

July 23, 2026

In accordance with Chapter 11, Regulatory Policy and Procedures Manual the following reason for decision is being posted.

CKC vs. Syvanna Schmidt

Discipline Committee Reason for Decision

After reviewing the material available and absent any evidence to the contrary, the Discipline Committee deliberated and concluded, on a balance of probabilities, that:

- a) Ms. Schmidt failed to adhere to the Code of Practice as required by By-law 7.2(a). Specifically, she failed to provide Ms. Lamothe with a written sales agreement as required by Part V.(g) and she failed to provide Ms. Lamothe with a reasonable written guarantee as required by Part V.(h) of the Code of Practice.
- b) Ms. Schmidt failed to provide Ms. Lamothe with a certificate of registration contrary to Section 29.1(a) of the Club's By-laws and Section 64(j) of the *Animal Pedigree Act*.

Appeal Committee Reason for Decision

Based on past disciplinary decisions, the CKC has established Disciplinary Penalty Guidelines (the "Guidelines"), which set out what are considered to be generally accepted penalties for various violations. They are not sacrosanct; variations from these guidelines can be made if, and when, the circumstances warrant. The Guidelines were not intended to, nor do they fetter the discretion of the Discipline and Appeal Committees or the Executive Director.

In choosing the sanctions that it felt were appropriate, the Discipline Committee, while cognizant of the fact that the Appellant's conduct in relation to her dealings with Lamothe constituted a first offence, found no circumstances in the available evidence that it felt would warrant a deviation from the minimum penalty applicable to each violation as suggested in the Guidelines. We find no reviewable error in this and, accordingly, this ground of appeal must fail.