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## 2019 TOP DOGS RESULTS: NOW AVAILABLE

The much-anticipated 2019 Top Dogs results are in!

Top Dogs celebrates the achievements of Canadian competitors and their dogs in CKC-recognized events. Though significantly delayed, CKC and Top Dogs presenting sponsor Purina® Pro Plan® are proud to share the 2019 Official Top Dogs results and congratulate all competitors whose years of hard work and dedication helped them to shine in 2019.

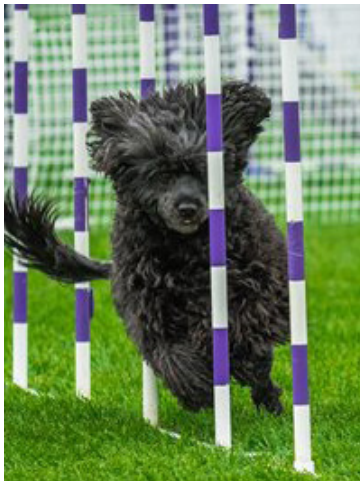
### 2019 Top Herding Dogs



For the first year, Herding has been added to the Top Dog Awards in 2019!

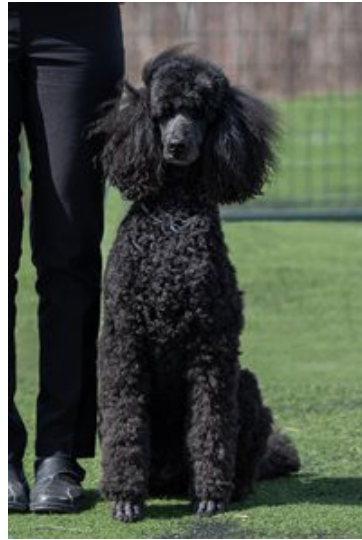
A large congratulations to Canada's first-ever Top Herding Dog team: Lynn Leach and Callie, Shadybrook Callie Jr CGN RN HAS HAD SDIS, the Australian Cattle Dog.

### 2019 Top Agility Dogs



Tammy Hibberson, who enjoys the welcoming atmosphere of the sport, along with her dog Quinta, Ch. AgMCh. Eauchien's Quinta NP JTX RMX RAE2 CDX TD AgMX3 AgMXJ5, worked their way to Top Agility Dog in 2019!

### 2019 Top Rally Dogs



Drawn to the sport because of its relaxed atmosphere, Louise Lorrain and her first performance dog, Keisha, RGCh. Kushnivas Hoodwinked The Devil CGN RMX3 CD RAE5, claimed Top Rally Dog in 2019!

### 2019 Top Obedience Dogs



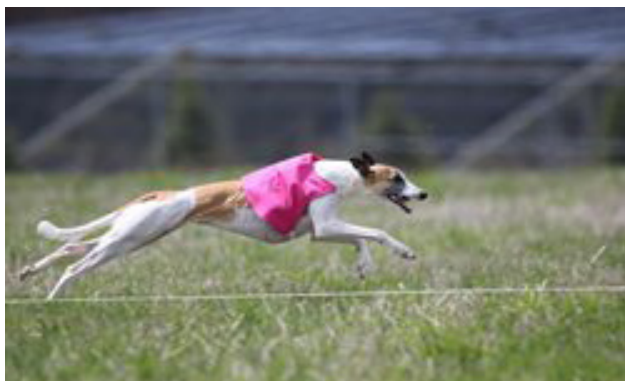
The remarkable team of Scooter and Lee have once again claimed the Top Obedience Dog spot! At nine and a half years old during the 2019 competition year, GMOTCh. Belcourt Cool Dude, aka Scooter, and his owner/handler Lee Kozicki fetched first place for the third year in a row.

## 2019 Top Show Dogs



In 2019 Top Show Dog spot was claimed by the stunning jet-black Newfoundland, Tupak, GCh. Midnight Lady's Fire Up Your Engine Moso, who wowed judges across the country with his beautiful conformation.

## 2019 Top Field Dogs



Among the oldest of dog sports, Top Field Dogs are divided by field event. Congratulations to all the Canadian Kennel Club's Top Field competitors – Retrievers, Spaniels, Pointers, Lure Coursers and Beagles!

### Congratulations to all the 2019 CKC Top Dogs!

We understand the disappointment in the delay of these results and want to thank our members and competitors for their understanding. This past year we worked to implement functionality within our new IT system to process event results and over the past three months, staff have processed over 35,000 entries and 1,000 events. By the end of May, all 2019 and 2020 event results and title certificates will be processed and mailed.

“Congratulations to all of our Top Dogs teams. To be recognized in the Top Dogs standings is a testament to your years of hard work and dedication to purebred dogs. Thank you to the members who have been waiting patiently for their results, and to the staff that have been dealing with the IT4YOU challenges and resulting backlog.”

- Corinne Walker, Chair of the CKC Board of Directors.

Be sure to keep an eye on your inboxes in the coming weeks for the release of 2020 Top Dogs results and our Top Versatility Dogs!

## CFIA INTRODUCES NEW IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL DOGS LESS THAN 8 MONTHS (BREEDING/RESALE END USE)

As you may know, CFIA has recently undertaken a review of its dog import requirements and will be implementing changes for commercial dogs under eight months of age that are imported for breeding and resale end use, effective May 15, 2021. The new rules, as outlined in CFIA's announcement are intended to improve compliance with humane transport and animal health requirements.

**Note: The requirements for importing personal dogs, and commercial dogs under other uses will not change.**

The new requirements include:

- Multiple entry permits will be replaced with single entry permits, and importers will have to specify the number of dogs to be imported.
- Dogs will require rabies vaccination at least 28 days before export to Canada (with an **exception for recognized breeders**) and will need to be treated for internal and external parasites prior to export.

**Note:** CFIA confirms that **recognized breeders** must have proof of their valid membership of the Canadian Kennel Club or another equivalent national breed association/club in Canada at the time of import permit application, to be exempt from the 28-day waiting period after the rabies vaccination. Recognized breeders may import puppies between two and four months and are limited to two dogs per permit and two permits per year.

- Importers will be required to provide information about the travel route from the country of origin to the final destination in Canada, including the airport or land border crossing that will be used to enter Canada. They will also be required to schedule a CFIA inspection at the airport or land border crossing where the animals will enter Canada before the shipment leaves the country of origin.

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- Importers transporting dogs by air must have a post-import quarantine facility that has been pre-approved by the CFIA available in case arriving animals require further inspection and/or quarantine.

Note: The CFIA pre-approved quarantine location could include an existing kennel or home and must be large enough to house the number of dogs being imported. Specific criteria for quarantine facilities for commercial dogs less than eight months of age entering Canada by air will be available on the CFIA website prior to May 15.

The importation of unhealthy dogs into Canada continues to be an area of focus for CKC. We support CFIA's efforts to strengthen dog import controls and look forward to continuing the dialogue on this important subject. CKC is also pleased to collaborate with CFIA to promote the benefits of making an informed choice when purchasing a dog and the advantages of buying a dog from an accountable CKC member breeder.

## INTRODUCING: THE CHAIR'S AWARDS

CKC is thrilled to announce three brand new member awards to be presented at this year's Annual General Meeting. Nominated by members, The Chair's Awards recognize the outstanding commitment, dedication, and accomplishments of CKC members.

### The Chair's Awards:

#### CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award

Celebrating the intrinsic value of dogs and their virtues in assisting mankind, 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. A CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award recipient:

- Trials their dogs in CKC events in a fair and equitable manner;
- Has achieved national and international success in their chosen event(s).
- Encourages others to get involved in events and has willingly offered advice and assistance to fellow competitors during events, sharing in set-up and tear down, event management; and
- Provides mentorship and education opportunities for individuals who are new to performance competitions.

#### CKC National Breeder of the Year

Celebrating the dedication and education required, this award recognizes a breeder who has dedicated their life to improving the health and wellbeing of purebred dogs. The CKC National Breeder of the Year:

- Is recognized internationally for their Canadian breeding program and the excellence of its progeny, reflected in their dogs being highly awarded nationally and internationally;
- Is recognized as an expert in their chosen breed(s), both nationally and internationally;
- Has dedicated their lives to improving the health and wellbeing of their breed(s); and
- Has created a legacy with their breeding program.

#### CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year

Recognizing an individual for significant achievement in the area of CKC Obedience and Rally Obedience, a CKC National Obedience Performance Competitor of the Year:

- Trial's their dogs in CKC events in a fair and equitable manner;
- Has achieved national and international success in their chosen event(s).
- Encourages others to get involved in events and has willingly offered advice and assistance to fellow competitors during events, helping with set-up and tear down, ring stewarding, etc.; and
- Provides mentorship and education opportunities for individuals who are new to performance competitions.

To nominate a member, please submit the following information to [AGM@ckc.ca](mailto:AGM@ckc.ca) with the subject line "Chair's Awards Nomination":

- A letter indicating how the nominee meets an award's description and criteria.
  - The letter should be no more than 350 words (1 page);
- Contact information for the nominee, including:
  - Name
  - Membership Number
  - Kennel Name (if applicable)
  - Email Address
- Your contact information as the nominator, including:
  - Name
  - Membership Number
  - Email Address

A committee comprised of the current, previous, and honorary Chair of the Board, will evaluate all entries, with winners announced at the AGM.

Deadline for submissions is May 17th, 2021.

## MUST-HAVE ITEMS (THAT YOU MIGHT ALREADY HAVE) FOR SPRING

Spring is here! The mild temperatures and longer days allow us to spend more time outdoors with our beloved dogs. This week, I've put together a list of items I make sure to keep on hand during the spring months. Most are inexpensive, and many you might already own!

### Paw Wash Basin

Depending on the condition of your lawn and the amount of coat your dog has, they will likely need their paws wiped multiple times a day during this time of year. My backyard somehow became a swamp as winter transitioned into spring, and now I'm wiping 12 paws 6 or more times a day! To get my dogs' paws as clean as possible and keep my floors looking decent during this wet season, I use a plastic cat litter tray that I bought at a dollar store and fill it with lukewarm water. When my dogs come in, I dip their paws in and wipe them off. I should mention that none of my dogs will voluntarily dip their paws in the basin, but I have seen dogs that do. My dogs more or less try to dodge the basin when they walk past it in hopes that I will forget! A treat at the end seems to help smooth the process a bit. Cleaning paws with water and drying them also allows you several opportunities a day to make sure nothing is caught in their pads and that their nails are short.

### First Aid Supplies

Speaking of nails. Sometimes, even the most experienced nail trimmers accidentally nick the quick. Although this is not a spring-specific product, I highly recommend having a topical styptic powder on hand. You never know when you're going to need the powder, so I recommend buying it now instead of having to rush in a panicked state to get it when an accident happens. To use it, I apply pressure to the nail that is bleeding with a paper towel, then use a bit of the powder to stop the bleeding. It's inexpensive, works well, and a container will last a pet owner a very long time.

It's always a good idea to pack a first aid kit whenever you travel on adventures with your dog. Most of the items listed you likely already have, so put together a kit with a bowl, towel, flashlight, tweezers, magnifying glass, scissors, cotton balls, milk of magnesia, antibiotic ointment, hydrogen peroxide, adhesive tape, and gauze. I hope you never have to use this kit, but you will feel better just knowing it's packed.

### Towels

Got a tacky promotional towel? One your Dad stole from the gym in the 90s? Keep them! Owners of multiple dogs and muddy yards know you can never have too many towels! I love

it when my friends give me towels they no longer use as I know my dogs will need plenty, especially in the spring. The second step to using the litter box full of water to clean my dogs' paws is to dry them off. It's quick with my Doberman Pinscher, takes a bit more towel action with my Standard Poodle, and even more time with my "low rider" Dandie Dinmont Terrier, who tends to bring the whole lawn in with him. To keep paws and floors clean, I dry them with clean towels, which means I'm averaging a laundry load of "dog towels" per rainy day. Even as I write that sentence, I can hear my Afghan Hound and Bearded Collie owning friends saying, "Really? That's it?"

### An Extra Long Leash

Outside of a vendor's booth at a dog show, it can be hard to find a leash that is longer than 6 feet without going into retractable leash territory. I was thrilled to get a nice quality 10-foot long nylon lead a few years back. It allows me to take my dogs onto the front lawn for their last bathroom break of the evening without me having to worry that they will encounter a raccoon - or worse - in the dark. The long lead gives lots of space for anyone who is "potty shy" while still giving me control.

### Skunk Remedy

The "or worse" part of that earlier sentence would be a skunk. While skunks are out all year long, they tend to make themselves more noticed in the spring and summer months. And since skunks never seem to spray at 3 p.m. on a weekday afternoon, you should head to the drugstore soon and buy the ingredients needed to create a washing remedy. I can't tell you how many texts I get each year saying, "Dude! My dog got sprayed by a skunk! What do I do?" I always tell friends to use the same mix: 1 quart of 3 % Hydrogen Peroxide, ¼ cup of baking soda, and 1 to 2 teaspoons of liquid dish soap. See my skunk blog here for specific details on how to keep and apply it here: <https://www.ckc.ca/en/The-Dish/October-2018/Help-My-Dog-Got-Skunked>.

### Extra Leash(es)

Springtime means more time walking with your dogs. I also try to pack an extra leash with me every time I walk my dogs for a few good reasons. Firstly, in case one of my dogs' leashes break. It has happened, and I didn't see it coming. It's also great if a lost dog is running about your neighbourhood as you can leash the dog and take it with you on your walk, and the concerned owner (or a neighbour who knows who the owner is) may see the dog before your walk is finished. Another leash can also help significantly if a dog breaks out of their yard and aggressively charges towards your dogs. It's never a good idea to get your hands involved in a dog fight, so an extra leash has allowed me to stop an aggressive dog before they got to mine. And yes, I did consider joining the rodeo after my "leash lasso" trick worked!

## Extra Bags

Not picking up after your dog is very unneighbourly and can make all dog owners look bad. Most dog owners have an embarrassing moment where we've forgotten a bag or our dog went twice when we only brought one bag. I've lived and learned. I once had to knock on a door to ask for a plastic bag and will say it is an interesting way to meet your neighbour! Now I keep several bags in every pocket in every jacket I own. I prefer the biodegradable kind that comes on rolls. I own dogs of various sizes, so I buy large, but if you have smaller dogs, you can save a bit of plastic by buying small.

## An Ex Pen

Exercise pens (or ex pens) are like playpens for dogs and puppies. They allow them more room than a crate but still keep them safely confined to a specific area of your home. Not only are ex pens great for housebreaking, but they also come in handy in many other ways. For example, to keep your Christmas Tree and presents safe from an interested dog, to block off a room, to use while camping and on road trips. During the springtime, I like to put towels down across the pens' floor area and let my dogs dry off in there with a chewy treat after I've rinsed their muddy paws.

## Plain Yogurt

With snow melting and everything starting to grow again, spring is an exciting time for a dog's nose. Many times those explorations lead to ingesting some gross things in the yard. To give my dogs a bit of added stomach protection, I include a small spoonful of plain yogurt with their breakfast meals. Yogurt contains probiotics which, in my experience, seem to be beneficial during this time of year. Not all dogs can digest lactose, so I would only give a very small dose at first, see how it goes, and then still only ever give a little bit. Be sure to only use plain yogurt with no artificial sweeteners or sugar. Greek-style yogurts also tend to have less lactose.

In addition to the above spring items, you can also do some other activities in the spring that can benefit your dog. You can make sure you've renewed your dog's license, make a vaccine appointment with your dog's vet if they are due, and be very careful not to overdo activity with your dog if they have not been very active all winter. Don't be a weekend warrior. Start slowly and build to avoid injury.

Also, while spring cleaning this year, please keep in mind your local not-for-profit rescue or shelter. Give them a call or shoot them an email and see what they need. Often, they could use gently used blankets, towels, toys, leashes, and leads.

## WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS PAPERWORK?



Buying a purebred dog from a responsible breeder entails a fair bit of documentation, reading, and signing. If this is your first time adding a purebred puppy to your family, it may seem like a lot. To help explain this process and why all of those darn forms are needed, let's answer some questions new puppy buyers might ask.

**My breeder told me I would be sent a Certificate of Registration. What even is that?** A Certificate of Registration is basically your proof that your dog is purebred. It contains all of the important information you need to know about your dog, including their CKC registration number, date of birth, colour, breed, sex, sire and dam's names, and the breeder's name.

Even if you don't plan on showing your dog, this document is vital in proving that your dog is "as advertised" - a purebred dog that is appropriately registered under Canadian Law.

Many first-time puppy buyers are not aware that breeders are not allowed to charge for registration papers.

If you see puppies advertised for one price without papers, and a higher price for them to come with a certificate of registration, that is illegal. In Canada, Canadian law dictates that if a dog is sold as a purebred, registration papers must be provided, and the breeder must provide them at no additional cost. It is illegal to sell a purebred dog without papers.

**Which dogs can be CKC registered?** For a dog to be eligible for registration with the Canadian Kennel Club, both parents must be registered with the CKC or with a kennel club whose studbooks CKC recognizes (example: The American Kennel Club). There are some exceptions to this, but these are very specific circumstances. If you're purchasing a purebred dog that was imported into Canada or is registered with a different Kennel

Club than CKC, contact us. We can verify if all the specific requirements are met for them to be eligible for CKC registration.

### **Why do purebred dogs all have that long, fancy name?**

Registered names, or the long fancy names you sometimes see associated with dogs who compete in CKC events, are your dog's official name. These names are unique to your dog - no other dog can have the same registered name! Registered names help CKC uniquely identify and register your dog. Usually, the breeder picks puppies' registered names, with their kennel name starting the name off. Some breeders choose these names based on a theme for the litter, i.e., all names start with the letter E. Others go by specific themes like stars, songs by their favourite artists, famous animals, etc.

Of course, you don't have to call your new puppy by its registered name. This is why you will likely give your dog a call name meaning the name you call your dog day to day.

### **If the puppy isn't registered with CKC, can I use a DNA test to get it registered?**

No. Although a DNA test may state a dog is purebred, the tests cannot provide a specific parental lineage of the dog to verify this claim, which is necessary for Canadian Kennel Club registration.

**What's a Non-Breeding Agreement?** Non-breeding agreements are signed documents between a breeder and the dog owner that stipulate a dog cannot be used for breeding. The dog is still fully registered with CKC. Non-breeding agreements simply do not allow any future puppies produced from this dog to be registered with CKC. Most pet dogs are sold on Non-Breeding agreements as they are intended to be loving members of people's families, not breeding program prospects. Suppose a situation occurs where a dog once thought to be inappropriate for breeding turns out to be outstanding and passes all necessary health clearances. In that case, the Non-Breeding agreement may be canceled with the mutual consent of the buyer and seller, at which time the CKC will issue a new certificate.

**And this Spay/Neuter Contract?** It's very common for breeders to require their pet-quality dogs to be altered to prevent accidental breedings. As research continues, the age at which spaying or neutering occurs has moved back considerably. Many breeders require that pet owners wait until the dog has fully matured, anywhere from a year to 18 months or older for larger breeders. While waiting, it is always the owner's responsibility to make sure their dog doesn't roam to avoid unwanted breedings, not to mention injuries and illness.

**How about this Health Guarantee?** Many breeders offer a health guarantee on their puppies. Some offer a set amount of days to have the new puppy checked by a veterinarian and

might include a guarantee up to a certain age against hereditary or congenital health problems. The return policies also vary but might be a purchase price refund or a replacement puppy of equal value when one becomes available.

It's essential for new puppy buyers to know that purchase and/or sale transactions, guarantees regarding health, temperament, or any other issues are private undertakings agreed upon at the time of sale between buyer and seller. The CKC is not a party to the purchase and/or sale of any individual purebred dog. It is imperative to do your research in finding a reputable breeder (see this blog on the topic: <https://www.ckc.ca/en/The-Dish/March-2019/How-To-Spot-A-Responsible-Breeder>). Therefore, any issues arising from death or health/temperament concerns must be addressed through civil court. Should either party deem it necessary to litigate a problem, it is dealt with directly between the individuals involved in the transaction; The Canadian Kennel Club does not act as a facilitator for such matters.

**Is this free puppy insurance?** Many CKC member breeders and their puppy buyers benefit from the Pets Plus Us 6 week Head Start Trail Program. Ask your breeder to explain how this remarkable program works: <https://www.ckc.ca/en/PetsPlusUs>.

**What is this return to breeder agreement?** Every responsible breeder hopes that the homes they send their puppies to are their homes for the duration of their life. Unfortunately, sometimes life events are out of our control. Sometimes things like illness, moving overseas, divorce, and financial problems lead people to a situation where keeping a dog in their home is not in the dog's best interest. If something like this were to occur, a return to breeder agreement ensures that the dog's best interest is taken into account if a change of living situation is needed.

These agreements vary. Sometimes the breeder wants to have all the contact information for the new owners to keep in touch and guide them as they have the original buyers. Other times, an agreement might specify that a dog goes back to the breeder first to assist in finding the most suitable home for the dog - the same as they did when it was a puppy.

As you can see from some of these questions, buying a purebred dog from a responsible breeder can entail a fair bit of documentation, reading, and signing. While it may seem like a lot, all of this paperwork helps protect you and your new furry family member.

But don't worry! If the thought of reading all these forms is daunting, experienced breeders are very comfortable with them and will be able to answer your questions should you have any - plus, they do most of the filling out anyways!





# 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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