small livestock.

Often affectionately called the "Sheltie," the breed is known for its intelligence, responsiveness and strong desire to please. These qualities have helped the Shetland Sheepdog excel in obedience and other performance activities.

Alert, agile and sturdy, Shelties enjoy staying active and benefit from regular exercise and mental challenges. Their long double coat requires consistent brushing to keep it free of mats.

Loyal and affectionate companions, Shetland Sheepdogs round out this year's Top 10.

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What the 2025 Rankings Tell Us

Canada's Top 10 continues to reflect a balance between versatile working breeds and devoted companions. Sporting and herding dogs remain strong, while smaller companion breeds maintain steady popularity across the country.

At the top of the list, the Labrador Retriever's 32-year streak as Canada's most popular breed highlights the enduring appeal of a dog known for its adaptability, intelligence and friendly temperament.

From active outdoor partners like the Australian Shepherd to affectionate companion breeds such as the Havanese and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, the rankings reflect the many roles purebred dogs play in the lives of Canadians.

Whether helping on the farm, competing in performance sports or simply sharing everyday moments at home, these breeds demonstrate the lasting partnership between dogs and the people who love them.

Choosing the Right Breed for You

Inspired by this year's Top 10? While popularity can be a helpful starting point, the most registered breed isn't always the best match for every household.

Each breed has its own history, purpose and temperament, along with specific exercise, grooming and training needs. Taking the time to research thoroughly, connect with knowledgeable breeders and, whenever possible, meet dogs of the breed in person can make all the difference.

Consider your daily routine, activity level and long-term plans. A breed that thrives in an active outdoor setting may not be content in a quieter lifestyle, just as a devoted companion breed may prefer closer daily interaction.

For more detailed information about each breed, explore the Canadian Kennel Club's breed pages and connect with the recognized national breed club for additional education and breeder referrals. Making an informed decision helps set both you and your future dog up for a successful partnership.

Executive Director's Disciplinary Report

The following report is of disciplinary action taken by the Executive Director in accordance with Section 15.1 of CKC By-laws in which the Executive Director has authority for first alleged offences relating to the non-delivery of certificates of registration.

Dawn McMurray, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Reprimand.

Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale but was provided at time of consideration.

Dylan Watson, ON, Non-Member

(Complainant – CKC)

Deprived 90 days
and continuing.

Failed to provide a certificate of registration within 6 months of the date of sale.

\$250.00



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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