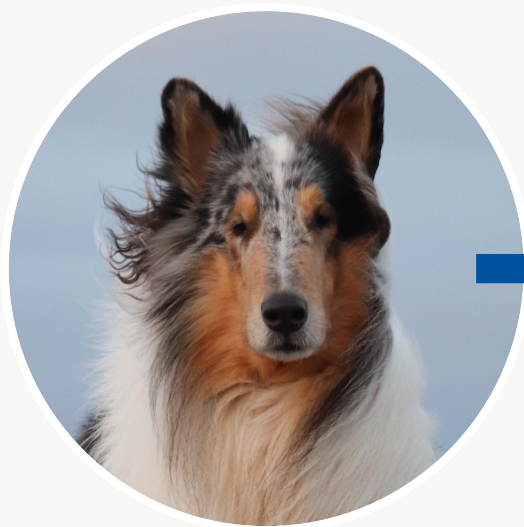




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CHAIR'S LETTER

Corinne Walker
Chair, Board of Directors



Looking back upon 2024, I continue to be grateful to be a part of the CKC Community and am reminded of this every time I attend an event or speak with fellow members. As your Chair of the Board, I am proud of what we continue to accomplish.

The beginning of the year brought seven new Directors to the Board. These individuals have brought new perspectives, ideas, and energy that have helped your board to support the organization, while focusing on issues that matter most to our members. While decisions are made at the Board table, we count on the active participation and leadership of our members across all our Committees and Councils. I was extremely pleased with the overwhelming number of applications our members submitted to participate on our Committees and Councils. The value of our volunteers and their commitment to our sport is essential and immeasurable. Our members come from a variety of backgrounds, each bringing their own life experiences whether in business or within the fancy. This knowledge base, paired with energy and commitment, helps to develop our priorities and our programs. Thank you to all those who give their time and talents to our club.

Our members are the heart of this community. As such, we are actively working to increase member satisfaction and benefits. This past year, CKC continued to develop and provide new educational initiatives such as webinars from experts like Dr. Emmanuel Fontaine and e-Learning courses through the Royal Canin Academy. We made improvements to how we communicate to and engage with our members. I was very pleased to

see our first Membership Engagement Survey launched in 2024, where we sought to get your input on what is working, what we can improve upon, and where we should focus our efforts in the future. In 2024, we saw a record-breaking number of events and entries. The highlight being that our performance and field events saw their best year ever, now making up 35% of all CKC event entries!

We will continue to face challenges, but we can overcome them if we work together and focus on having open discussions and education. It is so important to listen to varying opinions to understand individuals and groups around us. It will also help us stand together to advocate for change and ensure that CKC becomes the recognized "go-to" organization for anything canine.

In 2024, our efforts with other animal organizations led governments to change their courses of action. After months of constant advocacy and government relations work, we made progress on issues like the Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales (PUPS) Act in Ontario, and the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) dog importation rule. This year was also marked by the creation of a new Advocacy Committee that is already helping to inform and advise on our advocacy work. I look forward to making further progress in 2025 at the local, provincial, and national levels. The work behind the scenes is extremely valuable when we approach professional organizations such as the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) and provincial and municipal governments. Across Canada, materials developed by our staff and committees have been accepted in areas of canine welfare.

With a sound financial foundation, CKC can achieve many things in the future. For example, 2025 will include further developments of ongoing projects such as our Integrated Breed Health Program, and our reciprocal agreements with the AKC realized. I am excited to see what lies ahead for us! See you at the shows and in the field over the coming year. Remember that at the end of the day, we all take the best dog home.

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MESSAGE

from the Executive Director
of the Canadian Kennel Club

Jeff Cornett
Executive Director



As I reflect on 2024, it's clear that this has been another remarkable year for the Canadian Kennel Club. We continue to be a vibrant community of almost 20,000 passionate members, and together, we've made a real difference in the world of dog sports. Since 1888, CKC has been at the heart of this dynamic world, and this past year was no exception.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge just how much we've achieved. Over 240,000 participants took part in more than 4,000 events in 2024, a true testament to the energy and commitment of our members. It's easy to get caught up in the day to day, but when you step back and think about it, these numbers are impressive. Of course, with such high volume comes opportunities for growth and occasional mistakes. However, your Club has worked tirelessly to ensure that the speed and accuracy of our data processing are at an all-time high. We are constantly improving.

The CKC has always been a balance between grassroots passion and professional expertise. We are supported by a dedicated staff team, a volunteer board of directors, and countless council and committee volunteers, all of whom play a crucial role in ensuring that we move forward with purpose. It's this collaborative spirit that allows us to respect the traditions that have shaped our organization, while also embracing new ideas, technologies, and opportunities. This team is not just responding to the current demands of the sport but actively shaping the future.

This past year has also brought its share of challenges. As our sport grows, we must continue to advocate for the dogs we love and support breeders facing the impact of lower demand post-COVID and the challenges of a tougher economic landscape. But even as we face new hurdles, we can take pride in the fact that CKC is open to our members' input, we are constantly improving, and we embrace the positive influence of the purebred dog world in our members' lives.

It has been an honour to serve as your Executive Director for the past four years. Together, we've achieved so much, and I'm incredibly proud of what we've accomplished as a team – staff, volunteers, and members alike. Our foundation is strong, and the work we've done has positioned us to build even more impactful systems and to reach new audiences in the years ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the CKC and for the dogs we all cherish.

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Tina Sandford
Zone 2 Director

New Brunswick & Prince Edward
Island



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Sylvain Sirois
Zone 3 Director

Quebec



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Ramona Bauer
Zone 4 Director

Ontario North



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Bob Whitney
Zone 5 Director

Ontario East



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Zone 6 Director

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Marc Ralsky
Zone 7 Director

Ontario Central



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Corinne Walker
Zone 8 Director

Manitoba



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Val Bandas
Zone 9 Director

Saskatchewan



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Lee Anne Bateman
Zone 10 Director

Alberta, Northwest Territories &
Nunavut



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Tempest Deputch
Zone 11 Director

British Columbia Southwest



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Wayne Davidson
Zone 12 Director

British Columbia Interior & Yukon



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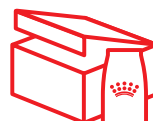
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L-R: "Greta, Blaise, Wednesday, Hide, Piper" | Aspenglow's Greta, Shadowland All Fired Up, Karpaten Irbis Wednesday, Fernweh's Fortune Favours The Bold, LegacyK She Said Yes
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OUR COMMUNITY, BY THE NUMBERS...

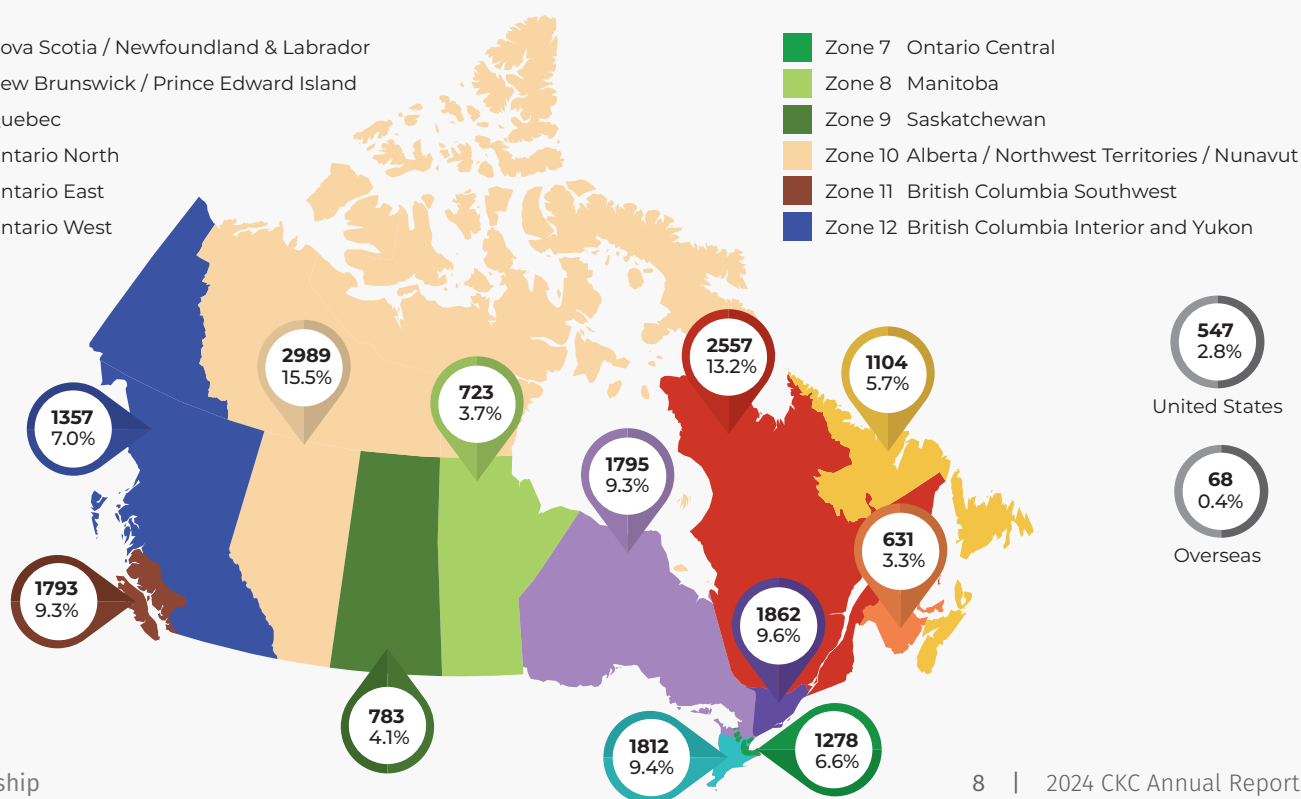
Founded in 1888, the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) is the primary registry body for purebred dogs in Canada. We are a member-based organization that aims to serve our members and the public with education, support, guidance and the sanctioning of events for all their canine endeavours.

CKC members are at the heart of all we do, and we are grateful for the 19,331 individuals that are a part of this vibrant and active community. ●

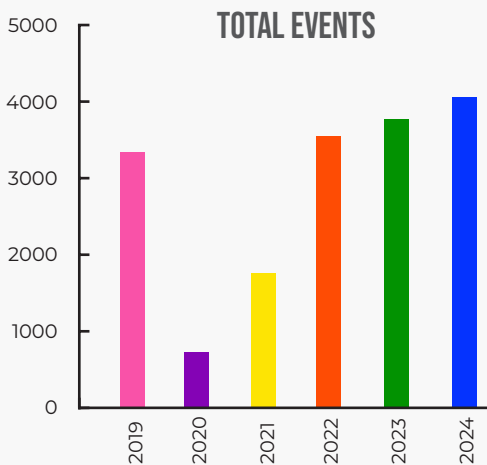
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- Zone 2 New Brunswick / Prince Edward Island
- Zone 3 Quebec
- Zone 4 Ontario North
- Zone 5 Ontario East
- Zone 6 Ontario West

- Zone 7 Ontario Central
- Zone 8 Manitoba
- Zone 9 Saskatchewan
- Zone 10 Alberta / Northwest Territories / Nunavut
- Zone 11 British Columbia Southwest
- Zone 12 British Columbia Interior and Yukon



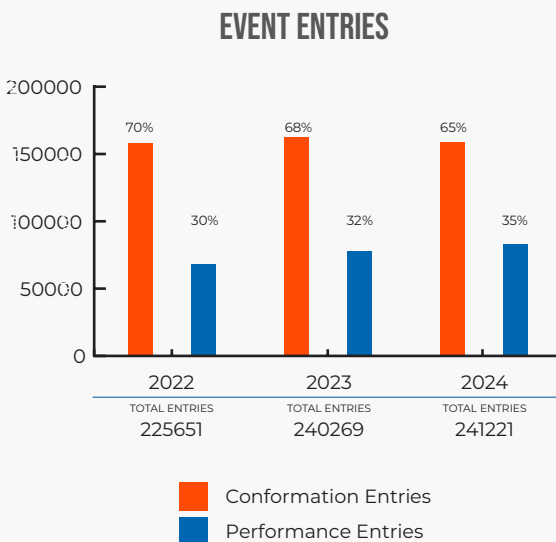
A RECORD YEAR IN CKC EVENTS AND ENTRIES



The Canadian Kennel Club celebrates the vitality of the competitive dog show and event world. We administer, support and promote the work of CKC Clubs to organize and host sporting events across Canada. In 2024, CKC saw a record 4,065 events occur. From Tracking and Herding to Rally Obedience, Conformation, and many more events, thousands of passionate CKC members and their dogs showcased their skills, training and abilities.

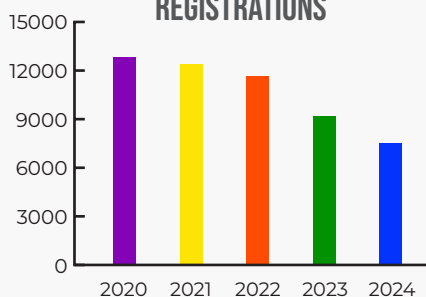
With the lows of the pandemic in the rearview mirror, CKC saw historically high event participation in 2024. There were an amazing 241,221 total entries seen across all events. Conformation shows participation remained very high, making up 65% of all event entries. With 158,709 entries, Conformation events continue to be popular among CKC members, dog lovers, exhibitors, and spectators alike.

Performance events participation saw a 6% increase with 82,512 entries in 2024. Performance entries made up 35% of total CKC event entries, up from 27% five years ago. It's exciting to see an increasing number of people getting involved in Performance events. ●

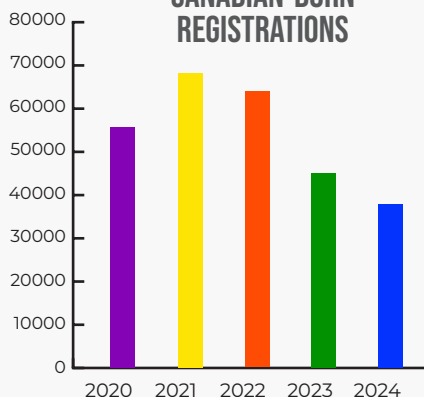


CKC DOG REGISTRATIONS

PUPPY LITTER REGISTRATIONS



CANADIAN-BORN REGISTRATIONS



In 2024, the Canadian Kennel Club continued to see a decline in dog registration numbers that are closer to levels seen in the years before the pandemic. These trends are very similar to those seen with other Kennel Clubs such as the American Kennel Club and The Kennel Club (United Kingdom).

Puppy litter registrations continued to come down from pandemic level highs of 2020. There were a total of 7,506 puppy litters registered with CKC in 2024.

Similar to puppy litters, 2024 Canadian-born dog registrations declined to 37,767 from 44,991 registrations in 2023. ●

CKC PARTNERSHIPS BENEFIT CKC MEMBERS AND PUREBRED DOGS

The Canadian Kennel Club continues to pursue partnerships that provide benefits to both our members and well-being of purebred dogs. These partnerships support initiatives like the Integrated Breed Health Program, offer tangible benefits for our members, or provide us with access to knowledge and resources that will support our mission: the preservation of purebred dogs and the health, well-being and enjoyment of all dogs.

Trupanion

In 2024, we proudly continued our partnership with Trupanion, a Canadian-founded leader in pet medical insurance with over 25 years of experience protecting pets and supporting the breeding community. As the official pet medical insurance partner of the Canadian Kennel Club, Trupanion continues to provide CKC member breeders with exclusive access to their **Go Home Day Offer**, giving buyers 30 days of immediate Trupanion coverage.

Through this partnership, Trupanion has also created a direct process for our members to access their free Breeder Support Program. CKC member breeders have been taking advantage of special perks, including **tailored health insights** to help them breed with confidence and support their litters' genetic health, **concierge-style support**, veterinarian-approved **social media content**, French and English-language support, and more!

CKC is pleased to share the impact this partnership has had for CKC pets in 2024:

- Trupanion paid out **\$6,258,993 CAD** in invoices for CKC puppies and dogs insured through our partnership*
- Trupanion covered **\$83,949 CAD** in invoices for CKC puppies and dogs during Trupanion's 30 day Go Home Day Offer period*

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Royal Canin

CKC also continued a partnership with Royal Canin to bring evidence-based education and resources to our members to support their breeding programs, as well as support the general health and well-being of all CKC registered dogs.

In 2024, CKC worked with Royal Canin to continue to bring Breeder Education Courses to CKC member breeders. By the end of the year, 679 CKC members had registered for the Royal Canin Academy and these courses. In 2025, Royal Canin will be updating their online learning resource centre which will provide greater access to courses and a multitude of other educational resources for CKC members.





CKC and Royal Canin's partnership brought a number of other educational offerings including an 'Ask the Vet' webinar with Dr. Emmanuel Fontaine and a Virtual Plant Tour of the Royal Canin factory where CKC members could view how their food is made.

International Partnership for Dogs

CKC continues to be a Contributing Partner of the International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD). IPFD is a not-for-profit organization leading a global, multi-stakeholder effort to enhance dog health, well-being, and welfare. By supporting IPFD, CKC benefits from the various resources and information that they produce. For instance, IPFD produces resources for breeders, veterinarians and Dog Clubs.

In June 2024, Lee Anne Bateman, Zone 10 Director, and John Atkinson, Director of Advocacy and Communications, attended the IPFD International Dog Health Workshop to learn more about dog health trends, genetics, and strategies for breeding for health. In November, CKC hosted a webinar that presented the key learning and findings from the workshop with CKC members. ●



ABBEY MAHN REPRESENTS CANADA AT CRUFTS 2025

In March 2025, Abbey Mahn, a dedicated Junior Handler from Canada, had the honour of representing her country at Crufts, one of the world's most prestigious dog shows. Abbey's journey to Crufts began with an incredible achievement in Canada. After winning the Canadian National Junior Handling Competition, she earned the opportunity to compete at Crufts. Abbey's passion for Junior Handling started at just 4 years old, when she first entered the PeeWee Junior Handling class. Reflecting on her Nationals journey, Abbey shared how proud and excited she was to compete alongside talented young handlers

from across the country. The competition's atmosphere was both friendly and competitive, and Abbey appreciated the camaraderie that developed among the handlers. She noted how everyone was supportive and eager to learn from one another.

At the Canadian Nationals, Abbey had the opportunity to handle Tinder, a Chihuahua. Despite Tinder's small size and the hot weather, Abbey praised the dog's big presence in the ring. "Tinder was attentive, focused, and really showcased her natural grace and confidence," Abbey said.

Abbey's performance in the Nationals earned her the chance to compete at Crufts, an opportunity she saw as a privilege. "It meant so much to be able to showcase the talent and commitment of young Canadian handlers," she expressed. Throughout her journey, Abbey was supported by the Canadian dog show community, which played a vital role in shaping her career.

At Crufts, Abbey competed with a dog she had never met until just before the event. To prepare for this unique challenge, she focused on expanding her knowledge of different breeds. "I made sure to learn as much as I could about various breeds, and with experience showing dogs across all seven groups, I was always striving to improve my skills," she said.

Competing at Crufts was an unforgettable experience for Abbey. "The atmosphere was full of excitement, with thousands of spectators who had a real passion for the dogs and handlers," she shared. Competing with one of her favourite breeds, the Flat-Coated Retriever, made the experience even more special. Abbey was really pleased with how she did. For her, the focus was about celebrating the bond between handler and dog while learning from such a high level of competition.

Abbey's favourite part of the competition was seeing the variety of breeds and the passion each handler had for their dog. She also loved connecting with fellow competitors and learning about how Junior Handling varies from country to country. "Crufts was a truly enriching experience that left me with a deeper appreciation for the sport, a wealth of new knowledge, and plenty of motivation to keep improving," Abbey said.

Abbey's journey was about more than just personal achievements – it was about inspiring others to pursue their passions. She hopes to encourage other young handlers to follow their dreams and celebrate the incredible bond they share with their dogs. Abbey's story is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and love that goes into becoming a successful handler. Abbey's participation in Crufts 2025 was a proud moment for CKC and for Canada, and we look forward to seeing her continued success in the dog show world. We wish Abbey all the best in her future endeavours as she continues to inspire the next generation of handlers! ●





CKC'S ADVOCACY WORK MAKES AN IMPACT

The Canadian Kennel Club remains committed to advocating for our members and promoting canine health and well-being. Throughout 2024, with the support of our Board of Directors, CKC members and the newly formed Advocacy Committee, we represented and advocated for our members' interests in consultations with government and other stakeholders on issues impacting purebred dogs.

In January, we participated in a consultation regarding Ontario's Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales Act, 2023 (PUPS Act). With the support of long-time Preservation Breeder Pam Bruce and other experts, we met with the Ministry of the Solicitor General and testified before the Standing Committee on Justice Policy. We expressed that while we support restrictions for unethical puppy producers, "one-size-fits-all" regulations will negatively impact accountable CKC member breeders. Our efforts resulted in the removal of a breeding restriction from the PUPS Act and the inclusion of statements



"Gunner" | Rosewin's Time To Cruze VN FD ITD WDJ NS
Weimaraner | Owner/Photographer: Brooke Marriott



"Star" | GCHB Malka's From The Heart RN NS NHTs | Australian Shepherd
Owner: Kaitlin Fraser | Photographer: Desiree Nickerson

that allow for possible exceptions in the future. In November, we participated in a consultation regarding proposed regulations under Ontario's Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 and will provide further input in 2025.

Following the new dog importation rule announced by the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in May, we made significant efforts to reverse the policy or increase flexibility within its regulations. CKC collaborated with the American Kennel Club and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency over numerous months to advocate for low-risk, Canadian-born, CKC-registered dogs. While temporary changes were made by CDC to reduce the burden for low-risk countries, we continue to seek an exception for the six-month minimum age requirement.

Throughout the year, we were pleased to meet with Manitoba's Minister of Agriculture to discuss how we could support the government with canine-related issues, and we look forward to continuing this initiative in 2025.

We also met regularly with Quebec's Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAPAQ) to seek clarity and opportunities for member feedback, on the new regulations regarding the welfare and safety of domestic companion animals and equines, implemented in February 2024. In September, we participated in a consultation regarding MAPAQ's Bill 70: An Act to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to promote permanent identification and traceability for companion

"Maura (left) and Fiona (right)" | Lach Fair Victorian Era (Left) & Lach Fair Sparkle & Spurs (right)
Soft-coated Wheaten Terrier | Owner: Christine Dore-Brown | Photographer: Doug Brown



animals, to address unethical puppy producers. CKC met with the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec, the Association des directeurs généraux des municipalités du Québec and a researcher from the National Assembly, to discuss collaboration on permanent identification. In November, we participated in MAPAQ's Annual Partners' Meeting, where we furthered relations with MAPAQ and veterinary representatives.

We continued to strengthen relationships with various stakeholders throughout 2024. We met with organizations like the Nova Scotia SPCA and attended the Humane Canada conference in Halifax, which helped to foster positive ties with animal welfare groups across the country. Additionally, CKC participated in the International Partnership for Dogs' Dog Health Workshop in Finland, where we learned about the latest trends in dog health and breeding, which we later shared with CKC members. In October, we presented to the first of Canada's five veterinary colleges, to promote breed health. We look forward to building on these connections and forging new relationships in 2025. ●

CHAIR'S AWARDS 2025

The CKC, along with its Chair of the Board of Directors, Past-Chair, and Honorary Chair, is very pleased to recognize three exceptional CKC members for their invaluable contributions to our dogs, community, and sports. The CKC is deeply grateful and celebrates the many exceptional CKC members who were nominated for an award in 2024.

CKC National Breeder of the Year

The CKC National Breeder of the Year award celebrates a breeder who has made significant contributions to the improvement of purebred dog health and well-being. To earn this award, the breeder must be internationally recognized for their program's success, have a legacy of excellence, and show a lifelong dedication to advancing the health of their chosen breed(s).



**CKC National Breeder of the Year Award:
Brenda Brown – Edmonton, AB**

The Canadian Kennel Club is proud to announce Brenda Brown, of Baywood Portuguese Water Dogs in Edmonton, Alberta, has been awarded the prestigious CKC National Breeder of the Year Award. With over 35 years of dedication to the Portuguese Water Dog breed, Brenda has built the most titled Portuguese Water Dog breeding program in CKC history. Her influence extends far beyond conformation, having bred dogs that excel in multiple disciplines, including agility, water work, and obedience. Notably, in 2024, she celebrated her 91st CKC Conformation Champion, a testament to the success and consistency of her breeding program. Brenda's dogs have earned hundreds of titles across multiple associations, with her dogs securing 711 titles from the CKC and 130 titles from the AKC. Her commitment to the breed is also reflected in her active participation in health initiatives,

including contributing to the discovery of the FGF4 gene linked to Addison's Disease.

Brenda's journey has been marked by numerous highlights, from breeding Canada's first Portuguese Water Dog and earning a Schutzhund title, to winning the coveted "Super Dog" title at the 2023 Portuguese Water Dog Club of America National Specialty with a dog she bred, owned, and trained. Her program has produced exceptional dogs that are not only top competitors but beloved companions. Brenda

has also been a key leader in the Portuguese Water Dog community, having served as president of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Canada and as vice president of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of Alberta. She attributes her success to the dedicated Baywood dog owners, who she credits with making her achievements possible. Brenda's breeding philosophy prioritizes health, temperament, and genetic diversity, ensuring that her legacy will endure for generations to come. Congratulations, Brenda! ●

CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award

This award honours individuals who have shown exceptional commitment to heritage performance events and the role of dogs in supporting humankind. To qualify, the recipient must have demonstrated national and international success in events such as Field Trial events, Herding, Agility, Lure Coursing, Tracking, Earth Dog, Draft Dog, and Scent Detection, while also encouraging others to participate and providing mentorship to new competitors.



CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award: Randy Doan – Aylmer, ON

The Canadian Kennel Club is pleased to announce Randy Doan as the recipient of the CKC National Heritage Canine Performance Award. With over 40 years of involvement in the dog world, Randy has made a significant impact on the performance sports community. A dedicated breeder, handler, and judge, Randy has spent more than 15 years judging CKC events before an injury prevented him from continuing. As the owner of Goldoan Kennels in Aylmer, Ontario, Randy has bred and titled two dogs to the prestigious International Field Champion status and has been an advocate for the sport, having 10 dogs achieve CKC Field Champion titles. His long-standing involvement with the Elgin County Beagle Club, where he serves as president, further highlights his commitment to the advancement of the field trial community.

Randy's passion for mentoring young competitors is a driving force in his career. He encourages young people to get involved in the sport,

aiming to inspire them to connect with nature and develop a lifelong love of the sport. One of Randy's proudest accomplishments is sponsoring and starting a Kids and Family Day to introduce younger generations to field trials. He also emphasizes the importance of maintaining a strong and supportive community, which is

evident in his contributions to the Elgin County Beagle Club and his ongoing efforts to improve the club's facilities and spirit. Randy's hope for the future of the sport is that it continues to grow. The CKC is honoured to recognize his dedication to the heritage and development of canine performance events. Congratulations, Randy! ●

CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year

This award recognizes an individual who has achieved excellence in CKC Obedience and Rally Obedience competitions. Candidates must demonstrate fair competition, success at national and international levels, and a commitment to helping others in the sport by offering support and mentorship to fellow competitors.



CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year: Janice Gunn – Abbotsford, BC

The Canadian Kennel Club is thrilled to announce Janice Gunn as the recipient of the CKC National Obedience Competitor of the Year Award. With over 52 years of dedication to the sport, Janice has earned an impressive array of titles in obedience, tracking, agility, hunt tests, retriever field trials, and conformation. She is a true pioneer in the obedience world, having earned 12 CKC Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) titles and eight AKC OTCH titles, with multiple

perfect 200 scores across various obedience classes. Her unparalleled success has made her a respected figure in both Canada and the United States, where she has earned numerous High in Trial awards and represented her breeds at national events like the AKC National Obedience Competition and Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

Janice's influence extends far beyond her own accomplishments. As the founder of TNT Kennels & Training Center in Abbotsford, British Columbia, she has dedicated her life to teaching others, offering over 200 free training videos on her popular YouTube channel, which has attracted more than 9,000 subscribers. She has also conducted countless seminars across the country, helping dog owners and competitors improve their skills. Her commitment to the Obedience sport is further demonstrated through her mentorship of other handlers and her extensive involvement with the Dumbbell Obedience Club, where she has played a key role in organizing events and providing resources to support the community. Janice's journey is a testament to her passion for obedience, her love of teaching, and her dedication to growing the sport for future generations. Congratulations, Janice! ●

2024 MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

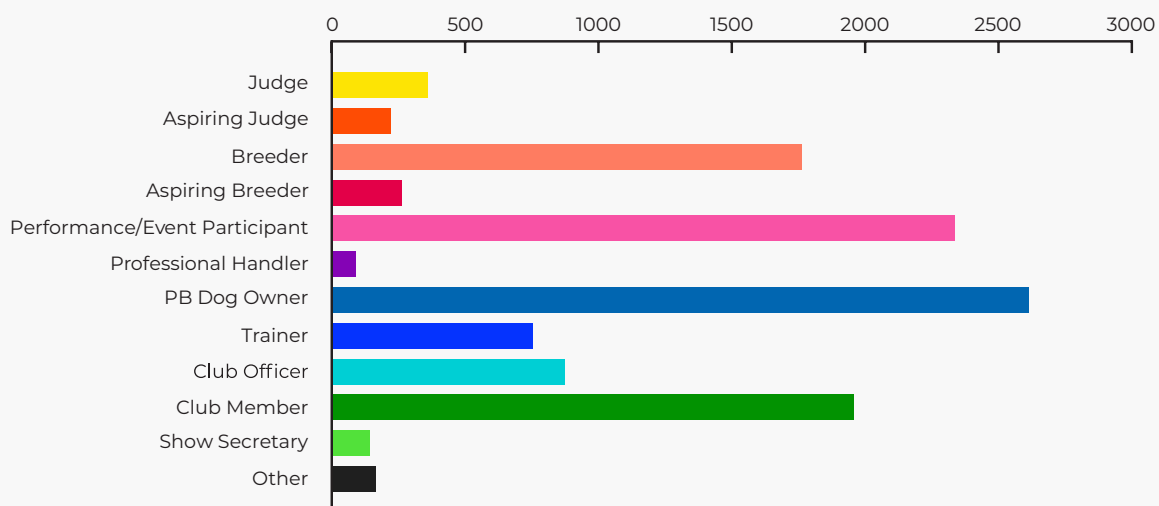
In November 2024, the Canadian Kennel Club invited our members to participate in our inaugural Membership Engagement Survey. Developed in partnership with the Communications Committee, this survey sought input on several key areas including members' satisfaction with their club, communication satisfaction and preferences, perceived challenges ahead, and suggestions for future improvements and priorities.

CKC members from across Canada enthusiastically embraced this opportunity, with 3,415 individuals completing the survey. The respondents represent a diverse cross-section

of our community, including breeders, event participants or exhibitors, club members, and of course, purebred dog owners. Not surprisingly, our members play various roles and contribute in many ways to the dog world.

Members provided thoughtful and detailed feedback regarding what is working at CKC and how the organization can grow, improve and evolve into the future. We have received and analyzed over 800 pages of feedback from members. CKC would like to sincerely thank our members for participating in this survey and look forward to sharing the results with them. ●

ROLES OF CKC MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED



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Imitated
Never
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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF PUREBRED
DOG EVENTS IN NORTH AMERICA



Where CANADA's TOP DOGS
Come to be Seen!



"Luther (Puppy) & Cassie (mother)" | Zen! You Can't Kill The Dream (Puppy)
 & GCH Ridishia Diamond Sky Cassie Opeia NS CGN | Rhodesian ridgeback
 Owner: Sabrina Gauthier | Photographer: Cerveau Drot Design



WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Each year, CKC administers, supports and promotes the activities of our club and our members. From our Board of Directors to our extensive number of committees and councils, to our clubs and the thousands of shows and events that are hosted, hundreds of CKC members volunteer each year to ensure that all of these activities happen.

The Canadian Kennel Club staff and Board of Directors would like to sincerely thank all of the volunteers that help to make this community so positive and vibrant. Our volunteers also help to ensure that the CKC organization is informed by and responsive to our members' needs and interests.

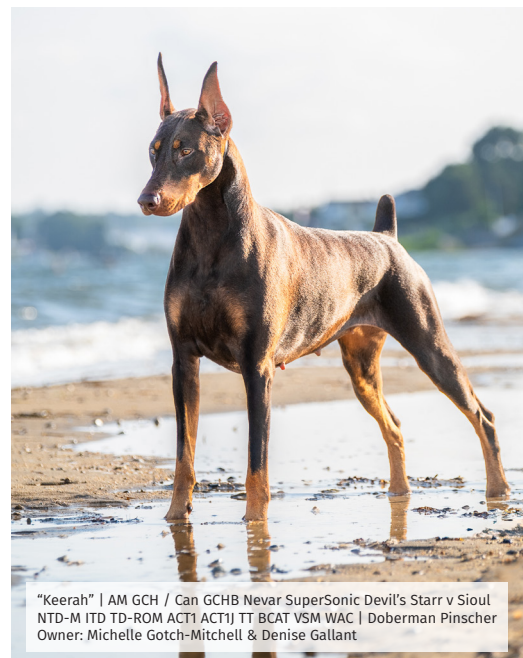
To our volunteers: thank you SO much! ●



"Fern" | Fern | Wire-haired Vizsla
 Owner: Ben Fretz | Photographer: Pavel Francev



"Maple" | Pacific Coast's Maple's Promise | Eurasier
 Owner: Judi Neumeyer & Nancy Wiles | Photographer: Judi Neumeyer



"Keerah" | AM GCH / Can GCHB Nevar SuperSonic Devil's Starr v Sioul
 NTD-M ITD TD-ROM ACT1 ACT1J TT BCAT VSM WAC | Doberman Pinscher
 Owner: Michelle Gotch-Mitchell & Denise Gallant



"Stevie" | Dalen Thats What I Like About You | Chinese Crested | Owner: Janice Anderson | Photographer: Susan Haus

INDEPENDENT STANDING COMMITTEES

Independent Standing Committees are appointed in accordance with the *By-Laws* and under the terms of reference in the *Policy and Procedures Manual*. Independent Standing Committees consist of members of the Club who are not members of the Board. They operate at arm's length to the Board and their authority is independent of the Board.

Appeal Committee

The Appeal Committee assists CKC members who are subject to any decision of the Discipline Committee or the Executive Director under Section 15.1 of the By-laws, or the Registration Committee, as they have the right to appeal that decision.

Staff Liaison: Kristi Schenk, Manager, Regulatory
Committee Chair: Lionel Whittaker, Alberta

Members:
Carolyn Ayre, Alberta, William Miller, Ontario & Judy Walsh, Newfoundland

Report:
The Appeal Committee met remotely via Zoom on August 17 and November 16 to hear seven Appeals. Of those, three were appeals of decisions of the Registration Committee and four were appeals from decisions of the Discipline Committee.

The November Discipline Hearings were cancelled due to lack of quorum and no further cases were heard by the Appeal Committee in 2024.

Audit Committee

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board in discharging its fiduciary responsibilities, by acting in an advisory capacity, in areas of financial policy development, assessment of control environment, review of financials and appointment of external auditors.

Staff Liaison: Leah Maves, CPA, CA, Director of Finance
Committee Chair: Melanie Towell, CPA, CA, Ontario

Members:
Laurie Coady, CPA, CMA, Newfoundland & Cyndi Egbert, CPA, Saskatchewan

Report:
In the execution of its duties, the Audit Committee, comprised of three Chartered Professional Accountants, met four times throughout 2024, virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The Audit Committee supported the Canadian Kennel Club with the review of the audited financial statements, management letter, and documentation related to the audit processes. The Committee reviewed the strategic investments of the organization. The Committee monitored the financial health of the Canadian Kennel Club by reviewing the monthly financial statements and cash flow, monthly forecast, quarterly financial reports, and the annual operating and capital budgets.

The Committee collaborated with the Executive Director on the recruitment of a Director of Finance.

The Audit Committee Chair also sits on the IT Steering Committee, the Executive Review and Compensation Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee thereby ensuring appropriate financial perspective on these important committees. The Audit Chair also attended the Quarterly Board Meetings where she presented the CKC's financial updates to the Board and was readily available to answer their questions.

Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee has the following authority:

- To warn, reprimand, expel, suspend, debar, terminate membership and levy reasonable costs of the investigation and the hearing, or take such other action as may be warranted in the circumstances, against any individual (member or non-member) or any dog club that is recognized by the CKC.
- To exclude any dog from shows, trials or events sanctioned by the CKC.
- To perform any such duties as may be provided for in the By-laws and CKC Policy.

Staff Liaison: Kristi Schenk, Manager, Regulatory
Committee Chair: Lucy Bender, Ontario

Members:
John Dzerdz, Alberta, Robert Bradbury, Newfoundland, Karsten Kaemling, British Columbia & Alan Parkinson, Saskatchewan

Report:
In 2024, the Discipline Committee met remotely via Zoom on April 6, 7, 19, 20, 21 and July 13 &14.

The November Discipline Committee meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. There were 22 files on agenda for the November hearings which will be rescheduled and heard in 2025.

In total in 2024, 83 cases have been heard by the Discipline Committee and 40 cases from 2024 remain to be heard.

In 2024, 127 files concerning non-delivery of certificates were opened and 88 of those files were closed. In accordance with Section 15.1 of the By-laws, non-delivery complaints involving first-alleged offences are within the jurisdiction of the Executive Director, so an additional 10 files were opened for referral to the Executive Director.

Registration Committee

The Registration Committee has the following authority:

- Authorize registration of dogs and change of ownership of dogs where signatures or other information is unobtainable.
- Authorize registration of dogs not provided for elsewhere in these By-laws, special regulations or CKC policies, provided such authorization is always consistent with the provisions of the Act and the intent of these By-laws is upheld.
- Authorize that an Examining Committee, as the occasion may require, examine, and report on a dog for which application for registration has been received.
- Authorize issuance of duplicate registration certificates when the Registration Committee determines that the person disposing of a dog has failed to comply with the requirements of Section 29.1 of the By-laws.

Suspend registrations and transfers pending investigation of an alleged irregularity. Such suspension may, at the discretion of the Registration Committee, be extended to all records involving the dog or dogs in question. Cancel or prohibit the registration of any litter or dog in accordance with the provisions of Sections 27.9 or 28.12 of the By-laws.

Staff Liaison: Priya Bunsee, Bilingual Registration Specialist
Committee Chair: Denis Gros-Louis, Quebec

Members:

Barbara Arndt, Ontario, Nancy Ménard-Cheng, Quebec, Tannis Postma, Alberta & Dann Wilson, Ontario

Report:

The Registration Committee held five meetings via Zoom (April, June, July, September and November). The Committee sat for seven days and heard 114 files during this time. The Committee heard 35 cases where individuals made presentations via Zoom.

Acknowledgement of Staff: The Registration Committee would like to express its appreciation to Sherry Weiss, Director of Operations and Priya Bunsee, Bilingual Registration Specialist to the Committee, for the excellent support they have provided to the Committee throughout the year.

Acknowledgement of Committee Members: The Chair conveys his gratitude and appreciation for their support to Tannis Postma, Nancy Ménard-Cheng, Dann Wilson and Barbara Arndt for their knowledge, experience, and professionalism they provided on all matters before the Committee.

The following are the Registration Committee Statistics for 2024:

- 142 files were opened in 2024 concerning registration matters and 28 were closed because the issues were resolved by staff.
- 114 Registration Committee files were heard, including 11 files from 2023 and 5 file from 2022
- 8 Files were referred to the Discipline Committee
- 4 Files were referred to the Appeal Committee
- 13 Files were referred to the Board of Directors
- 10 Files requested DNA testing
- 12 Files called for Private Breeding Records

Artificial Insemination:

- A total of 158 litters were registered from Artificial Insemination.
- 126 resulted from frozen semen and 32 from chilled semen.

Kennel Names: (as of December 15, 2024)

293 Kennel name applications received
260 Kennel name applications accepted
30 Kennel name applications rejected
3 Objections of kennel names received
0 Objection of kennel name not sustained
36 Transfer of kennel names received
33 Transfer of kennel names accepted
3 Transfer of kennel names rejected
11 Permanent kennel names received
10 Permanent kennel names accepted
1 Permanent kennel names rejected

Examining Committee

102 files were set up to examine dogs that were imported to Canada from Clubs that are not on the CKC's List of Recognized Foreign Stud Books and 93 were closed.

Listed Breeds:

One new breed (Swedish Lapphund) was referred to the Board and approved to add to the CKC's Listed Breeds list.

As prescribed in Sections 27.9 and 28.12 of CKC By-laws, the Registration Committee cancelled the following litter records:

- Litter number EU3994819KJ Retrievers (Golden) for failing to provide DNA Parentage Testing Results.
- Dog's application, Brenheather's Boss Baby, HE4227360, for failing to provide DNA Parentage Testing Results.
- Litter number CA591445FG (Poodle) for failing to provide legible DNA Parentage Testing Results.
- Litter number GN4023721JL (Retriever (Labrador) for failing to provide DNA Parentage Testing Results.



STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees consist of Board members only or they may be a combination of Board members and lay members. The purpose of such committees is to assist the Board in the performance of its duties. They operate within their terms of reference specified in the *Policy and Procedures Manual* and report back to the Board on a regular and timely basis. Unless specifically authorized by the By-laws or the Board, Standing Committees do not have any autonomous authority.

The terms of appointment of standing committees are for a period of three years and any such committee is appointed at the first quarterly meeting of the Board in the first year of the term of the Board.

"Rocky" | Wrangler Van Onyx | Airedeale Terrier
Owner/Photographer: Cathy DeGeider

Advocacy Committee

The mandate of the Advocacy Committee is to further the CKC's position concerning animal advocacy issues and the role of purebred dogs, dogs, breeders, and dog ownership at the municipal, provincial, and national level, and to advise the Board on all such issues.

Staff Liaison: Sarah McDowell, Manager, Government and Stakeholder Relations
Board Liaison: Janice Kivimaki, Zone 1 Director (to November)
Committee Chair: Nancy McKenzie, Alberta

Members:
Katherine Ball, Saskatchewan, Laura Grandmont, Prince Edward Island (since December), Emily Gratton, Nova Scotia, Nancy Guérin, Quebec (to November), Sharon MacArthur, Manitoba, Cheryl Mitchell, British Columbia, Imelda McDonald, Newfoundland, Devon Nutbeem, New Brunswick & Richard Paquette, Ontario

Report:
The Advocacy Committee held its initial meeting in July and, with the exception of one month, continued to hold monthly meetings until December 2024.

To date, the Committee reviewed and provided input on the draft CKC kennel guidelines checklist. The checklist was developed by the Breeder Relations Committee to support CKC's Integrated Breed Health Program and is expected to be piloted in Nova Scotia commencing in early 2025.

The Committee began work developing and commenting on a roster of research, key messages, policy positions, and potential subject matter experts to support CKC's advocacy work plan for 2025.

Further, and outside of official meetings, Committee members supported CKC on dog-related advocacy issues in Quebec, Nova Scotia, and Manitoba, as well as supporting advocacy regarding the CDC dog importation rule (through breed club affiliations).

I would like to thank the Advocacy Committee members for their support this year. Their passion and expertise are integral to CKC's advocacy work. I would also like to thank the CKC Board and diligent Staff Liaisons who are invaluable resources for this Committee.

Board Orientation & Education Committee

The Committee is responsible for the development of an orientation and education program for members of the Board of Directors.

Staff Liaisons: Tara Merrimen, Director of People and Culture
Committee Chair: Tina Sandford, Zone 2 Director

Members:
Mark Ralsky, Ontario, Corinne Walker, Manitoba & Jeff Cornett, Executive Director

Report:
Following the completion of the 2024-2026 Board's orientation in June 2024, the Board Orientation & Education Committee held one virtual meeting to discuss a vision for the Board's education over the next few years. In consensus, the Committee decided to engage the entire Board in the process of considering important educational subject matter and did so by leading a discussion at their September Board meeting. The Board brought forward items of interest as well as, highlighted areas that may require an education focus while serving their term as Directors. The Committee gathered all suggestions with the intention of reviewing priorities, taking into consideration alignment with the Committee's objectives for further educational planning, learning opportunities and implementation where applicable.

The Board Orientation and Education Committee looks forward to the next steps in the education planning process.

Breed Standards Committee

The Breed Standards Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding any proposed changes to the Breed Standards, including those changes which are proposed by the respective national breed clubs.

Staff Liaison: Tracy Kent, Manager, Events
Board Liaison: Tempest Deptuch, Zone 11 Director
Committee Chair: Jocelyne Gagné, Ontario

Members:
Stephanie Horan, Nova Scotia & Susan Quesnel, British Columbia

Report:
The Committee is governed in its work by Procedure RG002. The Committee also works with the Events Officiating Committee in reviewing proposed new breeds under Procedure RG004, which states: The Breed Standards Committee and Event Officiating Committee may propose changes to the breed standard providing it is for grammar, terminology, and clarification.

The Breed Standards Committee met in February, April, June, August, and November 2024. The breed standards outline the ideal characteristics, temperament, and appearance of a breed, and ensure that a dog can carry out its original purpose. Breeders and judges should be mindful to prioritize dogs that are healthy and sound in both mind and body.

New Breed Applications under review including the Breed Standard: Barbado da Terceira, Bavarian Mountain Scenthound, Bracco Italiano, Czechoslovakian Vlcia, and the Hanover Scenthound.

Breed Standards amendments (completed or still under review): Black Russian Terrier, Borzoi, Bulldog, Lagotto Romagnolo, Miniature Schnauzer, Shiba Inu, Skye Terrier, and Toy Fox Terrier.

Miscellaneous: The Committee has been reviewing the measurement conversions and will follow the standardization within policy.

Breeder Relations Committee

The Breeder Relations Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board in the development of policy guidelines and/or programs as authorized by the Board of Directors relating to breeders of purebred dogs. This includes the development of a breeder education program, the development of appropriate standards, rules and regulations for breeding and the development of an associated national breeder certification program.

- Staff Liaisons:** Jacqueline Morley, Manager, Product and Experience (to July) & John Atkinson, Director, Advocacy and Communications (since September)
- Board Liaison:** Ramona Bauer, Zone 4 Director
- Committee Chairs:** Stewart Dankner, Ontario

Members: Trina Gallop, Manitoba, Glenda Newton, Quebec, Richard Paquette, Ontario & Alistair Sutherland, Ontario

Report: The Committee held five formal meetings throughout the year, with notable attendance from key members. The Committee members provided input and advice to help shape CKC's Integrated Breed Health Program (IBHP). Key areas of committee work and achievements in 2024 include:

- Committee input on Reciprocal Registration with the American Kennel Club and a CKC DNA Program
- Development of CKC's Draft Kennel Guidelines Checklist and planning to pilot the checklist in Nova Scotia in 2025. Alistair Sutherland was appointed to be the Committee representative on the pilot project.
- New topics for breeder education e-learning modules were discussed and recommended for development in 2025.
- Recommendations were made regarding the structure and requirements of CKC's Breeder Recognition Program including verifiable health testing results on CKC's website. The Committee also provided input on what Breeder Profile pages for the program should look like on CKC's website in the future.
- The Committee developed questions to be included on the 2024 Membership Survey and will provide input on breeder education offerings for 2025.
- Working with the Communications' Committee, potential names for the new Breeder Recognition Program were developed along with a survey to get member feedback.

While there were some delays due to changes in the Committee leadership, the Committee made significant progress on the Integrated Breed Health Program including the Kennel Guidelines, the structure of the new recognition program and how it will work on CKC's website and Member Portal. With additional staff support and budget, the IBHP will continue to develop and grow in 2025, with the support of the Breeder Relations Committee.

Communications Committee

The Committee is responsible for:

- Providing input on the communications strategic planning process;
- Identifying CKC's communications needs and priorities through appropriate consultation; and from time to time, delivering on projects and priorities as specified by the Board, the Committee, and staff; and
- Assessing and evaluating the delivery of communication periodically against the needs and/or expertise of the CKC membership.

- Staff Liaison:** John Atkinson, Director of Advocacy and Communications
- Board Liaison:** Lee Anne Bateman, Zone 10 Director & Tina Sandford, Zone 2 Director (to October)
- Committee Chairs:** Trina Gallop, Manitoba & Joanna Suan, Ontario

Members: John Rowton, Washington, USA, Jean-Claude Surprenant, Quebec, Alistair Sutherland, Ontario & Rosemary Young, Alberta

Report: Over the past year, the Communications Committee held six formal meetings, in addition to several subcommittee meetings. As this marks the beginning of a new term for the Committee, time was spent last spring onboarding new committee members and discussing the Committee's goals and objectives for the next three years.

Key Areas of Focus for 2024-2026

The Committee identified several priority areas of focus for the term, including:

- Integrated Breeder Health Program (IBHP): Supporting the Breeder Recognition Program naming and the development of a comprehensive communication strategy.
- Membership Engagement: Implementing an annual membership survey to inform and guide a membership engagement strategy.
- Advocacy Communications: Exploring ways to enhance advocacy-related messaging and outreach.
- Supporting Core CKC Initiatives: Reviewing the communication strategies for key initiatives such as Top Dogs, the Annual Report, the Annual General Meeting, and social media channels.

Highlights of 2024 Activities

Communications Support: Centre for Disease Control (CDC) Border Requirement Changes
In response to the unexpected mid-year announcement of significant changes to the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) dog importation rule, the committee discussed a communications strategy to assist members. This included:

- Providing timely updates on CKC's advocacy efforts and guidance for members navigating the evolving requirements for cross-border travel with their dogs.
- Advising on clear, transparent communication about known and evolving information to maintain member trust during this period of uncertainty.

Membership Engagement Initiatives

The committee prioritized initiatives to deepen membership engagement:

- **Audience Segmentation:** Initiated work on understanding the CKC's diverse audiences to develop targeted engagement strategies.
- **Annual Membership Survey:** Collaborated on the development of a survey to gauge member satisfaction and track progress over time. The survey launched in December, with results to be reviewed in early 2025.

Crisis Communications: Critical Incident

The Committee advised on the communications strategy for a critical incident in fall 2024, emphasizing transparency, fact-based messaging, and guidance for members. The committee is now following up to explore ways communications can better support the board and zone directors during critical events.

Ongoing Projects

Integrated Breed Health Program (IBHP)

The Committee continued its multi-year support of the IBHP communications strategy, focusing on a naming exercise launched in March 2023. This year, a subcommittee advanced the process by shortlisting potential names, with focus groups planned for 2025 to finalize the selection.

Social Media Strategy Review

The Committee provided input on CKC's social media strategy, recommending approaches to:

- Identify and prioritize the primary audience for each platform.
- Tailor content to address specific audience needs and interests.
- Intentionally highlight CKC members and clubs.
- Monitor metrics and adapt the strategy, as necessary.

Website Redesign

The Committee received regular updates on the progress of the website redesign and provided input on the framework and stakeholder content requirements.

The Communications Committee remains committed to supporting CKC's strategic goals and fostering meaningful engagement with its members. We look forward to continuing this important work in the year ahead.

Event Officiating Committee

The Event Officiating Committee is a committee of five CKC members. To the extent feasible, two of the members shall be from Conformation, one shall be from Obedience, one shall be from Performance Events, and one shall be from Field Events. The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board in the development of policy guidelines and/or programs as authorized by the Board of Directors related to the training and accreditation of judges and event officials for all disciplines or as the Board may direct.

Staff Liaison:

Tracy Kent, Manager, Events

Board Liaison:

Peter Scott, Zone 6 Director

Committee Chair:

Heather Langfeld, Ontario

Members:

Thomas Alexander, Manitoba, Darwin Boles, Ontario, Thora Brown, Ontario & Seanna O'Neill, Alberta

Report:

The Event Officiating Committee held meetings in January, May, June, July and October 2024. During these meetings, the Committee dealt with Board referrals, breed standard review for new breeds, rules and policy amendments. The Committee was tasked with four referrals: Iconic Breeders becoming judges, permit judge number formula calculation, Policy and Procedures Manual Chapter VII Judges, and consideration of the Brachycephalic Breeds.

The Committee presented 10 motions to the Board which consisted of two amendments to the Policy and Procedures Manual Chapter VI Shows & Trials, four amendments to the Policy and Procedures Manual Chapter VII Judges, and four motions in regard to Conformation Show Rules and Regulations. The Board carried nine of these motions, and one was defeated.

Genetics & Medical Committee

The Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board in the development of policy, guidelines and/or programs as authorized by the Board of Directors related to canine genetics. This mandate includes but is not limited to the development of an advanced health registry. The Committee is also responsible for recommendations to the Board of Directors in the development of policy, standards and guidelines relating to trends, advances, and changes to canine medical procedures as they impact CKC breeders.

Staff Liaison:

Jacqueline Morley, Manager, Product and Experience (to July) & Kristi Schenk, Manager, Regulatory (since September)

Board Liaisons: Janice Kivimaki, Zone 1 Director (to November) & Lee Anne Bateman, Zone 10 Director (since December)

Committee Chair:

Alistair Sutherland, Ontario

Members:

Dr. Paul Eckford, PhD, Ontario, Dr. Oksana Moshynska, PhD, Saskatchewan, Dr. Roberta Parish, PhD, British Columbia & Dr. Meredith Walker, DVM, Ontario

Report:

The Committee held three meetings remotely via Zoom during 2024.

The Committee continued its work as the steering committee for several key projects under the Integrated Breed Health Program (IBHP): advancement of a DNA Program and building Breed Health Strategies for all CKC recognized breeds.

The Committee also focused energy on the facilitation of breeder education within the framework of the Integrated Breed Health Program (IBHP) and our partnership with Royal Canin.

It also included moving forward partnership discussions with potential DNA Program partners.

The Committee is excited to start sharing more information with the membership in 2025 on how this new relationship will support CKC member breeders in the promotion and preservation of purebred dogs.

Additionally, the Committee offered counsel and recommendations to the Board of Directors on the key topic of Piebaldism in the Dachshund breed.

IT Steering Committee

The IT Steering Committee is responsible for advising, reviewing, and approving IT strategic plans and overseeing major initiatives. The IT Steering Committee is a foundational practice for IT governance. Areas include:

- IT strategic review
- IT service levels
- IT availability, capacity, and continuity management
- Information security
- Change management
- Release and deployment
- Incident management
- Access management and other areas as appropriate.

Staff Liaison: Andrew McCallister, Director, e-Business
Board Liaison: Sylvain Sirois, Zone 3 Director
Committee Chair: Andrew Ryall, Newfoundland and Labrador

Members:
Anthony Hartelaub, Melanie Towell (Audit Committee Chair)
Ontario & Rometheis Wize, Ontario

Report:
The IT Steering Committee held two virtual meetings in 2024. Some key 2024 highlights included:

1. Election of a new IT Steering Committee
2. Election of Andrew Ryall as Committee Chair
3. Review and endorsement of the 2025 IT budget

Legislation Committee

The Committee is responsible for all matters relating to the review and subsequent proposals for amendments to the By-laws, the Policy and Procedures Manual and those general provisions contained in the rulebooks for the various disciplines. Additionally, the Committee is responsible for all matters relating to the Codes of Ethics.

Staff Liaisons: Tara Merrimen, Director of People and Culture, & Kristi Schenk, Manager, Regulatory
Board Liaison: Sylvain Sirois, Zone 3 Director
Committee Chair: Lionel Whittaker, Alberta

Members:
Lucy Bender, Ontario, Jeff Cornett, Executive Director, Denis Gros-Louis, Quebec, Peter Scott, Ontario & Bob Whitney, Ontario

Report:

In 2024, the Legislation Committee held two virtual meetings and considered the following:

Amendments respecting the following Policies and Procedures:

- Chapter IV. Registration, Section E – Registration of Litters, Section 8
- Chapter IV. Registration, Section E – Registration of Litters, Subsections (6) & (10)
- Chapter IV. Registration, Section G – Registration Guidelines, Subsection 14 – Imported, Recognized Breeds Certified by a Non-Recognized Stud Book
- Chapter IV. Registration, Section J – Policy for Parentage Testing (DNA Testing)
- Chapter IV. Registration, Section D – Registration of Individual Dogs
- Chapter IV. Registration, Section D – Registration of Individual Dogs, Subsection (20)
- Chapter IV. Registration, Section S. Miscellaneous Certification Number, AKC Foundation Stock Service
- Chapter IV. Registration, Procedure RG007 Procedure for Stolen Dogs
- Chapter XI. Regulatory, Section A (5) -Hearings (a) &(b)
- Chapter XI. Regulatory, Section B, Discipline Committee Hearings
- Chapter XI. Regulatory, Section B (4) (b) Delegation to Show and Trial Committees

Rulebook amendments:

- Conformation Rules Chapter 9 – 9.12
- Conformation Rules Chapter 14- 14.1, 14.2

Amendments respecting the following By-laws:

- Interpretations
- Code of Ethics, Bullet #4
- 7.1 – Membership
- 8.4 – Notices
- 8.10 – Rules of Order
- 9.6 – Removal from Office
- 12.2 – Election Timing
- 12.3 – Eligibility to Vote, Nominate or Be Elected or Appointed to Office
- 12.8.1 – Filing of Nomination Papers
- 12.12 – Electronic Ballot
- 12.13 – Paper Ballots
- 12.14 – Casting a Vote
- 13.1- Registration Committee
- 15.1- Discipline (c)
- 15.1 – Discipline (g)
- 15.2 – Appeal (c) & (d)
- 25.2 – Accepted Forms of Identification
- 25.7 – Identification by Tattoo
- 28.10 – Names

The following items were discussed:

- Acclaimed Directors
- Red/ Yellow Card
- Publication of wages
- Successful Hearing Sheet
- Official Complaint Package Workbook Guidelines

Rules of Eligibility (ROE) Committee

The Rules of Eligibility Committee is responsible for developing the terms of reference for the ROE project, working with breed clubs/spokespersons to draft rules of eligibility and analyzing templates for Board approval. The Rules of Eligibility Committee analyzes policy to ensure compliance with the Rules of Eligibility and the Animal Pedigree Act requirements. Additionally, this committee works with the Legislation Committee to bring work to date to the Board table prior to a Special or Regular Referendum.

Staff Liaisons: Jodie O'Meara, Supervisor, Registration & Sherry Weiss, Director of Operations
Board Liaison: Tempest Deptuch, Zone 11 Director
Committee Chair: Thora Brown, Ontario

Members:
Marnie Harrison, Alberta & Lisa Ricciotti, Ontario

Report:
In 2024, the CKC received approval from Agriculture Canada for Rules of Eligibility for 90 breeds. In 2025, 41 more Rules of Eligibility will proceed to the upcoming Special Referendum. Additionally, Rules of Eligibility were completed for four new breeds seeking to be added to the Miscellaneous List of Breeds.

I would like to express my appreciation to Jodie O'Meara for the unending support she has provided to the Committee.

My thanks and appreciation are extended to the other members of the Committee for their knowledge, experience, patience and all the support they have given.

Strategic Planning Committee

The Committee is responsible for the ongoing development of long-range strategic planning for the Club, reporting regularly to the Board with respect to its deliberations, findings, and recommendations.

Staff Liaison: Tara Merrimen, Director of People and Culture
Committee Chair: Ramona Bauer, Zone 4 Director

Members:
Valerie Bandas, Saskatchewan, Jeff Cornett, Executive Director, Marc Ralsky, Ontario, Melanie Towell (Audit Committee Chair), Ontario & Corinne Walker (Board Chair)

Report:
The newly repopulated Strategic Planning Committee for the 2024-2026 term held one virtual meeting to appoint the Chair of the Committee, get acquainted with the 2023-2025 Strategic Plan and priorities and discuss a process to develop the next Strategic Plan that will need to go before the Board for approval in 2025.

Some key highlights of the discussion include:

- Agreement of the Committee's scope and role to create three to six strategic priorities that are realistic to achieve over the period of the plan and then hand it over to the staff to operationalize it.
- An understanding that Modernization of Events and Integrated Breed Health will need to be the base starting point of the next strategic plan.
- Evaluation of what is strategy vs operational.
- Assessing CKC's priorities through the lens of its' stakeholders.
- A potential future Board facilitated strategic planning workshop.

The Strategic Planning Committee is excited to take its next steps towards the development, documentation and implementation of a new Strategic Plan for 2026-2028.

A brown and white Australian Shepherd dog is standing on its hind legs in a field of purple lupines. The dog is looking up and to the right, with its front paws raised. The background is a soft-focus green field.

STANDING COUNCILS

The Board may strike councils to represent the interest of those people, groups or associations involved in the various disciplines which have been approved by the Club and in that capacity shall act as advisory bodies to the Board. The number and designation of such councils are that which are deemed necessary and appropriate by the Board and they are comprised of CKC Members. Councils operate within their terms of reference specified in *the Policy and Procedures Manual*.

"Caprice" | GCHB Malka's Does He Love You RE NS CGN | Australian Shepherd
Owner: Kaitlin Fraser | Photographer: Desiree Nickerson

Beagle & Bassett Hound Field Trial Council

The Beagle & Basset Hound Field Trial Council is responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to Beagle and Basset Hound field trials or any other event related to Beagles and Basset Hounds in the field.

The Beagle is primarily a hunting dog whose main function is to find game and to chase it in an energetic and decisive manner. The purpose of Beagle Field Trials is to demonstrate these natural abilities and recognize those dogs that demonstrate the highest qualities of a Beagle.

Staff Liaison: Tracy Kent, Manager, Events
Council Chair: Robert (Bob) Whitney, Zone 5 Director

Members:

Dino Colucci, Ontario, Randy Doan, Ontario, David Fraser, Nova Scotia, William Friend, Alberta, Krystina Grandmond, Ontario, Andrew Hudson, Newfoundland, Clair Murphy, Prince Edward Island, Greg Steeves, Ontario & Penelope Woodward, British Columbia

Report:

The Beagle and Basset Hound Field Trial Council held a meeting in May 2024. The Council presented one motion to the Board with regard to the Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII Judges, and the Board approved this motion.

2024 Statistics

47 Beagle Field Trials were held.

Conformation Council

The Conformation Council is responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to conformation dog shows.

Staff Liaison: Tracy Kent, Manager, Events
Council Chair: Tina Sandford, Zone 2 Director

Members:

Sandy Alexander, Manitoba, Nicole Casavechia, Nova Scotia, Thomas Curley, Ontario, Denis Gros-Louis, Quebec, Ted Fahlgren, Ontario, Kristen Francis, Ontario, Kim Hamel, British Columbia, Lyzane Hamel, Quebec, Kathy Hawker, Alberta, Tina Gaudet, Alberta, Laura Grandmont, Prince Edward Island, Irene Latchford, Ontario, Kim Lellig, Manitoba, Penny Lewis, Saskatchewan, Richard Lopaschuk, British Columbia (since May), Adele MacAskill, Ontario, Rod March, Newfoundland, Patrick Mudge, New Brunswick, Elizabeth Numbers, Ontario, Linda Thompson, Ontario (since September), Lisa Tremblay, British Columbia, & Margaret Zacher, British Columbia (since May)

Report:

The Conformation Council held meetings in April, July and October, 2024. The Council presented the following items to the Board:

- One report on referrals with regard to the Policy and Procedures Manual Chapter VI Shows and Trials.
- Two reports on referrals with regard to the Conformation Show Rules & Regulations.
- Three motions with regard to the Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VI Shows & Trials with effective dates of immediately.
- Two motions with regard to the Conformation Show Rules & Regulations with effective dates of immediately.
- One motion with regard to the Conformation Show Rules & Regulations with an effective date of January 1, 2025.
- Three motions with regard to the Conformation Show Rules & Regulations with effective dates of January 1, 2026.

The Board carried all motions.

Dog Show statistics in 2024

- 786 Conformation All Breed Shows were held. This includes open, multiple and altered.
- 202 Conformation Limited Breed Shows were held.
- 494 Conformation Specialty Shows, Conformation Specialty Shows (altered) and Conformation Group Specialty shows were held.

Draft Dog Test Council

The Draft Dog Test Council is responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters related to draft dog tests to demonstrate a dog's usefulness as a draft animal, a reliable freighting companion and worker.

Staff Liaison: Tracy Kent, Manager, Events
Council Chair: Val Bandas, Zone 9 Director

Members:

Sandee Baker, Alberta, Terri Collins, Nova Scotia, Lianne Daradics, Saskatchewan, David Denis, British Columbia, Dean Edwards, British Columbia (since March), Peggy Flockhart, Ontario, Denise Lauzon, Ontario (since October), Allan Maniate, Ontario (to October), Véronique Matte-Paquet, Quebec, Doug Savory, British Columbia, June Ward, Ontario & Nicole Wiebe, Alberta

Report:

The Draft Dog Test council held two meetings in June 2024. The Council presented 77 motions with regard to Draft Dog Test Rules & Regulations to the Board with the effective date of January 1, 2025, and one motion with regard to Policy and Procedures Manual Chapter VII Judges with an effective of immediately. The Board carried all motions.

2024 Statistics

12 Draft Dog Tests were held.

The Herding Field Trial Council shall be responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters related to herding trials.

Members:
Wendy Daechsel, British Columbia, Lisa Dahr, Nova Scotia,
Dianne Devison, Ontario, Brandy-Lee Fazlic, Alberta, Gloria
Graham, Saskatchewan, Kara Hewitt, Manitoba, Lynn Leach,
British Columbia (to December), Adele MacAskill, Ontario, Stephen
Rowell, Ontario, Judith Snowdon, Alberta (to January) & Kristin
Thomson, British Columbia

Report:
The Herding Field Trial Council rulebook Herding Rules & Regulations was updated in 2023 for a 2024 release. Unfortunately, the Council missed updating some sections in it the rulebook regarding the addition of Geese so 12 motions with regard to the Herding Rules & Regulations were presented to the Board in March 2024. The effective date of the motions was May 1, 2024, and the Board carried all motions.

115 Herding Arena All Breed were held
19 Herding Stock Dog were held

The Junior Kennel Club Council is responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding the Junior Kennel Club program.

The purpose of Junior Handling is to introduce and encourage youth to participate in the sport of purebred dogs, and to provide them with meaningful competition where they can learn, practice, and hone their skills and knowledge of the various breeds. Above all, it is an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of competing with those of a similar age.

Members:
Roy Aitchison, Ontario, Aaron Andriash, British Columbia
(since November), Cheryl Bedford, Ontario, Meagan Brown Wozniak,
Ontario, Karyna Cazalais, Quebec, H  l  ne Chauss  , Quebec
(to December), Tanya Chmilar, British Columbia (to June), Carolyne
Cybulsky, Manitoba, Joy Gray, Ontario, David Hampson, British
Columbia, Tammy Luethje, British Columbia (to September),
Isabelle Loranger, Saskatchewan, Kyle Manuel, Nova Scotia,
Jolie McMullan, British Columbia, Richard Paquette, Ontario,
Shannon Scheer, Alberta, Pamela Skanes, Newfoundland,
Katelyn Sutton, Saskatchewan, Mary Vanderburgh, Ontario,
Carrie Walsh, New Brunswick (since May) & Bonnie White, New
Brunswick

Report:
The Junior Kennel Club Council held meetings in April, May, June , and September 2024, and presented one motion to the Board. The Board passed this motion.

286 Conformation Junior Handling events were held
24 Obedience Junior Handling events were held

The Lure Coursing Field Trial Council is responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to lure coursing field trials.

The Lure Coursing Field Trial Council is also responsible for the Chase Ability Program. The purpose of the CKC Chase Ability Program is to provide all dogs and their owners an enjoyable, healthy field activity that will promote the canine human bond and can be rewarded with a range of field titles.

Members:
 Angus Barrie, British Columbia (since June), Dee Culbert,
 Saskatchewan, Heather Jean Dansereau, Ontario (since May),
 Kate Darbyshire, Ontario, Carrie Greene, Nova Scotia, Lisa
 Miceli, Ontario, Ed Molloy, Alberta, Myriam Parent, Quebec,
 Laurie Rusticus, New Brunswick, Aayrn Secker, British Columbia
 (since June), Marni Smith, Ontario, Tannis Tindall, Manitoba, Debra
 Verzyl, British Columbia & Ronnie Whitlock, Ontario

Report:
The Lure Coursing Field Trial Council held meetings in June and July 2024. The Council presented one motion in regard to the Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter VII Judges and 14 motions in regard to the Lure Coursing Field Trial Rules & Regulations to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2025. The Board carried all motions.

The Council did not meet to discuss Chase Ability in 2024.

38 Lure Coursing Field Trials were held
46 Chase Ability Tests were held

The Obedience Council is responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to obedience trials.

The purpose of obedience trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the dog as a companion of man, not merely the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the

obedience ring. The basic objective of obedience trials is to produce dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs, in a manner that reflects credit on the sport of obedience. Obedience is a sport and all participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both inside and outside the ring. All contestants in a class are required to perform the same exercises in substantially the same way so that the relative quality of the various performances may be compared and scored.

Rally is a companion sport to CKC obedience. Both events require teamwork between dog and handler, along with similar performance skills. Rally provides an excellent introduction to all CKC companion performance events for dogs and handlers. The chief objective of rally is to provide a fast-moving and motivational activity that demonstrates the competency of handler and dog in performing basic obedience exercises without requiring exact precision for success. Rally can also provide the opportunity to refine training skills for competitors in other events. The performance of dog and handler in the ring must meet the requirements of the rally regulations. Dogs in rally obedience events should demonstrate willingness, enjoyment and teamwork between the dog and handler. To that end, handlers are encouraged to use praise, encouragement and petting within the boundaries of these rules.

Staff Liaison: Tracy Kent, Manager, Events
Council Chair: Tempest Deptuch, Zone 11 Director

Members:
Pauline Baldwin, Alberta, Darwin Boles, Ontario, Gail Carroll, Manitoba (since March), Lianne Daradics, Saskatchewan, Kate Darbyshire, Ontario, Joey Farrell, Ontario, Terry Gains, British Columbia, Christine Graham, Nova Scotia, Joanne Groulx, Ontario, Stephen Hazelwood, New Brunswick, Pierre Lambert, Quebec, Delvyn Lunn, Ontario, Diana MacKenzie, Ontario, Christine Mackenzie, Prince Edward Island, Erin Moore, British Columbia (since March), Tony Moores, Newfoundland, Eve O’Keefe, Alberta, Sharon Otto, Manitoba (since March), Marion Postgate, British Columbia, Gwen Roswell, British Columbia (since March), Nathalie Robitaille, Quebec & Marie Sawford, Ontario

Report:
In 2024, the Obedience Council held one meeting in March, two in May, one in June, and one in July. The Council presented 26 motions in regard to the Obedience Trial & Rally Obedience Trial Rules & Regulations with an effective date of January 1, 2025. The Board carried all motions.

2023 Statistics
459 Obedience Trials were held
490 Rally Obedience Trials were held

Spaniel Council

The Spaniel Council is responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to field trials and hunt tests for sporting Spaniels, or any other event related to sporting Spaniels in the field.

The purpose of a Spaniel field trial is to demonstrate the performance of a properly trained Spaniel in the field. The performance should not differ from that in any ordinary day’s shooting, except that in the trial a dog should do its work closer to perfection.

The purpose of a hunt test is to assess and identify those dogs which possess the basic requirements of “flushing” Spaniels. It will test the merits and evaluate the abilities of Spaniels in the field in order to determine their suitability and ability as hunting companions.

Dogs are placed in four categories based on their ability, not age. Dogs do not compete against one another, but rather their performances are individually judged against the standard.

Staff Liaison: Tracy Kent, Manager, Events
Council Chair: Peter Scott, Zone 6 Director

Members:
Christie Anderson, British Columbia (since March), Michel Bourdeau, Quebec, Wayne Brennen, Alberta, Kimberly Chester, British Columbia, Clay Earl, Ontario, Mark Henderson, Saskatchewan, Bill McCaffrey, Ontario, Bruce Outhouse, Nova Scotia, Greg Royer, Alberta, Alex Smith, Ontario & Mike Sterling, Manitoba

Report:
The Spaniel Council held a meeting in July 2024 specifically with respect to the Hunt Test Rules and Regulations for all Sporting Spaniels other than Brittany Spaniels and Irish Water Spaniels. The Council presented 33 motions with regard to Hunt Test Rules and Regulations for All Sporting Spaniels other than Brittany Spaniels and Irish Water Spaniels to the Board with an effective date of January 1, 2025, and the Board carried all motions.

2024 Statistics
51 Spaniel Field Trials were held
8 Spaniel Hunt Tests were held

Working Certificate Test Council

The Working Certificate Test Council is responsible for considering and subsequently making recommendations to the Board regarding all matters relating to working certificate tests for Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels, Standard Poodles, Airedale Terriers and Barbets.

The primary objective of the WC, WCI and WCX tests is to encourage the development and use of those natural abilities for which retrievers were originally bred. The tests

provide a means to help determine future breeding stock, encourage retriever owners to develop their dogs' natural abilities, and to have retrievers become more proficient as hunting partners. The tests are non-competitive and those dogs that pass the tests to the satisfaction of the judges will be recorded as having basic work ability.

Staff Liaison: Tracy Kent, Manager, Events
Council Chair: Janice Kivimaki, Zone 1 Director

Members:

Thomas Alexander, Manitoba (since July), Shelly Blom, Ontario, Sandy Briggs, Ontario, Lynn Campbell, Saskatchewan, Dewayne Hay, Manitoba (to May), Sharon Luckhart, Quebec, Wendy McCullough, Ontario (to August), Allan Mitchell, Ontario, Ken Nette, Alberta, Kimberly Pardy, Ontario (since December), Jennifer Remazki Ontario (to July), Judy Teskey, British Columbia (since May), Laurie Waye, Nova Scotia, & Gail Wright Williams, New Brunswick (since September)

Report:

The Working Certificate Test council held one meeting in November 2024. No motions were put forth to the Board.

2024 Statistics

25 Working Certificate Tests were held.

COUNCILS – NO MEETINGS IN 2024

The councils listed below were not scheduled to meet in 2024; therefore, there are no items to report. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that served.

Agility Trial Council

Council Chair: Sylvain Sirois, Zone 3 Director

Members:

Wendy Beard, Ontario, Rachel Brower, Saskatchewan, Wanda Brown, Quebec, Jasmine deBlois, Saskatchewan, Lindsay Benbow, British Columbia, Sandra Esford, Ontario, Sherri Gourlie, Ontario, Jutta Hammermueller, Ontario, Stephanie Hayward, Nova Scotia, Brenda Juskow, Nova Scotia, Liana Klohn, Prince Edward Island, Sandi Maday, Alberta, Janice McAllan, British Columbia, Ashley Stanley, Ontario, Marie Josée Thuot, Quebec & Tracey Vatcher, Newfoundland

2024 Statistics

207 Agility Trials were held

Canine Good Neighbour Council

Council Chair: Val Bandas, Zone 9 Director

Members:

Susie Bell, Ontario, Linda Desaulners, Quebec, QX, Melissa Ireland, Manitoba, Jeanine Jorgensen, Saskatchewan, Diane Kearsey, Ontario, Cindy Maurer, Nova Scotia, Melony McCarthy, New Brunswick, Sharon Otto, Manitoba, Cris Reimer, Ontario, Dina Popadiuk, British Columbia & Angela Saunders, Alberta

2024 Statistics

152 Canine Good Neighbour Tests were held

Earthdog Test Council

Council Chair: Peter Scott, Zone 6 Director

Members:

Lia Bijsterveld, British Columbia, Shannon Charron, British Columbia, Megan Crane, Nova Scotia, Pam Dyer, Ontario, Jen Holder, Ontario, Anya Jacksteit, Saskatchewan, Lisa Maki, British Columbia (since March), Kathy McAra, Alberta, Isobel McGowan, Ontario, Shauna McLauchlan, Manitoba, Debbie Miyashita, British Columbia (since March), Paige Pettis, Quebec (since March), & Davine Walsh, New Brunswick

2024 Statistics

16 Earthdog Test were held

Pointing Field Trial & Test Council

Council Chair: Robert (Bob) Whitney, Zone 5 Director

Members:

Howard Coneybeare, British Columbia (since March), Arwen Dabb, Alberta, Jack Dafoe, Ontario (since March), Jodi Dedels, British Columbia (to May), Maria Foster, Ontario, Christie Glenn, Nova Scotia, Kaylan Kardynal, Manitoba (since July), Patti Lee, Saskatchewan (since September), Kevin MacWilliams, Ontario, Russell Moore, British Columbia, Lola Nichol, Ontario, Brenda Pettigrew, Nova Scotia, Paige Pettis, Quebec, Louise Régimbald, Quebec, Phil Stanton, British Columbia, Michelle Santos, Ontario & Adrienne Turcotte, British Columbia (since May)

2024 Statistics

51 Pointing Field Dog Test, 14 Pointing Field Trial, and 27 Pointing Water Tests were held

Retriever Field Trial Council

Council Chair: Janice Kivimaki, Zone 1 Director

Members:

Anne Everett, British Columbia, Donald Gauthier, Quebec, Brian Griffin, British Columbia (since March), Jim Ling, Ontario, John McDonald, Saskatchewan, Marg Murray, Alberta, Ross Peden, Manitoba, Walter Vessey, Prince Edward Island, Dennis Voigt, Ontario & Mike Zelman, Nova Scotia

2024 Statistics

105 Retriever Field Trials were held

Retriever Hunt Test Council

Council Chair: Janice Kivimaki, Zone 1 Director

Members:

Keith Althouse, Saskatchewan, Chris Bayles, Ontario, Sandy Briggs, Ontario, Steve Bushie, Alberta, Kelly Crosbie, Ontario (since December), Mark Edwards, Nova Scotia, Susan Endersby, British Columbia (since March), Joey Farrell, Ontario, Dewayne Hay, Manitoba, John Kuepferling, Quebec, Tim Marshall, Ontario, Rick Roberts, British Columbia & Walter Vessey, Prince Edward Island

2024 Statistics

81 Retriever Hunt Tests were held

Scent Detection Council

Council Chair: Wayne Davidson, Zone 12 Director

Members:

Cindy Bayers, Nova Scotia, Randi Benko, Saskatchewan, Lia Bijsterveld, British Columbia, Jane Book, Ontario, Dianne Desroches, Ontario (since June), Sandra Hébert, Quebec (since March), Deborah Innes, British Columbia (since March), Kelly Ladouceur, Alberta, Heather Langfeld, Ontario, Glenda McLarty, Manitoba (since June), Laurie McLaughlin, Ontario (since April), Laurie Payten, British Columbia, Cherree Richmond, British Columbia (since March), Karen Roberts, Ontario, Tanya Smith, New Brunswick, Jenn Stairs, New Brunswick & Doug Teeft, Nova Scotia

2024 Statistics

119 Scent Detections Trials were held

Sprinter Council

Council Chair: Ramona Bauer, Zone 4 Director

Members:

Kelly Amos, Ontario, Daria Coneghan, Saskatchewan, Heather Jean Dansereau, Ontario (since May), Kate Darbyshire, Ontario, Heather Jardine, New Brunswick, Ashley McGuinness, Nova Scotia, Lisa Miceli, Ontario, Ed Molloy, Alberta, Myriam Parent, Quebec, Krista Prockiwi, British Columbia, Aaryn Secker, British Columbia (since March), Marni Smith, Ontario & Tannis Tindall, Manitoba

2024 Statistics

244 Sprinter Tests were held

Tracking Test Council

Council Chair: Wayne Davidson, Zone 12 Director

Members:

Diane Adams, New Brunswick, Sandy Briggs, Ontario, Krystal Crighton, British Columbia, Elisabeth Delaporte, Quebec, Dianne Desroches, Ontario, Laura McKay, Ontario, Audra Sinclair, Alberta (since November), Pat Solkshinitz, Alberta, Elizabeth Taylor, British Columbia, Rita Torpey, Manitoba, Louise Weaver, Nova Scotia, John A. (Jack) Wilhelm, Ontario

2024 Statistics

42 Tracking Tests were held



"Hektor" | Hektor Blasshunde USA aus der Leinemasch | Appenzeller Sennenhunde
Owner: Paula Webber | Photographer: Dog Days Photography

SELECT COMMITTEES

Select Committees (AKA Ad Hoc Committees) are appointed by the Board on an ad hoc basis to perform specific tasks. Upon adoption of its final report to the Board, a Select Committee ceases to exist.

Ad Hoc Brachycephalic Breeds Advocacy Committee

The Committee is responsible for the ongoing education and advocacy of all Brachycephalic breeds, reporting regularly to the Board with respect to its deliberations, findings, and recommendations for the preservation of these breeds.

Staff Liaison: Sarah McDowell, Manager, Government & Stakeholder Relations
Committee Chair: Lee Anne Bateman, Zone 10 Director

Members:
Lundi Blamey, Ontario (since April), Mark Berryman, Ontario, Dr. Oksana Moshynska, PhD, Saskatchewan, Pat O’Keefe, Alberta, Dr. Meredith Walker, DVM, Ontario (since April) & Dr. Matthew Wittenrich, DVM, Ontario

Report:
The Committee held five formal meetings in 2024 and continued its work to advocate for the health and well-being of brachycephalic breeds and all breeds through various initiatives.

In March, April and October 2024, the Committee reviewed and provided feedback on initiatives for the International Collaborative on Extreme Conformation in Dogs (ICECDogs) – a global multi-stakeholder group, which aims to minimize well-being issues resulting from “extreme conformations”. CKC was invited to join ICECDogs international meetings as an observer in October.

In June, Lee Anne Bateman, Committee Chair and John Atkinson, CKC’s Director of Advocacy and Communications represented CKC members at the International Partnership For Dogs’ Dog Health Workshop in Finland. The workshop was co-hosted by the Finnish Kennel Club discussed important issues and challenges related to dog health and genetics. Delegates learned and discussed various issues including: 1) The “Supply and Demand” of dogs; 2) Breeding for Health and Well-being; 3) Big Data; and 4) The Impact of Breed Colour and Variety on Health. CKC held a webinar to present insights from the workshop to members in November 2024. **This video can be accessed through the CKC Member Portal.**

The Committee held an engagement session with breed clubs of brachycephalic breeds in August to provide an update on CKC’s brachycephalic breed advocacy activities and exchange ideas about the future growth of Respiratory Function Grading Scheme (RFGS) clinics and examiners across Canada. The Committee is pleased to report that in 2024, over 250 dogs were examined with the support of lead assessors, Dr. Matthew Wittenrich, DVM, and Dr. Jenn Woods, DVM. In addition, four new Canadian RFGS examiners became OFA-approved in Ontario and Alberta.

The Committee helped develop a presentation on Brachycephalic breeds, the RFGS and CKC activities that was presented in October at the Animal Welfare Forum at the Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph. CKC Ambassador, Dr. Jenn Woods, DVM, and Sarah McDowell CKC’s Manager of Government and Stakeholder Relations delivered the presentation.

The Committee looks forward to supporting further expansion of the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme, as well as expanding education and advocacy regarding the health and well-being of Brachycephalic breeds and CKC’s activities with Veterinary Colleges, Canadian animal organizations and international groups.

Ad Hoc Iconic Breeder Conformation Judge Committee

The Ad Hoc Iconic Breeder Conformation Judge Committee was appointed to consider and develop policy with regard to an Iconic Breeder Judging Program.

Staff Liaison: Tracy Kent, Manager, Events
Committee Chair: Tina Sandford, Zone 2 Director

Members:
Valerie Bandas, Zone 9 Director, Heather Langfield, Event Officiating Committee Chair, Marc Ralsky, Zone 7 Director & Robert (Bob) Whitney, Zone 5 Director

Report:
The Committee held meetings in September and October 2024. The Committee presented a draft policy to the Board in December for consideration and feedback.

Ad Hoc Owner Handled Series Committee

The Ad Hoc Owner Handled Series Committee was appointed to consider and develop policy with regard to an Owner Handler Series.

Staff Liaison: Krystal Mason, Supervisor, Events
Committee Chair: Robert (Bob) Whitney, Zone 5 Director

Members:
Ramona Bauer, Zone 4 Director, Wayne Davidson, Zone 12 Director & Marc Ralsky, Zone 7 Director

Report:
The Committee held meetings in September and October 2024. The Committee presented a draft proposal to the Board in December for consideration and feedback.

