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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors and Senior Staff at the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC), including myself, continue to monitor the rapidly evolving situation regarding COVID-19. We are consulting with public health professionals to ensure we have the most current information available to inform CKC's preparedness protocol both with staff at head office as well as within the CKC community.

CKC encourages the CKC community to exercise caution and follow government directives to stay safe and healthy, and to minimize risk. Over the weekend, we issued [guidelines for Clubs](#) when considering cancelling or postponing events that include government recommendations, risk considerations as well as easing CKC fees. We also issued similar [guidelines for event participants](#). To support our membership, staff are posting updates on CKC's website to keep you informed with the latest information available. This includes a list of events that have been cancelled.

Internally, we are reducing CKC staff presence at head office by identifying options for staff to work from home and implementing relevant technology to support communications amongst staff and with members. We are preparing for various scenarios, such as being forced to minimize phone use because of an office closure and use of alternatives including live chat, email and voice messaging.

While we do not anticipate that our efforts to clear the backlog will be significantly impacted, we encourage members to go online and [submit their applications via the Portal to reduce wait times](#). Most businesses and institutions globally are encouraging conducting business online to overcome some of the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. *The safety and health of CKC staff and the CKC community is our utmost priority, so despite all of our efforts, service disruptions may occur due to this evolving crisis.*

We all remain optimistic that these actions are responsible and precautionary in nature and we are hopeful that they will be in place for a short period of time. I am personally optimistic about CKC's and the Canadian Dog Fancy's ability to adapt and rebound from this situation.

Best Regards,
Lance Novak, Executive Director

NEW QUEBEC DANGEROUS DOG LEGISLATION, EFFECTIVE MARCH 3, 2020

Quebec dog owners are now subject to new regulations under the new dangerous dog legislation—*An Act to promote the protection of persons by establishing a framework with regard to dogs*—that took effect March 3, 2020. Under the updated legislation, municipalities must enforce the province's regulations. Note that a municipality can pass its own stricter rules, if it so chooses.

The new legislation obligates veterinary surgeons and physicians to report all dog-inflicted injuries to humans or domestic animals and allows a local municipality to have a dog examined by a veterinary surgeon that it chooses to evaluate the dog's condition and dangerousness. The new law also provides that the local municipality order that the dog be euthanized or prohibits the owner or custodian from owning a dog, should the dog be declared potentially dangerous.

In June 2019, CKC and our members provided feedback on the proposed Quebec Dangerous Dog Legislation. As a result, the government has made a provision for dog events regarding leash and halter restrictions and we continue to obtain amendments that benefit our members. CKC also worked to, and continues to support, the efforts of a working group mandated by the Quebec government to provide recommendations on the new legislation regarding dangerous dogs.

CKC strongly supports well-crafted dangerous dog legislation that is reasonable, enforceable and non-discriminatory, and serves to protect the public—in support of responsible dog ownership.

For further information, please visit:

<http://legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/showdoc/cs/P-38.002>

Regulations for New Legislation – Gazette officielle du Québec
<http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/dynamicSearch/telecharge.php?type=1&file=104179.pdf>

PROFESSIONAL HANDLER, TAFFE MCFADDEN SHARES HER JOURNEY TO THE DOG SHOW WORLD

A conversation with a great Canadian.

If you don't know who Taffe McFadden is, chances are, you know her dogs. Taffe is one of America's premier professional handlers seen at all the major televised dog shows including the AKC National Dogs Show, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show as well as hundreds of shows in between.

I have long admired Taffe's work and the relationship she has with her dogs in the ring. While covering the Canadian brags at Westminster a few years back, I was delighted to find out that Taffe is Canadian. She was born in Scarborough, Ontario and raised in Tsawwassen, British Columbia. She now lives in Acampo, California with her family.

I introduced myself to Taffe at Westminster 2020. Perhaps with other famous handlers, I might have been a bit nervous to introduce myself to someone so accomplished at one of the most important shows of the year; however, Taffe's reputation is second to none. I have never heard a bad word about her and her immediate kindness towards me confirmed why— even though she was mere hours away from taking her Havanese “Bono” into the Best in Show ring at the Garden, she was happy to talk with me.

It was my honour to interview Professional Handler, Breeder, Mother and new Grandmother Taffe McFadden.

How did you get involved in purebred dog? My sister, Honey Glendinning had English Setters and I ended up with one that I started showing. I was addicted from the beginning.

Do you recall your first time in the ring? I showed a Golden Retriever for a friend of the family under Judge Forest Hall. He was not very kind about the quality of that dog I was showing and it broke my heart. When I came out of the ring my mother asked me “Are you going to let this man break you or is this going to be a defining moment?” Well, here I am!

Who did initially work for and when did you go pro? How did you meet your husband? I worked for several handlers while I was growing up in Canada. Jim Campbell, Larry Ingalls, and finally Susan Hillman. I worked for Susan for 5 years and during that time I had met my husband, Bill McFadden, at shows in Victoria, BC. He was up from Washington State showing his Cairn Terrier and traveling with Stella and Bill Newbie. I decided that I was still young enough to change my career if being a professional wasn't going to work out. I decided to go out on my own and give it 5 years to see if I could survive. Bill and I married in 1984 and we moved to Campbell, California.

Which differences did you find between shows in the United States vs shows in Canada? This was a very exciting time for me. The competition in the U.S. verses Canada was profoundly different. Although Canada has great dogs, the sheer number of dogs competing and the number of shows in the states was quite a draw for me, let alone the number of my idols in the handling world who were also living and showing in the U.S.

When was your first Best in Show Win? My first Best in Show was on a white Miniature Poodle Ch. Braelane Bugsby in Yakima, Washington. It was a horrible windy day and we were all wearing jeans and rain gear. Not the win photo I was hoping for! I believe it was 1990.

Which big win was your most exciting? The most exciting win would have been Best of Variety under Rick Koester at Poodle Club Of America with my black Miniature Poodle CH. Halcyon Heirse, who was bred by Daniel Augustus and Mark Shanoff. I had just had my third child, Conor, nine days prior to the show and I didn't know if I would make it there. We did and it will be a day I play over and over in my head!

Which show is your favourite one of the year? Westminster is my favourite/least favourite show. There's so much stress involved and the win is elusive.

What's your most embarrassing memory from a dog show? My most embarrassing moment, which if you know me, takes a lot, would have to be when my Bedlington Terrier won the Terrier Group in 2000 and we were going into Best In Show at the Garden. He had diarrhea all through the entrance to the ring. That never made it onto the filming - thank goodness!

What keeps you motivated? The thrill of the chase and the quest to find the next beautiful dog!

What would you say is your greatest accomplishment in dogs? Outside of dogs? I have personally campaigned two dogs to Top Dog. First was Giant Schnauzer Gailee's Pure of Spirit, who had 100 Best in Shows. I'm hoping to reach that milestone with Bono my Havanese.

On a business level, my husband and I have had the privilege of having some of the top handlers in the country today, work with us over the years, including Gabriel Rangel, Amy Rutherford, RC Carusi, and Janice Hayes to name a few. They are the future of the sport and we are so proud to have helped them get there. Outside of dog shows, my wonderful family.

Which breed have you worked with the most? My heart will always belong to English Setters, but my other favourites are Standard Poodles and Havanese.

Can you name a favourite show dog of all time that you didn't handle? There are so many favourite show dogs that I would have loved to have handled! An Afghan. Pahlavi Smokin N' The

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Boysroom who made the hair on the back of my neck stand up-it was at Santa Barbara. I watched this dog and missed one of my own! I was transfixed.

Who is or was your favourite Judge of all time to show to?
Elsworth Gamble. He will always be my favorite judge.

What's your favourite book on the topic of purebred dogs?
Born To Win by Pat Trotter. Read it cover to cover!

What advice would you give to someone just getting into professional handling? Work for the best handler you can find. Learn from the bottom and know that no job is too small, then go to school and get a backup plan!

And now, some questions about BONO aka GCHP Oeste's In The Name of Love...

I couldn't interview Taffe McFadden without talking a bit about the little Havanese that has charmed the continent- Bono the Toy Group Winner of Westminster 2020 and the Reserve Best in Show Winner of Westminster 2019.



When did you first think Bono was going to be a star? Bono was born on July 23, 2016. I graded Bono's litter when they were 8 weeks old. He was a standout right away.

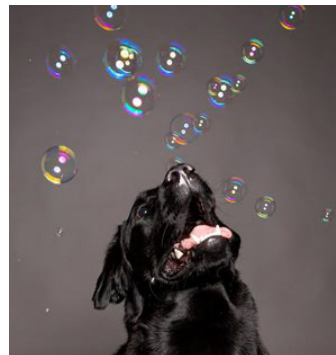
What makes the breeder/owner/handler relationship so special? Being responsible for breeding Bono is more my co-owner's handle. We make decisions together and I'm blessed to have amazing people involved with this breed. I'm so very thankful they allowed me to be a part of this- he is a very special dog.

How many Best in Show wins does Bono have to date? 90 best in shows to date. We will try to reach 100.

Does he have any funny quirks or habits? Bono's most annoying habit is that he loves to sneeze on his down and back. It makes me crazy because his hair ends up in his face! But it makes me laugh. He plays to the crowd and they always laugh!

I wish Taffe and Bono the greatest of luck as they continue to show this year and I'll be cheering them on every chance I get!

KEEPING BUSY DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING



There's lots for dog lovers to do at home!

As COVID-19 continues to spread and thousands of Canadians are self-isolating, as well as social distancing, it's hard not to panic. While we are all a bit anxious during these unprecedented

times, the fact that many of us won't be leaving for work for a while is nothing but good news for our dogs. We are our dogs' whole world so this new situation seems delightful to them. Luckily, for us dog lovers, there's no shortage of dog chores to do, information to learn and media to watch while we all take a break apart to grow stronger together.

Learn a new trick

With extra time comes extra patience. Now is a wonderful time to teach your dog a trick you've been putting off. High five, play dead, bark on command, spin ...the options are endless. Learn the pieces to the trick bit by bit and then put them all together. Remember to keep training sessions short, full of treats and to always end on a positive note (with a trick you dog can do). You can even practice towards getting your dog a CKC Trick Dog Title. Details here: <https://www.ckc.ca/en/News/2019/December/CKC-Welcomes-Do-More-With-Your-Dog%C2%AE-Trick-Dog-Titl>

Play a Game

Let loose and play a fun game with your dog. You can do so either in the comfort of your own home or yard. Fetch, hide and seek, long distance "come when called", racing, playing with non-toxic bubbles. These games are good for the mind and the body. Always play within your dog's physical and health limitations, being sure not to overexert a young or old dog. When in doubt, ask your dog's health care team.

Listen to a Podcast

While cleaning, cooking or exercising I love to listen to a podcast. It's such an amazing feeling to use the time you spend doing chores to learn something new. My favourite podcast covers all things related to purebred dogs and new episodes come out constantly. It's called "Pure Dog Talk", and is hosted by Laura Reeves. You can listen to it on Spotify, on their website or on iTunes. I'm actually a panelist on an upcoming talk on rare breeds.

Read a book

While web articles and blogs are fantastic, there's few things cozier than curling up with a good book. Whether you have some dog books you have been meaning to get around to or want to reread an old favourite, now is the time to get your nose stuck in a book.

Read your breed's standard

It's always good to know your breed's standard inside and out. With some extra time on your hands, why not reread your breed's standard? You can also find beautifully illustrated standards online.

Watch dogs and trials from around the world

I love watching dog shows on YouTube. It's especially interesting to watch dog shows from other countries. The beautiful dogs, the style of handling, ring procedure – it's all so interesting. Our friends in England and the U.S.A. have many taped dog shows available on various streaming sites, but if you search, you can find a dog show online from almost any country.

Have a fake dog show or trial

With many clubs canceling and rescheduling events this spring, why not take charge and throw your own mock dog show or trial? Set up a ring or an agility run in your house or yard. Practice makes perfect and a familiar area is a great place to teach new skills without many distractions.

Groom

Start spring cleaning your dog! Give them a good brushing and then a nice bath. You'll be cuddling with them tons for the next while, so why not make sure they smell good? Many independent grooming shops are still open and would really appreciate your business during these trying times.

Learn about a new breed

We've all got breeds we like that we don't know too much about. Take this time to get to know that breed! With websites and social media, there are endless opportunities to learn all about so many fantastic purebred dogs. You might even find

that the breed you are researching would fit in nicely to your home!

Take a long, safe walk

If you're feeling antsy from staying inside too much, I guarantee your dogs are too. The good news about social distancing is that you can go outdoors provided you don't get too close to others. If you can stay a few meters from other humans you don't live with, feel free to take a walk with your dog. Explore a forest nearby or check out a new park or walking path. Moving in the fresh air will feel great for both of you.

These are challenging times we are currently facing. By staying apart, we hope to grow stronger together. We are lucky as dog owners as we have lots of ways to keep busy at home with our beloved four legged-friends.

UPDATE TO THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The following Chapters of the Policy and Procedures Manual have been updated:

Chapter II. Finance

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Chapter VI. Shows and Trials

Section F. Approval to Hold Shows & Trials, Subsection 2. Events, (c) – Amended
Section J. Show Catalogues, Subsection 4 – Amended
Section M. Conformation Events, Subsection 10. Measuring Devices – Amended

Chapter VII. Judges

Section B. Applicant Conformation Judges, Subsection 11. Observer Program, (g) Expense for Travel as an Observer – Amended
Section H. Applicant Tracking Test Judges, Subsection 1. Eligibility Requirements, (c) – Amended
Section L. Applicant Lure Coursing Field Trial Judges – Amended

Chapter X. Committees, Councils & Appointments

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Section D. Standing Councils – General, Subsection 1 – Amended

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The Manual is available for viewing on our website by clicking on the following link: <http://www.ckc.ca/Legal/Policy-Procedures>.



CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Who We Are

The Canadian Kennel Club is a national, member-based, non-profit organization, incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act of Canada. It provides registry services for all officially recognized breeds of purebred dogs and provides governance for all CKC approved shows, trials and events. Finally, the CKC is a communication organization informing all people interested in dogs.

Mission

The Canadian Kennel Club will service its membership and the community at large by giving support, understanding, help and guidance in all their canine-related endeavors. CKC will work so that members will be proud of their affiliation. The Club will recognize, promote, and publicize the actions of responsible breeders and owners.

Vision

The Canadian Kennel Club, with its members, will be a dynamic service organization, a recognized authority for purebred dogs, and an advocate for all dogs.

Values

The Canadian Kennel Club will embrace integrity, openness, honesty and compassion in its dealings with all of its members and customers.



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