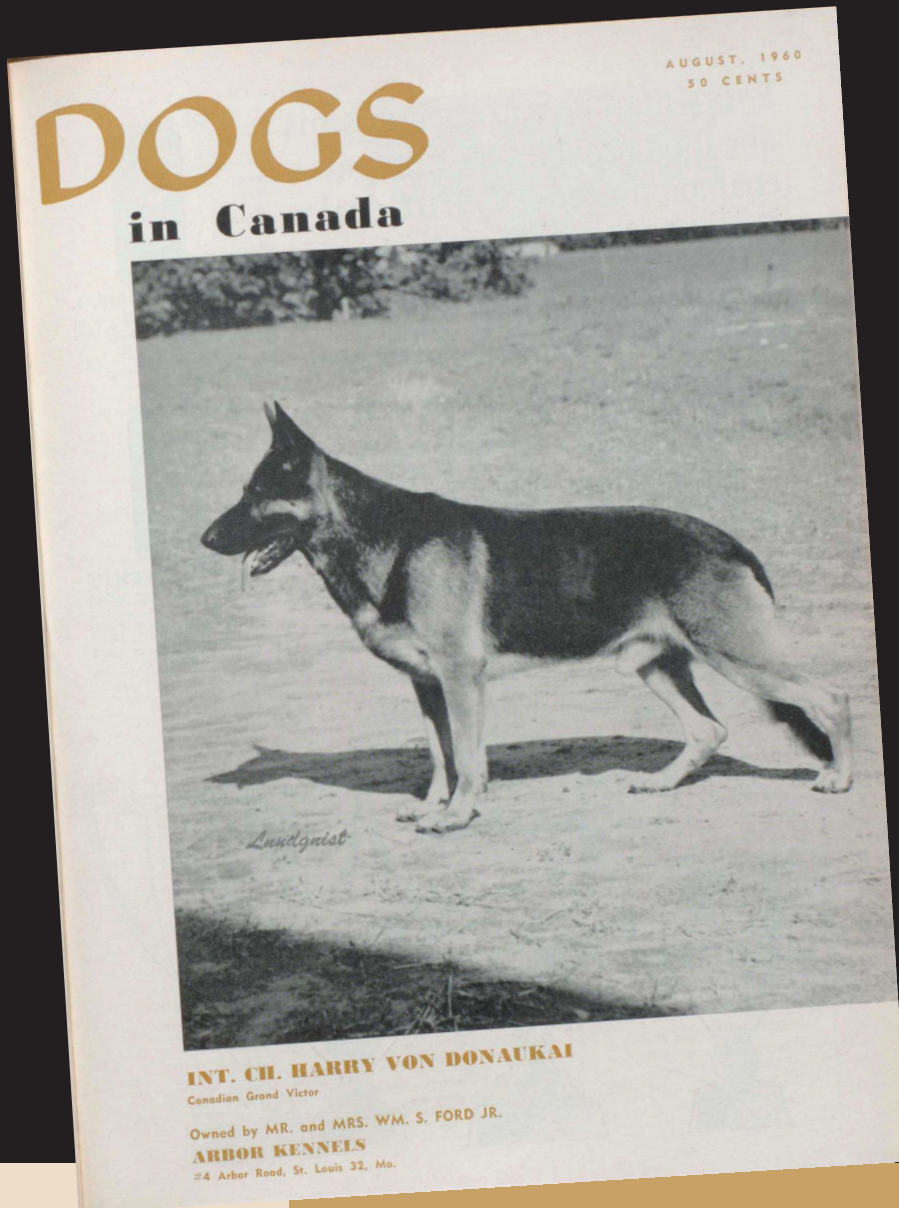




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# NOTICE BOARD

## 2022 BY-ELECTION - ZONE 12

Following the resignation of Dr. Terill Udenberg from the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) Board of Directors, we are holding a 2022 By-election for Zone 12. It's time for you to have your say on who you want to represent your Zone on the CKC Board of Directors for the remainder of the current term.

Nominations Are Open!

From today until Aug. 10, you can nominate a Zone 12 member by filling out this **nomination form**. Send your completed nomination forms to the Election Commission by email (preferred), mail or commercial carrier:

BDO Canada LLP  
CKC Election Commission  
400-3115 Harvester Road  
Burlington ON L7N 3N8 Canada  
msconci@bdo.ca

Elections are an important way for our members to get involved and help shape the future direction of our Club and we appreciate you taking the time to nominate and vote for the candidate(s). For more information about the Zone 12 By-election, please visit <https://www.ckc.ca/en/Events/-2022-By-Election-Zone-12#> and stay tuned for upcoming member email updates.

### What Do Zone Directors Do?

CKC Zone Directors represent the members in their Zone, bring forward their concerns and issues and have the fiduciary responsibility to:

- act, at all times, in the best interests of The Canadian Kennel Club as a whole;
- with complete certainty, be aware of and fully understand all matters relating to the management of the corporation and shall, at all times, be comfortable that they are fully aware of all the facts prior to making any decision on any matter before the Board;
- continually maintain a level of mutual respect in the performance of their duties, whether those duties being performed are at the table, in their respective Zones or in communication with the membership of The Canadian Kennel Club or the general public;
- respect and accept the decision of the majority and thereafter shall support any decision which is made by the Board as a whole, regardless of their personal opinions and regardless of the manner in which they may have voted at the time.

Have a question about the Zone 12 By-election? Email us at [voting@ckc.ca](mailto:voting@ckc.ca).

## 2022 CHAIR'S AWARDS RECIPIENTS

### CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award



This award recognizes an individual with significant achievements in heritage performance events. Heritage performance events include all CKC hunting-type and Field Trial events, Herding, Agility, Lure Coursing, Tracking, Earth Dog, Draft Dog, and Scent Detection.

This year's winner has been breeding and competing in heritage performance events with her Australian Shepherds for almost 30 years.

The CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award recipient for 2022 is Tanya Wheeler.

Tanya is a wonderful ambassador for Herding and for the CKC. She has worked to continuously learn and improve education on the sport of herding, teaching, and sharing her knowledge across North America and Europe.

We are honoured to present Tanya with the 2022 CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award.

### CKC National Breeder of the Year



This award celebrates the immense dedication and education and recognizes a breeder who has devoted their life to improving the health and well-being of purebred dogs.

This year's 2022 CKC National Breeder(s) of the Year winners are experts in their chosen breed, having dedicated their lives to showcasing and sharing their love of the amazing Samoyed breed.

The CKC National Breeders of the Year Award recipients for 2022 are Judi & Blair Elford.

Judi and Blair have been breeding as a family unit since the mid-80s. They are recognized around the world as one of the leading Samoyed kennels and have a long list of amazing achievements with their dogs – including capturing the #1 dog All Breeds in the United States in 2021.

We are honoured to present Judi and Blair with the 2022 CKC National Breeder of the Year award.

### CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year



This award recognizes an individual for significant achievement in the area of CKC Obedience and Rally Obedience.

The CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year Award recipient for 2022 is Ward Falkner.

In a career spanning over 50 years, Ward

Falkner has been ranked amongst Canada's Top Ten All-Breed Obedience teams for numerous years. Competing in Canada and the US, Ward has steered his dogs to over 250 High in Trials and over 75 perfect scores of 200.

In addition to competing, Ward has been an obedience instructor for over 20 years and hosts training seminars across North America.

We are honoured to present Ward with the 2022 CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year award.

Congratulations to all our winners for their hard work and dedication!

## NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS RE: DEADLINES FOR EVENT DATE APPLICATIONS AND JUDGING PANEL APPLICATIONS

This is a reminder to all clubs that Event Date Applications and Judging Panel Applications for events in 2023 must comply with the deadlines for submission in the rules.

This means that Event Date Applications, for all event types, must be submitted a minimum of 180 days prior to the event date(s), and Judging Panel Applications must be submitted a minimum of 120 days prior to the event date(s).

General Example:

If a club intends to hold events on February 10-11-12, 2023, the Event Date Application must be submitted by August 14th of 2022. The Judging Panel Application just be submitted by October 13, 2022.

Please ensure that the submission date aligns with the date(s) of the events.

All exceptions with regard to the submission of applications was for events to be held in 2022. If applications are not submitted within the required time frames, late fees will be charged. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Events Department.

## WESTMINSTER WRAP UP 2022

### Canadian dogs impressed at Westminster

For the second consecutive year, the 146th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show was held at outside of Manhattan at Lyndhurst, a property of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in Tarrytown, New York, from June 18-22, 2022.

The Westminster Kennel Club, as always, put on a magical event amid the challenging circumstances of the past few years. It would never come as a surprise to any Canadian who has watched Westminster for even a few years that our Canadian dogs once again wowed at the show! Please join me in congratulating these outstanding Canadian-born dogs, their owners, their handlers, and most importantly, their breeders.

### Pekingese



Blaze, a handsome Pekingese, known in the ring as CH Lionking Blaze of Glory, took Best of Breed at the prestigious show. Blaze's breeders are Nathalie Lachance, Robert Denis, and Barbara Denis. He is proudly owned by Nathalie Lachance, Thomas Curley, Gilles Chaloux, Michel Chaloux, and Robert Denis. Blaze is handled by one of his owners, Thomas Curley.

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## Labrador Retriever



Beau, known in the ring as CH GoFetch Beaumont Hamel, was awarded Best of Breed. How special to have a great Canadian dog win Breed for a great Canadian breed! Beau's breeders are Patrick Coady and Caitlin O'Brien. He is proudly owned by Patrick Coady, Pamela Squires, and Caitlin O'Brien. Fabian Negron handles him.

## Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen



Spotify is a handsome Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen who won Best of Breed at the 146th annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show! CH M & M Stellar Spotify's proud breeders are Donna Moore, Sara Robertson, and Wendy Doherty. He is owned by Janice Hayes, Donna Moore,

Eric Ciceron, Wendy Doherty, and Janice Brown. Spotify is handled beautifully by one of his owners, Janice Hayes.

## Samoyed



Striker is on a Westminster winning streak! GChG Vanderbilt 'N Printemp's Lucky Strike took Best of Breed and then went on to win the Working Group for the second year in a row! Mengru Wu and Judi Elford bred this beautiful boy. Striker is proudly owned by Correen Pacht, Marc Ralsky, Judi Elford, and Blair Elford! He is handled by Laura King.

## Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever



How incredible is it that another great Canadian dog won the breed for another of our Indigenous Canadian breeds? Falco, a handsome Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, is known in the ring as CH Roaneden's Dream Catcher. Christine Jones bred Falco. He's proudly owned by Stephanie Chaloux, Simon Robin, Gilles Chaloux, and Christine Jones. He is handled by Emily and Graeme Burdon.

## German Shorthaired Pointer



Congratulations to Sporting Group 3 Winner, GChS Clarity Reach the Sky VJK-MYST. Jade, a gorgeous German Shorthaired Pointer, was bred by Clair Malcolm and Mariah Dupuy.

She is proudly owned by Valerie Nunes-Atkinson, Yvonne Hassler-Deterding, Carley Simpson, and S Acevedo. Jade is handled by one of her owners, Valerie Nunes-Atkinson.

## Best in Show

Brooklyn, New York's Dr. Don Sturz was among the youngest judges ever to pick a Best in Show winner. Dr. Sturz delivered several humble and gracious comments before choosing Trumpet, the Bloodhound as the winner of the 146th annual

Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Trumpet's registered name is CH Flessener's Toot My Own Horn. He is proudly owned by his breeders Chris and Bryan Flessner, Heather Helmer, and Tina Kocar. He is handled by Heather Helmer.

Dr. Sturz picked the French Bulldog, Winston, as his Reserve Best in Show Dog. Winston's registered name is CH Fox Canyon's I Won The War at Goldshield. Winston is owned by his breeders Sandy Fox and Perry Payson, as well as Morgan Fox and Alexandra Vorbeck. Winston is handled by Perry Payson.

Congratulations to all dogs who competed in the 146th annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

Thank you to all the Canadian dogs who once again showed the world how wonderful Canada's purposely bred dogs are. We look forward to seeing many of our great Canadian dogs at the 147th annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in Manhattan next winter.

## WOLF HYBRIDS



### A look at bringing the wild into our world

The wolf has fascinated us for centuries. Their beauty, agility, stealthiness, and pack dynamics captivate us. For some, admiring the wolf from afar isn't enough. They feel the desire to bring the wild into their homes and purchase a wolf hybrid to keep it as one would a pet dog. This blog will examine the contentious issue of owning a wolf-dog hybrid and whether or not owning a wolf-dog mix is a good idea.

### What is a wolf hybrid?

A wolf-dog hybrid is a mammal that is part wolf and part domestic dog. This cross is possible because wolves and dogs are interfertile, which means the two can breed and produce viable offspring. Wolves can interbreed with domestic dogs, and the resulting offspring can go on and produce offspring themselves. Although hybrids could happen naturally in the wild, they are highly unlikely to occur because of the territorial instincts of wolves, which lead them to fiercely protect their pack as well as their home ranges from intruders.

Dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*) and wolves (*Canis lupus*) are believed to share an evolutionary past and share many physical and behavioural traits. But there are significant differences between these two animals. Wolves are wild animals. Their physical and mental state are shaped by evolutionary pressures that allow them to find food, keep themselves safe, and produce offspring[i]. Their genetics allow them to survive and thrive without human help or interaction.

Dogs, on the other hand evolved from wolves through centuries of domestication.[ii] Domestication is the process by which a wild animal adapts to living with humans by being selectively bred by humans over thousands of years.[iii] These centuries of selective breeding have made the domestic dog dependent on humans and allow them to fit into human homes and lives.

### The Challenges

Many people acquire hybrids in hopes that they will have physical wolf qualities (the look, the howl, the size) but will mostly demonstrate domestic dog-like behaviour. The truth is that hybrids display a range of dog and wolf behaviours, and one cannot predict which ones will develop and which ones won't.

Although wolves are vilified in countless books, movies, and television shows, they are actually quite shy around humans and generally avoid us as much as possible. This is a big point to remember when discussing an animal's behaviour that is part wolf. Over the last one hundred years here in North America, only six unprovoked wolf attacks causing injury have been documented and 21 attacks that are believed to be related to human fed wolves.[j] One of the 21 human fed wolf attacks was fatal, however, there is debate over the cause of death as some believe the wolves scavenged.[jii] Regardless, wild wolves avoid people and wolf attacks in the wild are very unlikely to happen because wolves steer clear of human interaction.

While all puppies are adorable and wolf pups are absolutely no exception, a lot of issues with hybrids tend to arise around sexual maturity. Sexual maturity occurs much later in wolves than it does with dogs. The change happens anywhere between 1 and 4 years of age.[jiii] At this time the animal transitions from a puppy to an adult and is expected to contribute to the wolf pack. To gain status, the animal might start testing the other members of the pack to reach a higher position within it.[jiv] Wolves kept as pets don't have wolf packmates, so these challenges can go towards their human and can be seen as anything from stubborn to aggressive.

Domestic dogs reach puberty at a much earlier age and often do begin to test their owners a bit, but it is much less severe than it is in wolves. Wolf-dog hybrids have both sets of genes within them and it is impossible to accurately know whether they will challenge more like a dog or like a wolf.

Hybrids are not domestic dogs, and one must know that owning one requires a careful commitment level that is very different than that of owning a domestic dog. Anyone who has watched a

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documentary on wolves knows they are on the move. A lot. The duty of exercising a hybrid is a serious time commitment.

I recall watching a documentary on hybrids, and the advisor from a sanctuary recommended giving the animal 2-3 hours of supervised exercise twice a day in order to meet its needs. Talk about a full-time job! The program also explained that hybrids need to be kept in enclosures with fences at least 8 feet in height and that the fencing must also go several feet underground as they dig intensely.

One animal featured chewed through a metal wire fence and unfortunately had to be kept in an enclosure with electric fencing to keep her contained. They also mentioned that many could climb a chain link fence.

On top of fencing, space is another issue. Experts say that captive wolves and wolf-dog hybrids need at least an acre of enclosure (200' x 200'). If there are multiple animals being kept together, they need a minimum of half an acre each to minimize aggression towards one another. Most hybrids love to swim, and it is recommended to keep enough water in their enclosure so that they can submerge their bodies on hot days.

Because wolves are pack animals and require almost constant interaction with their pack, when one is kept in a human family, they usually begin to demonstrate behaviours that don't jibe well with their humans. These behaviours would generally be acceptable with another wolf, but when they are placed by a hybrid on humans, they are unwanted as they are often seen as unusual, unpredictable, and can be dangerous.

Wolf-dog hybrids, much like wolves, use their mouths in a similar way that we humans use our hands. They use their mouths to eat, communicate, play, and hold objects. Unlike with a domestic dog, it is not recommended to ever take an object from a hybrid's mouth. Once they have it - whatever it is - it becomes their property and will be defended.

Another surprising aspect of wolves and wolf-dogs is that they expect you as a human to interact with them as they do. A hybrid is likely to be very shy around strangers but will act quite the opposite around their pack (which includes their human pack). Around their people, they will be boisterous. An example of a situation many hybrids exhibit that can cause problems is how they greet their people. Most will get up to your level, look you in the eyes, stick their nose on yours and lick your teeth.[iii] If they cannot get into your mouth, they usually will nibble on your lips or grab hold of your face in their attempt.

In the wolf world, a stranger is seen as a serious threat. A wolf hybrid that is forced to interact with strangers against their will could very likely fear-bite in an effort to defend itself. Even with early socialization, it is advised to never leave a stranger and a hybrid alone together during an interaction. This would likely make it incredibly difficult to have your animal cared for if you had to go away on vacation or in the case of an emergency.

Most would consider the challenge of feeding a hybrid another negative. I found a bit of conflicting information on what to feed a hybrid. One site recommends feeding 3 pounds of meat a day on top of kibble.[iii] Another states that wolf hybrids don't benefit from the carbohydrates found in dry dog food and recommends a raw meat and bone diet along with vegetation, including some fruits.

## Myths

There are several myths surrounding hybrids. First, some people say that they make good guard dogs. This isn't true as wolves are generally shy around people. Aggressive tendencies are usually fear-induced and difficult to control.

Some might tell you that they live longer than dogs, thanks to the wolf genes. A captive wolf lives around 12 years, which is a similar lifespan to that of a domestic dog.

And some might try to argue that Siberian Huskies, Alaskan Malamutes, and Samoyeds are all part wolf. While they are all gorgeous Nordic-style Spitz dogs that have similar features to a wolf, those are all breeds of domestic dogs, not hybrids.

## Legal

Whether or not one can legally own a wolf hybrid as a pet in Canada depends on which province and municipality you reside in. Some allow it. Some require a permit, and others outlaw it entirely.

I must say that while I'm sure that some wolf-dog hybrids have domestic dog docility, a higher percentage are likely to attack humans and other domestic animals for reasons only they understand. Many hybrids live miserable, isolated lives due to the fact that they are so misunderstood by their owners.

My advice for anyone who really loves wolves and wants them in their lives is to visit a wolf or wildlife sanctuary that cares for wolves and/or hybrids. Get to know more about them, and you will soon come to the realization that they are not domestic dogs, don't have the predictability of our purebred domestic dogs, and that it is unfair to expect an animal like that to adhere to the expectations we have for our domestic dogs.

If you really love the wolf-like look, why not study several of the Canadian Kennel Club's recognized purebred Spitz breeds and find one that suits your home and lifestyle?

I personally think that the risks towards you, your family, and society, as well as the hybrid, make owning a wolf-dog hybrid a bad idea whether or not it is legal where you live. I believe the kind thing to do is to support wild wolf territory protection as well as not-for-profit sanctuaries and to keep admiring the mysterious wolf from afar.



# CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

## Who We Are

The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) is the primary registry body for purebred dogs in Canada and currently recognizes 187 breeds. As a non-profit organization, the CKC is dedicated to encouraging, guiding, and advancing the interests of purebred dogs and their responsible owners and breeders in Canada and promoting the knowledge and understanding of the benefits which dogs can bring to Canadian society.

The CKC is incorporated under Animal Pedigree Act, a federal statute under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture. The organization includes approximately 20,000 individual members and over 700 breed clubs across Canada. The Club registers purebred dogs, regulates dog shows and performance events, and speaks out on major issues concerning dog ownership and the health & welfare of dogs across Canada.

## Mission

As the prime registry of purebred dogs in Canada, our purpose is to serve our members and the public with education, support, guidance and sanctioning of events for all their canine endeavours. Our goal is the preservation of purebred dogs and the health, well-being and enjoyment of all dogs.

## Vision

The CKC with its members, will be the definitive authority in Canada for purebred dogs, and an advocate for all dogs, setting the standard for the preservation of breeds and continuous improvement of health, wellbeing and enjoyment of purebred dogs.

## Values

**Passion:** We are dedicated to purebred dogs with the belief in the value of dogs as an integral part of our lives, our society and the contributions dogs brings to our humanity.

**Preservation:** We are committed to the preservation of breed characteristics while producing healthy well-socialized dogs, with a commitment to continuous improvement and well-being of purebred dogs.

**Knowledge:** We educate and expand public awareness of the contribution purebred dogs bring to society. This includes the vast array of activities and opportunities for purebred dog enthusiasts... as well as a commitment to the principles of responsible breeding practices and responsible dog ownership.

**Commitment:** We protect and enhance the interests of our members, breeders, associated clubs and the public, supporting them with openness, honesty and compassion.

**Integrity:** We uphold the integrity of our registry, the high standards of governance and management of the Canadian Kennel Club.

AN INFORMATION SUPPLEMENT FROM THE CKC

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