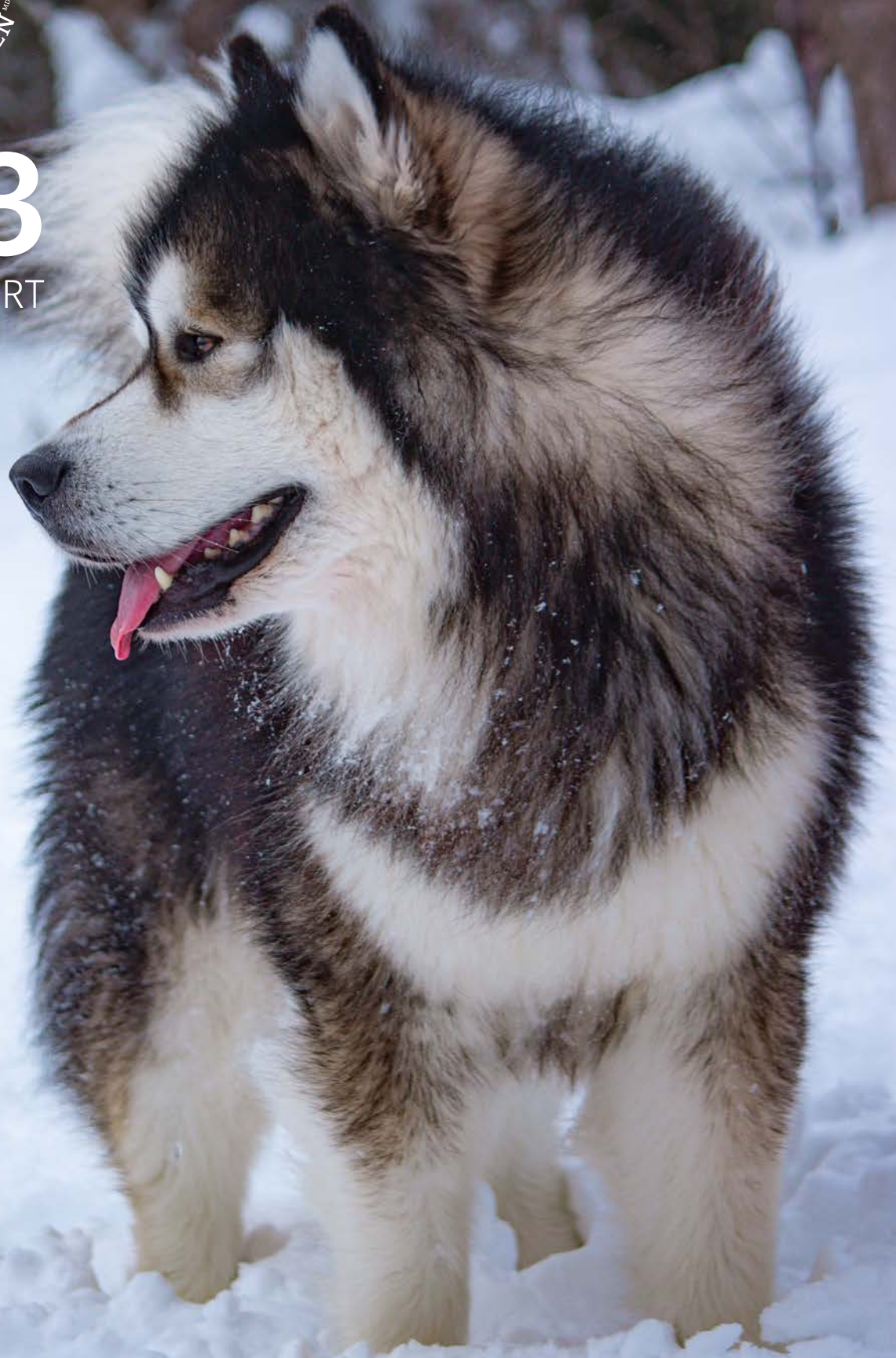




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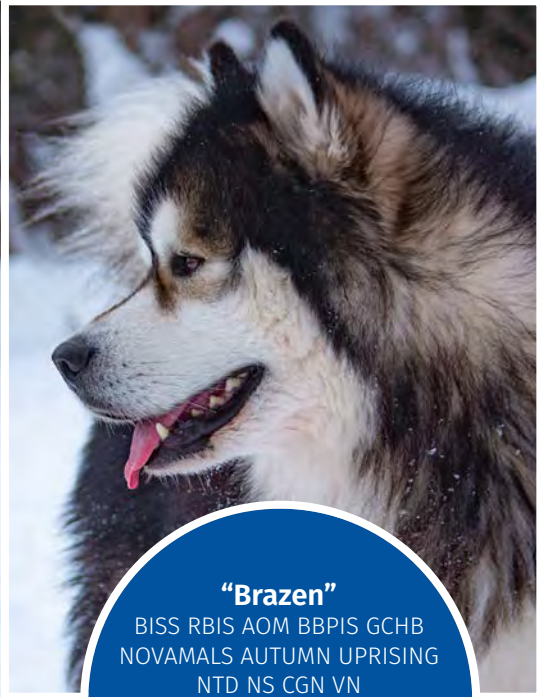
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Lynsay Bayers



**22** Independent Standing Committees



**26** Standing Committees



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# CHAIR'S LETTER

Corinne Walker  
Chair, Board of Directors



Reflecting back on the past year, all I can say is what a year 2023 was! It was the start of something new with an election to select the 2024-2026 Board of Directors. Our members spoke out clearly on referendum items including proposed By-law changes and approval of 51 breed ROE's. Yes, 2023 was a year of records. The Canadian Kennel Club is healthier than ever. We saw the fourth year of our membership increasing and proudly boasted over 19,500 members. Our member clubs hosted more events, from conformation to field trials, to obedience to herding; 3771 events in all for a record year. Our members were involved and active in all of these CKC activities for a total of 240,000 event participants, 40,000 more than in 2019 or pre-Covid levels. New clubs were approved, with their initial events held across the country. It is exciting to see the level of participation along with the new events introduced that allow members to challenge both themselves and their dogs in a variety of venues. On the financial side of the equation, CKC's finances have been very well managed, and we are in a healthy financial position.

Programs initiated by the 2021–2023 Board and staff are well underway, and the membership will start to see the exciting work done by staff and volunteer committees. The Integrated Breed Health Program, the Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) testing across Canada and soon to be launched the reciprocal registration through your portal for AKC registrations, all these programs and more will be introduced over the next term.

Thank you to my fellow Board members for their dedication and commitment to our organization. The hours of reading Board packages, answering phone calls and being the face of CKC in the zones. Also, thank you to our committee and council members who volunteered their time and expertise, to our dedicated staff, and finally, all of our CKC Members. 2023 was indeed a record year and I look forward to another serving as your Board Chair.

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'C Walker', positioned below the text of the letter.

# MESSAGE

from the Executive Director  
of the Canadian Kennel Club

Jeff Cornett  
Executive Director



2023 was a good year for the Canadian Kennel Club, because it was successful, and it felt more 'normal'. It was the first year in a long time that we weren't directly feeling the effects of the COVID pandemic. Our registration numbers returned to normal levels. Our clubs were able to host a record number of events under normal conditions and our members could participate in all of our beloved sports in normal ways, albeit in record numbers!

The CKC staff team was in good operational standing throughout the year, with improved processing speeds and systems; a new "normal" that is much better than it ever has been. Our talented and dedicated staff are located across the country and are now more reflective of our membership. Our staff in the Toronto region are settling into a new hybrid working environment in a smaller and much more cost-effective office space.

Our finances are in good shape with growth in events and sponsorship helping to deliver a small yet positive income statement surplus, that benefits our not-for-profit status. We ended the year with a strong balance sheet, and we have good financial reserves available for the next rainy day.

It was encouraging to see that our membership numbers increased for the fourth straight year. I take this growth as a positive sign that your club remains relevant and a value to the world of purebred dogs.

We ended the year with a triennial general election where we saw higher voter turnout that allowed for a new breed, ROE's and By-law updates. We also elected a new board of directors who will serve the membership and govern the club for the next three years. I want to thank the outgoing board members for their support, passion, dedication, and commitment to their zone-related duties and to the governance of CKC.

While many things have returned to normal, there were a couple of areas where we had hoped things would go more smoothly and lessons were learned. With this said, the update to our new Member's Portal and Dog Registration software provided improvements for members and a more stable environment that will allow for future improvements.

An area we would like to improve is member engagement. We are looking forward to engaging our members in the coming year to see how we can improve our member experience and improve our communication. For those that I have met at events or have taken the time to write to me at [ED@ckc.ca](mailto:ED@ckc.ca), thank you for sending your suggestions on how we can improve, as well as sharing positive feedback on what you appreciate. 2023 was not only more 'normal', it was a pretty special year.

Thank you for being a member of the Canadian Kennel Club and for your support of our mission and all the dogs we love so dearly.



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# CKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Frank MacArthur**  
Zone 1 Director



**Location:** MacPherson Mills, Nova Scotia  
**Breed(s):** Golden Retrievers

**Paul Oslach**  
Zone 2 Director



**Location:** Ammon, New Brunswick  
**Breed(s):** Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

**Denis Gros-Louis**  
Zone 3 Director



## Board of Directors Vice-Chair

**Location:** Quebec  
**Breed(s):** Saint Bernards, Miniature Wired-Haired Dachshunds

**Richard Paquette**  
Zone 4 Director



**Location:** Azilda, Ontario  
**Breed(s):** Shih Tzu, Lakeland Terriers

**Alistair Sutherland**  
Zone 5 Director



**Location:** Arnprior, Ontario  
**Breed(s):** Gordon Setters, Scottish Deerhounds

**Peter Scott**  
Zone 6 Director



**Location:** Aberfoyle, Ontario  
**Breed(s):** Maltese, Lakeland Terriers, Poodles

**Marc Ralsky**  
Zone 7 Director



**Location:** Toronto, Ontario  
**Breed(s):** Siberian Huskies, Samoyed, English Toy Terrier

**Corinne Walker**  
Zone 8 Director



## Board of Directors Chair

**Location:** Morden, Manitoba  
**Breed(s):** Rottweilers, French Bulldogs, Bouvier des Flanders, Bernese Mountain Dog, Manchester Terrier

**Dave Gilmour**  
Zone 9 Director



**Location:** White City, Saskatchewan  
**Breed:** Boxers

**Lee Anne Bateman**  
Zone 10 Director



**Location:** Edmonton, Alberta  
**Breed(s):** Samoyed, Shih Tzus, Japanese Chins

**Tempest Deptuch**  
Zone 11 Director



**Location:** Cowichan Valley (on Vancouver Island), British Columbia  
**Breed(s):** Poodles

**Tammy Luetjje**  
Zone 12 Director



**Location:** Kitimat, BC  
**Breed(s):** Chihuahuas, Borzoi

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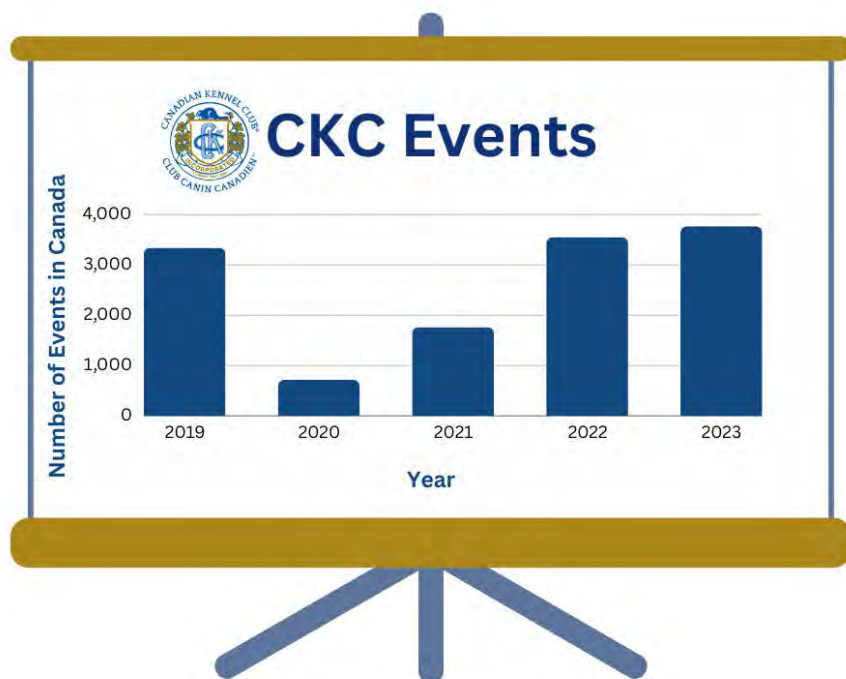
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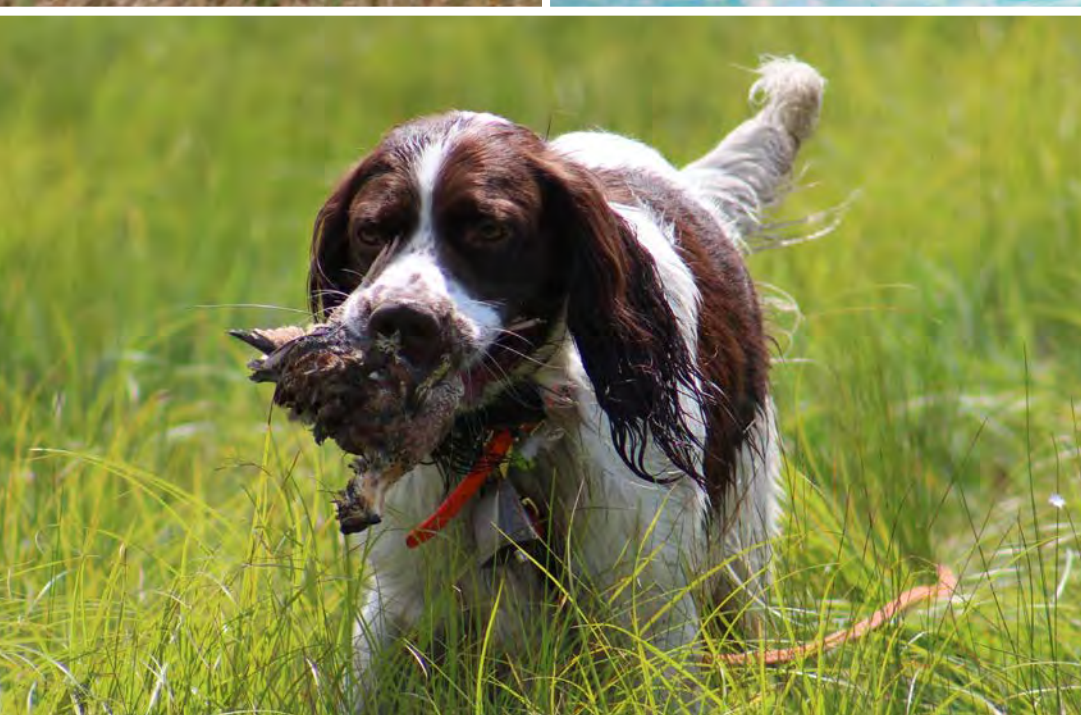




# BACK TO NORMAL: SHOWS & TRIALS

2023 was the first year of shows and trials with no COVID restrictions! Seeing so many beautiful dogs at shows and trials across Canada was wonderful. 2023 was an impressive year with a total of 3771 events. ●

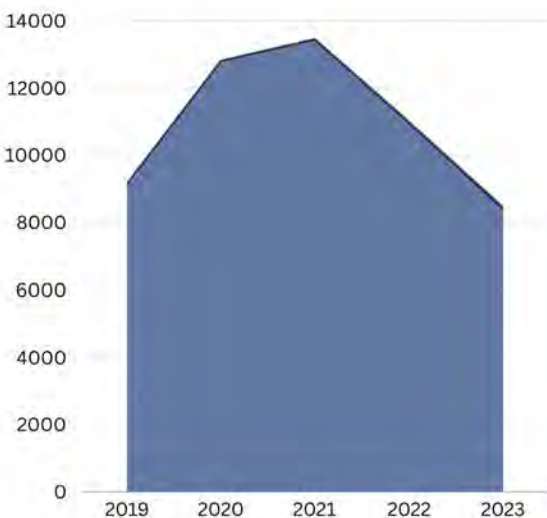






# NEW NORMAL: LITTER REGISTRATIONS

Another sign that turbulent times have settled into a new normal is the change in the number of litter registrations. We saw a clear puppy boom during the pandemic. ●



**Number of  
Litters  
Registered per  
Year**





# NEW NORMAL: NEW CKC OFFICE

Our big move is complete, and the CKC has settled into the new office. This smaller and more efficient office has resulted in more than 60% savings in expenses, but still allows the team to come together to share and learn. CKC hosted the first “Engagement Days” event in September, with most of the CKC team coming together from across the country.

Settling into a new normal has allowed us to return to our roots of supporting purebred dogs and our members across Canada. ●





# NEW SUPPORT FOR BREED CLUBS AND HEALTH TESTING

We were thrilled to work with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) to bring the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFG Scheme) to Canada. The first RFG screening in North America was done in the USA in January 2023 and was closely followed by the first in Canada in March 2023.

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The RFG Scheme, also known as Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS) Testing, was developed by researchers at the University of Cambridge in the UK as an objective test to measure the clinical diagnosis and severity of BOAS. The RFG Scheme aims to increase understanding about the condition, raise awareness, and ultimately reduce the incidence of BOAS. In addition, responsible breeders may use the tool to screen their breeding stock and include the results in their selection criteria.

The CKC's Brachycephalic Breeds Advocacy Committee was instrumental in bringing this testing to Canada. The work on the RFG Scheme is part of the CKC's focus on supporting members in promoting and preserving the health and well-being of all purebred dogs. The CKC sponsored the Canadian lead examiner, Dr. Allison Collier (University of Guelph), to train in Portland, OR, with OFA-trained lead examiners. ●

# BACK TO NORMAL: INTRODUCING THE PUBLIC TO PUREBRED DOGS (IN SOME NEW WAYS!)

The CKC Communications team worked to create the first of a new series of videos, each focusing on a different breed. These videos introduce the general public to wonderful breeds, as well as hear directly from dedicated breeders and CKC members!

The CKC again partnered with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair to put on a large “Meet the Breeds” event in November. “The Royal” draws enormous crowds, and the Meet the Breeds was a highlight of the event. The CKC member volunteers were busy from start to finish, answering questions and sharing their beautiful dogs with the public. These Meet the Breed events are so valuable and important to let the public learn about different breeds, understand the value of a great breeder, and learn how to find their next puppy. The CKC team is thrilled to see CKC members working together to host their own Meet the Breed events! ●





# CKC WORKING WITH PARTNERS TO SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS



Providing our members with valuable benefits is a priority for CKC. We develop strategic partnerships to build meaningful programs and initiatives for our members, clubs, event participants, and dog lovers.

**Trupanion** continued to be [a valuable partner](#) in 2023. Together, we integrated their Go Home Day Offers and Breeder Program sign up into the litter and dog registration process. This makes it easier for breeders to send puppies homes with the tools and resources necessary for success! Benefits include 30 days of free medical insurance coverage with no waiting period, free

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informational materials for puppy packs, a dedicated account manager, and data and insights about their breeding program.

Trupanion also spent 2023 building out French support including account managers and customer service team members who will be ready to support our Francophone members in 2024.

In 2023, CKC partnered with **ROYAL CANIN®** to bring science-based education and resources to our member breeders. Through this partnership, Royal Canin opened their virtual Royal Canin Academy doors to all CKC members, free of charge. Royal Canin Academy provides CKC members with access to hours of digital content developed by world experts in canine breeding.

Through the Breeder Relations Committee and member feedback surveys, CKC and Royal Canin are co-creating learning opportunities including developing content for our members, new Royal Canin Academy courses, and live/recorded webinars led by board-certified Theriogenologist, Dr. Emmanuel Fontaine.

Our 2023 partnership with **PetTech Solutions** brought the launch of an exciting new product: the first ever [dog pregnancy rapid test](#) for home use. CKC Member breeders can now confirm dog pregnancy from the comfort of their home, as early as 28 days post-ovulation.

A partner with CKC for years, PetTech Solutions supports CKC member breeders with practical and proven member-exclusive products, education, and savings. ●



# CKC'S ADVOCACY UPDATE FOR 2023

The Canadian Kennel Club is dedicated to advocating for CKC members and the health and well-being of purebred dogs and all dogs. To further CKC's advocacy efforts, we developed a multi-year advocacy plan in 2023. Areas of focus include strengthening stakeholder and government relations, developing communications tools and resources to empower members with their local advocacy efforts, plus forming a new Advocacy Committee to support CKC's advocacy work nationally. This plan will also help CKC build a team of advocacy member volunteers, to help influence legislative, regulatory and policy changes at the provincial and federal levels.

Throughout 2023, CKC represented our members' interests by participating in government consultations on key areas of impact. In March and May, we participated in federal stakeholder engagement sessions on the importation of pet dogs and service dogs from countries at high risk for rabies. Further discussions on this subject are expected at a future time. In June, we participated

in a consultation with Quebec's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPAQ) regarding permits, licenses, inspections, and responsible breeding. It was an excellent opportunity to illustrate the value of CKC member breeders. We were also pleased to express our support for the Ministry's efforts to target producers of unhealthy dogs, who place profit over the health of dogs, while advising against unnecessarily burdening responsible breeders. CKC's feedback was well received and additional consultations on these subjects are expected in the near future.

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CKC members also participated in a consultation in August concerning proposed amendments to the PEI Dog Owners Act. The changes to the Act focused on dog control and dangerous dogs that would replace the existing Dog Act. In November, CKC also met with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding proposed changes to the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997. These amendments will help inform regulatory and policy changes that will enable the issuance of new licenses and the transfer of existing licenses for dog train and trail facilities. We discussed potential policy changes with the government based on the amendments to the Act and we will provide feedback on further policy updates in 2024.

In December, CKC and our members took part in a consultation regarding Ontario's proposed Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales Act, 2023, developed by the government to address mass producers of unhealthy puppies, a.k.a. puppy mills. While CKC supports the need to reduce the prevalence of bad actors, we continue to work with the Ministry of the Solicitor General's office to advocate for changes that will not unduly burden accountable CKC breeders.

### **BUILDING STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS**

Fostering positive relationships with stakeholders, including veterinary, animal welfare, pet industry and other associations that support canine welfare, benefits CKC long-term and promotes support for CKC initiatives, members, and ultimately, the health and well-being of purebred dogs.

We continue to monitor activity nationally, across the border and internationally, that could impact purebred dogs in Canada. Sarah McDowell, Manager of Government and Stakeholder Relations was pleased to attend the American Kennel Club Legislative Conference in North Carolina, in January 2023, where she met with the AKC Government Relations team and their delegates. It was an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and

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build synergies that will help address challenges facing purebred dogs in our respective countries.

Collaborating with stakeholders supports important CKC initiatives such as promoting responsible dog ownership, responsible breeding, and breed health. An example of positive collaboration was partnering with the New Brunswick SPCA on a campaign to promote the responsible acquisition of pets. The [#YourNextPet campaign](#) encourages those seeking a new pet to do their research and provides helpful tips and launches in March 2024.

In March 2023, as part of CKC's focus on the health of all breeds, including brachycephalic (short-nosed) breeds, CKC was thrilled to launch the first Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFGS) clinic in Canada, with the support of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA), CKC's Brachycephalic Breeds Advocacy Committee and many other dedicated member volunteers. CKC recognizes the importance of this initiative, to support members in promoting and preserving the health and well-being of all purebred dogs, including brachycephalic breeds. By year end, four RFGS clinics had been completed and over 160 dogs had been examined. We look forward to expanding the RFGS program in 2024. ●





A close-up photograph of a bulldog's face, showing its characteristic wrinkled skin and large, dark eyes. The dog is looking directly at the camera. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing text.

# INDEPENDENT STANDING COMMITTEES

Independent Standing Committees are appointed in accordance with the *By-Laws* and under the terms of reference in the *Policy and Procedures Manual*. Independent Standing Committees shall consist of members of the Club who are not members of the Board. They shall operate at arm's length to the Board and their authority shall be independent of the Board.

## Appeal Committee

In accordance with the By-laws, the Appeal Committee, an Independent Standing Committee, shall be appointed by the Board as a whole and shall have such authority and perform such duties as noted therein.

**Staff Liaison:** Kristi Schenk, Manager, Regulatory  
**Committee Chair:** Lionel Whittaker, Edmonton, AB

Carolyn Ayre  
William Miller  
Judy Walsh

Calgary, AB  
Milverton, ON  
Tors Cove, NL

The Appeal Committee met remotely via Zoom on January 11th, July 8th and December 9th, 2023 to render decisions on a total of 10 cases.

Of the files heard, the Appeal Committee directed that Appeals be allowed in part on four cases, modifying the decisions made by both Discipline and Registration Committees.

Of the files heard, the Appeal Committee directed that Appeals be upheld and found for the Appellants overturning the decisions made by the Discipline and Registration Committee on three cases.

Of the files heard, the Appeal Committee directed that the Appeals be dismissed, upholding the decisions made by the Discipline and Registration Committees on three cases.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Lionel Whittaker, Chair  
Appeal Committee

## Audit Committee

In accordance with the By-laws, the Audit Committee, an Independent Standing Committee, shall be appointed by the Board as a whole and shall have such authority and perform such duties as noted therein.

The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Board in discharging its fiduciary responsibilities by acting in an advisory capacity in areas of financial policy development, assessment of control environment, review of financials and appointment of external auditors.

**Staff Liaisons:** Tanya Hatton, CPA, CGA, MBA (to July)  
Pamela Hewitt, CPA, CA (since September)  
**Committee Chair:** Melanie Towell, CPA, CA, Oakville ON

Laurie Coady, CPA, CMA  
Cyndi Egbert, CPA

St. John's, NF  
Balgonie, SK

In the execution of their duties, the Audit Committee, comprised of four Chartered Professional Accountants, met four times throughout 2023, virtually via Microsoft Teams. The Chair attended the quarterly Board meetings, with the exception of the September Board meeting.

The Audit Committee supported the Canadian Kennel Club with the review of the audited financial statements, management letter, and documentation related to the audit processes. The Committee reviewed the strategic investments of the organization. The Committee monitored the financial health of the Canadian Kennel Club by reviewing the monthly financial statements and cash flow, monthly forecast, quarterly financial reports, and the annual operating and capital budgets.

The Committee collaborated with the Executive Director on the recruitment of a Director of Finance. This new role will provide added Senior leadership and expertise to the Canadian Kennel Club in areas beyond finance, such as I.T. and business operations.

The Committee oversaw the development of the financial plans for the transition from the Canadian Kennel Club's current office to its new location.

Melanie Towell is the Audit Committee liaison to the IT Steering Committee, whose role is to provide input to the budget and internal controls related to IT Infrastructure.

The Audit Committee Chair is liaison to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Melanie Towell CPA, CA  
Audit Committee

## Discipline Committee

In accordance with the By-laws, the Discipline Committee, an Independent Standing Committee, shall be appointed by the Board as a whole and shall have such authority and perform such duties as noted therein.

**Staff Liaison:** Kristi Schenk, Manager, Regulatory  
**Committee Chair:** Lucy Bender, Ottawa, ON

John Dzerdz  
Karsten Kaemling  
Maura Romeo  
Alan Parkinson

Medicine Hat, AB  
Vancouver, BC  
La Pêche, QC  
Regina, SK

The Discipline Committee met remotely via Zoom on March 24th, 25th & 26th and July 15th & 16th to hear 52 cases in which appearances were made in 14 cases. The November Discipline Committee meeting was postponed due to lack of quorum. There were 22 files on agenda for the November hearings which will be rescheduled and heard in 2024.

As of December 15th, 2023, 52 cases have been heard by the Discipline Committee and 58 cases from 2023 remain to be heard.

In 2023, 197 files concerning non-delivery of certificates were opened and 145 of those files were closed. In accordance with Section 15.1 of the By-laws, non-delivery complaints involving first-alleged offences are within the jurisdiction of the Executive Director, so an additional 29 files were opened for referral to the Executive Director.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Lucy Bender, Chair  
Discipline Committee

# Registration Committee

The Registration Committee is an Independent Standing Committee that is appointed in accordance with the By-laws and shall have such authority and perform such duties and functions as noted therein.

**Staff Liaison:** Priya Bunsee, Bilingual Registration Specialist  
**Committee Chair:** Sylvain Sirois, Wendake, QC

Nancy Ménard-Chung	Longueuil, QC
Dr. Lucie Paradis	Lévis, QC
Tannis Postma	Lamont, AB
Dann Wilson	Niagara Falls, ON

In 2023, the Registration Committee held three meetings via Zoom (January, March and July) and one in-person meeting (November). The Committee sat for seven days and heard 102 files during this time. The Committee heard 23 cases where individuals made presentations via Zoom.

**Acknowledgement of Staff:** The Registration Committee would like to express its appreciation to Sherry Weiss, Director of Operations and Priya Bunsee, Bilingual Registration Specialist to the Committee, for the excellent support they have provided to the Committee throughout the year.

**Acknowledgement of Committee Members:** The Chair conveys his gratitude and appreciation for their support to Dr. Lucie Paradis, Tannis Postma, Nancy Menard-Cheng and Dann Wilson for the knowledge, experience, and professionalism they provided on all matters before the Committee.

## The following are the Registration Committee Statistics for 2023:

- 146 files were opened in 2023 (as of Dec 4, 2023) concerning registration matters and 44 were closed because the issues were resolved by staff;
- 102 Registration Committee files were heard, including 10 files from 2022 and two files from 2021
- 10 Files were referred to the Discipline Committee
- 4 Files were referred to the Appeal Committee
- 8 Files were referred to the Board of Directors
- 12 Files requested DNA testing
- 14 Files called for Private Breeding Records

## Artificial Insemination (as of December 1, 2023)

- A total of 228 litters were registered from Artificial Insemination.
- 174 from frozen semen and 54 from chilled semen.

## Kennel Names (as of December 1, 2023)

381 Kennel name applications received  
 252 Kennel name applications accepted  
 41 Kennel name applications rejected  
   2 Objections of kennel names received  
   0 Objection of kennel name not sustained  
 28 Transfer of kennel names received  
 25 Transfer of kennel names accepted  
   3 Transfer of kennel names rejected  
 15 Permanent kennel names received  
 11 Permanent kennel names accepted  
   4 Permanent kennel names rejected

## Examining Committee

138 files (as of December 1, 2023) were set up to examine dogs that were imported to Canada from Clubs that are not on the CKC's List of Recognized Foreign Stud Books and 114 were closed.

## Listed Breeds

Two new breeds (Pumi and Viringo) were referred to the Board and approved to be added to the CKC's Listed Breeds list.

## As prescribed in Sections 27.9 and 28.12 of CKC By-laws, the Registration Committee cancelled the following litters' records:

- Cancel litter number JN4122915KY Retrievers (Labradors) as the litter was inadvertently registered.
- Cancel the litter application CA591445FG and all certificates of the puppies associated with this litter for failing to provide DNA Parentage Testing results.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Sylvain Sirois  
 Registration Committee





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A Bernese Mountain Dog is the central focus of the page, sitting on a weathered log in a lush, green forest. The dog has a thick, black coat with characteristic white markings on its chest and face, and tan patches around its eyes and on its legs. The background is a soft-focus view of dense foliage and trees.

# STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees may consist of Board members only or they may be a combination of Board members and lay members. The purpose of such committees shall be to assist in the work of the Board. They shall operate within their specified terms of reference and report back to the Board on a regular and timely basis. Unless specifically authorized by the By-laws or the Board, Standing Committees shall not have any autonomous authority.

## Board Orientation and Education Committee

The Board Orientation and Education Committee shall be responsible for the development of an orientation and education program for members of the Board of Directors.

**Staff Liaison:** Tara Merrimen, Director of People and Culture  
**Committee Chair:** Frank MacArthur, Zone 1 Director

Lee Anne Bateman  
Corinne Walker  
Jeff Cornett

Edmonton, AB  
Morden, MB  
Executive Director

The Board Orientation and Education Committee held two virtual meetings dedicated to the successful planning of Board orientation for the incoming 2024-2026 Board. Various components of orientation and education were considered within the planning phase such as meaningful presentations, supplemental material and general expectations of Board governance. The Committee's goal is to provide all Board members (both new and returning) with the information necessary to fulfill their responsibilities.

The Committee also held two working sessions with the Board at two of their 2023 regular meetings (June and December). The objectives of these sessions were to gather input and feedback from the Board on how to balance organizational information and information about board or governance practices, along with understanding expectations to support new Directors in their important Club role. These working sessions were insightful and a very important part of planning for the incoming Board's orientation and future education.

The Board Orientation and Education Committee wishes the new Board a most successful three-year term.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Frank MacArthur, Chair  
Board Orientation and Education Committee

## Breed Standards Committee

The Breed Standards Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding any proposed changes to the Breed Standards, including those changes which are proposed by the respective national breed clubs.

**Staff Liaisons:** Deidre Jones, Registration Specialist  
(to November 16, 2023)  
Sherry Weiss, Director of Operations (since November 16, 2023)  
**Board Liaison:** Tempest Deptuch, Zone 11 Director  
**Committee Chair:** Ainslie Mills, Surrey, BC

Nancy Downing  
Susan Quesnel  
Linda St-Hilaire

Economy, NS  
Falkland, BC (since May 2023)  
Québec, QC (March 2021-March 2023)

The Committee is governed in its work by Procedure RG002.

The Committee also works with the Events Officiating Committee in reviewing proposed new breeds under Procedure RG004, which states: *The Breed Standards Committee and Event Officiating Committee may propose changes to the breed standard providing it is for grammar, terminology, and clarification.* Additionally, where the breed standard from the country of origin has provisions for cropping, docking or dewclaw removal, the Breed Standards Committee will include changes supporting breeders' right of choice in accordance with the CKC's policy statement.

The Breed Standards Committee met remotely via Zoom in February, April, and August 2023, and continued discussions between meetings by email to expedite actions required by both the applicants and the Committee. Important amendments to all breed standards were initiated by the Breed Standards Committee and revised and passed by the CKC Board of Directors in the spring. They are now published in each breed standard in the new breed standards binder and online, effective July 1, 2023. These included the welfare statement appearing at the beginning of each breed standard: *The breed standard outlines the ideal characteristics, temperament, and appearance of a breed, and ensures that a dog can carry out its original purpose. Breeders and judges should be mindful to prioritize dogs that are healthy and sound in both mind and body.* Also included in all CKC breed standards is an initial statement under Faults: *Any departure from the aforementioned ideals shall be considered faulty to the degree in which it interferes with the health and well-being of the dog and the breed's purpose.*

The CKC granted all clubs an opportunity to submit their own wording for the new cropping and docking statements, which required the acceptance of both natural ears, tails, and presence of dewclaws, as well as cropped ears, docked tails and removal of dewclaws. This generated a great deal of discussion and correspondence for the Breed Standards Committee and the CKC Liaison. Those that did not comply by submitting a proposal, resulted in the CKC adding the appropriate statement to the breed standard, allowing for the variances.

### **Breed standards reviewed, with new breed standards passed by the CKC Board with the effective dates indicated:**

Belgian Shepherd Dog (July 1, 2023)  
French Spaniel (July 1, 2023)  
Chow Chow (July 1, 2024)  
French Bulldog (July 1, 2024)

### **Breeds reviewed and sent for Publish for Comment:**

Shiba Inu (November 2023)

### **Currently being reviewed by the Committee:**

Borzoi (October 2023)  
Bulldog (club vote status pending)

### **Back with the club for further review:**

Lagotto Romagnolo

### **Standards reviewed for new breeds before the Events Officiating Committee and /or the Registration Committee:**

American Hairless Terrier  
Barbado da Terceira  
Bavarian Mountain Scenthound  
Czechoslovakian Vlcak  
Hanover Scenthound  
Swedish Lapphund (back with Registration Committee)

**Miscellaneous:**

The Committee dealt with question concerning non-conformation related terms in the Glossary. The Glossary contains references to terms used in a variety of CKC conformation and performance events and rule books, not just for conformation shows.

The Committee was contacted re: concerns over interpretation of Biewer Terrier standard. Suggested further work on Judge's Education until the moratorium for changes to their standard is met.

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their dedication and hard work during the past three-year term: Nancy Downing, Susan Quesnel, and Linda St-Hilaire, CKC staff liaison, Deidre Jones and our CKC Board liaison, Tempest Deptuch.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ainslie Mills, Chair  
Breed Standards Committee

## Breeder Relations Committee (BRC)

The Breeder Relations Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the Board in the development of policy guidelines and/or programs as authorized by the Board of Directors relating to breeders of purebred dogs.

This shall include the development of a breeder education program, the development of appropriate standards, rules and regulations for breeding and the development of an associated national breeder certification program.

**Staff Liaison:**

Jacqueline Morley, Manager,  
Product and Experience (née Boychuk)

**Board Liaison:**

Alistair Sutherland, Zone 5 Director

**Committee Chair:**

Stewart Dankner, Mississauga, ON

Trina Gallop  
Joycelynn Hoddinott  
Kassandra McCartney  
Joanne Pepin

Winnipeg, MB  
Brantford, ON  
Owen Sound, ON  
Pike River, QC

Throughout the year, the Committee held five remote meetings via Zoom, diligently advancing its mission to support staff in developing projects under the Integrated Breed Health Program (IBHP). Key focus areas included Breeder Education, Breeder Community Support, and the establishment of a comprehensive Breeder Program.

In 2023, the Committee, acting as the steering committee for the aforementioned areas, dedicated attention to the following:

**Kennel Guidelines:**

- Reviewed guidelines from relevant organizations such as CMVA, CCAC, AKC, and The Kennel Club.
- Identified common themes and decided to develop a checklist to complement the guidelines.
- Ongoing work in 2024 to further refine and enhance kennel guidelines for the benefit of CKC member breeders.

**Breeder Resources:**

- Developed a repository for Committee members to contribute files, websites, and resources.
- Included valuable information on contracts, guidelines, breeder-friendly vets, and more to assist CKC member breeders.

**Breeder Program: Go-Live & Stretch Goals:**

- Continued efforts on the development of a breeder program aligned with industry standards.
- Defined core elements for the initial program launch, such as DNA parentage testing, health testing, improved breeder listings, education modules, and registration discounts.
- Future plans include the introduction of additional elements in subsequent years.

In addition to the above, the Committee provided feedback on a Private Member's Proposal, updated Policies and Procedures, and proposed a By-law amendment to prioritize the health and well-being of dogs in breeder care. The Board endorsed this amendment, considering it a reasonable expectation of our member breeders.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are excited to roll out more elements of the Integrated Breed Health Program and encourage all members to stay informed by checking their inboxes and CKC announcements for updates on the Committee's initiatives.

Thank you for your attention, and we appreciate your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Stewart Dankner, Chair  
Breeder Relations Committee

## Communications Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for:

- Providing input on the communications strategic planning process;
- Identifying CKC's communications needs and priorities through appropriate consultations and from time to time, delivering on projects and priorities as specified by the Board, the Committee, and staff; and
- Assessing and evaluating the delivery of communications periodically against the needs and/or expectations of the CKC membership.

**Staff Liaison:**

Meredith Maxwell, Director of Policy,  
Communications and Advocacy (to August 2023)  
Heather Parsons, Manager, Marketing and  
Communications (since September 2023)

**Board Liaison:**

Richard Paquette, Zone 4 Director

**Committee Chairs:**

Corrie Horne, Saint Paul, NB  
Trina Gallop, Winnipeg, MB

Lee Anne Bateman  
Jean Delisle  
Joanna Suan

Edmonton, AB  
Mont-Saint Grégoire, QC  
Grimsby, ON, and Edmonton, AB

Over the past year, the Communications Committee held six meetings via zoom, in addition to sub-committee

meetings and joint meetings with other CKC committees. The Committee Chairs met several times throughout the year with CKC staff to discuss communications trends and issues. The Committee’s focus is to support the CKC by providing counsel, recommendations and identifying areas of strategic communications priority.

**Communications support for the Integrated Breed Health Program**

This past year, the Committee has been asked to actively support the communications work of the Integrated Breed Health Program (IBHP).

A sub-committee of four members was formed and held several meetings in addition to regular Communications Committee meetings. The sub-committee provided strategic guidance and recommendations on identifying stakeholders, forming problem statements, developing key messages, and identifying opportunities for engagement with stakeholders.

The sub-committee initiated a naming exercise process in March 2023 to help identify and develop a unique name/brand for the program. The sub-committee further supported this process by meeting with the Breeder Relations Committee, the committee leading the new program.

At the time of the annual report, the sub-committee is planning a second meeting with the Breeder Relations Committee to further refine this work and also recommends further focus group testing of names and key messages with primary stakeholders, including segments of CKC membership across the country.

**Website and Member Portal Support**

Following some of the issues that arose during the member portal update in April 2023, the Communications Committee initiated feedback and recommendations on communicating with CKC members, as well as identified issues with the French translation that required further resolution.

The Committee regularly receives updates on the progress of the website redesign.

**Director Elections**

At the start of the year, the Communications Committee noted the important communications implications surrounding the Director elections process that took place November 2023. The Committee provided early recommendations on opportunities for member engagement, including:

- Providing job descriptions for CKC Directors during the nominations process. This would allow candidates to have vital information about the responsibilities of Directors and help guide members in their decision-making process when it came time for voting.
- The Communications Committee provided feedback about the timeline for communications regarding the nominations process and elections.
- The Committee noted the importance of having an Elections and Referendum link prominently featured on the ckc.ca homepage.
- The Committee suggested early communications to the membership regarding 2024 opportunities to volunteer on a CKC Committee and/or Council – including profiling the current work being done.

**New Director Orientation**

The Committee reviewed plans and a timeline with the CKC Executive Director for onboarding new and returning CKC Directors following the 2023 elections. The Committee

discussed and recommended training and education on media, privacy legislation, member relations, and the various channels / tools / platforms available to support this work, including social media, email governance, key messaging, local club engagement and the role of Directors at local shows and events.

**CKC Advocacy Engagement**

Most recently the Committee has been asked for communications support on the CKC’s advocacy strategy. In November, the committee met with the Manager of Government and Stakeholder Relations. The Committee is currently preparing input on several communication pieces that will be part of the advocacy section of the website, as well as feedback on a member survey.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Corrie Horne & Trina Gallop, Co-Chairs  
Communications Committee

## Event Officiating Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the Board in the development of Policy Guidelines and/or Programs as authorized by the Board of Directors related to the training and accreditation of judges and event officials for all disciplines or as the Board may direct.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Board Liaison:** David Gilmour, Zone 9 Director  
**Committee Chair:** Virginia Lyne, Saanichton, BC

Thomas Alexander Anola, MB  
Darwin Boles Kemptville, ON  
Kate Darbyshire Chesterville, ON  
Michael Woods Dartmouth, NS

The Event Officiating Committee held meetings in January, April, June, September, and October 2023. During these meetings, the Committee dealt with Board referrals, new Breed Standard reviews, Conformation Show Rules and Regulations, and Policy and Procedure Manual amendments.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
14-03-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII. Judges, Section B Applicant Conformation Judges, Subsection. 1 Eligibility Requirements
15-03-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII. Judges, Section B, Applicant Conformation Judges, Subsection. 5 Additional Permits (g) & (h)
16-03-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII. Judges, Section B Applicant Conformation Judges, Subsection 10 Judging Seminars
42-09-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter IV. Registration, Procedure RG004 – Procedure for Adding a Breed to the Miscellaneous List (for Event Participation and Recognition Purposes), Section A. Adding a New Breed to the Miscellaneous List

15-12-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII. Judges, Section 7 Licensing Maintenance for All Breed, Groups and Breed Judges, Subsection (1) Category B (iii)
16-12-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII. Judges, Section B Applicant Conformation Judges, Subsection (1) Eligibility Requirements – New Applicants and Subsection (7) Licensing Maintenance for All-Breed, Groups and Breed Judges
17-12-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII. Judges, Section B Applicant Conformation Judges, Subsection 5 Additional Permits, (b) Education 2
43-09-23	Handbook for CKC Conformation Judges, Chapter 3 Guidelines, Section 2 Conduct
20-12-23	Handbook for CKC Conformation Judges, Chapter 3 Guidelines, Section 4 Ring Control, Subsection 4.3 Late Arrivals
44-09-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 4 Judges, Section 4.4 Judging the Dogs
45-09-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 6 Premium List, Catalogue & Judging Schedule, Section 6.2 Catalogue
18-12-23	Conformation Rules & Regulations, Chapter 3 Selection of Judges, Section 3.2 Making Application, New 3.2.8
19-12-23	Conformation Show Rules and Regulations, Chapter 4 Judges, Section 4.2 Conflicts
23-12-23	Conformation Rules & Regulations, Chapter 14 Disqualifying or Excusing Dogs, Section 14.1 Disqualifications, Subsection 14.1.3

Respectfully submitted by:  
Virginia Lyne, Chair  
Event Officiating Committee

## Genetics and Medical Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the Board in the development of policy, guidelines and/or programs as authorized by the Board of Directors related to canine genetics. This mandate will include but not be limited to the development of an advanced health registry. The Committee shall also be responsible for recommendations to the Board of Directors in the development of policy, standards and guidelines relating to trends, advances, and changes to canine medical procedures as they impact CKC breeders.

**Staff Liaison:** Jacqueline Morley (née Boychuk), Manager, Product & Experience  
**Board Liaison:** Alistair Sutherland, Zone 5 Director  
**Committee Chair:** Dr. Paul Eckford, PhD, Breslau, ON

Dr. Oksana Moshynska, PhD  
Dr. Roberta Parish, PhD  
Dr. Simon Verge, DVM

Saskatoon, SK  
Errington, BC  
Danville, QC

The Committee held four meetings remotely via Zoom during 2023.

The Committee continued its work as the steering committee for several key projects under the Integrated Breed Health Program (IBHP): advancement of a DNA Program and building Breed Health Strategies for all CKC recognized breeds. In 2023 this included working with the National Breed Clubs to confirm recommended genotypic and phenotypic health testing on breeding stock for their breeds and any breed specific health considerations. As staff translate this information into easy-to-understand individual documents, the Committee is providing crucial feedback and guidance.

It also included moving forward partnership discussions with potential DNA Program partners. The Committee is excited to start sharing more information with the membership in 2024 on how this new relationship will support CKC member breeders in the promotion and preservation of purebred dogs.

Additionally, the Committee offered counsel and recommendations on several key topics, including:

- **An Amendment to the Conformation Rules, Section 8.9.2**  
The Committee completed work started in 2022 to update CKC's event rules and regulations to clarify for show giving clubs and event participants that titer testing is sufficient for dogs to participate safely in events. The amendment was approved and has been integrated into the applicable policies & procedures/rules and regulations.

- **Updates to CKC's List of Known DNA Facilities in Canada**  
The Committee reviewed and submitted updates to CKC's list of known DNA Facilities found within the Policies & Procedures Chapter IV. Registration, Appendix 4. As genetic testing providers are in flux within Canada and the US, and to curtail the need to constantly update our Policy & Procedures manual, the Genetics & Medical Committee felt a better solution for our members to access up-to-date information is on International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs webpage(s). As such, a link was added directly to this site within the list. As CKC proceeds further with its DNA program, this section will be adjusted again accordingly.

- **Reviewing Agility Jump Heights**  
The Committee was asked to perform a cursory review of CKC's current jump heights for agility participants, and the accommodations made within the rules for different ages, dog heights, breeds, etc. The Committee reached out to expert Dr. Zink who confirmed that the CKC jump heights are in line with the AKC Agility rules & regulations and that the accommodations we make for the selective classes to jump at lower levels are sufficient. Dr. Zink confirmed that she is comfortable with what both organizations do and feel that there is enough power within both organizations' event rules & regulations for exhibitors to make informed decisions based on their dog's needs.

- **Discussion on the potential genetic diversity impacts from CKC's Sanction of Importation of Animals or Semen from Russia**

The Committee discussed whether the sanction importation of animal or semen from Russia could negatively impact genetic diversity in breeding animals for CKC members. It was opined that most Russian breeds can be imported from Countries other than Russia, and if there is a valid need for genetic diversity in a specific breed, an exception could be considered by CKC on a case-by-case base.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Dr. Paul Eckford, PhD, Chair  
Genetics and Medical Committee

## IT Steering Committee

The IT Steering Committee shall be responsible for advising, reviewing, and approving IT strategic plans and overseeing major initiatives. The IT Steering Committee is a foundational practice for IT governance. Areas include:

- IT strategic review
- IT service levels
- IT availability, capacity, and continuity management
- Information security
- Change management
- Release and deployment
- Incident management
- Access management and other areas as appropriate.

**Staff Liaison:** Andrew McCallister, Director, e-Business  
**Board Liaison:** Denis Gros-Louis, Zone 3 Director  
**Committee Chair:** Michael Crawford, St. John's, NL

Jolie Janssen Leduc, AB (to April 2023)  
Cheryl Paterson London, ON (since May 2023)  
Melanie Towell (Audit Committee Chair) Oakville, ON  
One vacant position

The IT Steering Committee held four virtual meetings in 2023. Some key 2023 highlights include:

- The Board approved a motion to expand the Committee from four to five members.
- The Committee provided oversight on the migration of remaining on-premises servers to the cloud.
- The Committee provided high-level project oversight on the new Canadian Born Dog registration and updated member portal project.
- The IT Steering Committee Chair and the Executive Director led lessons learned on the rollout of the Canadian Born Dog registration and updated member portal. These were the first formal lessons learned conducted for a CKC project.
- The Committee provided oversight on the selection and migration to a new CRM / Portal service provider.
- The Committee reviewed and approved the 2024 IT budget.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Michael Crawford, Chair  
IT Steering Committee

## Legislation Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for all matters relating to the review and subsequent proposals for amendments to The By-laws, the Policy and Procedures Manual and those general provisions contained in the rulebooks for the various disciplines. Additionally, the Committee shall also be responsible for all matters relating to Codes of Ethics.

**Staff Liaison:** Tara Merrimen, Director of People and Culture  
**Committee Chair:** Denis Gros-Louis, Zone 3 Director

Lucy Bender Ottawa, ON  
David Gilmour White City, SK  
Lynne Llewellyn-MacLellan Upper Lawrencetown, NS (to January)  
Peter Scott Guelph, ON  
Sylvain Sirois Wendake, QC  
Jeff Cornett Executive Director

In 2023, the Legislation Committee held four virtual meetings. During these meetings the Committee considered the following:

### Policy and Procedures Manual

Amendments respecting the following policies and procedures were referred to the Board of Directors:

Chapter IV. Registration, Section D. Registration of Individual Dogs  
Chapter VI. Shows & Trials G, Priority/Priority Dates  
Chapter IX. Board of Directors, B. Upon Being Elected to the Board  
Chapter IX, Board of Directors, Section D. Code of Conduct for Board Members  
Chapter IX. Board of Directors, F. General Meetings

### By-laws

Amendments respecting the following by-laws were referred to the Board of Directors:

By-Law 8.8 – Minutes  
By-Law 9.10 – Prohibition  
By-Law 15.1 – Discipline  
By-Law 22.1 – Full Particulars  
By-Law 25.2 – Accepted Forms of Identification  
By-Law 25.7 – Identification by Tattoo

### Items Discussed

Removal of a Board Liaison from a Committee or Council  
Non-Standard Colours  
Handlers with Disabilities  
Modernization of Discipline Committee Complaint Forms  
Live-Streaming and Photography at CKC Events  
Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members' Social Media  
Code of Practice for CKC Member Breeders

I would like to thank the Board, staff and committee members for their contribution and support through 2023.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Denis Gros-Louis, Chair  
Legislation Committee

## National Advocacy And Government Relations Committee

The mandate of the committee shall be to further the CKC's position in relation to animal advocacy issues and the role of purebred dogs, dogs, breeders and dog ownership at the municipal, provincial and national level, and to advise the Board on all such issues. The Committee shall also be responsible for recommendations to the Board in the development and amendment of legislative policies.

**Staff Liaison:** Sarah McDowell, Manager,  
Government & Stakeholder Relations

**Board Liaison:** Richard Paquette, Zone 4 Director

**Committee Chair:** Dawne Deeley, Surrey, BC

Val Bandas	Craven, SK
Serge Bilodeau	Petite-Rivière-Saint-François, QC (since March)
Stacey Cronyn	Navan, ON
Emily Gratton	Upper Brookside, NS
Corrie Horne	St. Paul, NB (Communications Committee Liaison)
Sharon MacArthur	Winnipeg, MB
Angel Rowe	Leduc, AB
Loreta Serafini	Oakville, ON

The National Advocacy and Government Relations Committee held a meeting in January 2023 following a pause in 2022, to review the committee's previous activities, purpose and to discuss the development of a renewed strategy moving forward.

Following the approval of an advocacy budget by the CKC Board of Directors at the December 2022 Board meeting, CKC recruited an advocacy consultant in early 2023 and developed a national advocacy plan. Elements of the national advocacy plan include a new Advocacy Committee and the recruitment of CKC legislative liaisons (like the AKC model). The recruitment of candidates for the new Advocacy Committee will take place between January and August 2024. Further details will follow in early 2024.

Outside of official meetings, Committee members supported CKC on dog-related issues in Québec, Nova Scotia, PEI, Manitoba, and New Brunswick, in addition to work on CFIA dog import requirements updates and brachycephalic breeds.

I would like to thank the National Advocacy and Government Relations Committee members for their support during this term. Your passion, dedication and expertise are integral to CKC's advocacy work.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Dawne Deeley, Chair  
National Advocacy and Government Relations Committee

## Rules of Eligibility (ROE) Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for:

- Developing the terms of reference for the ROE project
- Working with breed clubs/spokespersons to draft ROE
- Analyzing templates for Board approval
- Developing necessary communications prior to any referenda
- Reviewing schedules, budgets and timelines
- Analyzing policy to ensure compliance with the ROE and Animal Pedigree Act requirements
- Working with the Legislation Committee to bring work to date to the Board table prior to a Special Referendum

**Staff Liaisons:** Deidre Jones, Registration Specialist  
(until November 2023)

Sherry Weiss, Director of Operations (since November 2023)

**Board Liaison:** Tempest Deptuch, Zone 11 Director

**Committee Chair:** Thora Brown, Almonte, ON

Bill Chisolm Colborne, ON  
Lisa Ricciotti Chatham, ON

In 2023, the ROE Committee continued its meetings with breed spokespersons from Groups VI and VII and, in doing so, completed meetings with all currently recognized breeds. Meetings were also held with several new breeds to create the ROE for their acceptance package. A breeder polling was held in August for 60 breeds, 51 of which received a positive vote. These were forwarded to the Board for inclusion on the 2023 regular Referendum.

I would like to express my appreciation to Sherry Weiss and Deidre Jones for the unending support they have provided to the Committee.

My thanks and appreciation are extended to the other members of the Committee for their knowledge, experience, patience and all the support they have given.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Thora Brown, Chair  
Rules of Eligibility Committee



# Strategic Planning Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for the ongoing development of long-range strategic planning for the Club, reporting regularly to the Board with respect to its deliberations, findings, and recommendations.

**Staff Liaison:** Tara Merrimen, Director of People and Culture  
**Committee Chair:** Marc Ralsky, Zone 7 Director

Jeff Cornett	Executive Director
Melanie Towell (Chair, Audit Committee)	Oakville, ON
Richard Paquette	Azilda, ON
Alistair Sutherland	Arnprior, ON
Corinne Walker	Board Chair

In 2023, the Strategic Planning Committee held two virtual meetings complemented by Board strategic discussions, review of the Strategic Plan and key projects at their regular meetings.

Some key 2023 highlights include:

- Review of the 2023-2025 Plan was conducted.
- Main project updates were provided for:
  - o Integrated Breed Health Program
  - o Modernization of Events
  - o Building Communications and Advocacy
  - o IT Infrastructure and Capacity
- Board support of progress made in all areas of the four key strategic pillars.
- Guiding recommendation put forward by the Committee is to keep membership regularly apprised of progress within the main projects and priorities.

I would like to thank the staff leadership, Committee and fellow Board members for their contribution and support through 2023.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Marc Ralsky, Chair  
 Strategic Planning Committee

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**Clark**  
THE NATION'S #1 BORDERS LOKI & 3 DOG ALL BREEDS  
WINNER 2023  
MRS MISS MBISS CAN GCHG AM CH SKYHIGH'S VIDEO GAME

**Channing**  
Canada's #1 & #6  
Dog of All Breeds  
Our sincere appreciation to all of the breed specialists, judges and all country judges who awarded Channing so highly in 2023  
Canada's All Time Top Best in Show Winning Border  
MISS MISS MBISS CAN GCHG, Radaul Valentin de Grand Fresnoy

AMERICA'S NUMBER ONE TERRIER 2023  
Celebrating a wonderful start to the year!  
Thank you to judges: Mr. David Lusk, Mr. William Campbell, Mr. Steve Campbell, Mr. Stephen Miller, Mr. Stephen Emmons, Mr. Paul Bunker W. de Wit, Mr. Stephen  
**PEABODY**  
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**Penny & Andy** #1  
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BY: David Blair, Mr. William Campbell, Mr. James Moore, Mr. Ken Brock, Mr. Lisa Gorman, Mr. Jeff Bland  
**MBIS BISS GCHB CONQUEST BEST OF BOTH WORLDS**

CANADA'S #1  
**ATARI**  
DOG OF ALL BREEDS  
MISS MISS MBISS CAN GCHG AM CH SKYHIGH'S VIDEO GAME

**Tom Tom**  
CANADA'S #1 PUPPY OF ALL BREEDS  
#1 BORDER COLLIE #12 TERRIER  
Canadian National Specialty Winner  
Reserve Best in Show Winning  
Multi Group Winning & Placing  
20 Best Puppy in Show  
49 Best Puppy in Group  
Our sincere appreciation to all of the judges for awarding Tom Tom and Jennifer so highly.  
Breeder: Chantal and Steve Wilton | Handler: Nadia Tereza | Presented by Jennifer McClelland-Gilroy

Canada's #1  
Sheepdog 2023  
#7 Herding Dog  
**Bauer**  
Our sincere appreciation to the breeders and all country judges who awarded Bauer in 2023.  
BIS MISS MBISS CAN GCHG AM CH MYSTIC SUNTIME SUPERIOR  
Breeder: Tony Korman & Yvonne | Owner: Peter Stone & Donna | Handler: Michelle Tracy Nelson

**Hefner**  
#1 SPORTING #8 ALL BREEDS  
CANADA'S TOP BREEDER OWNER HANDLER  
It's not where you're going, it's who you are with!  
There is not enough words to express the gratitude I have towards the judges, breeders, and handlers for your support during 2023.  
Thank you all very much and happy New Year 2024 and 2025!

America's #1 Bouvier 2023  
BEST IN SHOW WINNER - BEST IN SPECIALTY WINNER - BEST GROUP WINNER AND PLACE AMERICAN BOUVIER NATIONAL TOP THREE WINNER PUP  
MISS MISS MBISS CAN GCHG SHEERA LADIES MAN  
FLASH CHAMP CHAMPION KENNEL OUR GROUP'S VALERIE RICHARD

**Ain't life GRAND.**  
CANADA'S FIRST GRAND BEST IN SHOW WINNER  
**COLT**  
Canada's #1 Hound  
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Beyonce, Cher, Madonna...  
**Kaidi**  
#3 All Breed #1 Toy  
MISS MISS MBISS CAN GCHG SHEERA LADIES MAN  
FLASH CHAMP CHAMPION KENNEL OUR GROUP'S VALERIE RICHARD

1 NEWFOUNDLAND 1 WORKING #2 ALL BREED  
137k  
2023 National Operating Winner  
37 BIS - 24 RBIS  
MISS MISS MBISS CAN GCHG SHEERA LADIES MAN  
FLASH CHAMP CHAMPION KENNEL OUR GROUP'S VALERIE RICHARD

MULTI BEST IN SHOW MULTY BEST IN SPECIALTY WINNING  
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**MONTÉ**  
A GREAT BEGINNING TO 2024  
BEST IN SPECIALTY #1  
THANK YOU TO JESSIE BONEY FOR ENDORSING FOR THIS BEST IN SPECIALTY BY AN AIRD

A close-up profile of a brown and white dog's head, likely a Jack Russell Terrier, looking towards the right. A monarch butterfly is perched on the dog's ear. The background is a soft-focus green lawn.

# STANDING COUNCILS

**The Board may strike councils to represent the interest of those persons, groups or associations involved in the various disciplines which have been approved by the Club and in that capacity shall act as advisory bodies to the Board. The number and designation of such councils shall be that which is deemed necessary and appropriate by the Board.**

## Agility Trial Council

The Agility Trial Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters related to agility trials.

The purpose of agility trials is to demonstrate a dog's ability, regardless of breed, to work with its handler under a variety of challenges through a course of various agility obstacles.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Denis Gros-Louis, Zone 3 Director

Wendy Beard	Carp, ON
Jasmine deBlois	Willow Bunch, SK
Lindsay Benbow	Lumby, BC (since July 31, 2023)
Sandra Esford	Belleville, ON
Sherri Gourlie	Hillsdale, ON
Jutta Hammermueller	Kitchener, ON
Brigitte Hunter	Sunnyside, MB
Brenda Juskow	Dartmouth, NS
Liana Klohn	Cornwall, PEI
Sandi Maday	Edmonton, AB
Janice McAllan	Nanaimo, BC
Hildi Steuart	Vernon, BC (to July 31, 2023)
Della Nicholls	Conception Bay South, NL
Marie Josée Thuot	Chambly, QC

The Agility Trial Council was not scheduled to hold a meeting in 2023. However, there was one policy amendment sent to the Board with an effective date of immediately.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
06-05-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII. Judges, Section E. Applicant Agility Trial Judges (1) Eligibility Requirements (d)

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Denis Gros-Louis, Chair  
 Agility Trial Council

### 2023 Statistics

212 Agility Trials were held.

## Beagle & Basset Hound Field Trial Council

The Beagle & Basset Hound Field Trial Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to Beagle and Basset Hound field trials or any other event related to Beagles and Basset Hounds in the field.

The Beagle is primarily a hunting dog whose main function is to find game and to chase it in an energetic and decisive manner. The purpose of Beagle Field Trials is to

demonstrate these natural abilities and recognize those dogs that demonstrate the highest qualities of a Beagle.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Paul Oslach, Zone 2 Director

Dino Colucci	Newmarket, ON
Randy Doan	Aylmer, ON
David Fraser	Northside East Bay, NS
Andrew Hudson	Mount Pearl, NL (to July 6, 2023)
Dario Manna	Roxboro, QC
Clair Murphy	Millvale, PEI
Greg Steeves	Cameron, ON
July Walsh	Tors Cove, NL (since July 6, 2023)
Penelope Woodwork	Duncan, BC

The Beagle and Basset Hound Field Trial Council was not scheduled to hold a meeting in 2023. Therefore, no amendments were brought forward to the Board.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Paul Oslach, Chair  
 Beagle & Basset Hound Field Trial Council

### 2023 Statistics

46 Beagle Field Trials were held.

## Canine Good Neighbour (CGN) Council

The Canine Good Neighbour Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to the Canine Good Neighbour Program.

**Staff Liaison:** Andrew McCallister, Director EBusiness  
**Council Chair:** Paul Oslach, Zone 2 Director

Susie Bell	Puslinch, ON
Karen Brearley	Aldergrove, BC
Linda Desaulniers	Terrebonne, QC
Caren Holtby	North Saanich, BC
Melissa Ireland	Argyle, MB
Glenda Johnson	Alton, NS
Diane Kersey	Spanish, ON
Josephine Lambert	Ancaster, ON
Joseph Panaro	Greely, ON
Marion Postgate	Vancouver, BC
Angela Saunders	Calgary, AB
Melanie Steele	Riverview, NB
June Ward	Tiny, ON
Nicole Wiebe	Calgary, AB

The Council held meetings in March, June and July 2023 and completed the following work:

- Updates to all CGN related materials (French and English) including the open book tests, evaluator application, evaluator guidelines, participant handbook, and associated event application forms.
- The Board passed a motion in May 2023 (#10-05-23) which now requires new CGN evaluators to be observed at their first two tests by a member of the Council. This motion also

gave Council representatives the ability to observe and report any evaluator who is not executing CGN tests as per the guidelines.

- Throughout the year, Council members worked to develop an education package for evaluators which includes instructional videos to add clarity to CKC's expectations for the execution of tests. In July, 2023 an education package was released to all CGN evaluators (in French and English) which can be completed online and has been completed by 40% of evaluators.
- Members of the Council, CKC staff, and club members participated in a workshop to discuss the promotion of the CGN program. The culminated efforts of the workshop are currently with the CKC marketing and communications department.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Paul Oslach, Chair  
Canine Good Neighbour Council

### 2023 Statistics

118 Canine Good Neighbour Tests were held in 2023 at the time of this report being written, with 9 scheduled in November and December.

## Conformation Council

The Conformation Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to conformation dog shows.

### Staff Liaison: Council Chair:

Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
Lee Anne Bateman, Zone 10 Director

Sandy Alexander	Anola, MB
Val Bandas	Craven, SK
Ramona Bauer	Verner, ON
Serge Bilodeau	Petite-Rivière-Saint-François, QC
Thora Brown	Almonte, ON
Ted Fahlgren	London, ON
Kristen Francis	Port Robinson, ON
Lyzane Hamel	Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC
Kathy Hawker	Edmonton, AB
Tina Gaudet	Calgary, AB
Irene Latchford	Stoney Creek, ON
Richard Lopaschuk	Cranbrook, BC (Joined January 3)
Heidi Merkli	Carp, ON
Elizabeth Numbers	Phelpston, ON
H. Brian Reid	Hampton, NB
Pamela Skanes	Torbay, NL
Lisa Tremblay	Port Alberni, BC
Collin Veinot	West Northfield, NS

The Conformation Council held meetings in January, March, June, July and September 2023. The council presented the following amendments to the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations with an effective date of January 1, 2024 unless stated otherwise.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
11-03-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 3 Selection of Judges, Section 3.2 Making Application, Subsection 3.2.5, effective immediately.
12-03-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 12 Breeds, Classes, Awards & Sweepstakes, Section 12.8 Stakes / Sweepstakes, effective immediately.
13-03-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Appendix I – List of Breeds That May be Judged on a Ramp
13-09-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 4 Judges, Section 4.4 Judging the Dogs
14-09-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Entries & End of Show, Section 8.10 Moving a Dog to Specials, Subsection 8.10.1
15-09-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 Exhibitors & Their Dogs, Section 9.9
16-09-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Rings, Facilities & Equipment, Section 10.4
17-09-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 15 Championship Points & Cancellations, Section 15.2 Grand Champion (GCh), Subsection 15.2.3
18-09-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 15 Championship Points & Cancellations, Section 15.2 Grand Champion (GCh), Subsection 15.2.3 (a)
07-12-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 4 Judges, Section 4.4 Judging the Dogs, Subsection 4.4.15
10-12-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 12 Breeds, Classes, Awards & Sweepstakes, Section 12.9 Unofficial Classes, New 12.9.3
11-12-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 14 Disqualifying or Excusing Dogs, Section 14.1, Disqualifications, Subsection 14.1.2 Disqualifying or Excusing (a)
12-12-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Chapter 15 Championship Points & Cancellations, Section 15.2 Grand Champion (GCh), Subsection 15.2.4 Grand Champion Bronze (GChB) (b), Subsection 15.2.5 Grand Champion Silver (GChS) (b), Subsection 15.2.6 Grand Champion Gold: (GChG) (b)
13-12-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Appendix J Role, Duty & Powers of the Show Superintendent, New 8
22-12-23	Conformation Show Rules & Regulations, Appendix I List Of Breeds That May Be Judged On A Ramp - Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen

10-03-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VI. Shows & Trials, Section N Conformation Events, Subsection. 1
11-05-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VI. Shows & Trials, Section N, Conformation Events, Subsection 6, Specialty Shows
12-05-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter V. Club Policy, Section B, Types of Clubs, Subsection 1 (6) Local Clubs
14-12-23	Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VI. Shows and Trials, Section N Conformation Events, Subsection 8 Second Set of Conformation Show Dates (c)

Respectfully submitted by:  
Lee Anne Bateman, Chair  
Conformation Council

### Dog Show statistics in 2023

- 775 Conformation Shows (this includes open, multiple and limited breed shows)
- 353 Conformation Specialty Shows

## Draft Dog Test Council

The Draft Dog Test Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters related to draft dog tests.

The purpose of a draft dog test is to demonstrate a dog's usefulness as a draft animal, a reliable freighting companion and worker.

**Staff Liaison:**  
**Council Chair:**

Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
David Gilmour, Zone 9 Director

Sue Ailsby	Regina, SK
Garry Baldwin	Calgary, AB
Terri Collins	Mount Uniacke, NS
Richard Connell	Rockton, ON
David Denis	Ladysmith, BC
Dean Edwards	Tappen, BC
Peggy Flockhart	Ariss, ON
Jennifer Julian	Hampton, NB
Glenda Johnson	Alton, NS
Allan Maniate	Ennismore, ON
Véronique Matte-Paquet	Aston-Jonction, QC
Doug Savory	Ladysmith, BC
June Ward	Tiny, ON

The Draft Dog Test council was not scheduled to hold a meeting in 2023. Therefore, no amendments were brought forward to the Board.

Respectfully submitted by:  
David Gilmour, Chair  
Draft Dog Test Council

### 2023 Statistics

14 Draft Dog Tests were held.

## Earthdog Test Council

The Earthdog Test Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to earthdog tests or any other events specifically related to trials or tests for Dachshunds and Terriers.

The purpose of the CKC Earthdog Tests is to promote, preserve and recognize the working characteristics of Dachshunds and those Terrier breeds that were bred to go to ground on quarry such as fox, badger, otter and bolt, bay or draw the quarry.

**Staff Liaison:**  
**Council Chair:**

Tracy Kent, Manager Events  
Peter Scott, Zone 6 Director

Lia Bijsterveld	Richmond, BC
Megan Crane	Mount Uniacke, NS
Pam Dyer	Kingston, ON
Louise La Branche	Maricourt, QC
Gloria Mair	Plattsville, ON
Isobel McGowan	Toronto, ON
Shauna McLauchlan	Beausejour, MB
Debbie Miyashita	Canoe, BC
Janet Rein	Regina, SK
Dian Stafford-Gilmour	Calgary, AB
Davine Walsh	Kingston, NB

The Earthdog Test Council held a meeting in May 2023. The Council presented the following Earthdog Test Rules and Regulations amendments to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
19-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 1 Interpretations, Section 1.3 Classes, Subsection 1.3.1
20-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 5 Ribbons & Prizes, Section 5.2 Ribbons & Rosettes, Subsection 5.2.1
21-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Test Area Size & Dens, Section 8.1
22-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Test Area Size & Dens, Section 8.9
23-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Test Area Size & Dens, Section 8.16
24-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 Quarry Requirements & Care, Subsection 9.3
25-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 Quarry Requirements & Care, Subsection 9.5
26-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Tests & Qualifying Performances, Section 10.2 Introduction to Quarry Test, Subsection 10.2 (c)
27-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Test & Qualifying Performances, New 10.3 Novice Earthdog

## Herding Field Trial Council

The Herding Field Trial Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters related to herding trials.

The purpose of herding trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the purebred dog as a worker and helper in the day-to-day management of livestock. A herding trial reflects not only instinct, ability, and training of the dog, but also an effective working partnership of dog and handler for controlling and moving livestock calmly and efficiently.

<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Tracy Kent, Manager, Events
<b>Council Chair:</b>	Peter Scott, Zone 6 Director
Wendy Daechsel	Burnaby, BC (since June 6, 2023)
Lisa Dahr	Riverside, NS
Dianne Devison	Pickering, ON
Gloria Graham	Frontier, Sk
Kara Hewitt	West St Paul, MB
François Le Blanc	Saint-Romuald, QC (to May 15, 2023)
Lynn Leach	Hope, BC
Adele MacAskill	Uxbridge, ON
Stephen Rowell	Centre Wellington, ON
Judith Snowdon	Lundbreck, AB
Kristin Thomson	Cobble Hill, BC
Madison Wheeler	Thunder Bay, ON (to July 5, 2023)

The Herding Field Trial Council held meetings in May and June 2023. The Council presented the following Herding Field Trial Rules and Regulations amendments to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
47-09-23	Herding Rules & Regulations, Chapter 6 Entries, Section 6.11 End of Trial, Subsection 6.11.1
48-09-23	Herding Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Courses & Equipment, Section 8.2 The Arena, Subsection 8.2.3 (first amendment)
49-09-23	Herding Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Courses & Equipment, Section 8.2 The Arena, Subsection 8.2.3 (second amendment)
50-09-23	Herding Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Courses & Equipment, Section 8.3 Pens & Obstacles, Subsection 8.3.1
51-09-23	Herding Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Herding Titles, Section 10.3 Herding Started (H.S.), Subsection 10.3.1
52-09-23	Herding Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Herding Titles, Section 10.4 Herding Intermediate (H.I.) Subsection 10.4.1
53-09-23	Herding Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Herding Titles, Section 10.5 Herding Advanced (H.A.) Subsection 10.5.1
54-09-23	Herding Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Test Requirements, Section 11.5 Herding Intermediate, Subsection 11.5.1

28-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Tests & Qualifying Performances, Section 10.4 Senior Earthdog Test, Subsection 10.4.1 Den Design (see figures 3 and 4) (Senior Earthdog Test)
29-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Tests & Qualifying Performances, Section 10.4 Senior Earthdog Test, Subsection 10.4.2 Qualifying Performance (Senior Earthdog Test)
30-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Tests & Qualifying Performances, Section 10.6 Advanced Earthdog Tests, Subsections 10.6.2 (b) and 10.6.2 (c)
31-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, New 11.1 Novice Earthdog (NE)
32-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, Section 11.1 Junior Earthdog (JE), Subsection 11.1.2 (b)
33-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, Section 11.1 Junior Earthdog (JE), Subsection 11.1.4
34-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, New 11.2 Grand Novice Earthdog (GNE)
35-09-23	Earthdog Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, Section 11.2 Senior Earthdog Title (SE), Subsection 11.2.3
36-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, New 11.3 Grand Senior Earthdog (GSE)
37-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, New 10.4 Grand Junior Earthdog (GJE)
38-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, Chapter 11.4 Grand Master Earthdog (GME), Subsections 11.4.1 (c) and 11.4.2
39-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, Section 11.6 Advanced Earthdog, Subsection 11.5.2
40-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, Section 11.6 Advanced Earthdog, Subsection 11.6.3
41-09-23	Earthdog Test Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Awarding of Titles, New 11.7 Grand Advanced Earthdog (GAVE)

Respectfully submitted by:  
Peter Scott, Chair  
Earthdog Test Council

### 2023 Statistics

14 Earthdog Tests were held.

55-09-23	Herding Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Test Requirements, Section 11.5 Herding Intermediate, Subsection 11.5.4 (b)
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Respectfully submitted by:  
Frank MacArthur, Chair  
Junior Kennel Club Council

Respectfully submitted by:  
Peter Scott, Chair  
Herding Field Trial Council

### 2023 Statistics

85 Herding Arena All Breed were held.  
15 Herding Stock Dog

## Junior Kennel Club Council

The Junior Kennel Club Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding the Junior Kennel Club program.

The purpose of Junior Handling is to introduce and encourage youth to participate in the sport of purebred dogs, and to provide them with meaningful competition where they can learn, practice, and hone their skills and knowledge of the various breeds. Above all, it is an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of competing with those of a similar age.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Frank MacArthur, Zone 1 Director

Roy Aitchison	Harley, ON
Ramona Bauer	Verner, ON
Cheryl Bedford	Whitby, ON
Kathy Blannin McKenzie	Penticton, BC (since July 5, 2023)
Meagan Brown Wozniak	Gorham, ON
Hélène Chaussé	Montréal, QC
Tanya Chmilar	Kelowna, BC
Carolyn Cybulsky	Winnipeg, MB (since February 24, 2023)
Diane Fast	Lorette, MB (to February 24, 2023)
Hailey Griffith	Jordan Station, ON (to February 24, 2023)
Kimberly MacDonald	Newcastle, ON
Kyle Manuel	Boutilier's Point, NS
Jolie McMullan	Abbotsford, BC
Sydney Robinson	Osgoode, ON (to July 5, 2023)
Shannon Scheer	Calgary, AB
Pamela Skanes	Torbay, NL
Angela Slauenwhite	West Northfield, NS
Taylor Stevenson	Niagara Falls, ON (to February 15, 2023)
Katelyn Sutton	Vanscoy, SK
Mary Vanderburgh	Beamsville, ON (since February 15, 2023)
Bonnie White	Dieppe, NB

The Junior Kennel Club Council held meetings in February, March, and May 2023. The Council presented the following Junior Kennel Club Rules and Regulations amendment to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
57-09-23	Junior Handling Rules & Regulations (Conformation & Obedience), Chapter 5 Provincials Zone Competition Finals, Section 5.4

### 2023 Statistics

295 official Junior Handling events were held.  
(264 Conformation and 31 Obedience)

## Lure Coursing Field Trial Council

The Lure Coursing Field Trial Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to lure coursing field trials.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Lee Anne Bateman, Zone 10 Director

Josée Chevalier	Cambridge, ON (to June 22, 2023)
Heather Jean Dansereau	Hamilton, ON
Kate Darbyshire	Chesterville, ON
Lisa Miceli	Emsdale, ON
Ed Molloy	Sherwood Park, AB
Patrick Mudge	Cross Creek, NB
Myriam Parent	Lévis, QC
Roberta Pattison	Delisle, SK
Melissa Richards	L'Orignal, ON (to April 10, 2023)
Marni Smith	Barrie, ON
Tannis Tindall	Winnipeg, MB
Debra Verzyl	Ladysmith, BC
Ronnie Whitlock	Kanata, ON

The Lure Coursing Field Trial was not scheduled to hold a meeting in 2023. Therefore, no amendments were brought forward to the Board.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Lee Anne Bateman, Chair  
Lure Coursing Field Trial Council

### 2023 Statistics

45 Lure Coursing Field Trial events were held.

## Obedience Council

The Obedience Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to obedience trials.

The purpose of obedience trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as a companion of man, not merely the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the obedience ring. The basic objective of obedience trials is to produce dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs, in a manner that reflects credit on the sport of obedience. Obedience is a sport and all participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both inside and outside the ring. All contestants in a class are required to



perform the same exercises in substantially the same way so that the relative quality of the various performances may be compared and scored.

Rally is a companion sport to CKC obedience. Both events require teamwork between dog and handler, along with similar performance skills. Rally provides an excellent introduction to all CKC companion performance events for dogs and handlers. The chief objective of rally is to provide a fast-moving and motivational activity that demonstrates the competency of handler and dog in performing basic obedience exercises without requiring exact precision for success. Rally can also provide the opportunity to refine training skills for competitors in other events. The performance of dog and handler in the ring must meet the requirements of the rally regulations. Dogs in rally obedience events should demonstrate willingness, enjoyment and teamwork between the dog and handler. To that end, handlers are encouraged to use praise, encouragement and petting within the boundaries of these rules.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Paul Oslach, Zone 2 Director (to October 2, 2023)

Darwin Boles	Kemptville, ON
Michael Calhoun	Hemmingford, QC
Shelly Campbell	Saskatoon, SK
Gail Carroll	Brandon, MB
Lianne Daradics	Regina, SK
Kate Darbyshire	Chesterville, ON (since January 9, 2023)
Joey Farrell	Thunder Bay, ON
Terry Gains	Victoria, BC
Christine Graham	Halifax, NS
Joanne Groulx	Timmins, ON
Gwen Haynes	Calgary, AB (since September 26, 2023)
Stephen Hazelwood	Barnesville, NB (to July 20, 2023)
Frances Holmes	Carp, ON (to January 9, 2023)
Lee Kozicki	Sherwood Park, AB
Pierre Lambert	Québec, QC
Delvyn Lunn	Wallaceburg, ON
Diana MacKenzie	Hamilton, ON
Erin Moore	Armstrong, BC (Joined July 31, 2023)
Tony Moores	Flatrock, NL
Lynn Oslach	Ammon, NB (to September 28, 2023)
Marion Postgate	Vancouver, BC
Debra Robertson	Winnipeg, BC
Gwen Roswell	Kelowna, BC
Marie Sawford	Cambridge, ON
Michelle Whistlecraft	Calgary, AB (to September 26, 2023)

The Obedience Council held meetings in January, July, and October 2023. The Council presented the following Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules and Regulations amendments to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
23-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 1 Interpretations, Section 1.1 Definitions

24-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.6 Officials & Committees
25-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.7 Ring Stewards
26-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.7 Ring Stewards, Subsection 2.7.1
27-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 4 Premium List, Catalogue & Judging Schedule, Section 4.1 Premium List
28-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 4 Premium List, Catalogue & Judging Schedule, Section 4.3 Judging Schedule
29-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 6 Entries & End of Trial, Section 6.4 Dogs Must Compete, Subsection. 6.4.1
30-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 6 Entries & End of Trial, Section 6.7 Trial Venue & Precincts
31-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 6 Entries & End of Trial, Section 6.8 Class Eligibility, Subsection 6.8.3
32-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.6 Catalogue Order, Subsection 8.6.3
33-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.12 Explanations & Errors. Subsection 8.12.1
34-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.13 Ring Procedure, New 8.13.14
35-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.13 Ring Procedure, New 8.13.15
36-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.16 Leash, Collar & Jacket, Subsection 8.16.2

37-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.18 Group Exercises, New 8.18.3
38-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.19 Rings & Equipment, Subsection 8.19.1
39-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 10 Novice Class, Section 10.9 Recall, Subsection 10.9.5
40-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 10 Novice Class, Section 10.10 Group Sit & Down Exercises, Subsection. 10.10.5
41-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 12 Open Class, Section 12.2 Open HA & Open 18A, Subsection 12.2.4
42-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 12 Open Class, Section 12.6 Companion Dog Excellent Title (CDX), Subsection. 12.6.2 (b)
43-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 13 Utility Class, Section 13.1 Utility A, Subsection 13.1.1
44-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 13 Utility Class, Section 13.2 Utility B, Subsection 13.2.1
45-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 13 Utility Class, Section 13.5 Utility Dog Title (UD), Subsection 13.5.1
46-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 13 Utility Class, Section 13.5 Utility Dog Title (UD) Subsection 13.5.2
47-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 13 Utility Class, Section 13.5 Utility Dog Title (UD), Subsection 13.5.3
48-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 13 Utility Class, Section 13.10 Directed Jumping, Subsection 13.10.3
49-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 14 Obedience Trial Championships, Section 14.1 Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH), Subsection 14.1.1

50-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 14 Obedience Trial Championships, Section, 14.4 Grand Master Obedience Trial Champion (GMOTCH), Subsection 14.4.3 (b)
51-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 16 Unofficial Classes 16.2 Graduate Novice Class and 16.3 Graduate Open Class
52-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 16 Unofficial Classes 16.4 Versatility Class
53-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 18 Protests, Section 18.1 (a)
54-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 18 Protests, Section 18.1 (c)
55-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 18 Protests, Section 18.2
56-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 19 Complaints Section 19.2
57-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 19 Complaints, Section 19.6
58-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 1 Interpretations, Section 1.1 Definitions
59-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.3 Ring Stewards, Subsection 2.3.1
60-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 4 Premium List, Catalogue & Judging Schedule, Section 4.3 Judging Schedule
61-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.11 Scoring (All Classes) (exercises 312 & 103)
62-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.11 Scoring (All Classes) (deduction re stay exercise for Excellent and Master Classes)
63-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.11 Scoring (All Classes) Note 2

64-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.12 Timing
65-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.13 Ring Procedure, Subsection 8.13.5
66-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.13 Ring Procedure, Section 8.13.9
67-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.18 Rings & Equipment, Subsection 8.18.4(b) Other Equipment
68-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 9 Rally Novice (RN), Section 9.1 Rally Novice A, Subsection 9.1.1, Chapter 11 Rally Advanced (RA), Section 11.1 Rally Advanced A, Subsection 11.1.1, Chapter 12 Rally Excellent (RE), Section 12.1 Rally Excellent A, Subsection 12.1.1
69-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 13 Rally Master (RM), Section 13.2 Scoring
70-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 13 Rally Master (RM), Section 13.4 Send to Jump, Subsection 13.4.1
71-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 16 Rally Champion (RCH), Section 16.3
72-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Chapter 17 Rally Grand Champion (RGCH), Section 17.3
73-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations, General Regulations (7th, 8th & 9th bullets)
74-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations, General Regulations (9th bullet)
75-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations (signs 101 & 102)

76-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations, General Regulations (sign 103 – 1st amendment)
77-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations, General Regulations (sign 103 – 2nd amendment)
78-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations, General Regulations (exercise 108)
79-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations, General Regulations (exercises 206 & 207)
80-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations (exercises 326 & 214)
81-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations (exercises 327 & 215)
83-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations (Excellent and Master Classes) (exercise 217)
85-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations, (Excellent and Master) (exercise 298)
86-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations (exercise 312)
87-03-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations (exercise 398)
62-09-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations (Excellent and Master Classes) (exercise 216) (RALLY)
63-09-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations, Excellent and Master Classes (RALLY)

64-09-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations (Rally Obedience Trial Section), Appendix B, Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations (Excellent and Master Classes) (exercises 218 & 219) (RALLY)
65-09-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.1 Eligibility of Clubs to Hold Rally Trials, Subsection 2.1.1
66-09-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 3 Judges, Section 3.3 Contract Between a Club and a Judge, Subsection 3.3.4
67-09-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.11 Announcement of Scores, Subsection 8.11.2
68-09-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Regulations for Performance & Judging, Section 8.18 Group Exercises, Subsection 8.18.3
69-09-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 12 Open Class, Section 12.12 Change of Positions, Subsection 12.12.1 & New 12.12.2
29-12-23	Rescind Motion 66-09-23 – Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 3 Judges, Section 3.3 Contract Between a Club and a Judge, Subsection 3.3.4
30-12-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 3 Judges, Section 3.3 Contract Between a Club and a Judge, Subsection 3.3.4
31-12-23	Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations, Appendix B Rally Obedience Signs & Explanations, Excellent and Master Classes (exercise 216)

Respectfully submitted by:  
Paul Oslach, Chair  
Obedience Council

### 2023 Statistics

- 475 Obedience Trials were held.
- 471 Rally Obedience Trials were held.

## Pointing Breeds Field Trial Council

The Pointing Breeds Field Trial Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to field trials for pointing breeds, or any other event related to pointing breeds in the field.

The purpose of field trials for all CKC recognized pointing breeds is to promote and recognize those dogs that demonstrate the highest pointing dog qualities. They are

assessed on a competitive basis in a natural setting using a standard of performance. Pointing dogs were selectively bred from dogs who exhibited pointing and retrieving from land and water instincts. These trials assist breeders who strive to enhance breed improvement by selecting breeding stock that have strongly demonstrated these fundamental breed traits.

The purpose of field dog tests for pointing breeds is to encourage the development and use of those natural abilities for which pointing dogs were originally bred. Pointing dogs were selectively bred from dogs who exhibited pointing and retrieving from land and water instincts. These tests assist breeders who strive to enhance breed improvement by selecting breeding stock that have strongly demonstrated these fundamental breed traits.

The purpose of the water tests for pointing breeds is to provide an opportunity to demonstrate a dog's ability to retrieve from water. These tests gauge the natural hunting abilities for which they were originally bred, against standards of performance.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Alistair Sutherland, Zone 5 Director

Howard Coneybeare	Armstrong, BC
Terri Corneil	Cayuga, ON
Kim Currie	Summerside, PE
Arwen Dabb	Rocky View County, AB
Maria Foster	Hamilton, ON
Kevin MacWilliams	Pembroke, ON
Brenda Pettigrew	Hammonds Plains, NS
Paige Pettis	Hemmingford, QC
Louise Regimbald	Saint-Georges, QC
Karen Salandini	Aldergrove, BC
Phil Stanton	Chemainus, BC
Adrienne Turcotte	Kamloops, BC

The Pointing Breeds Field Trial Council was not scheduled to hold any meetings in 2023. However, the Council did present the following Pointing Breeds Field Trial Rules and Regulations amendment and Field Dog Test Rules and Regulations for Pointing Breeds amendment to the Board with an effective date of immediately.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
21-05-23	Pointing Breeds Field Trial Rules & Regulations, Purpose
22-05-23	Field Dog & Water Tests Rules & Regulations for Pointing Breeds, Purpose

Respectfully submitted by:  
Alistair Sutherland, Chair  
Pointing Breeds Field Trial Council

### 2023 Statistics

- 72 Pointing Field Dog Tests were held
- 33 Water Tests were held

## Retriever Field Trial Council

The Retriever Field Trial Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to retriever field trials.

The purpose of a retriever field trial is to determine the relative merits of retrievers in the field and to test both the natural and trained abilities desired in a hunting retriever. Field Trials showcase and improve the retriever breeds by identifying the dogs which best demonstrate the desired abilities of a hunting retriever. Tests should be held in a natural hunting terrain and should be designed to test and separate the competing dogs with the dogs giving the best performances on that particular day being awarded placement. All dogs running in the trial should be given the opportunity to run as many of the tests as time and circumstances allow and if completing the tests in a satisfactory manner, shall be awarded certificates of merit.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Frank MacArthur, Zone 1 Director

Gary Ball	Holstein, ON
Glenn Bydwell	Tadoussac, QC
Jim Ling	Stirling, ON
John McDonald	Saskatoon, SK
Debby Montgomery	Victoria, BC (since April 26)
Marg Murray	Langdon, AB
Ross Peden	Winnipeg, MB
Rick Roberts	Mill Bay, BC (to April 26, 2023)
Dennis Voigt	Lindsay, ON
Mike Zelman	Head of Jeddore, NS

The Retriever Field Trial Council was not scheduled to hold a meeting in 2023. Therefore, no amendments were brought forward to the Board.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Frank MacArthur, Chair  
Retriever Field Trial Council

### 2023 Statistics

99 Retriever Field Trials were held.

## Retriever Hunt Test Council

The Retriever Hunt Test Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters related to hunt tests for Retrievers.

The purpose of a hunt test for Retrievers, Barbet, Irish Water Spaniels and Poodles is to test the merits of and evaluate the abilities of these dogs in the field to determine their suitability and ability as hunting companions. Hunt test should simulate as nearly as possible, the conditions met in a true hunting situation. The test allows a dog to demonstrate these characteristics and continue breed improvement of these qualities.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Alistair Sutherland, Zone 5 Director

Chris Bayles	Ancaster, ON
Sandy Briggs	Powassan, ON
Ed Brown	Merigomish, NS
Steve Bushie	Edmonton, AB
Susan Endersby	Kamloops, BC
Joey Farrell	Thunder Bay, ON
Dwayne Hay	Winnipeg, MB
Tim Marshall	Guelph, ON
Rick Roberts	Mill Bay, BC

The Retriever Hunt Test Council was not scheduled to hold a meeting in 2023. Therefore, no amendments were brought forward to the Board.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Alistair Sutherland, Chair  
Retriever Hunt Test Council

### 2023 Statistics

83 Retriever Hunt Tests were held.

## Scent Detection Council

The Scent Detection Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to Scent Detection Trials.

Scent Detection is a sport that is inspired by working detection dogs that locate a scent and communicate to the handler that the specific scent has been found. Detection is done in a variety of environments and often during changing conditions that task the skill and concentration of the detection dog. Scent detection is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs to use their strongest natural sense in a way that builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and dog. A scent detection event is a performance event, which provides a safe and fun activity that is open to all eligible dogs and their owners. For a team to qualify, both the dog and handler must be working together as a team and must be able to read each other's reactions. Communication and praise of the dog during the search are encouraged in a CKC scent detection event.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Tempest Deptuch, Zone 11 Director

Carol Aitken	Regina, SK
Sandra Anderson	Brockville, ON
Ramona Bauer	Verner, ON (since May 2)
Lia Bijsterveld	Richmond, BC
Jane Book	Beamsville, ON
Judy Duplessis	Riverview, NB
Leslie Gardiner	Cobble Hill, BC
Sandra Hébert	Mirabel, QC
Deborah Innes	Chilliwack, BC (since January 2, 2023)
Kelly Ladouceur	Calgary, AB (since January 14, 2023)
Diane Matuszewski	Winnipeg, MB
Cheree Richmond	Kelowna, BC (since July 31, 2023)

Marie Sawford  
 Carla Simon  
 Doug Teeft  
 Zoe Wise

Cambridge, ON  
 Calgary, AB (to January 10)  
 Aylesford, NS  
 Vancouver, BC (to January 10)

The Scent Detection Council held meetings in March and June 2023. The Council presented the following Scent Detection Rules and Regulations amendments to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
71-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 3 Judges, Section, 3.5 Judges Entering or Handling Dogs, Subsection 3.5.1
72-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 4 Premium List, Catalogue & Judging Schedule, Section 4.1 Premium List
73-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 6 Entries & End of Event, Section 6.1 Entry Requirements, Subsection 6.1.15
74-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 6 Entries and End of Event, Section 6.5 Bitches in Season, Subsection 6.5.1
75-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 6 Entries and End of Event, Section 6.5 Bitches in Season, Subsection 6.5.2
76-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 7 Unsportsmanlike Conduct, Section 7.7
77-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Official Timers & Hide Stewards, Section 8.2 Hide Stewards, Subsection 8.2.2
78-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.3 The Scents, Subsection 9.3.1
79-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.3 The Scents, Subsection 9.3.3
80-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, 9.3 The Scents, Subsection 9.3.8
81-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.3 The Scents, Subsection 9.3.11 (amendment #1)
82-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Ch 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.3 The Scents, Subsection 9.3.11 (amendment #2)
83-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.3 The Scents, New 9.3.12
84-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.5 The Search, Subsection 9.5.12

85-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.6 The Containers, Subsection 9.6.1
86-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.5 The Containers, New 9.5.14 & Subsection 9.6.2 The Search
87-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search Containers & Equipment, Section 9.6 The Containers, Subsection 9.6.7
88-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.7 Interior Searches, Subsection 9.7.3
89-90-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.7 Interior Searches, Subsection 9.7.4
90-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.7 Interior Searches, Subsection 9.7.5
91-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.7 Interior Searches, Subsection 9.7.6 (amendment #1)
92-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.7 Interior Searches, Subsection 9.7.6 (amendment #2)
93-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.8 Exterior Searches, Subsection 9.8.1
94-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.8 Exterior Searches, Subsection 9.8.3
95-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.8 Exterior Searches, Subsection 9.8.4
96-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.8 Exterior Searches, Subsection 9.8.5
97-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.8 Exterior Searches, Subsection 9.8.6, Table
98-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.8 Exterior Searches, 9.8.6 Master, Maximum Height of Hides

99-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.9 Distractions, Subsection 9.9.2
100-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Classes, Titles & Awards, Section 10.1 Classes, Components, & Titles and Awards, Subsection 10.1.10
101-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 10 Classes, Titles & Awards, Section 10.1 Classes, Components, & Titles and Awards, 10.1.12 Table
102-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Judge's Responsibilities, Section 11.8
103-09-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Judge's Responsibilities, Section 11.15
32-12-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 9 The Scents, The Search, Containers & Equipment, Section 9.7 Interior Search, Subsection 9.7.1
33-12-23	Scent Detection Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 11 Judge's Responsibilities, Section 11.4

Respectfully submitted by:  
Tempest Deptuch, Chair  
Scent Detection Council

### **2023 Statistics**

103 Scent Detection Trials were held.

## Spaniel Council

The Spaniel Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to field trials and hunt tests for sporting Spaniels, or any other event related to sporting Spaniels in the field.

The purpose of a Spaniel field trial is to demonstrate the performance of a properly trained Spaniel in the field. The performance should not differ from that in any ordinary day's shooting, except that in the trial a dog should do its work closer to perfection.

The purpose of a hunt test is to assess and identify those dogs which possess the basic requirements of "flushing" Spaniels. It will test the merits and evaluate the abilities of Spaniels in the field in order to determine their suitability and ability as hunting companions.

Dogs are placed in four categories based on their ability, not age. Dogs do not compete against one another, but rather their performances are individually judged against the standard.

**Staff Liaison:**  
**Council Chair:**

Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
Peter Scott, Zone 6 Director

Michel Bourdeau  
Wayne Brennen  
Kimberly Chester  
Joe Coady  
David Dibblee  
Clay Earl  
Mark Henderson  
Bill McCaffrey  
Frank O'Grady  
Bruce Outhouse  
Greg Royer  
Alex Smith

Québec, QC  
Calgary, AB  
Courtenay, BC (since April 13, 202)  
Winnipeg, M  
Halifax, NS  
Woodstock, ON  
Casa Rio, SK  
Hanmer, ON  
Millbrook, ON (to July 12, 2023)  
Halifax, NS  
Cremona, AB  
Acton, ON

The Spaniel Council held meetings in May and July 2023. The Council presented the following Sporting Spaniel Field Trial Show Rules and Regulations amendments with an effective date of January 1, 2024, and Hunt Test Rules & Regulations amendments to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
104-09-23	Sporting Spaniel Field Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 12 National Open Championship Stake & National Amateur Championship Stake, Section 12.2 Eligibility for 2021
105-09-23	Sporting Spaniel Field Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 15 Evaluation of Dog Work, Section 15.2 Game Finding
106-09-23	Sporting Spaniel Field Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 17 Trial Procedures, Section 17.7 Gun Team, Subsection 17.7.2 (a)
107-09-23	Sporting Spaniel Field Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 17 Trial Procedures, Section 17.7 Gun Team, Subsection 17.7.4
108-09-23	Sporting Spaniel Field Trial Rules & Regulations, Chapter 18 Minor Stake, Section 18.1 Puppy & Limited Stakes, Subsection 18.1.4
109-09-23	Hunt Test Rules & Regulations for All Sporting Spaniels (other than Brittany Spaniels and Irish water Spaniels), Chapter 10 Qualifications and Titles, Section 10.3 Senior Hunter Title (S.H.), Subsection 10.3.1
34-12-23	Reconsider and Amend the Effective Date of Motion 109-09-23: Hunt Test Rules & Regulations for All Sporting Spaniels (other than Brittany Spaniels and Irish water Spaniels), Chapter 10 Qualifications and Titles, Section 10.3 Senior Hunter Title (S.H.), Subsection 10.3.1

Respectfully submitted by:  
Peter Scott, Chair  
Spaniel Council

### **2023 Statistics**

- 48 Spaniel Field Trials were held.
- 6 Spaniel Hunt Tests were held.

# Sprinter Council

The Sprinter Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to Sprinter events and the Chase Ability Program.

The purpose of the Sprinter Test is to provide all dogs, purebred and non-purebreds, and their owners an enjoyable, healthy field activity that will promote the canine human bond and can be rewarded with a range of field titles.

The purpose of the Chase Ability Program is to provide all purebred and mixed-breed dogs a chance to earn a title in a field event.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent  
**Council Chair:** Lee Anne Bateman, Zone 10 Director

Kelly Amos	Oakville, ON
Josée Chevalier	Cambridge, ON
Daria Coneghan	Regina, SK
Kate Darbyshire	Chesterville, ON
Carrie Greene	Hammonds Plains, NS
Ed Molloy	Sherwood Park, AB
Myriam Parent	Lévis, QC
Krista Prockiw	Vancouver, BC
Marni Smith	Barrie, ON
Tannis Tindall	Winnipeg, MB
Debra Verzyl	Ladysmith, BC

The Council held meetings in January and October of 2023 regarding Sprinter Tests. The Council presented the following Sprinter Rules and Regulations amendments to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

The Council held a joint meeting with the Lure Coursing Council in June 2023 with regard to the Chase Ability Program. As a result, the Council presented the following Chase Ability Program Rules and Regulations amendments to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

MOTION #	DESCRIPTION
88-03-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 1 Interpretations, Section 1.1 Definitions
89-03-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations Section 2.2 Eligibility to Hold a Sprinter Event, 2.2.1
90-03-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 2 – General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.2 Eligibility to Hold A Sprinter Event, 2.2.2
91-03-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 2 – General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.2 Eligibility to Hold a Sprinter Event, New 2.2.4
92-03-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.4 Participants
93-03-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 5 Running the Event, Section 5.2 Participating Dogs, Subsection. 5.2.1

94-03-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 7 Titles & Awards, Section 7.3 Titles
110-09-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 1 Interpretations, Section 1.1 Definitions 1.2 Sprinter Defined & Classified, Subsection 1.2.1
111-09-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 5 Running the Event, Section 5.1 The Track, Subsection 5.1.3
112-09-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 5 Running the Event, Section 5.1 The Track, Subsection 5.1.5
113-09-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 5 Running the Event, Section 5.1 The Track, Subsection 5.1.7
114-09-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 5 Running the Event, Section 5.1 The Track, Subsection 5.1.9
115-09-23	Sprinter Rules & Regulations, Chapter 7 Titles & Awards, Section 7.2 Earning Points, Subsection 7.2.1
116-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Purpose
117-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Chapter 1 Interpretations, Section 1.1 Definitions, Subsection 1.1.1
118-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.3 Making Application, Subsection 2.3.2
119-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.3 Making Application, Subsection 2.3.3
120-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.4 Participants, Subsection 2.4.3
121-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Chapter 2 General Rules & Regulations, Section 2.4 Participants, Subsection 2.4.4
122-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Chapter 4 Premium List, Section 4.1 Premium List, Subsection 4.1.4
123-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Chapter 6 Running The Event, Section 6.1 The Course, Subsection 6.1.5
124-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Chapter 6 Running The Event, Section 6.1 The Course, New 6.1.8
125-09-23	Chase Ability Program Rules & Regulations, Chapter 8 Titles & Awards, Section 8.2 Titles, Subsection 8.2.1 & 8.2.2

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Lee Anne Bateman, Chair  
 Sprinter Council

### 2023 Statistics

- 180 Sprinter Tests were held.
- 40 Chase Ability tests were held.



## Tracking Test Council

The Tracking Test Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to tracking tests.

The purpose of tracking tests is to demonstrate the dog's willingness to work with its handler under a variety of conditions and to follow a defined track, to discriminate scent, to locate and indicate articles.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Paul Oslach, Zone 2 Director

Diane G. Adams	St. John, NB
Carol Aitken	Regina, SK
Sandy Briggs	Powassan, ON
Elisabeth Dellaporte	Gatineau, QC (since April 2, 2023)
Patricia Kopec	Calgary, AB
Wendy McCullough	Kingston, ON
Laura McKay	Guelph, ON
Karen Spalding	Salmon Arm, BC
Elizabeth Taylor	Victoria, BC
Rita Torpey	Winnipeg, MB
Louise Weaver	Barss Corner, NS
John A. (Jack) Wilhelm	East Garafraxa, ON

The Tracking Test Council was not scheduled to hold a meeting in 2023. Therefore, no amendments were brought forward to the Board.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Paul Oslach, Chair  
Tracking Test Council

### **2023 Statistics**

44 Tracking Tests were held.

## Working Certificate Test Council

The Working Certificate Test Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to working certificate tests for Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels, Standard Poodles, Airedale Terriers and Barbets.

The primary objective of the WC, WCI and WCX tests is to encourage the development and use of those natural abilities for which retrievers were originally bred. The tests provide a means to help determine future breeding stock, encourage retriever owners to develop their dogs' natural abilities, and to have retrievers become more proficient as hunting partners. The tests are noncompetitive and those dogs that pass the tests to the satisfaction of the judges will be recorded as having basic work ability.

**Staff Liaison:** Tracy Kent, Manager, Events  
**Council Chair:** Frank MacArthur, Zone 1 Director

Shelly Blom	Delhi, ON
Sandy Briggs	Powassan, ON
Lynn Campbell	Clavet, SK
Jodi Dedels	Summerland, BC
Alec Hoyt	Lutes Mountain, NB
Sharon Luckhart	Ormstown, QC
Allan Mitchell	Brampton, ON
Ken Nette	St. Albert, AB
Jennifer Remazki	Honey Harbour, ON
Gord Rivest	Winnipeg, MB
Judy Teskey	Black Creek, BC
Laurie Wayne	Jeddore, NS

The Working Certificate Test council was not scheduled to hold a meeting in 2023. Therefore, no amendments were brought forward to the Board.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Frank MacArthur, Zone 1 Director  
Working Certificate Test Council

### **2023 Statistics**

24 Working Certificate Tests were held.



# SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committees shall be appointed on an ad hoc basis to perform specific tasks. Upon adoption of its final report to the Board, a Select Committee shall cease to exist.

## Ad Hoc Archives and Library Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding the priorities and requirements for the CKC archives and library within the real estate project.

**Staff Liaison:** Jacqueline Morley (née Boychuk), Manager, Product & Experience  
**Board Liaison:** Lee Anne Bateman, Zone 10 Director  
**Committee Chair:** Jacqueline Morley (née Boychuk), Manager, Product & Experience

Melanie Towell, CPA, CA Oakville, ON

With a collection management policy developed and approved in late 2022, the Committee kicked off 2023 with organizing archival and library materials, deselecting those that were irrelevant to the primary user group (i.e., generic “A Dummies Guide to X Breed” books), resources that are now available to members (i.e., AKC Studbooks), or were a duplication of another item in the collection. Some breed specific duplicates or highly specific texts were sent back to National Breed Clubs.

112 boxes of books were moved to the new office, plus several bins of trophies and archival materials. As there was no previously established cataloguing system for all CKC’s library materials, the Committee organized the new space in a manner that will be easy to access for the primary audience: by topic and breed Groups.

The Committee was also responsible for selecting a new storage location for CKC’s microfiche. As space is limited within the new office, and microfiche are only accessed a few times a year, CKC’s microfiche were moved to a secure, offsite facility. This facility is easily accessible by staff, only ten minutes down the road from the new office.

The latter half of 2023 was wrapping up project work and transition planning. The Committee identified several opportunities for better support and promotion of the art, artifacts, awards, trophies, books, and reference materials that make up CKC’s Library & Archives. This includes smaller projects that will be completed by staff, as resources allow, and a couple of larger projects that will require additional budgeted resources and will be added to CKC’s roadmap of potential projects.

With the move, organization within the new space, and future planning complete, it was agreed at the December 2023 Board Meeting that the Ad-Hoc Committee had fulfilled its terms of reference and as such, was disbanded.

On behalf of all CKC staff and membership, thank you to Lee Anne Bateman and Melanie Towell for their excellent guidance and hours spent combing through the dusty tomes of CKC’s Archives and Library. We look forward to all that the new organized, accessible space can become for CKC members and staff.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Jacqueline Morley (née Boychuk), Chair  
 Ad Hoc Archives and Library Committee

## Ad Hoc Brachycephalic Breeds Advocacy Committee

The Committee shall be responsible for the ongoing education and advocacy of all Brachycephalic breeds, reporting regularly to the Board with respect to its deliberations, findings, and recommendations for the preservation of these breeds.

**Staff Liaison:** Sarah McDowell, Manager, Government & Stakeholder Relations  
**Committee Chair:** Richard Paquette, Zone 4 Director

Mark Berryman Hamilton, ON  
 Dr. Oksana Moshynska, PhD Saskatoon, SK  
 Pat O’Keefe Beaumont, AB  
 Dr. Matthew Wittenrich, DVM Hamilton, ON

The Committee held five formal meetings in 2023 and continued its work regarding the development of breeder, judge, and public education, as part of CKC’s focus to support members in the preservation of healthy, well-bred purebred dogs, including brachycephalic breeds.

CKC and the Brachycephalic Breeds Advocacy Committee were pleased to partner with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) this year to bring the University of Cambridge Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFGS) to Canada. We are pleased to report that four RFGS clinics were completed in Canada since March 2023. Over 160 dogs were examined with the support of lead assessors, Dr. Matthew Wittenrich, DVM, Dr. Allison Collier, DVM, and Dr. Ameet Singh, DVM – in addition to the many dedicated CKC member volunteers, breed clubs and kennel clubs. Canada now has four veterinarians approved by OFA as RFGS examiners, including Dr. Jennifer Wood, DVM.

To further this work, the Committee held two brachycephalic breed club webinars in February and October 2023. The Committee also discussed opportunities for CKC and Committee members to present to veterinary colleges in 2024, to educate future veterinarians about brachycephalic breeds and breeders.

The Committee looks forward to expanding the RFGS clinics across the country and growing the Canadian OFA-approved RFGS examiner base in 2024.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Richard Paquette, Chair  
 Ad Hoc Brachycephalic Breeds Advocacy Committee

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- “Ruger” / Bushbusters Blade / English Springer Spaniel / Owner: Shandell Laycraft
- “JUNO (Red) and Jinx (Blk)” / (Red) Windsor’s All Right Now (Red) and Carpediem’s Diamond Scandal (Blk) / Doberman / Owner: Anna Michele Mccue
- “Ruten” / DuSilence Bakar Ruten RM Australian Shepherd / Owner: Alexandra McGowan
- “Sirius” / NOBLEWINDS A WAKH AMONG THE STARS CGN JT ITD / Azawakh / Owner Jenn Schielke / Photographer: Chipperfield Photography
- “Brazen” / BISS RBIS AOM BBPIS GCHB NOVAMALS AUTUMN UPRISING NTD NS CGN VN / Alaskan Malamute / Owner/Photographer: Lynsay Bayers
- “Kissi” / GCHB Tofini Butter Me Up / Pomeranian / Owner: Fotina Karavas
- “Buca” / Old World Kennels Buca / Cane Corso / Owners: Claire Paulson and Andrea Tazzeo / Photographer: Lorie Hughes Photography
- “Louis” / Karidana The One And Only Louis / Cavalier King Charles Spaniel / Owner: Alexandra Wood/ Photographer: Linda Graveline
- “Dante” / Tyramara’s Forever Friend / Miniature Poodle / Owner: Katherine Therens / Photographer: David Bellerive

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- “Ruger” / Bushbusters Blade / English Springer Spaniel / Owner: Shandell Laycraft / Photographer: Amélie Gagnon Dupont

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- “Martini” / Ch Riesa’s Martini on the Rocks RN / Papillon / Owner: Margaret Henigman / Photographer: Dog Days Photography
- “Neo” / Diavolino’s Belated Gift / Italian Greyhound / Owner: Zoe McDougall / Photographer: Big Air Photography (Sheena Staples)
- “Vlad” / Cilka’s Rising Tsar / Great Dane / Owner: Kristi Schenk

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- “Cricket” / Roquette des Jardins Du BourgRoyal / Wire-haired Pointing Griffon / Owner: Julie Abbott / Photographer: Stephanie Grunby
- “Ridge” / To the Limit Summit Ridge / Golden Retriever / Owner: Donna Maclam / Photographer: shelley victoria photography
- “Shady” / TARRANGO’S CURTAIN CALL CGN CA NTD / Whippet / Owner: Jenn Schielke / Photographer: Mike McGann
- “Flynn” / Tagold’s Son of Red-Haired One / Golden Retriever / Owner: Brenda Wilson / Photographer: Kathy Laverdure
- “Léon de l’Amadis” / LEON DE L’AMADIS / Épagneul français / Owner : Jacinthe Léveillé / Photographer: Lyne Turner
- “Kissi” / GCHB Tofini Butter Me Up / Pomeranian / Owner: Fotina Karavas

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- “Ivy” / Siberian Husky / Owner/ Photographer: Maria Jolly
- BPIS BPISS BBPIS MBPIG CH Pageska’s Arnie NA / Wire-haired Pointing Griffon / Owner/ Photographer: Christie Glenn
- “Mercury” / Australian Shepherd / Owner : Kaitlin Fraser
- “Tris et Jake” / Edel Magic Touch et Edel Follow the Leader Jake / Golden Retriever / Owner/Photographer : Stéphanie Coulombe

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- “CHIBI” / Hibiscus Lil’ Shiba Inu Not A Fox / Shiba Inu / Owner/Photographer: Marie-Anne LeVasseur
- “Aspen” / Aspen / Cavalier King Charles Spaniel / Owner: Dawid Borys
- “Joey” / Hpnotiq’s How You Doin’? / Bearded Collie / Owner: Meaghen Bobryk
- “Dash and Rogue” / Cobbers dine n dash & WNR she’s b witch’n / Australian Cattle Dog / Owner: Tania Bourke
- “Reggie” / Coppermoon Reggiano Poparazzi Golden Retriever / Owner: Jane Lawson / Photographer: Diana Horler

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- “Ryder” / TRIMANOR RYDE OR DIE / Boxer / Owner: Kelly Johnson / Photographer: Maddy Haveman
- “Nelly” / GCH DEVERSAILLES RAY OF LIGHT AT BULLMAX CGN RN VN TDCH-M / Bullmastiff / Owner/Photographer: Nicole Miron

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- “Ali” / Open Heart Interesting Offer / Pug / Owner: Olena Fesenko
- “Charlotte” / Lady Charlotte Of Windermere / Bulldog / Owner: Melinda Francoeur / Photographer: Marie-Eve Jolin
- “Honey” / CH Tallygolds Champagne Kisses / Cavalier King Charles Spaniel / Owner: Kristin Goad

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- “Breaker” / Mtn Home’s Ice Breaker at Ekootpaw / Alaskan Malamute / Owner/ Photographer: Delia Ibey
- “Ryland” / PN-HJ4278740 / Australian Cattle Dog / Owner: Olivia Sparks / Photographer: Lynda Graveline
- “Oscar” / CH Pageska’s DL Patriot RI, RE, NTD, CGN, FDJ, WDJ, VN, NA / Wire-haired Pointing Griffon / Owner/Photographer: Christie Glenn

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- “Easy” / Wind Mtn’s Paint By Numbers / Brittany Spaniel / Owner: Georgia Vidal / Photographer: Savannah Bloomfield
- “Salto” / Am Ch/Can GChEx RCh Boyero Triple Twist Salto AGNS, ATD-M, CD, ETD, IPS, JTS, RMX, RAE, SDO, VG / Bouvier des Flandres / Owner: Mona-Lisa Dulac / Photographer: Catherine Arsenault
- “Nala” / Pacific Coast’s Majestic Nala and pup / Eurasier / Owner/Photographer: Judi Numeyer

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- “Zeke” / Sundogs Xceptional Zeke / Eurasier / Owner: Shay Torgerson / Photographer: Susan Haus
- “Ria” / Delagrea’s Gloria at Debalys / Bernese Mountain Dog / Owner: Debra Bowles / Photographer: Susan Haus
- “Fia” / Malka’s They Don’t Know / Australian Shepherd / Owner/Photographer: Kaitlin Fraser

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- “Takara” / Hibiscus CHISANA Takaramono / Shiba Inu / Owner/Photographer: Marie-Anne LeVasseur
- “Cruz” / KIMMIT’S CRUZANDO LA CALLE CGN CA ATD / Standard Xoloitzcuintli / Owner: Jenn Schielke

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- “Maple” / Maple Leaf of Autumn TD-ROM CGN ATD / French Bulldog / Owner: Lisa Wagner
- “Hush with English Setter puppies Domino and Calvin” (5 weeks old) / Ch Hollywood’s Dirty Laundry / Scottish Deerhound / Owner/Photographer: Sherri Doratti

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- “Sakura” / TSUKI MILADY SAKURA-AKINA OF BLUE NEVERLAND / Japanese Spitz / Owner/ Photographer: Stephanie Pepin
- “Riley” / BISS BPISS GCH Colwick’s InForAPennyInFotAPound / Smooth Collie / Owner: Amanda Macleod / Photographer: Wendy Reyn
- “Barbara” / WTCH Dusilence Barbara HAS OFTDms / Australian Shepherd / Owner: Nancy Guérin / Photographer: Mélina Bouchard

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- “Cueball” / Periwinkles The Winning Combo with Tzowen N Xinjin / Chinese Shar-Pei / Owner: Rhonda Holloway / Photographer: Celso Millo

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- “Bubbles” / GCHB Susa’s Joie de Vivre / Bernese Mountain Dog / Owner: Kim Doig / Photographer: Sandy Steck

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- “Lucky” / Tagati’s lucky paca / Basenji / Owner/Photographer: Marcil Gagnon Karoline

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- “Olive” / Cassel’s U Can’t Handle Oliveme / Doberman Pinscher / Owner/Photographer: Lesley Menzies