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Official Results of the 2020 Special Referendum

Section A Special Referendum Board Proposed Amendments to the By-laws

	Amendment	Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	% For	Passed/Failed
1	<p>THAT, “INTERPRETATIONS” be amended by adding the following between “electronic document” and “electronic signature”:</p> <p>“electronic means” means a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during a meeting;</p>	3,146	2,978	27	141	95%	Passed
2	<p>THAT, Section 7.1 MEMBERSHIP, be amended as follows:</p> <p>7.1 MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><u>A person may apply to be a member of the Club by completing and submitting a Membership Application form together with the applicable fee. The applicant shall become a member upon acceptance and processing of the Membership Application form and applicable fee. Upon receiving final approval, a A</u> member shall have all the rights and privileges that may be provided under the By-laws, rules, regulations and Club Policy. There are four (4) categories of members: Junior, Regular, <u>Premier Membership Plus</u> and Life. Members, other than Junior Members, who are residents of Canada,</p>	3,146	2,952	71	123	94%	Passed

	may vote at any meeting or in any election or referendum and they may stand for election as a member of the Board of Directors if they have met all of the stated conditions as required under these By-laws. Club Policy shall specify the qualifications for and benefits of each category of membership.						
3	<p>THAT, Section 7.2 Conditions of Membership, Subsection (e), be amended as follows:</p> <p>7.2 CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>In order to acquire and sustain membership in the Club, all persons must agree and adhere to the following conditions:</p> <p>DELETE</p> <p>(e) That in order to establish and maintain credit privileges they shall agree to allow the Club to perform a credit check as required;</p>	3,146	2,907	95	144	92%	Passed
4	<p>THAT, Section 8.4 NOTICES, be amended as follows:</p> <p>8.4 NOTICES</p> <p>Not less than thirty (30) days notice of the date, time and place of a meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat, shall be given by publication in the Official Publication, by mail, postage prepaid, to each member, <u>and/or by posting electronically to the CKC website.</u></p>	3,146	2,911	72	163	93%	Passed
5	<p>THAT, Section 9.3 CHAIR, be amended as follows:</p> <p>9.3 CHAIR <u>AND VICE CHAIR</u></p> <p>The members of the Board shall elect, by secret ballot, a Chair <u>and Vice Chair</u> from its number at the first meeting of the Board following the election. <u>Such-The</u> Chair <u>and Vice Chair</u> shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.</p>	3,146	2,960	51	135	94%	Passed

6	<p>THAT, Section 9.12. BOARD AUTHORITY, be amended as follows:</p> <p>9.12 BOARD AUTHORITY</p> <p>The improvement of stock being an important factor on the advancement of the breeding and registration of purebred dogs, the Club Board, with the authority of these By-laws, may:</p> <p>ADD</p> <p><u>(j) Adopt, amend and enforce rules, regulations, policies and procedures when it has been determined in accordance with Club Policy that a crisis exists and, when deemed in the best interests of the Club and its members, to temporarily suspend existing rules, regulations, policies and procedures for the duration of the crisis.</u></p>	3,146	2,510	255	381	80%	Passed
7	<p>THAT, Section 10. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, be amended as follows:</p> <p>10.1 NUMBER OF REGULAR MEETINGS</p> <p>(a) The Board shall meet a minimum of three (3) occasions per year. The first meeting after the election of the Board shall be on or before the second Saturday in January.</p> <p><u>(b) A meeting may be held in person or by electronic means.</u></p> <p><u>(c) In any regular meeting, Board members may participate in person or by electronic means.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Subject to the policies set out in Club Policy, any member of the Club shall have the right to attend any regular meeting of the Board when the meeting is held in person, or to join by electronic means when reasonably possible.</u></p> <p>10.3 SPECIAL MEETINGS</p>	3,146	2,895	63	188	92%	Passed

	<p>(b) The Board may determine that special meetings shall be held entirely by electronic means. of a telephonic, an electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting.</p> <p>10.4 QUORUM</p> <p>A quorum shall be constituted by a number of Board members equaling fifty (50) percent plus one (1) of the total number of Board members. <u>For quorum purposes a Board member participating by electronic means is deemed to be present.</u></p> <p>DELETE</p> <p>10.6 MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS</p> <p>Any member of the Club shall have the right to attend any regular meeting of the Board subject to the policies set out in Club Policy.</p>						
8	<p>THAT, Section 10.9 MINUTES, be amended as follows:</p> <p>10.9 MINUTES</p> <p>The decisions of each meeting of the Board shall be recorded in the minutes by the recording secretary. Upon approval of the minutes by the Board and as soon as is practicably possible, such minutes in their approved form, shall be published in the Official Publication, <u>and/or posted electronically to the CKC website.</u></p>	3,146	2,966	40	140	94%	Passed
9	<p>THAT, Section 13.1 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, Subsection (c), be amended as follows:</p> <p>13.1 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE</p> <p>(c) Hearings</p> <p>Any person may apply to the Registration</p>	3,146	2,752	94	300	87%	Passed

	<p>Committee for an order on any matter that falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee. <u>Upon filing an application for a hearing before the Registration Committee, the applicant shall pay a fee in such amount as is prescribed by the Board from time to time. The Committee is authorized, at its sole discretion, to direct that the fee be returned to the applicant. In the event that the Committee dismisses the application as being frivolous and vexatious, the Committee is authorized, at its sole discretion, to assess against the applicant, a fee that reasonably represents the costs of the investigation and the hearing.</u></p> <p>The procedure for, and rules governing such applications, as well as all hearings of the Committee, shall be provided for in Club Policy.</p>						
10	<p>THAT, Section 13.2 COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS, Subsection (a), be amended as follows:</p> <p>13.2 COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS</p> <p>(a) Subject to the By-laws, Chairs and members of all the committees and councils shall be appointed in the manner provided in Club Policy. The term of appointment of standing committees shall be for a period of three (3) years and Club Policy may provide that any such committee shall be appointed at the first regular meeting of the Board in the third year of the term of the Board.</p>	3,146	2,740	68	338	87%	Passed
11	<p>THAT, Section 13.2 COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS, be amended by adding the following new subsection as follows:</p> <p>ADD</p> <p>(c) In all cases, unless otherwise stipulated in Club Policy, Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern at all meetings of committees and councils.</p>	3,146	2,836	32	278	90%	Passed

12	<p>THAT, Section 13.6 AUDIT COMMITTEE, be amended as follows:</p> <p>13.6 AUDIT COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Board, at the first regular meeting in the second year of the term of the Board, shall appoint an Audit Committee and the term of appointment shall be for a period of three (3) years.</p> <p>The Committee shall consist of three (3) voting members, none of whom shall be members of the Board, and those members should be reasonably familiar with and qualified in applying the accepted principles of accounting and possess a strong business background. The Committee shall appoint a Chair from among its members <u>its number.</u> <u>In the event of a vacancy occurring at any time, the Board shall appoint a replacement member as soon as possible.</u> A quorum shall be two (2) members. The objectives, duties, responsibilities and authority of the Audit Committee shall be determined by the Board.</p>	3,146	2,827	69	250	90%	Passed
13	<p>THAT, Section 13.7 DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE and Section 13.8 APPEAL COMMITTEE, be amended as follows:</p> <p>13.7 DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Board, at the first regular meeting in the second year of the term of the Board, shall appoint the Discipline Committee and the term of office for such committee shall be for a period of three (3) years or until such later time as the Board appoints a new committee.</p> <p>The Committee shall consist of five (5) voting members of the Club. No member of the Appeal Committee or Board of Directors shall be a member and no former member of the Board of Directors is entitled to be a member for a period of</p>	3,146	2,898	41	207	92%	Passed

<p>two (2) years immediately following the expiration of his <u>their</u> term of office.</p> <p><u>Members of the Discipline Committee may not hold any other position on any other CKC committee or council other than the Chair of the Discipline Committee, who may sit on the Legislation Committee.</u> The Committee shall appoint a Chair from its number. In the event of a vacancy occurring at any time, the Board shall appoint a replacement member at the next regular Board meeting. The duties of the Committee shall be as prescribed in Section 15 of these By-laws.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>13.8 APPEAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Board, at the first regular meeting in the third year of the term of the Board, shall appoint the Appeal Committee and the term of office for such committee shall be for a period of three (3) years or until such later time as the Board appoints a new committee.</p> <p>The Committee shall consist of four (4) voting members of the Club, provided however; that no member of the current Discipline Committee or Board of Directors shall be a member, and no former member of the Board of Directors is entitled to be a member for a period of two (2) years immediately following the expiration of his <u>their</u> term of office.</p> <p><u>Members of the Appeal Committee may not hold any other position on any other CKC committee or council other than the Chair of the Appeal Committee, who may sit on the Legislation Committee.</u> The Committee shall appoint a Chair from its number. In the event of a vacancy occurring at any time, the Board shall appoint a replacement member at the next regular Board meeting. The duties of the Committee shall be as prescribed in Section 15 of these By-laws.</p>						

14	<p>THAT, Section 13.7 Discipline Committee and Section 13.8 Appeal Committee, be amended as follows:</p> <p>13.7 DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Board, at the first regular meeting in the second year of the term of the Board, shall appoint the Discipline Committee and the term of office for such committee shall be for a period of three (3) years or until such later time as the Board appoints a new committee.</p> <p>The Committee shall consist of five (5) voting members of the Club. No member of the Registration or Appeal Committees or Board of Directors shall be a member and no former member of the Board of Directors is entitled to be a member for a period of two (2) years immediately following the expiration of his-their term of office. The Committee shall appoint a Chair from its number. In the event of a vacancy occurring at any time, the Board shall appoint a replacement member at the next regular Board meeting as soon as possible.</p> <p>The duties of the Committee shall be as prescribed in Section 15 of these By-laws.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>13.8 APPEAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Board, at the first regular meeting in the third year of the term of the Board, shall appoint the Appeal Committee and the term of office for such committee shall be for a period of three (3) years or until such later time as the Board appoints a new committee.</p> <p>The Committee shall consist of four (4) voting members of the Club, provided however; that no member of the current Registration or Discipline Committees or Board of Directors shall be a member, and no former member of the Board of Directors is entitled to be a member for a</p>	3,146	2,866	38	242	91%	Passed
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	<p>period of two (2) years immediately following the expiration of his<u>their</u> term of office. The Committee shall appoint a Chair from its number. In the event of a vacancy occurring at any time, the Board shall appoint a replacement member at the next regular Board meeting as soon as possible. The duties of the Committee shall be as prescribed in Section 15 of these By-laws.</p>						
15	<p>THAT, Section 13. COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS, be amended by adding the following new subsection:</p> <p>ADD</p> <p>13.9 REPLACEMENT DISCIPLINE, REGISTRATION or APPEAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Board shall have the power to appoint replacement members or an entire replacement committee for the Discipline, Registration or Appeal Committee(s) when either a member of any such committee has recused him/herself in respect of a case, or in the Board's opinion such action is necessary to ensure the impartiality and fairness of the process for any case. The term of office for such replacement members or replacement committee shall be for the period that the committee is required to hear a case, render a decision and provide reasons for decision.</p> <p>Where the Board appoints a replacement committee, the committee shall consist of the same number of voting members of the Club members currently appointed to it as provided for in these By-laws for the committee that is being replaced. The committee shall appoint a chair from its number.</p> <p>No member of the standing Discipline, Registration or Appeal Committee, or the Board of Directors, shall be named as a replacement member or to a</p>	3,146	2,732	70	344	87%	Passed

	<p>replacement committee and no former member of the Board of Directors shall be named as a replacement member or to a replacement committee for a period of two (2) years immediately following the expiration of his/her term of office.</p> <p>All other provisions of the By-laws governing the Discipline, Registration and Appeal Committees, shall apply to a committee to which any replacement member has been appointed or to a replacement committee.</p>						
16	<p>THAT, Section 15.3 NOTICES be amended as follows:</p> <p>15.3 NOTICES</p> <p>All Notices pursuant to this section shall be deemed to have been given at the time they are personally served or deposited with the post office or commercial carrier, or sent electronically, and directed to the last known address of the individuals concerned.</p>	3,146	2,851	82	213	91%	Passed
17	<p>THAT, Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS, be amended as follows:</p> <p>“Brittany Spaniel” to read “Brittany”</p>	3,146	2,766	136	244	88%	Failed See Note 1 below.
18	<p>THAT, Section 27.8 PARENTAGE TESTING, be amended as follows:</p> <p>27.8 PARENTAGE TESTING</p> <p>The standards for parentage testing which may include blood typing collection of samples for DNA analysis or other methods that may become feasible to use for the purpose of parentage testing, may be established and strengthened by the Board.</p> <p>Notice of such standards or changes thereto shall be conveyed, in advance, to all members through the Official Publication, and/or by posting electronically to the CKC website.</p>	3,146	2,903	69	174	92%	Passed

	Implementation of such standards or changes thereto, shall always be subject to the approval of Agriculture Canada.						
19	<p>THAT, Section 30.4 CANCELLATION OF NON-BREEDING AGREEMENTS, be amended as follows:</p> <p>30.4 CANCELLATION OF NON-BREEDING AGREEMENTS</p> <p>A non-breeding agreement may be cancelled by applying in writing to Head Office on the appropriate form. Such application shall be accompanied by the required fee as prescribed in the Schedule of Fees, and the original registration certificate; the latter of which shall subsequently become the permanent property of the Club. The application for cancellation must be signed by all parties to the non-breeding agreement indicating that they are all in full and complete agreement with the cancellation of the non-breeding agreement. If the dog was returned to the initiator of the non-breeding agreement, only the consent of the original vendor initiator of the non-breeding agreement of the dog shall be required to cancel the non-breeding agreement. In all other cases, the consent of any or all intervening owners of the dog may also be required, if such owner(s) so indicated in the appropriate section of any subsequent non-breeding agreement(s) which they, as intervening owner(s), may have obtained at the time of any of the respective sales. Upon cancellation of a non-breeding agreement, the original registration certificate shall become the permanent property of the Club. Cancellation of a non-breeding agreement with regard to any particular dog does not prohibit the subsequent recording of another such agreement with regard to that same dog.</p>	3,146	2,769	93	284	88%	Passed
20	THAT, Section 34.2 NOTICE OF CHANGES IN FEES, be amended as	3,146	2,810	153	183	89%	Passed

	<p>follows:</p> <p>34.2 NOTICE OF CHANGES IN FEES</p> <p>The Board shall have the authority to set new fees and change current fees for any and all services provided by the Club. Upon any of the fees being changed, notice of such changes shall be published in the Official Publication, <u>and/or posted electronically to the CKC website,</u> and such notice shall be published sufficiently in advance so as to provide at least thirty (30) days advance notice of such changes.</p>						
21	<p>THAT, Section 35.13 SPECIAL REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS, be amended as follows:</p> <p>35.13 SPECIAL REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS</p> <p>Notwithstanding anything herein contained, whenever in the opinion of the majority of the Board, early amendment of an existing By-law, or the enactment of a new By-law is considered desirable, the Board shall have the authority to order a Special Referendum ballot. The process of proposing Special Referendum amendments to the membership is as follows:</p> <p>(a) Upon the decision by the Board to hold a Special Referendum ballot, the Executive Director shall cause a notice of this decision to be published in the Official Publication, <u>and/or posted electronically to the CKC website,</u> as soon as reasonably possible following the decision;</p>	3,146	2,873	60	213	91%	Passed
22	<p>THAT, Section 36.3 NOTICE TO MEMBERS UPON APPROVAL, be amended as follows:</p> <p>36.3 NOTICE TO MEMBERS UPON APPROVAL</p> <p>Upon receipt of certified approval from the Minister, the Executive Director shall</p>	3,146	2,942	49	155	94%	Passed

	advise the members of the amendments by publication in advising them of the results in the official pages of the next possible issue of the Official Publication, and/or by posting electronically to the CKC website.						
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Note 1: In accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act, to amend the list of Recognized Breeds under Section 24.1 of the By-laws, the CKC membership must be polled and if at least 25% of the membership casts a ballot and of those who cast a ballot, two-thirds are in favour, the list will be amended as proposed. In this instance, 21.90% of votes cast.

**Section B
Special Referendum
Recognition of New Breeds & Rules of Eligibility (ROE)**

Please refer to the [2020 Referendums Booklet](#) for details.

	Breed	Total Votes	For	Against	Abstain	% For	Passed/Failed
1	Akita (Japanese)	2,921	2,534	80	307	87%	Failed See Note 2 below
2	Parson Russell Terrier	2,921	2,581	56	307	88%	Failed See Note 2 below
3	Ruskiy Toy	2,921	2,581	115	361	84%	Failed See Note 2 below

Note 2: In accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act, to amend the list of Recognized Breeds under Section 24.1 of the By-laws, the CKC membership must be polled and if at least 25% of the membership casts a ballot and of those who cast a ballot, two-thirds are in favour, the list will be amended as proposed. The percentage of the votes cast are as follows:

- Akita (Japanese) – 20.33%**
- Parson Russell Terrier – 20.33%**
- Ruskiy Toy – 20.33%**