





## CODE OF ETHICS

The Canadian Kennel Club is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act to be responsible for the registration, preservation and promotion of all CKC recognized breeds of dogs in Canada.

The Canadian Kennel Club is a national membership organization representing purebred dog activities. The Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club are elected from the membership representing their regional zones and are responsible to that membership.

In order to achieve the goals and objectives of The Canadian Kennel Club, its members agree to adhere to the following principles:

- All members of The Canadian Kennel Club will comply with the By-laws, rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club and the requirements of the *Animal Pedigree Act*;
- All members of The Canadian Kennel Club will provide their dogs with appropriate housing, food and health care as outlined in the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association's "Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations";
- All members of The Canadian Kennel Club will endeavour to enhance the role of the purebred dog in society as an essential member of its communities where it functions as a companion, a guardian, a healer, a hunter, a herder, a teacher and, above all, "man's best friend";
- In order to preserve and enhance each breed's characteristics, The Canadian Kennel Club supports and encourages participation in shows, trials and other events. All members, whether they be exhibitors, handlers, judges or assistants will participate in such activities with honesty, fairness and integrity, ever mindful of the practice of "good sportsmanship";
- Except as provided in the By-laws of The Canadian Kennel Club, all members as breeders of purebred dogs, will include in their programs, only Canadian Kennel Club registered (or registerable) stock which will strengthen the genetic pool and, thus, guarantee further progression toward the ideals of the standard, keeping authentic records of their activities;
- All members of The Canadian Kennel Club will undertake the task of educating and encouraging all newcomers to the world of purebred dogs no matter their interest: pet-owner, exhibitor, trialer or breeder.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### Conditions of Membership

1. No record of conviction on a charge of cruelty to animals.
2. No record of suspension or expulsion from any foreign, CKC recognized registry body or any other body incorporated under the *Animal Pedigree Act*.
3. Payment of annual membership fee.

### Associate Category Membership

**Companion Class:** For the dog lover. Basic membership includes membership card, the newsletter Companions, the Official Section, the CKC Bulletin, access to CKC affiliate value-added programs including preferred insurance, credit card, and long distance rates. To enhance this membership select Dogs in Canada subscription.

**Junior Class:** Perfect to teach children about purebred dogs and CKC.

(Note: Associate memberships do not carry voting privileges, they do not count toward Life Membership tenure and they do not meet "member" requirements under any CKC rule, regulation, policy, procedure or guideline.)