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2022 SPECIAL REFERENDUM - VOTING NOW OPEN!

Nov. 1 (9 a.m. ET) – Nov. 30 (11:59 p.m. ET), 2022, eligible members (members in good standing who been a member for at least one year and are 19 years of age or older) will have the opportunity to vote for the Special Referendum.

These are important issues for the CKC, breed clubs, and members and exhibitors across Canada.

Voting Online:

Step 1:

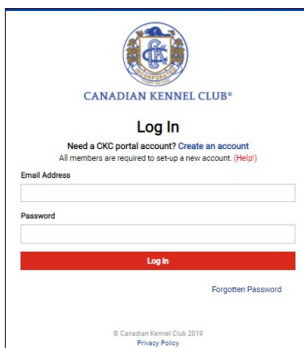
Click the “Login” button located on the upper right-hand side at ckc.ca.



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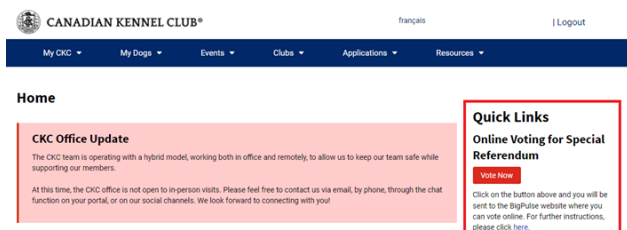
Log in to your Portal account.

If you have not yet created a Portal account, you will be required to do so before you can vote. Please follow the steps to create one [here](#).



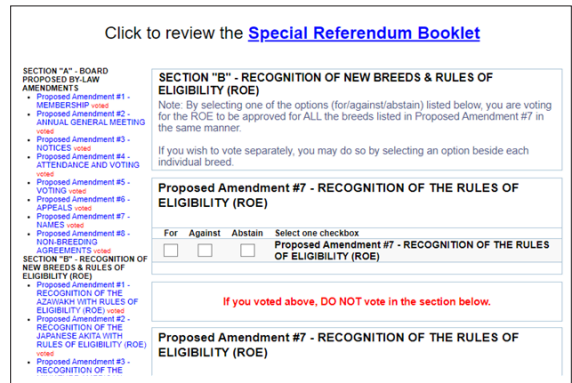
Step 3:

Click the “Vote Now” button on the homepage of your Portal account. This will bring you to the voting portal hosted by BigPulse where you will complete your electronic ballot for the 2022 Special Referendum! You may find the booklet at the top of the voting page for reference.



Step 4:

Please ensure you have double checked your votes for both Section A and B. In Section B, you may select the option to vote for all the ROE to be approved for all the breeds listed in the same manner (for/against/abstain) and by doing so you do not need to check the box beside any individual breeds listed on the section below. If you wish to vote on each proposed amendment separately, you may do so by checking the box beside each individual breed.



Voting by Mail:

Eligible voting members that do not have email addresses on file will receive a paper ballot in the mail. Paper ballots must be received by **Wednesday, Nov. 30**. Please allow enough time for Canada Post to deliver your ballot on time.

If you have any questions about the voting process, please contact us at voting@ckc.ca.

IT'S RENEWALS SEASON!

We are starting our 2023 Membership Renewals.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sending out renewal notices, so please keep an eye on your email inboxes. We will be processing thousands of renewals over the coming weeks, so please don't worry if you haven't received yours yet, even if your friends have!

Once you receive your email, your 2023 membership invoice will be ready to pay on your Portal account.

Just a reminder, your digital membership card is available for easy viewing/printing through your online Portal account and we are no longer issuing physical membership cards.

New this year! Judges will be able to renew their licence and membership at the same time; watch out for an email explaining the new process!

TRUPANION BREEDER SUPPORT PROGRAM: SEND YOUR LITTERS TO THEIR NEW HOMES WITH PEACE OF MIND WITH CKC'S NEW PET INSURANCE PARTNER

Did you hear? We've partnered with Trupanion!

In addition to a pet medical insurance plan designed for pets (including 90% coverage, no payout limits, and vet direct pay - [learn more here](#)) the Trupanion Breeder Support Program has been designed specifically with breeders that features complimentary marketing materials to include in their puppy packs, access to an exclusive breeder Facebook group, and a dedicated account manager for 1-on-1 support.

Completely **free to join**, a key component of the program is the **Go Home Day Offer** from Trupanion, which lets Trupanion offer 30 days of insurance coverage to breeders' buyers. This offer also waives waiting periods, so each buyer's coverage goes into effect immediately upon activation.

Plus, through our new partnership, you can now schedule Go Home Day Offers for your litters and join the Trupanion Breeder Support Program when registering your litters and dogs on the Portal!

How to Schedule Go Home Day Offers and Join the Trupanion Breeder Support Program:

Reach out to Trupanion and join today!

The Trupanion Breeder Support Program is free to join, and you can start at any time. [Click here](#) or call 853-757-2498 to connect with the Breeder Support team and get set up with a dedicated account manager today.

Follow the new prompts while registering your litter on the Portal.

After you've entered all your registration information in our online litter application, you'll see new information that will connect you to Trupanion's Go Home Day Offer scheduling system. Click the link so that when you send your litter home, your buyers' will receive a special offer for 30 days of coverage from Trupanion with no upfront cost.

COMING SOON! Sign your puppy buyer up to receive information from Trupanion when you're registering individual dogs on the Portal.

Missed out on the Go Home Day Offer for your litter? No problem! We're adding a new checkbox to our online dog registration application to help you easily connect your puppy buyers with Trupanion. Click the new checkbox under the new owner information section and the Trupanion team will help your puppy buyers access information on pet insurance and how it can support the health and well-being of their new four-legged family member. Note: you must receive consent from

the owner in order to sign them up for receiving Trupanion communications.

MEET THE SUSSEX SPANIEL



Loyal, friendly, and easygoing

The Sussex Spaniel is a friendly and charming member of the Sporting Group. He is also incredibly rare. So rare, in fact, that most of us have only experienced the breed's magic through the television while watching the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Who could forget "Stump", the oldest dog in Westminster's history to take Best in Show? He did so at the age of 10 in 2009. About a decade later, "Bean" made us laugh and stole our hearts as he took the Sporting Group at Westminster twice, both in 2018 and 2019.

The Sussex takes his name from the English county of Sussex, where he was developed to be a rugged sporting dog the hunter could follow comfortably on foot. Sussex are on low on leg. Depending on the gender, they should measure between 13 and 16 inches at the shoulder, but they are still described as 'massive' as they have a deep chest and heavy bone. Sussex males weigh around 45 lbs, and females weigh a bit less at around 40 lbs. They are adorable, with a sad face that is delightfully unlike their pleasant disposition. The Sussex has a full and feathery coat that is always golden-liver. Their long ears, big hazel eyes, and frowning expression will melt your heart.

Doug Johnson got his first Sussex Spaniel in 1983 and bred his first litter 2 years later. Doug, along with his husband Jamie Hubbard, have had successes in the show ring unimaginable to many. They have bred two Westminster Kennel Club Best in Show winners in two different breeds. Their Clumber Spaniel, "Brady", won the Garden in 1996 and their Sussex Spaniel

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“Stump” won in 2009. The two also breed Welsh Springer Spaniels and English Toy Spaniels. When it comes to Spaniels, Doug Johnson is definitely the guy to talk to! I was delighted when he agreed to chat with me about the Sussex Spaniel.

What initially drew you to the Sussex Spaniel? I have always been drawn to dogs that are a bit different and not mainstream. I liked the heaviness of the breed, the massive bone and body.

Describe the Sussex Spaniel’s personality? The breed is a great deal of fun, mellow, and agreeable. They are very laid-back and calm.

How much exercise do they require? They are good with a yard to have free exercise. They do not need to run for miles each day. They are content to stay closer to home.

Can they live in an apartment? Sure. They would be good in an apartment setting.

Tell me about the coat and grooming requirements. The coat is low maintenance. It is also brown, so not difficult to keep clean. Typical of a correct spaniel coat, they will air dry and the dirt/dust will brush out. Because of the long coat, they do require regular maintenance brushing.

Any health issues? While low in registration numbers the breed is generally healthy. The challenge is fertility. They are difficult to get pregnant, hence the low population.

How long do they usually live? Sussex can live to 14 to 15 years old.

Which dog sports are they involved in? Sussex can do it all, but they have short legs, so they can have some physical limitations. That said, they are certainly willing to try anything you want.

Are Sussex Spaniels easy to keep with other dogs? Sussex are followers. They adapt to other breeds well and they will even learn behaviours from the other breeds they are with.

How are they with children? The Sussex has a very basic and simple approach to life. They are agreeable and kind to children. They make ideal family pets.

Who makes an ideal Sussex Spaniel owner? The Sussex is a hidden gem in the family of purebred dogs. They are suitable in most home situations. I would say a more relaxed environment works best. They are short distance runners, not long range. Retirees would be a great home for this breed.

Anything you would like everyone to know about Sussex Spaniel? Keep in mind this breed is a rare commodity. Owning a Sussex is owning one of the rarest dog breeds on the planet. Most years under 25 Sussex are registered in the American Kennel Club system.

The Sussex Spaniel might be the breed for you if:

You like to spend weekends walking in a park or reading a book. They enjoy walks on the beach or sleeping late in bed. They are agreeable and enjoy an easy life. They are comical and fun-loving. They enjoy being social.

The Sussex Spaniel might not be the breed for you if:

If you want a dog to go on a long distance run with you, this is not the dog for you. Additionally, there is some work to keep the ears in condition. They do require some coat care. They are also not as accurate in your training as other breeds are. They are B students, and are creative learners.

This blog would not have been possible without the help of breeder and Judge Doug Johnson. Doug’s Clussexx Kennel is the only kennel in history to breed two Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Best in Show winners in two different breeds. Clussexx is known across the globe and proudly breeds high quality Sussex, Welsh Spring, Clumber and English Toy Spaniels.



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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