



## **VI. SHOWS AND TRIALS**



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### A. Rules and Regulations

- (1) All correspondence relating to any changes in The Canadian Kennel Club rulebooks should be sent to the appropriate Canadian Kennel Club Representative.
- (2) All rule changes shall become effective on January 1 of each year.
- (3) For the purposes of all The Canadian Kennel Club rules and regulations, the words "immediate family" shall be taken to include father, mother, sister, brother, son, daughter, wife, husband, grandparents and significant other.
- (4) For the purposes of all The Canadian Kennel Club Rules & Regulations, the phrase "current immunization status" or "immunization" shall be taken to mean vaccinated or titer tested in accordance with any by-law, provincial, federal, etc. requirements in the municipality in which the event is held. [Board Motion #18-03-23]
- (5) Authority of Head Office

Head Office shall have the authority to make administrative decisions to ensure the proper performance of shows, trials and events in accordance with The By-laws and approved rules and regulations for all of the respective disciplines. When in doubt, the appropriate committee, council or Zone Director will be consulted.

- (6) Definition of Periods of Months After a Dog is Born

The date a dog reaches a specified number of months of age is calculated by:

- (a) counting forward from the month of the dog's recorded birth date the specified number of months, from the first month after the month of birth, and
  - (b) the dog will be the specified number of months of age on the day of the same number as the number of the date of birth, or if that month has no day with that number, the last day of that month.
- (7) Cancellations and/or Withdrawals [Board Motion #21-09-17]
    - (a) During adverse and/or severe weather conditions, it is at the discretion of the event-giving club to cancel, curtail and/or postpone the judging of the event if the weather is severe enough to cause injury to the exhibitors and their dogs. No penalty shall be imposed by The Canadian Kennel Club if such condition has caused the cancellation or postponement of the event.

### B. Exhibitors

- (1) No person who is debarred, deprived, suspended, or expelled from The Canadian Kennel Club may participate in any Club event in any capacity other than as a spectator.
- (2) Handicapped exhibitors are welcome to participate in any Canadian Kennel Club events.

### C. Ring Stewards [Board Motion #22-06-18]

- (1) Clubs should make every effort to use an experienced Ring Steward when using Conformation Permit Judges who are on their first assignment.

## D. Entrant Eligibility

- (1) New Listed Breeds [Board Motion #34-05-23]
  - (a) The “effective date” for all newly miscellaneous breeds to be allowed to participate in Canadian Kennel Club events shall be January 1 and July 1 of any given year. [Board Motion #94-03-22]
  - (b) When a miscellaneous breed is added to the Miscellaneous List between January 1 and June 30 of any given year, the newly miscellaneous breed shall be allowed to participate in all Canadian Kennel Club events effective January 1 of the following year; that being the effective date.
  - (c) When a listed breed is added to the Miscellaneous List between July 1 and December 31 of any given year, the newly miscellaneous breed shall be allowed to participate in all Canadian Kennel Club events effective July 1 of the following year; that being the effective date.
- (2) Newly Recognized Breeds
  - (a) Following recognition of a miscellaneous breed, any Miscellaneous Certification Number which was previously issued by The Canadian Kennel Club when the breed was included in the Miscellaneous List, shall become null and void as of the date fixed by the Executive Director and cannot be used for entering events as of that date. The usual notice in the Club’s Official Publication, regarding the official recognition of the subject breed, shall carry with it a statement to this effect.
- (3) Altered Dogs
  - (a) A dog on which an entropism operation has been performed is not eligible for entry in Conformation Shows held under The Canadian Kennel Club rules.
- (4) Foreign Dogs [Board Motion #40-12-18]
  - (a) Foreign-born and foreign-owned dogs of CKC-recognized breeds which are registered in their country of birth, shall be allowed to enter all Canadian Kennel Club events on the basis of an event registration number (ERN) and in accordance with established policy.
- (5) Reinstatement of a Disqualified Dog
  - (a) Examinations
    - (1) In a case where a dog is being examined for reinstatement purposes, the consensus of the Examining Committee must be unanimous.
    - (2) The inspectee shall be advised that the certificate of registration must accompany the animal to be examined, at the time of examination.
    - (3) If a dog is disqualified at a CKC event and fails to be reinstated, the disqualification will be considered permanent.
    - (4) If a dog is disqualified and reinstated but is disqualified at a subsequent event for the same reason, this second disqualification will be considered permanent, with no further opportunity for reinstatement.
    - (5) Puppies, from six (6) to twelve (12) months of age, who are disqualified because of height or weight, and fail to be reinstated, will be given the opportunity to apply for reinstatement a second time, after reaching one

(1) year of age if the owner so wishes. If the dog fails to be reinstated this second time, then the disqualification will be considered permanent.

- (b) The procedure for the reinstatement of a disqualified dog as outlined in **PROCEDURE ST001**.
- (c) Obedience Reinstatement
  - (1) A reinstatement examination shall be conducted by a panel of three (3) knowledgeable obedience individuals as selected by the Chair of The Canadian Kennel Club Examining Committee. At least one (1) of the individuals selected to conduct the examination must be an approved obedience judge. These individuals shall as nearly as possible and practical, simulate the conditions under which the disqualifying offence took place.
  - (2) If the infraction occurred during an exercise outlined in the rules and regulations, then that exercise shall be conducted in full with the panel conducting the proceedings. The handler of the dog may not do or say anything to the dog not allowed under these rules and regulations.
  - (3) Recommendations for reinstatement must be unanimous among the examining panel and its recommendation shall be forwarded to Head Office.

## **E. Show and Trial Entries**

- (1) Late Submission of Entries
  - (a) There shall be no exceptions as to the receipt of late entries other than the regulations governing postal strikes (see “Regulations Governing Postal Strikes”).
- (2) Dishonoured Cheques and/or Declined Credit Cards

Should a show-giving club receive a dishonoured cheque or declined credit card:

  - (a) The club holding the event under The Canadian Kennel Club rules must address a registered letter to the owner of the dog and the handler, if applicable, giving the owner of the dog thirty (30) days to reimburse the club the money owing.
  - (b) If, after the expiration of thirty (30) days, the club does not receive satisfactory payment of entry fees, then it may address a complaint to the Discipline Committee of The Canadian Kennel Club.
  - (c) The Discipline Committee will require:
    - (1) A photocopy of the registered letter to the owner of the dog.
    - (2) Canada Post verification of delivery.
    - (3) The original cheque and/or credit card authorization.
  - (d) Upon the above criteria being satisfied and at the discretion of the Committee, the matter may then proceed to a hearing of the Discipline Committee in accordance with The By-laws, Section 15.
- (3) Regulations Governing Postal Strikes



In the event that there is a cessation of postal delivery services, the following policies shall apply:

- (a) For the duration of the strike, a club will be permitted to accept telephone or electronic entries, conditional that the entry forms are signed at the event, and the entry fees collected before dogs are permitted in competition.
- (b) If, however, the strike should end twelve (12) or more days prior to the published date of closing of entries, the acceptance of telephone and electronic entries is to cease immediately when the strike ends.
- (c) If the strike ends twelve (12) or more days prior to the published closing date of entries, the regular closing date of entries must be complied with.
- (d) If, however, the strike is still in force at the published closing date of entries or ends less than twelve (12) days before the published closing date, the club holding the event may accept entries up to the last moment by which it can still publish a Show Catalogue with all entries in their proper position in the catalogue.
- (e) If an exhibitor should telephone a Show Secretary and enquire whether a mailed or electronically transmitted entry has been received by the show or trial-giving club and that entry has not been received, the Show or Trial Secretary should take all particulars over the phone to ensure inclusion of the entry in the Show Catalogue. If the entry and entry fees for the dog in question were not received by the Secretary by the time of the show then entry fees must be collected before the dog is permitted in competition on the understanding that if the club should receive the entry after the show, the cheque or money order in payment of entry fees will be returned to the exhibitor.
- (f) A club holding a show or trial for which entries must close by a stipulated date in advance of the event may, in its Premium List or otherwise, announce points (other than the Show or Trial Secretary's address) at which mailed entries will be received by the show or trial-giving club. Similarly, it may announce other telephone numbers at which entries will be accepted by telephone.
- (g) Every entry, whether received by mail, personal delivery, telephone, or electronic transmission, must be in its regular position in the Show Catalogue otherwise the entry of the dog into the show or trial is not to be permitted by the club holding the show or trial.
- (h) If full mail service has not resumed at least a week before the show or trial, then the show or trial-giving club should use its discretion in deciding whether to place identification cards and judging schedules in the mail or to retain these for distribution to exhibitors as dogs are brought into the venue of the show or trial at its commencement.
- (i) All of the foregoing policies will apply in the event there is a "rotating strike", that is, a temporary cessation of postal services at one (1) or more points while postal services are provided at other points.
- (j) All of the foregoing policies are designed to assist clubs holding shows and trials which may be adversely affected by a cessation in postal services, but no show or trial-giving club is obligated to pursue any of these temporary solutions to the problem if it chooses not to do so.

## **F. Approval To Hold Shows and Trials**

- (1) Clubs shall be informed that while their area of operation may encompass a fairly large area, they will not necessarily be permitted to hold events in any location within this area.
- (2) Events
  - (a) Clubs which are not officially recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club will not be allowed to hold any CKC approved events.
  - (b) The granting of recognition of a club will not necessarily mean that the club will be permitted to hold events under The Canadian Kennel Club rules.
  - (c) CKC-accredited clubs may not hold non-CKC approved Conformation Events. CKC-Recognized National Breed Clubs may hold one (1) NON CKC Unofficial Sieger Style Show annually. This must be with the approval of the CKC Office. Failure to comply will result in loss of CKC club accreditation. [Board Motions #34-12-12, #13-12-19]
- (3) Sanctioned Events
  - (a) A club may hold a sanctioned event, with the approval of the local Zone Director(s), only if they have been officially recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club.
- (4) Conformation Breed Boosters
  - (a) A club wishing to hold a Breed Booster must be officially recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club unless the club is a branch club, and then may, with the permission of the parent club, sponsor a Booster in the area defined by their name. A club will not be allowed to hold Breed Boosters outside the area of operation as defined in their application for recognition, nor by virtue of their name (as in the case of a branch club).
- (5) Lotteries
  - (a) A club holding a show or trial under The Canadian Kennel Club rules is asked to note a ruling of the Board of Directors to the effect that approval by the Club of an application received from a club to hold a show or trial under The Canadian Kennel Club rules is granted on the distinct understanding that the club to which such permission is granted will not conduct, or allow to be conducted, a lottery for a dog or dogs at their events.
- (6) Outstanding Fees
  - (a) Dates for future events will not be approved if any administrative fees are outstanding. If dates have previously been approved, said dates will be cancelled until such time as any administrative fees have been paid.
- (7) Applications
  - (a) An application to hold an event must be signed by an officer of the show/trial/test giving club who is authorized to sign on behalf of the club or the Event Secretary.

(8) New Clubs

- (a) Where The Canadian Kennel Club receives an application for a show or trial date from a club that has not held an event before, the Zone Director(s) in the province concerned shall be consulted before such a date is granted.

(9) Canadian Kennel Club Events

Under certain circumstances, the Board may approve the holding of a special Canadian Kennel Club event which would be administered independently of any current Canadian Kennel Club recognized event-holding club. Such approval shall be contingent upon the following conditions having been met:

- (a) The Board shall grant approval to no more than two (2) such events in any given year.
- (b) Prior to granting approval, the Board shall consider the impact that any such event would have on existing clubs and any previously approved events in the respective area of operation.
- (c) The event shall not be sponsored by The Canadian Kennel Club, but rather, it would be sponsored by an independent group or body and all financial responsibility for such an event would fall upon that group or body.
- (d) The Board, to the best of its ability, shall be comfortable in its knowledge that the proposed event is viable and that the group or body making application is capable of successfully administering the event.
- (e) Current Canadian Kennel Club approved rules shall apply for any such event.
- (f) The name and logo of The Canadian Kennel Club shall figure prominently in association with the event and shall be included in all advertising and promotion relating to the event.
- (g) As part of the understanding with the sponsoring group or body, The Canadian Kennel Club shall be afforded booth space at any such event at no charge. The size and location of such space shall be determined prior to final approval being granted for the event.

**G. Priority Rights / Priority Dates [Board Motion #59-09-23]**

- (1) A national specialty club will not sacrifice their priority dates if they elect to hold their National Specialty Show in another zone on dates other than their priority dates.
- (2) Guidelines for Priority Date Application for clubs holding Canadian Kennel Club events are as follows:
- (a) A club holding Canadian Kennel Club events may apply for a maximum of three (3) consecutive dates in each of five (5) priority date term.
- (b) It is understood that any date which is not reserved as a priority date is considered an available date. The Canadian Kennel Club may grant approval to hold an event(s), on an available date, to any club that meets the requirements on a first-come-first-served basis.
- (c) Clubs are permitted to apply for additional dates in the regular way.
- (3) Conditions applying to an application for priority dates and to any approval given such application are as follows:

- (a) The Canadian Kennel Club reserves the ultimate authority to approve or reject any application for priority dates.
  - (b) A recognized club may apply for priority dates following the completion of the club's first official Canadian Kennel Club event at which points or qualifying scores are awarded towards a title. Clubs may not apply for priority dates for events that the club has not officially held.
  - (c) The application must be accompanied by the required fee which is refundable if the application is not approved.
  - (d) An application for priority dates must specify the breed or breeds for each event type.
  - (e) The application, if approved, is subject to the provisions of The By-Laws, rules and regulations of The Canadian Kennel Club.
  - (f) The granting of priority dates for any show other than an All-Breed Show does not prohibit the granting of dates (priority or otherwise) to clubs wishing to hold events for any other breed or breeds.
  - (g) Approval of an application for priority dates does not convey an exclusive right to the date (or dates) for which priority dates are granted.
  - (h) Approval of an application for priority dates is without prejudice to any policies which the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club may see fit to adopt from time to time with regard to the granting of dates for competitive events to be held under the rules of the Club.
  - (i) The application must be signed by an official of the club or association authorized specifically to submit this application to The Canadian Kennel Club.
  - (j) While a club may be granted priority rights, that does not bind The Canadian Kennel Club to approval of applications for dates.
  - (k) Priority dates must be validated each year by the submission of an appropriate Event Date Application. The Event Date Application must be received at The Canadian Kennel Club Head Office in accordance with the appropriate rules.
- (4) Granting of Available Priority Rights/Priority Dates
- (a) Where priority dates become available, and an application is made by the club that held priority rights to those dates immediately before they became available, the priority dates shall be granted to that club.
  - (b) In all other circumstances, Head Office shall publicize the availability of priority dates that have become available and establish a period during which clubs interested in applying for those dates may do so. At the expiry of this period, the following procedure shall be followed:
    - (1) If only one application is received, the priority dates shall be granted to that applicant provided the applicant meets all other applicable requirements.

- (2) (a) When two clubs holding a Conformation Show on the same date apply for an available date, priority will be given to the club that has been holding CKC events for the longest time. [Board Motion #29-12-15]

**AND**

- (b) If more than one application is received from clubs having the same earliest accreditation date, a draw shall take place between these clubs and the winner of the draw shall be granted the priority dates. Applicant clubs shall be given an opportunity to send a representative to observe the draw.

**H. Event Supplies [Board Motion #26-03-12]**

- (1) Upon approval of Judging Panel Applications, the club will be provided with a Supply Requisition Form. The Supply Requisition Form will be forwarded electronically; however, it will also be made available on the CKC website.
- (2) Clubs will be responsible for completing the Supply Requisition Form and submitting it to the Order Desk at Head Office for processing a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the event.
- (3) The Canadian Kennel Club shall issue the appropriate certificates for each event.
- (4) The Event Secretary will be required to ensure that the owner/handler of the eligible dog is given the appropriate certificate. The certificate will contain the name of the award and the remainder of the certificate will be left blank.
- (5) Orders for event(s) supplies received within three (3) weeks (twenty-one (21) days) of the event(s) will be shipped, in the most reasonable and cost-effective manner. The club will be charged for a courier if required. All requests for supplies ordered within twenty-one (21) days of the event(s) will be charged a handling fee of \$100.00 plus tax.

## I. Premium Lists

- (1) Clubs holding shows and trials shall include the following statement in their Premium Lists:

Attention Foreign Exhibitors

Please note that fees are due and payable in Canadian dollars. Due to consistently fluctuating currency rates, discounted cheques will not be accepted.

Personal cheques will be accepted; however, they are to be payable in Canadian funds. If you send a cheque in U.S. funds, it must be made out for the full amount of the entry and no exchange will be refunded to the exhibitor.

Please do not mark cheques "Payable in Canadian Funds" or "At Par". They will not be cleared by the banks.

To simplify the process, we urge that you purchase bank drafts or money orders payable in Canadian funds.

Your understanding and co-operation is appreciated. Thank you.

- (2) Standard Premium List [Board Motion #37-09-20]
- (a) The following information must be listed on the cover (or first inside page excluding the inside cover) of a Premium List:
- (1) The words "Official Premium List".
  - (2) The name of the club or organization holding the show.
  - (3) The type of event (All-Breed, Specialty, Obedience, etc.)
  - (4) Dates of the event(s).
  - (5) Date and closing time for entries.
- (b) The following information must appear in a Premium List: [Board Motions #32-03-17, #20-03-20]
- (1) Exact location of the show(s).
  - (2) The statement "These events held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club".
  - (3) Whether the show is indoors or outdoors or both.
  - (4) If the show is outdoors, a statement as to whether or not cover will be provided in case of inclement weather.
  - (5) A list of the club officers (addresses may be given if desired).
  - (6) A list of the Event Committee with the address and phone number of the Event Secretary and Superintendent, if applicable.
  - (7) The address and phone number of where entries are to be sent (if different from the Event Secretary).
  - (8) A statement as to where entries are to be sent.
  - (9) A listing of the judges and their province or state and country of residence.
  - (10) A complete list of each judge's assignment broken down for each day.
  - (11) A list of awards and prizes, if offered (Note: Trophies need not be accurately described).
  - (12) If money is to be offered as prizes, the amount for each award must be given.
  - (13) Any rules and regulations and prizes for Puppy Sweepstakes (if offered).
  - (14) The amount of the entry fee for each class.
  - (15) If Unofficial Classes are offered, a description of the classes.
  - (16) A listing of the point schedule from the Event Rules.
  - (17) The name of the Executive Director of The Canadian Kennel Club and the address of the Head Office.
  - (18) The name of the Canadian Kennel Club Board member for that zone.
  - (19) The name of the Event Representative for that zone.

- (20) The name and contact information for the veterinarian who is accessible during the event in case of an emergency.
  - (21) A statement regarding a club's refund policy with regard to any other situation beyond the club's control.
- (c) Clubs are free to include other rules and regulations as they deem necessary. However, if other rules are included, they become part of the Premium List and will be enforced.
- (3) The Premium List for a Conformation Show, with which a Sweepstake is being held, must include complete information covering the Sweepstake, such as:
- (a) Qualifications for entry.
  - (b) Name of approved judge.
  - (c) Time of judging.
  - (d) Distribution of prize money.
  - (e) Complete details of any other prizes being offered.
- (4) Should a club consistently fail to send a copy of its Premium List and Judging Schedule to The Canadian Kennel Club, the matter will be forwarded to the Discipline Committee for appropriate action.

**J. Event Catalogues** [Board Motion #26-12-19, #27-09-22]

- (1) Only Canadian Kennel Club recognized titles are to be used on entry forms and Event Catalogues.
- (2) It is mandatory that the championship point ratings be published in the Event Catalogue (for Conformation only).
- (3) The following information must be listed on the outside front cover or the first page of an Event Catalogue:
  - (a) The name of the association or club holding the events.
  - (b) The exact number and type of events being held.
  - (c) The date(s) of the events.
  - (d) The statement "*This event is (these events are) being held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club*".
- (4) The following information must appear in the Event Catalogue, but not necessarily on the front cover. It is preferred that this information be listed on the first page, excluding the inside front cover:
  - (a) A list of the officers of the club including the email address of the club Secretary.
  - (b) A list of the Event, Trial or Test Committee with the mailing address of the Event Secretary, and Superintendent, and the email address and telephone number of the Zone director and the Zone representative for that discipline.
  - (c) A complete list of the judges and their province or state and country of residence.
  - (d) A listing of each judge's assignments for each day.
  - (e) A listing of the schedule of championship points. (For Conformation only)
- (5) The following format must be followed in each Event Catalogue for Conformation only: [Board Motions #25-03-11, #02-05-18]
  - (a) The breeds must be in their regular order, in their respective groups according to the Conformation Show Rules.
  - (b) Each group, breed and class must be in **Bold face** type, or UPPER-CASE typewriter.

- (c) Each class, for each sex must be given (for example, Open Male).
  - (d) The information in all catalogues for each dog must be in the following order:
    - (1) Catalogue number of the dog.
    - (2) Registered name of dog (in capital letters).
    - (3) Sex of dog (if entered for "Specials Only").
    - (4) The Canadian Kennel Club registration number (if issued), or alternatively, a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN), a Temporary Competition Number (TCN), or an Event Registration Number (ERN).
    - (5) Date of birth.
    - (6) Name of breeder(s).
    - (7) Registered name of sire.
    - (8) Registered name of dam.
    - (9) Place of birth (Canada or elsewhere).
    - (10) Name of Owner(s).
    - (11) Agent (if applicable).
  - (e) Where the class is divided, the divisions must be shown.
  - (f) After each sex, in each breed, a space for marking of "Winners" and "Reserve Winners", and the appropriate indication of the placing.
  - (g) After each breed, a space for the marking of the awards "Best of Breed", "Best of Opposite Sex", etc., and the appropriate indication of the award.
  - (h) NOTE: In each case of (f) and (g) above, the awards may be abbreviated.
  - (i) Each club must clearly indicate the day(s) that a dog is entered, where a club is holding more than one (1) event. The method will be left to the discretion of the show-giving club.
  - (j) A club may, if it so desires, include an alphabetical exhibitors list at the back of the event catalogue. Addresses must be excluded however, Names, Provinces and Country may be included.
  - (k) A club may include a space to record "Group" and "Best in Show" awards. [Board Motion #26-03-11]
  - (l) A club may include a copy of the Judging Schedule. [Board Motion #27-03-11]
  - (m) A copy of the trophy list.
  - (n) Any general or other rules or information, charts, or schedules that the club may feel are of benefit to exhibitors.
- (6) Please note that the following notice must be placed in a prominent location in each catalogue:

The Canadian Kennel Club  
 5397 Eglinton Ave W., Suite 101  
 Etobicoke ON  
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## **K. Awards**

- (1) For a listing of The Canadian Kennel Club-issued titles, see “Appendix 1 – Titles”.
- (2) Errors and Cancellation of Points [Board Motion #02-05-18]
  - (a) The Head Office will identify and assign awards but will not be held responsible for mistakes in assigning awards which may result from an error on the entry form.
  - (b) The cancellation of points, or qualifying scores, because of errors on the entry form is limited to those details which are essential to the record keeping in shows and trials namely:
    - (1) The dog’s name.
    - (2) The Canadian Kennel Club registration number, Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN), Temporary Competition Number (TCN), Event Registration Number (ERN) (absence of a number is an error).
    - (3) Breeder and owner if entered in Bred-by-Exhibitor Class. In the case of co-bred and owned dogs, only the name of one breeder is required as long as it is the same as the owner.
    - (4) Incorrect class.
  - (c) Should the Head Office discover that a dog with a Temporary Competition Number (TCN), after having attained the required points for championship status, is continually entered in class competition thereafter, it shall require that the owner of the dog furnish evidence that the dog is eligible for registration in the records of The Canadian Kennel Club and in the event that such evidence is not forthcoming within thirty (30) days, the awards earned by said dog will be cancelled.
  - (d) When cancellations of wins are listed in the Official Publication and/or electronic posting, a statement shall be included advising that if points are involved they will automatically be transferred to the Reserve Winner (if such award was made at the show).
- (3) Reporting
  - (a) The list of championship dogs as published in the Official Publication and/or posted electronically, shall also include the name of the sire and the dam.
  - (b) In reporting approved Field Trials in the Official Publication and/or electronic posting, said reports shall include a reserve dog (except for the “National”) and a list of the Certificate of Merit winners.

## **L. Attractions, Demonstrations and Displays At CKC Events [Board Motion #25-09-22]**

- (1) No livestock other than dogs are to be permitted within the precincts of CKC events where livestock is not required.

- (2) Attractions and demonstrations held by officially registered entertainment production organizations and canine agencies, may be held throughout CKC events, within the event precincts, provided they do not impact or delay judging. Clubs must submit information pertaining to the attractions, demonstrations or displays that will be held throughout their events to the CKC prior to publishing a Premium List.
- (3) Attractions and demonstrations do not include official events being held by other dog organizations.
- (4) The information must provide full details of what is involved in connection with the demonstration or display or attraction. (For example: How long will it last; if dogs are involved, when it will take place, how many). The Canadian Kennel Club has full authority to deny any attraction or demonstration that will interfere with or delay the progress of judging, or is not deemed appropriate.
- (5) Attractions, demonstrations, and displays will be strictly restricted to purebred dogs of breeds recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club, with the exception of attractions, demonstrations or displays as noted in (2) above.
- (6) Demonstrations held for a Non-CKC title recognition program approved by the CKC, must be held under the rules of the appropriate CKC approved association (i.e.: Scent Hurdle, Barn Hunt, Therapy Dog, etc.).
- (7) A commercial display does not require The Canadian Kennel Club's approval, unless it is to include one (1) or more dogs.
- (8) The Canadian Kennel Club has no legal jurisdiction over commercial demonstrations prior to or after advertised show hours.
- (9) Dogs being used in demonstrations or attractions that are not entered in the CKC event where it is being held, must have a separate grooming/holding area from the dogs entered in the event(s). This includes dogs entered in a CGN Test that are not entered in the other event(s). [Board Motion #25-09-22]

**M. Baby Puppy Class and Displays** [Board Motion #11-12-20, #41-06-22]

- (1) In all Canadian Kennel Club approved conformation events, Baby Puppy will be a class for puppies four (4) months and under six (6) months.
- (2) A club may choose to have an unofficial event for the Baby Puppy competition where all Baby Puppies are entered in a separate event and judged at breed, group and show level by a licensed, or permit or aspiring judge who has successfully completed the "CKC Introduction to Judging 101".

**OR**

The club may elect to have Baby Puppies entered at breed, group and show level and judged by the regular judge.

- (3) The process for judging Baby Puppies would be designated by the club at the time of application for the dates.
- (4) Baby Puppies will be credited for no more than 20% of the number needed for the required permit. The 20% will be 'rounded up' when necessitated by the number required for the permit. For example, a permit requiring fifty-four (54) dogs would round up to eleven (11) Baby Puppies able to be counted for the permit.

- (6) Baby Puppy classes will be optional classes for a club to offer. However, Baby Puppy classes may be offered at only one (1) show per day. Specialty Shows held in conjunction with All-Breed Shows will be exempt from this policy.

## **N. Conformation Events**

- (1) Limited-Breed Shows [Board Motions #59-06-17, #03-02-19, #03-04-20, #10-03-23]
- (a) A Club that has been approved to hold Multiple Shows, on any day of a 2, 3 or 4 day cluster will not be permitted to hold a Limited-Breed Show at the same venue.
  - (b) Clubs holding regular All-Breed Conformation Shows without limitations are permitted to hold either one (1) Limited-Breed Show for one (1) full CKC-recognized Group, or one (1) Limited-Breed Show for specific 'Theme' breeds within the CKC-recognized groups per day.
  - (c) 'Theme' Limited-Breed Shows must be based on a common thread within breed specific characteristics. Theme Limited Breed Shows must be selected in their entirety as indicated on the CKC list of approved themes. No other themes will be permitted.
  - (d) Each Limited-Breed Show for theme breeds must be for one (1) theme only. [Board Motion #11-09-23]
  - (e) A club cannot hold a Limited-Breed Show for the same CKC Group and Theme more than once throughout a set of dates.
  - (f) Recording fees for all Limited-Breed Shows will be the fee applicable to events where the total entry is 126 and over.
- (2) Assistance Dogs at Canadian Kennel Club Events
- (a) Assistance dogs are well known and respected members of the community and provide invaluable assistance to their owners. Therefore, such dogs, whether purebred or mixed breed, when accompanied by their owners, shall be allowed within the general precincts of any Canadian Kennel Club event.

(b) For the purpose of this policy “assistance dogs” shall mean all those dogs that are used to assist those who are physically challenged and shall include guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs and specialty dogs. The following definitions shall apply when referring to assistance dogs.

(1) Definitions

- (i) Guide dogs are those dogs that are trained to guide persons who are sight impaired;
- (ii) Signal dogs are those dogs that are trained to assist persons who are hearing impaired. They are taught to respond to sounds as well as visual and verbal commands;
- (iii) Service dogs, also known as mobility dogs, are those dogs that are trained to assist persons who are physically disabled. They are also trained in a number of safety procedures should the need arise;
- (iv) Specialty dogs are those dogs that are trained to assist persons who are multi-disabled. As an example, such dogs are able to assist a person who is both blind and deaf, or a blind person who is also confined to a wheelchair.

(3) Regulation of Championship Points [Board Motion #33-06-11]

(a) Permission shall be granted a club or clubs to hold shows in such a way that any dog may earn three (3) sets of championship points on the same day, provided that one or more of those sets of points is awarded at a Specialty for that breed or Group.

(4) Policy Governing Multiple Sets of Shows [Board Motions #46-06-17, #15-06-18, #54-09-22]

- (a) Each show shall be limited to a maximum of two hundred (200) dogs.
- (b) The starting time shall be no later than 10:00 a.m. each day, preferably 9:00 a.m.
- (c) There shall be close scrutiny as to the Judging Schedule and the need to adhere to that schedule by the judges.
- (d) Knowledgeable Ring Stewards and a very efficient Chief Ring Steward are needed to keep things running smoothly and on time.
- (e) If possible, the rings should not be visible to each other. This eliminates the possibility of losing time watching proceedings in another ring.
- (f) Should a club receive the number of entries that the show has been limited to before the closing date of show, a waiting list should be kept by the Event Secretary based on date order and time of entries received. If a dog is withdrawn from a multiple show before the closing date, the next dog on the waiting list must be offered the opportunity to enter the show. Exhibitors that withdraw an entry from a multiple show cannot replace that entry with another dog of their own. [Board Motion #48-06-22]

(g) Approval of multiply shows will be based on the Province in which the club resides and/or where the events are being held as noted below.

(i) Provinces and/or Territories where multiple shows will be permitted regardless of area of operation or venue:

Nova Scotia  
New Brunswick  
Newfoundland  
Prince Edward Island  
Manitoba  
Saskatchewan  
Yukon  
Northwest Territories  
Nunavut

(ii) Provinces where multiple shows will only be approved based on specific conditions as noted below: [Board Motion #129-09-23]

Ontario – Multiple shows will not be permitted unless they are being held north of Orillia, continuing north of Highway 60, west of Highway 35 to Georgian Bay, or within the counties of Grey-Bruce, Lambton, Kent or Essex.

Quebec – multiple shows will not be permitted unless they are being held in these areas: Nord du Québec, Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Saguenay – Lac-Saint-Jean, MRC Ville de La Tuque, in Mauricie, MRC du Granit, MRC du Haut-Saint-François, MRC de Coaticook, in Estrie, MRC des Etchemins, MRC Robert-Cliché, MRC de Beauce-Sartigan, MRC des Appalaches, In Chaudière-Appalaches, MRC de Charlevoix and MRC de Charlevoix-Est in Capitale-Nationale, Bas-Saint-Laurent, Côte-Nord, Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine.

Alberta – multiple shows will not be permitted unless they are held north of Hwy 16, excluding the City of Edmonton.

British Columbia – Multiple shows will not be permitted in Zone 11. Multiple shows will not be permitted in Zone 12 unless they are being held in Prince George or further north, or in the region of West Kootenay.

(h) Where multiple shows are offered, same day move ups will only be permitted if the shows are run consecutively. [Board Motion #55-09-22]

(5) Sanction Matches and Sanction Obedience Matches

(a) A specialty club may apply for and be granted permission to hold a Specialty Sanction Match for the breed or breeds indicated by its club name.

(b) A specialty club shall be granted permission to hold an All-Breed Sanction Match.

(c) A club shall not be granted permission to hold two (2) Sanction Matches (Conformation) on the same date or on consecutive dates.

(d) A club which has been granted permission to hold a Conformation Show or Specialty Conformation Show may not, during the official hours, hold a Sanction Obedience Match, nor may a club that has been granted permission to hold an approved Obedience Trial, hold a Sanction Match during the official hours of the trial.

- (e) With the exception of Beagle sanction events, a club will not be approved to hold two (2) similar types of sanctioned events, in the same zone, within a three (3) month period.
- (6) Specialty Shows [Board Motion # 26-09-22, #11-05-23]
- (a) Where a group of specialty clubs, working together, hold a series of Specialty Shows in the same place and on the same date, judging shall not take place which requires competition at the same time between dogs entered in more than one (1) Specialty Show and group placements shall not be permissible unless all breeds in the group are eligible for entry in the Group Specialty Show.
  - (b) Specialty clubs will not be granted permission to hold more than one (1) Specialty Show per zone in the same calendar year except in the following circumstances:
    - (1) A national club holding a National Specialty may hold a Specialty Show any day of the specialty weekend, providing that there is no specialty club operating in the area in which the National Specialty is to be held. [Board Motion #32-12-18]
      - (i) If there are any specialty clubs, other than a national specialty club, operating in the area of operation where the specialty is to take place, each specialty club must provide written consent authorizing the holding of the second specialty. [Board Motion #62-06-13]
    - (2) A regional, provincial or local specialty club that is holding a Specialty Show may hold a second Specialty Show on a day preceding or following the Specialty Show, provided that:
      - (i) there is no specialty club other than a national specialty club operating in the area of operation of the club hosting the Specialty Show; or
      - (ii) if there is a specialty club, other than a national specialty club, operating in the area of operations of the club hosting the specialty, that specialty club agrees to holding of the specialty.
      - (iii) In the case of stand-alone specialties (not in conjunction with an all breed club), the back to back specialty shows can be held on the same day provided they are scheduled consecutively.
  - (c) Where a specialty club has, by virtue of The Canadian Kennel Club club recognition been deemed a national club, it will be allowed to designate one (1) Specialty Show in any given year as a “National Specialty” in their Premium List and advertising but must not precede the word “National” by any of the following words: “The”; “Canadian”; or “Dominion”.
  - (d) The question of times for Specialty Trials held in conjunction with All-Breed Trials shall be left to the discretion of the clubs involved.
  - (e) Critiques by the judges may be required by Specialty Show giving clubs.

- (7) Sweepstakes
- (a) The time of commencement of the judging of each Sweepstake is to be stipulated in the Judging Schedule mailed to exhibitors before the show.
- (8) Second Set of Conformation Show Dates [Board Motion #14-12-23]
- (a) Prior to applying for a second set of dates, the club must ensure that it meets the requirements as set out in (c).
- (b) A second set of shows shall be for a maximum of three (3) days. [Board Motion #61-09-14]
- (c) No all-breed clubs will be granted a second set of open shows three (3) weeks prior to priority dates held by another all-breed club holding shows within the mileage restriction unless the club seeks approval from the club holding the respective priority dates. Request to waive this policy must be granted yearly in writing by the club holding the respective priority dates. This waiver must accompany the date application submitted to CKC.
- (d) Written requests to clubs must be forwarded to a minimum of two (2) club officers of the club holding priority dates.
- (e) Clubs holding priority dates that must provide written approval or objection, must do so within 15 days of receiving the written request. A copy of which must be sent to the CKC office.
- (f) If no response is received, it will be assumed that the club holding priority dates has no objections and the dates will be granted providing there are no objections from other clubs required to provide approval.
- (9) Placards
- (a) If, for purposes of photography, placards are employed to identify the dogs receiving the higher awards, then such placards must clearly identify the nature of the awards, and placards such as "Best in Show", "Best Canadian-Bred in Show" and "Best Canadian-Bred Puppy in Show" must not be employed at Specialty Shows.
- (10) Measuring Devices [Board Motion #27-12-19]
- (a) Only one (1) official measuring device will be recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club for use at Conformation Shows held under Club rules.
- (b) Each Zone Director is supplied with one (1) measuring device for the purpose of official measuring.
- (11) Collars and Leads
- (a) Any equipment which in any way manipulates the muzzle of a dog is not acceptable in the show ring.
- (12) Marking Puppies on Judging Sheets [Board Motion #31-03-18]
- (a) Marked judging and stewarding sheets supplied by the Show Secretary will include:
- (1) all puppies that are entered in adult classes;

- (2) the breeds to be judged on the table or a ramp with the exception of Toy Breeds.

**O. Obedience Trials and Tracking Tests**

- (1) The number of Obedience Trials being allocated to all-breed clubs in connection with their shows shall be handled by the local Zone Director in consultation with Head Office.

**P. Field Trials and Tests [Board Motion #21-09-17]**

- (1) Beagle Field Trial Mileage Policy

- (a) Ontario and Quebec:

- (1) Simultaneous brace and/or small pack trials are permissible provided such trials are not less than one hundred and fifty (150) miles apart.
- (2) No mileage constraints on conducting simultaneous brace and large or small pack trials.
- (3) Simultaneous large pack trials are permissible provided such trials are not less than five hundred (500) miles apart.

- (b) Maritime Provinces:

No simultaneous trials of any type shall be approved. This includes Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

- (c) Newfoundland:

Newfoundland shall be considered a separate zone for the purpose of trial dates. However, no simultaneous trials of any type shall be approved within Newfoundland.

- (2) Official Measurement of Beagles

- (a) Applying for Official Measurement:

Any person who is the recorded owner of a Beagle which is registered in the records of The Canadian Kennel Club may apply for an official determination of the height of the dog, provided the dog to be measured is over eighteen (18) months of age and is identified in accordance with The By-Laws of The Canadian Kennel Club. The owner of the Beagle shall complete Section 1 of the *Application for Official Measurement* form and shall mail such application or deliver it to an official Field Trial Representative appointed by the Club. The application must be accompanied by a cheque or money order, payable to "The Canadian Kennel Club".



(b) Conflict of Interest:

An Official Measurer should avoid conflicts of interest in processing personal or family associated hounds. That is, the Official Measurer should not be involved in the official measurement or issuing of measurement certificates for hounds held under lease, boarded, trained or handled within six (6) months prior to the date of official measurement. (Immediate family means, husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandparents, significant other).

(c) Official Measurement Certificate:

- (1) Upon request of a properly completed *Application for Official Measurement* form and the appropriate fee, The Canadian Kennel Club will take the necessary action, if the dog has met the requirements of their rules, and issue an official measurement certificate indicating the official height of the dog. There will also be issued a small card (suitable for carrying in a wallet or purse) carrying the same information as appears on the official measurement certificate. This small card serves the same purpose as an official measurement certificate and will enable the owner of the dog which has been officially measured to produce evidence to that effect without the necessity of carrying the larger certificate to shows and trials.
- (2) The official measurement certificate (or the height determination card issued for convenience in carrying), when accompanied by The Canadian Kennel Club certificate of registration for the dog, shall entitle the said dog to be shown or run at shows and trials held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club, without further measurement, shall be entered in the class indicated on the certificate of official measurement.

(d) Measuring:

- (1) Before the dog is officially measured, by a metal measuring device of a type approved by the Board of Directors of The Canadian Kennel Club, Section 2 of the *Application for Official Measurement* form must be completed in the presence of three (3) Official Measurers. The applicant shall present The Canadian Kennel Club certification of individual registration to the official measurers, for the dog officially being measured.
- (2) The measuring device shall be loosely placed across the shoulder blades at the highest point. The dog must be standing in a natural position with his feet well under him on a ground level non-slippery surface. Height is determined by a line perpendicular to the ground from the highest point of the shoulder blades, the dog standing naturally with the forelegs and the lower hind legs parallel to the line of measurement.
- (3) When the official measurers have reached an agreement as to the height of the dog being measured, they shall record this measurement on Section 3 of the application for official measurement form and then complete that section of the form.
- (4) The Canadian Kennel Club Field Trial Representative shall forward the completed *Application For Official Measurement* form to The Canadian Kennel Club Head Office along with the appropriate fee.

- (3) Electronic Tracking Device & Collar [Board Motion #21-12-11]
- (a) Electronic Tracking Device
- (1) When judging at a Beagle Field Trial, judges shall not use, or offer for use, any form of technology that allows them to track the progress or location of a hound, or hounds, entered in the trial.
- (b) Electronic Tracking Collars [Board Motions #03-12-16, #08-03-18, #08-06-21]
- (1) At the discretion of the owner or handler GPS based or other types of Tracking/Training collar systems may be used and collars may be worn on hounds during the running of CKC licensed Large Pack Beagle Field Trials. The use of Tracking/Training collars during Small Pack/Brace Beagle Field Trials shall be at the discretion of the owner or handler and the trial-giving club. If the trial-giving club is not permitting the use of GPS based Tracking/Training collar systems to be used during the trial, it must be indicated in writing in the Premium List. Where Tracking/Training collar systems are used in any CKC licensed field trial, they shall be used only under the following conditions:
- (i) The collar is well fitted with no hanging parts or attachments other than antennas and tags for identification purposes;
- (ii) During the running of Large Pack Field Trials that are not held in an enclosed or fenced area stimulation points may be installed in the tracking collars;
- (iii) Handheld devices may be left in the possession of the owner or handler of a hound or hounds during the running of the trial and may be left in the "on" position.
- (2) In the case where Tracking/Training handheld devices and collar systems include toning and stimulation function, these functions shall only be used under the following conditions:
- (i) When the Judges have called the field trial as being over the toning function only can be used.
- (ii) In the case of a general pickup of all hounds during the running of a trial where judgement has not been completed, the toning function can be used.
- (iii) In the event that the owner(s) or handler(s) of a hound(s) has/have reason to believe that their hound(s) has/have become substantially (not within hearing distance) separated from the running pack or group of hounds under judgement for any reason, including running off-game, said owner(s) or handler(s) shall seek permission of the Gallery Marshall to collect their hounds and if necessary to use the tone function during the pickup process.
- (a) Before granting permission to collect the hounds and use the tone or stimulation functions the Gallery Marshall shall, in turn, consult with at least one of the presiding Judges to confirm that the hound(s) in question are not in the pack under judgement.
- (3) In the event that an owner(s) or handler(s) contravenes this policy Judges may, at their discretion, require that the hound or hounds owned and/or handled by said persons be disqualified and removed from the trial.
- (4) Lure Coursing Trials

- (a) The number of trials that a club may hold in one day is limited to one (1).
  - (b) No more than nine (9) all-breed trials may be held by a club within a year, with a limit of three (3) sets of trials per year.
  - (c) A Coursing breed club may be permitted only one (1) Specialty Lure Course per year for their breed, in addition to the nine (9) all-breed trials.
  - (d) Canadian Kennel Club recognized lure coursing clubs may only hold Canadian Kennel Club approved lure coursing trials.
- (5) Retriever Field Trials
- (a) For the purpose of date approval, there is no conflict between Retriever Field Trials and Working Certificate (W.C. and W.C.X.) Tests.
- (6) Spaniel Field Trials
- (a) No two (2) clubs shall be granted approval to hold Spaniel Field Trials on the same date unless they are outside the mileage restrictions. Spaniel Working Tests are deemed not to conflict with Spaniel Field Trials and may run concurrently regardless of mileage.
- (7) Working Certificate Tests
- (a) Clubs will be permitted to hold no more than two (2) sets of Working Certificate Tests in one day.
  - (b) For the purposes of Working Certificate Tests, zones are defined similar to electoral zones.
- (8) Certificates of Merit

The following policies shall apply in conjunction with Certificates of Merit for Field Trials for Pointing Breeds, Retrievers and Spaniels:

- (a) The Canadian Kennel Club crest shall not be used on such certificates.
- (b) The name of The Canadian Kennel Club shall not be used on such certificates.
- (c) The signature of the Officers of The Canadian Kennel Club shall not appear on such certificates in their official capacity as Officers of the Club.
- (d) The trial-giving clubs may issue Certificates of Merit to owners of dogs designated "C.M." by the officiating judge at an approved trial held under The Canadian Kennel Club rules.

**Q. New Events** [Board Motion #33-03-17]

- (1) Guidelines for Recognizing New Disciplines
- (a) Any group desiring to sponsor or develop a new performance event must make a formal proposal using The Canadian Kennel Club Business Assessment Tool as outlined in Chapter 1, Administration Section P of the Policy and Procedures Manual to ensure that it meets with the objects of The Canadian Kennel Club and is in the best interests of purebred dogs and the Club.
  - (b) The proposal, once vetted by Head Office, will be presented to the Board for its information and approval in principle.

- (c) Upon acceptance in principle by the Board a sub-committee comprised of the people in the sport will be struck.
  - (d) The sub-committee in consultation with Head Office will draft a set of rules.
  - (e) Once the rules have been finalized, they will be presented to the Board to be approved or published for comment.
  - (f) Once the Board gives its final approval to the rules, it will then become an official Canadian Kennel Club event.
- (2) Flyball
- (a) The Canadian Kennel Club adopts the Canadian Flyball Rules which shall be considered to be identical to the current rules of the North American Flyball Association.
- (3) IGP [Board Motion #86-03-19]
- (a) The complete English translation of the FCI International Utility Dogs Regulations shall be accepted as the rules for holding IGP (Formerly known as “Schutzhund” prior to 2012 and “IPO” from 2012 to 2019) Trials in Canada.
- (4) Sled Dog Racing
- (a) The International Sled Dog Racing Association Inc., Race Rules shall be recognized as the rules under which any SD, SDX and SDU titles must be won.
- (5) Scent Hurdle Racing
- (a) The Canadian Kennel Club recognizes titles and issues certificates earned through the Canadian Scent Hurdle Racing Association as indicated in Appendix 1-Titles, The Canadian Kennel Club Approved Event Titles. [Board Motion #48-06-17]
- (6) Barn Hunt [Board Motions #34-06-17, #46-03-21]
- (a) The Barn Hunt Association (@Barn Hunt Association LLC 2016, Barn Hunt® and Barn Hunt Association® are registered trademarks) shall be recognized as the rules under which the following titles will be recognized:
    - Barn Hunt Novice (RATN)
    - Barn Hunt Open (RATO)
    - Barn Hunt Senior (RATS)
    - Barn Hunt Master (RATM)
    - Barn Hunt Champion (RATCH)
    - Barn Hunt Champion X (RATCHX)

- (b) To obtain a CKC Title and Certificate, the dog must have a CKC Registration Number, a Performance Event Number, a Canine Companion Number, Miscellaneous Certification Number or an Event Registration Number.
  - (c) The completion of the CKC Barn Hunt Title Application Form located on the CKC website under Forms>Exhibitor Forms along with the fee outlined in the Schedule of Fees is required to obtain your CKC Title and Certificate.
- (7) North America Diving Dogs [Board Motion #32-03-18]
- (a) North America Diving Dogs rules shall be recognized as the standard under which the Dock Diving titles listed in Appendix 1 will be recognized.
  - (b) To obtain a CKC Title and Certificate, dogs must have a CKC Registration Number, a Performance Event Number, a Canine Companion Number, Miscellaneous Certification Number or an Event Registration Number.
  - (c) The completion of the CKC North America Diving Dog Title Application Form located on the CKC website under Forms>Exhibitor Forms along with the fee outlined in the Schedule of Fees is required to obtain your CKC Title and Certificate.
- (8) The Canadian Kennel Club recognizes titles and issue certificates for achieving titles through CKC Approved Therapy Dog Organizations as listed in Appendix 1. [Board Motion #22-12-18]
- (a) To obtain a CKC Title and Certificate, your dog must have a CKC Registration Number, a Performance Event Number, a Canine Companion Number, Miscellaneous Certification Number or an Event Registration Number.
  - (b) The completion of the CKC Therapy Dog Title Application Form located under Forms>Exhibitor Forms along with the fee outlined in the Schedule of Fees is required to obtain your CKC Title and Certificate.
  - (c) CKC-Approved Therapy Dog Organizations are listed on the CKC Website on the Overview of Events.
  - (d) Titles from approved organizations earned both before and after the approval date for the organization may be recognized after the organization approval date. [Board Motion #89-03-19]
- (9) Trick Dog Titles – Do More With Your Dog® [Board Motion #39-09-19]
- (a) Do More With Your Dog® shall be recognized as the rules under which the following titles will be recognized:
    - Novice Trick Dog (NTD)
    - Intermediate Trick Dog (ITD)
    - Advanced Trick Dog (ATD)
    - Expert Trick Dog (ETD)
    - Trick Dog Champion (TDCH)
  - (b) To obtain a CKC Title and Certificate, the dog must have a CKC Registration Number, a Performance Event Number, a Canine Companion Number, Miscellaneous Certification Number or an Event Registration Number.

- (c) The completion of the Trick Dog Title Application Form (Do More With Your Dog®) located on the CKC website under Forms>Exhibitor Forms along with the fee outlined in the Schedule of Fees is required to obtain your CKC Title and Certificate.
- (10) Newfoundland Water Rescue [Board Motions #52-09-20, #48-12-20]
- (a) The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada Water Rescue Test Rules shall be recognized as the rules under which WRDN, WRD and WRDX titles must be earned, solely by Newfoundland Dogs.
- (11) Rats! Canada [Board Motion #37-05-23, #130-09-23]
- a) Rats! Canada shall be recognized as the rules under which the following titles will be recognized:
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| Barn Ratting        | IBAR NBAR ABAR MBAR CHBAR GCHBA<br>GCHBAX GCHBAX2 (ETC)<br>EXBA EXBABR EXBASI EXBAGO EXBAP<br>EXBAPX EXBAPX2 (ETC) |
| Brush Hunting       | IBRH NBRH ABRH MBRH CHBRH GCHBH<br>GCHBHX GCHBHX2 (ETC)<br>EXBH EXBHBR EXBHSI EXBHGO EXBAP<br>EXBAPX EXBAPX2 (ETC) |
| Trailing & Locating | ITL NTL ATL MTL CHTL GCHTL GCHTLX<br>GCHTLX2 (ETC)<br>EXTL EXTLBR EXTL SI EXTLGO EXTL P<br>EXTLPX EXTLPX2 (ETC)    |
| Team Relay          | TRRD TRBR TRSI TRGO TRP TRPX TRPX2 (ETC)   |
- b) To obtain a CKC Title and Certificate, the dog must have a CKC Registration Number, a Performance Event Number, a Canine Companion Number, Miscellaneous Certification Number or an Event Registration Number.
  - c) The completion of the Rats! Canada Form located on the CKC website under Forms>Exhibitor Forms along with the fee outlined in the Schedule of Fees is required to obtain your CKC Title and Certificate.

**R. Judges Guidelines**

- (1) General [Board Motion #16-03-24]
  - (a) The commencement and completion time of a judge's assignment shall be recorded on the front cover of the Judges Book.

- (2) Conflicts of Interest
- (a) No announcement may be made within the sight or hearing of an officiating judge at a show which will identify dogs or their owners or speak of their show records.
  - (b) It is considered most unethical for a judge to attend a show as a spectator in the same area where he is scheduled to officiate as a judge.
  - (c) A person officiating as a judge at an approved trial held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club shall not act in any other capacity at the show or trial. (Exception: in an emergency requiring a substitute judge where such person is eligible to judge according to the applicable rules).
- (3) Contracts and Cancellations
- (a) The Canadian Kennel Club will consider a signed letter by the club for the engagement of a judge to officiate at future shows or events as a legal and authorized engagement, and any attempts to break such a contract by the show-giving club without reasonable and just cause could lead to immediate cancellation of future events until such dispute is settled. The Canadian Kennel Club will not enter into any disputes over fees and/or payments of expenses.
  - (b) Written judging contracts must be honoured by all parties; failure to comply shall be considered a disciplinary offence.
  - (c) When an American judge cancels an engagement to judge in Canada for any reason, the judge will be treated in the same manner as a Canadian judge as noted in Section 3(b) above.
  - (d) Clubs, in consultation with the Canadian Kennel Club Representative, Advisor and/or the Zone Director, should make every effort to obtain an approved judge to fulfil an emergency assignment. If an approved judge is not available, and if the judging assignment is fulfilled by a judge on permit for any of the breeds within the assignment, the permit breeds judged will be credited to the permit judge in question. [Board Motion #13-09-18]
  - (e) A judge requiring accommodation for a disability must make it known to the club that such accommodation is required. [Board Motion #19-09-09]
  - (f) Clubs to insert the following into their contracts with the judge: "If you require accommodation for a disability, please make your accommodation known to the club in advance. Please contact X by (date) to ensure that we do our best to accommodate your needs." [Board Motion #19-09-09]
- (4) Membership Requirements for Judges
- (a) Approved Judges
    - (1) All Canadian residents approved or appointed to judge at approved The Canadian Kennel Club events must be members of the Club.
  - (b) Reinstatement of Judging Privileges following lapsed Membership

- (1) An administrative fee for each year of membership lapsed will be charged for reinstatement of judging privileges. Payment of said administrative fees shall only serve to reinstate the judge's judging privileges and shall have no bearing on the membership file.
- (5) Maintenance Fees for Judges [Board Motion #22-09-17]
  - (a) All judging assignments will be cancelled and no further approvals will be given until payment has been received for the judge's annual maintenance fees as per the schedule of fees.
  - (b) The Canadian Kennel Club will provide Judges Pins and/or badge to judges who pay the maintenance fee and will make the pin and/or badge available to all other judges at cost.
  - (c) All The Canadian Kennel Club-approved Conformation Judges who have no outstanding maintenance fees shall receive a complete set of The Canadian Kennel Club Breed Standards initially which shall be updated immediately upon any standard being changed and the new standard being printed and available.
- (6) Solicitation
  - (a) A judge shall not communicate directly or indirectly with any club or member of a club for the purpose of soliciting a judging assignment. Such communication includes, but is not limited to, the use of social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, blog platforms and text messaging for example. [Board Motion #38-09-20]
  - (b) For greater certainty, listing in canine publications and the use of business cards shall not constitute solicitation on the part of the judge.

**S. Approval of Judges** [Board Motions #29-03-11, #40-12-11]

- (1) When a deadline for receipt of an application for date of judge falls on a Saturday or Sunday, The Canadian Kennel Club office will consider that the application has complied with the deadline if it reaches the Club by Monday noon immediately following the Saturday or Sunday.
- (2) Conformation Events [Board Motion #41-12-11]
  - (a) All Conformation Judges approved to judge Toy Poodles, Toy American Eskimo Dogs, Toy Xoloitzcuintlis, and Toy Manchester Terriers will automatically be approved to judge the Miniature and/or Standard varieties of the same breeds, and vice versa. All Conformation Judges approved to judge Miniature Schnauzers will automatically be approved to judge Giant and Standard Schnauzers, and vice versa.
  - (b) If a person has established eligibility to judge a group at the group level, eligibility will continue for all breeds in the group even though one or more breeds may be added to the group.
  - (c) Within a five (5) year period, every All-Breed Judge that has had a judging assignment will be observed. [Board Motion #18-09-18]



- (d) Sweepstakes [Board Motion #42-12-11]
  - (1) Any person in good standing with The Canadian Kennel Club may be approved to judge Sweepstakes at Conformation Shows held under the Club's rules. All persons selected to judge a Sweepstake must be included in the list of proposed judges submitted to The Canadian Kennel Club, as required by The Canadian Kennel Club Conformation Show Rules.
- (3) Trial Judges
  - (a) The current Retriever Field Trial Rules state that there must be at least two (2) judges used in each Stake; however, a maximum of three (3) judges shall be acceptable in any Stake.
- (4) Tracking Test Judges
  - (a) An American Tracking Test Judge may only judge those tests in Canada for which eligibility has been established to judge through the American Kennel Club.
- (5) Judging Panel Substitutions
  - (a) Once a panel of judges for a show has been approved by The Canadian Kennel Club, no change will be permitted except when necessary and in an overload situation.
  - (b) If there is no other recourse, the local Zone Director is authorized to grant approval for a change in judges. "No other recourse" shall mean in this case, that The Canadian Kennel Club Head Office staff could not be reached.
  - (c) When an approved judge for a trial arrives at the trial after judging has already commenced with a substitute judge, the substitute judge will continue to officiate for the balance of any class which he has commenced judging and the approved judge will only officiate for any other class or classes for which judging has not yet commenced.

## **T. Approval of Non-Resident Judges**

- (1) General
  - (a) A non-resident judge means a person whose primary residence is outside of Canada for a total of six (6) months during any calendar year.
  - (b) All non-resident judges must abide by The Canadian Kennel Club's rules, regulations, policies, procedures, breed standards, and Code of Ethics.
  - (c) The approval of a non-resident judge to judge at Canadian Kennel Club events is a privilege granted by The Canadian Kennel Club and therefore such privilege may be removed at any time for just cause. The judge will be notified by Head Office when such action is being considered and will be given the reason for such action.

- (d) A judge must be capable of orally communicating with exhibitors/handlers so as to ensure that instructions during a competition can be understood.
  - (e) Should a non-resident judge not be able to read and/or understand either English or French languages, the event giving club must provide The Canadian Kennel Club with the assurance that all rules, regulations, policies and procedures and breed standards will be translated in writing, or communicated orally to the judge in the first language of the judge. There must be no question as to whether the judge fully understands how and what he is to judge at Canadian Kennel Club events.
  - (f) When a foreign judge is licensed by more than one kennel club, only the license issued in the judge's current country of residence will be recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club. However, if the foreign kennel club is recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club and a member of Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI), it is acceptable to obtain verification of the judge's license when referred to the FCI Judges Directory. [Board Motion #81-05-19]
  - (g) Members of the Armed Forces and/or the Diplomatic Corps who are transferred temporarily outside of their country of residence into Canada shall maintain their foreign residency status. The same shall apply for their spouses and children. In order for this policy to apply, judges must provide Head Office with satisfactory evidence of their status on an annual basis. [Board Motion #20-09-17]
- (2) Requirements
- (a) To judge at Canadian Kennel Club approved events, a non-resident judge must be licensed by and in good standing with a foreign kennel club that is recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club. Non-resident conformation judges must be licensed to award challenge certificates, championship points or their equivalent to those breeds being judged in Canada.
  - (b) A non-resident judge who is on a provisional, permit or apprenticeship basis is not eligible to judge those breeds, classes or stakes at Canadian Kennel Club events.
  - (c) A non-resident licensed conformation judge may be approved to judge a group at the group level provided that they are licensed to judge all of the breeds within the group, with the exception of up to three (3) breeds. [Board Motion #106-06-16]
  - (d) Non-resident licensed conformation judges may be allowed to judge breeds where fewer than thirty (30) individual entries were exhibited nationally in the previous year. [Board Motion #106-06-16]
- (3) Observing Performance
- (a) Non-resident conformation judges will have their performance observed throughout their first CKC judging assignment. Additional observation may be required when deemed necessary.
- (4) Application for a Non-Resident Judge
- (a) A club hiring a non-resident judge must apply in writing to The Canadian Kennel Club a minimum of six (6) months (AKC licensed judges four (4) months), prior to the date of the event. The request must indicate the judge's full name, address, licensing body, breeds, classes or stakes requested to judge.

- (b) Upon receipt of a written request from a club, The Canadian Kennel Club will verify the judge's credentials with the judge's licensing authority.
  - (c) Once the information from the licensing authority is verified, the judge's eligibility to judge specific breeds, groups, classes and stakes at Canadian Kennel Club events will be determined.
  - (d) Head Office will notify the club as to the judge's eligibility.
  - (e) Once approved by Head Office conformation judges will be sent the following: The Handbook for Conformation Judges, Conformation Show Rules and Regulations and the Breed Disqualification booklet.
  - (f) Conformation clubs must ensure that non-resident judges are supplied with The Canadian Kennel Club's Breed Standards for those breeds that the judge will be approved to judge.
  - (g) The Canadian Kennel Club, at its sole discretion, has the right to withdraw its approval of any non-resident judge for any or all breeds, classes or stakes for which approval has been granted.
- (5) Application for Non-Resident Judges from Foreign Kennel Clubs Not Recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club
- (a) Subject to all of the requirements set forth in this policy, an application for a judge licensed by a foreign kennel club that is not formally recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club, the following must be confirmed prior to approval:
    - (1) The judge must be licensed by a kennel club in his country of residence and the judge must be in good standing with that club.
    - (2) The foreign kennel club, as the licensing authority, must provide The Canadian Kennel Club Head Office with the following:
      - (i) proof of judge having been licensed to judge
      - (ii) verification of breeds and groups for which the judge is licensed to judge
    - (3) In the event that The Canadian Kennel Club is unable to verify the judge's credentials, the application will be rejected.
    - (4) The request for a judge licensed by a kennel club not recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club must be received at Head Office a minimum of six (6) months prior to the assignment.
    - (5) It should be understood that for these purposes the FCI (Federation Cynologique Internationale) licensing is not accepted.
    - (6) Head Office may request a judge to submit a brief summary of his judging experience, detailing the breeds, numbers and locations of past assignments.

**U. Day of Entry – Performance Events [Board Motion #54-06-12]**

- (1) At its option a club may choose to allow day of trial or test entries. When a club chooses this option, it must be so stated in the Premium List.

**V. Administrative Charges**

- (1) Late Submissions [Board Motion #50-06-17]
  - (a) In accordance with The By-laws of The Canadian Kennel Club, the Board has the authority to set fees.
  - (b) Fee assessments for late submissions will include weekends and holidays.
  - a) (Late submission of date applications for Obedience Trials and Conformation Shows by a club shall be two (2) separate charges.
- (2) Veterinary Fees
  - (a) Veterinary fees will be paid by the person or organization that makes the primary request for the service.
- (3) Non-Member Participation Fee [Board Motion #24-12-10]
  - (a) An annual non-member participation fee for awards and titles will be charged to a Canadian non-member of The Canadian Kennel Club. [Board Motion #98-03-22]
  - (b) In order to protect the awards/titles earned, the non-member will have a choice either to become a Canadian Kennel Club member or to pay the non-member participation fee. Failure to comply within thirty (30) days of notification will cause all awards and titles to be cancelled.
  - (c) The Premium List must carry a note stating that these fees apply only to dogs wholly owned by non-Canadian Kennel Club members and are not applicable to Canadian Kennel Club members.

**W. Performance Event Number (PEN) [Board Motion #50-12-12, #34-05-23, #37-12-23]**

- (1) Definitions
  - (a) Unregistrable Dog: means a dog of a Canadian Kennel Club recognized or Miscellaneous breed that cannot be registered or obtain a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN) because of unknown parentage or the unavailability of its registration papers.
  - (b) Registrable Breed: means a dog of a Canadian Kennel Club recognized breed that is eligible to receive a regular Canadian Kennel Club registration number.
- (2) Purpose [Board Motion #51-06-17]
  - (a) A Performance Event Number (PEN) allows an unregistrable dog of a Canadian Kennel Club recognized or Miscellaneous breed, or a breed that is registerable by a Breed Association in Canada recognized by Agriculture Canada to participate in those competitive events that are appropriate for the breed. Those events are as follows: Obedience, Tracking, Herding, Draft Dogs, Agility, Lure Coursing, Earthdog Tests, Hunt Tests, Working Certificate Tests, Pointing Field Dog Tests, Rally Obedience, Thanks, Chase Ability, Spaniel Field Trials and Hunt Test for All Sporting Spaniels other than Brittany Spaniels & Irish Water Spaniels. [Board Motion #19-09-21]

- (3) Eligibility
- (a) In order for a dog to be eligible to receive a Performance Event Number (PEN), the following criteria must be met:
- (1) The dog must be of a Canadian Kennel Club recognized or Miscellaneous breed, or a breed that is registerable by another Canadian Registry recognized by Agriculture Canada;
  - (2) The dog, for one reason or another, must not be eligible for Canadian Kennel Club registration or obtain a Miscellaneous Certification Number (MCN), or an Event Registration Number (ERN);
  - (3) The dog must be spayed or neutered;
  - (4) In the case of a foreign born dog residing in the USA, in addition to the above, the dog must have been issued an AKC Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) number.
- (4) Applying for a Performance Event Number (PEN)
- (a) Complete the appropriate Canadian Kennel Club Performance Event Number (PEN) application form;
- (b) Submit the following documentation:
- (1) Two (2) recent and clear photographs of the dog in standing position
    - (i) One (1) full frontal view
    - (ii) One (1) full profile
    - (iii) The photograph be signed and dated by a veterinarian confirming breed and size of dog;
  - (2) A veterinary certificate confirming that the dog has been spayed or neutered;
  - (3) A statement as to why the dog cannot be properly registered with The Canadian Kennel Club;
  - (4) The appropriate fee as noted in The Canadian Kennel Club Fee Schedule;
  - (5) In the event that the dog has been born in a country other than Canada and has been issued an AKC Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) number, the AKC ILP Certificate may be submitted in lieu of the documentation noted in 4(b), (1) and (2) above.
- (c) The dog must be properly identified with a Canadian Kennel Club approved microchip (this requirement is not necessary for ILP dogs);
- (d) If the dog is co-owned, all co-owners must sign the application;
- (e) A dog residing in Canada that has been issued an ILP number must comply with all the provisions as noted in four (4) above in order to acquire a Performance Event Number (PEN).
- (f) American Kennel Club Foundation Stock Service (FSS) certificates will also be accepted for this purpose. [Board Motion #12-09-21]

- (5) Upon receipt of a Performance Event Number (PEN), the dog may be entered in any of those events noted in Section V, subsection 2.
- (6) Should the dog's ownership change, the Performance Event Number (PEN) must be transferred into the name of the new owner. This may be accomplished by completing the transfer portion on the reverse of the PEN Certificate and forwarding it to The Canadian Kennel Club along with the appropriate fee. A new PEN Certificate will then be issued and forwarded to the new owner.
- (7) A dog that is eligible for a Performance Event Number (PEN) may not be entered in events with a TCN. Dogs may only enter events after a Performance Event Number (PEN) has been issued to that dog. This restriction shall also apply to dogs with ILP numbers.
- (8) At the time of the application or anytime afterwards, The Canadian Kennel Club may request that the dog be examined by an examining committee to confirm the breed of dog.
- (9) The Canadian Kennel Club may cancel for cause, any previously issued Performance Event Number (PEN).

**X. Event Registration Number (ERN)** [Board Motions #19-09-13, #40-12-18, #29-06-21, #131-09-23]

- (1) Foreign born dogs entering Canada for the purpose of competing in CKC events, whose primary owners' address on the foreign registration certificate is outside Canada, must obtain an Event Registration Number (ERN). [Board Motion #17-12-16, 28-09-22, 30-12-22]
  - (a) The dog must be registered with a CKC-recognized Kennel Club and must be a CKC-recognized breed or be a breed that is registerable by a Breed Association in Canada recognized by Agriculture Canada.
  - (b) A copy of the registration certificate showing the name and address of the owner must accompany the application along with the required fee for new ERN's and transfer of ownership of ERN's.
  - (c) The Event Registration Number (ERN) must be obtained from the CKC within ninety (90) days of the first event entered.
  - (d) Failure to obtain an Event Registration Number (ERN) within ninety (90) days of the first event entered will result in any points, scores or awards cancelled.
  - (e) Dogs with an Event Registration Number (ERN) earning CKC titles in CKC events will receive the appropriate title certificate.
  - (f) An Event Registration Number (ERN) is not a CKC Registration; it simply allows the dog to be entered in a CKC event without registering the dog.
  - (g) A dog registered with a CKC-recognized Kennel Club on a Limited Registration, or any type of non-breeding registration, or registerable with a Breed Association in Canada recognized by Agriculture Canada will be eligible for an Event Registration Number.
- (2) Canadian born dogs of breeds that are registerable by a breed association in Canada recognized by Agriculture Canada may obtain an Event Registration Number (ERN). [Board Motion #30-12-22]

**Y. Canine Companion Number (CCN)** [Board Motion #48-03-14]

- (1) Definitions [Board Motion #52-06-17]
  - (a) Mixed Breed dog is a dog of unknown ancestry that belongs to no recognized breed and is not the result of selective breeding.
  - (b) Unrecognized breed is a dog of known ancestry not on The Canadian Kennel Club's list of recognized or miscellaneous breeds and that is registered with a Registry recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club.
  - (c) Recognized breed is a breed that The Canadian Kennel Club is authorized to register in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act or a dog of a breed included in The Canadian Kennel Club's Miscellaneous Breed list.
- (2) Purpose [Board Motions #34-09-15, #81-09-16, #83-09-16, #30-03-17, #41-06-17, #41-12-18]
  - (a) A Canine Companion Number (CCN) allows Mixed and unrecognized breed dogs to participate in some Canadian Kennel Club's Performance Events.
- (3) Eligibility
  - (a) In order for a dog to receive a Canine Companion Number (CCN) as approved in the rulebooks for each respective discipline, the following criteria must be met: [Board Motion #41-12-18]
    - (1) The dog must be either a mixed breed or unrecognized breed as defined herein.
    - (2) Mixed breed dogs must be spayed or neutered. Unrecognized breeds are not required to be spayed or neutered.
    - (3) The dog must be identified with a Canadian Kennel Club approved microchip.

Note: No wolf-dog hybrid is entitled to receive a CKC Canine Companion Number (CCN). [Board Motion #25-09-18]
- (4) Applying for a Canine Companion Number (CCN)
  - (a) Complete the appropriate Canadian Kennel Club Canine Companion Number (CCN) application form.
  - (b) With the completed form, accompanying documentation must be included as follows:
    - (1) Mixed breed dogs - proof of spay or neuter.
    - (2) Unrecognized dogs not eligible for registration by The Canadian Kennel Club and not on the Miscellaneous List - a copy of a registration certificate from a Canadian Kennel Club recognized Registry.
    - (3) American Kennel Club Foundation Stock Service (FSS) certificates will also be accepted for this purpose. [Board Motion #41-12-18]

- (4) Registration certificates from American Kennel Club-approved registries will be accepted for this purpose. [Board Motion #20-12-21]
- (5) Unrecognized dogs not eligible for registration by The Canadian Kennel Club and not on the Miscellaneous List – without documentation (i.e., no registration papers or registration papers from a Registry not recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club): [Board Motion #20-12-21]
  - (a) Two (2) recent and clear photographs of the dog in standing position
    - i) One (1) full frontal view
    - ii) One (1) full profile
    - iii) The photograph be signed and dated by a veterinarian confirming breed and size of dog;
  - (b) A veterinary certificate confirming that the dog has been spayed or neutered.
  - (c) The appropriate fee as noted in The Canadian Kennel Club fee schedule.
- (5) Upon receipt of a Canine Companion Number (CCN), the dog may be entered in any of the events noted in 2. (a).
- (6) A dog that is eligible for a Canine Companion Number (CCN) may not be entered as a listed dog.
- (7) The Canadian Kennel Club may cancel for cause, any Canine Companion Number (CCN).

**Z. Judging Schedules** [Board Motions #19-12-15, #67-12-16, #34-03-17, #94-06-17]

- (1) Applicable only to Conformation, Obedience and Rally Obedience events, an administrative fee as identified in the schedule of fees will be levied against any club that fails to ensure that the judging schedule is made available to exhibitors and CKC Head Office, a minimum of six (6) days prior to the first day of the event. At the time of date approval, Head Office will remind clubs that they are responsible for ensuring that event secretaries post this information online.



**PROCEDURE ST001 – Reinstatement of a Disqualified Dog [Board Motion #20-03-16]**

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Upon receipt of the written request for reinstatement and the appropriate fee, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to the owner.

A dog that is permanently disqualified is not eligible for reinstatement.

The following is the procedure for reinstatement of a disqualified dog:

- (1) If a dog is twice excused, or disqualified (other than permanently disqualified), the dog is eligible for reinstatement if the following criteria is satisfied:
  - (a) When Shows & Trials receives the request, the dog's complete show record will be examined for any similar incidents.
  - (b) The judge or judges who excused or disqualified the dog must agree that the dog is eligible for reinstatement.
  - (c) If there is concurrence by the judges, the owner must submit proof of stability training such as successful obedience training.
  - (d) A hands-on examination by an appointed Examining Committee will be necessary for the final determination. Documentation of a current rabies vaccination as well as personal liability insurance must be provided to the CKC prior to the examination.
  - (e) The examination will be scheduled in an environment similar to where the excusals or disqualification occurred.
  - (f) Upon receipt of the report from the Examining Committee, Head Office will advise the owner in writing as to whether or not the dog has been reinstated. If reinstated one-half (1/2) of the administrative fee will be refunded to the owner.
  - (g) If the dog is not reinstated, the owner will be advised of the results in writing and informed that the administrative fee has been forfeited to the Club. A notation will be made on the dog's file at Head Office.
- (2) If a dog is disqualified under the Breed Standard (height, weight, dentition, etc.), the following criteria will be considered for reinstatement:
  - (a) Upon receipt of the written request for reinstatement and the appropriate fee, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to the owner.
  - (b) A copy of the judge's sheet from the Judge's Book will be obtained from the Head Office.
  - (c) The Examining Committee chair for the respective zone will be contacted and requested to set up an Examining Committee to examine and report on the dog. The Examining chair will be provided with:
    - A copy of the letter from the person requesting reinstatement of the dog;
    - A copy of the judge's sheet showing the reason for disqualification;

- A copy of the Report of Examination of a Disqualified Dog form;
  - A copy of The Canadian Kennel Club's reply to the owner.
- (d) Upon receipt of the report from the Examining Committee, Head Office will advise the owner in writing as to whether or not the dog has been reinstated. If reinstated one-half (1/2) of the administrative fee will be refunded to the owner.
- (e) If the dog is not reinstated, the owner will be advised of the results in writing and informed that the administrative fee has been forfeited to the Club. A notation will be made on the dog's file at Head Office.

## SHOWS AND TRIALS

### APPENDIX 1 – Titles

- (1) The Canadian Kennel Club issues the titles in the following sections to registered dogs. This includes dogs with an event registration number (ERN). Some titles are also issued to dogs with certification numbers.
- (2) **The Canadian Kennel Club Approved Event Titles** [Board Motions #90-06-17, #34-03-18, #36-03-20, #34-12-20, #35-12-20, #31-05-23]

TITLE	POSITION	DESCRIPTION
AGN	Suffix	Agility Novice
AGI	Suffix	Agility Intermediate
AGX	Suffix	Agility Excellent
AGMX	Suffix	Agility Master Excellent
AGNJ	Suffix	Agility Novice Jumper
AGIJ	Suffix	Agility Intermediate Jumper
AGXJ	Suffix	Agility Excellent Jumper
AGMXJ	Suffix	Agility Master Excellent Jumper
AGMCH	Prefix	Agility Master Champion
AGNS	Suffix	Agility Novice Selected
AGIS	Suffix	Intermediate Agility Selected
AGXS	Suffix	Agility Excellent Selected
AGMXS	Suffix	Master Agility Excellent Selected
AGNJS	Suffix	Agility Novice Jumpers Selected
AGIJS	Suffix	Agility Intermediate Jumpers Selected
AGXJS	Suffix	Agility Excellent Jumpers Selected
AGMXJS	Suffix	Agility Master Excellent Jumpers Selected
AGNV	Suffix	Agility Novice Veterans
AGIV	Suffix	Intermediate Agility Veterans
AGXV	Suffix	Agility Excellent Veterans
AGMXV	Suffix	Master Agility Excellent Veterans
AGNJV	Suffix	Agility Novice Jumpers Veterans
AGIJV	Suffix	Intermediate Agility Jumpers Veterans
AGXJV	Suffix	Agility Excellent Jumpers Veterans
AGMXJV	Suffix	Master Agility Excellent Jumpers Veterans
AGMCHV	Prefix	Agility Master Champion Veterans
NP	Suffix	Agility Novice Pad
IP	Suffix	Agility Intermediate Pad
XP	Suffix	Agility Excellent Pad
MPX	Suffix	Agility Master Excellent Pad
NPS	Suffix	Agility Novice Pad Selected
IPS	Suffix	Agility Intermediate Pad Selected
XPS	Suffix	Agility Excellent Pad Selected
NPV	Suffix	Agility Novice Pad Veteran
IPV	Suffix	Agility Intermediate Pad Veteran
XPV	Suffix	Agility Excellent Pad Veteran
MPXV	Suffix	Agility Master Excellent Pad Veteran
AGMCHs	Prefix	Agility Master Champion Select
MXPS	Suffix	Agility Master Excellent PAD Selected
CHICC	Prefix	Agility Champion International Class
CGN	Suffix	Canine Good Neighbour
CH	Prefix	Champion (Conformation)
CH (ALT)	Prefix	Champion (Altered)
GCH	Prefix	Grand Champion
GChEx	Prefix	Grand Champion Excellent
GChB	Prefix	Grand Champion Bronze
GChS	Prefix	Grand Champion Silver
GChG	Prefix	Grand Champion Gold
DD	Suffix	Draft Dog
DDX	Suffix	Draft Dog Excellent
NDD	Suffix	Novice Draft Dog
BDD	Suffix	Brace Draft Dog
BDDX	Suffix	Brace Draft Dog Excellent
DDA	Suffix	Draft Dog Advanced
BDDA	Suffix	Brace Draft Dog Advanced
MDDX	Suffix	Master Draft Dog Excellent

MBDDX	Suffix	Master Brace Draft Dog Excellent
JE	Suffix	Junior Earthdog
SE	Suffix	Senior Earthdog
ME	Suffix	Master Earthdog
GME	Suffix	Grand Master Earthdog
GMEX	Suffix	Grand Master Earthdog Excellent
FDJ	Suffix	Field Dog Junior
FD	Suffix	Field Dog
FDX	Suffix	Field Dog Excellent
FDA	Suffix	Field Dog Advanced
FDXCh	Prefix	Field Dog Excellent Champion
FCH	Suffix	Field Champion
FCHX	Suffix	Field Champion Excellent
FTCH	Prefix	Field Trial Champion
AFTCH	Prefix	Amateur Field Trial Champion
FT/AFTCH	Prefix	Field Trial/Amateur Field Trial Ch.
NAFTCH	Prefix	National Amateur Field Trial Ch.
NC	Suffix	Novice Courser (Lure Coursing Field Trials)
AC	Suffix	Advanced Courser (Lure Coursing Field Trials)
ACX	Suffix	Advanced Courser Excellent (Lure Coursing Field Trials)
NFTCH	Prefix	National Field Trial Champion
VFCH	Suffix	Veteran Field Trial Champion (LC)
VFChX	Suffix	Veteran Field Champion Excellent (LC)
DC	Prefix	Dual Champion (Pointing)
JFTR	Suffix	Junior Field Trial Retriever
QFTR	Suffix	Qualified Field Trial Retriever
JH	Suffix	Junior Hunter
SH	Suffix	Senior Hunter
MH	Suffix	Master Hunter
GMH	Prefix	Grand Master Hunter
NMH	Prefix	National Master Hunter
HT	Suffix	Herding Tested
HS	Suffix	Herding Started
HI	Suffix	Herding Intermediate
HA	Suffix	Herding Advanced
HTT	Suffix	Herding Tested-Tending
HST	Suffix	Herding Started-Tending
HIT	Suffix	Herding Intermediate-Tending
HAT	Suffix	Herding Advanced-Tending
HC	Prefix	Herding Champion
HX	Suffix	Herding Excellent
HNT	Suffix	Herding Novice Tested
DC	Prefix	Dual Champion (Herding)
CD	Suffix	Companion Dog
CDX	Suffix	Companion Dog Excellent
UD	Suffix	Utility Dog
OTCH	Prefix	Obedience Trial Champion
OTCHX	Prefix	Obedience Trial Champion Excellent
MOTCH	Prefix	Master Obedience Trial Champion
GMOTCH	Prefix	Grand Master Obedience Trial Champion
PCD	Suffix	Pre-Companion Dog
CDIS	Suffix	Companion Dog Intermediate
NSD	Prefix	National Shooting Dog (Pointing)
NASD	Prefix	National Amateur Shooting Dog (Pointing)
NOSC	Prefix	National Open Spaniel Champion
NASC	Prefix	National Amateur Spaniel Champion
RN	Suffix	Rally Novice
RA	Suffix	Rally Advanced
RE	Suffix	Rally Excellent
RAE	Suffix	Rally Advanced Excellent
RI	Suffix	Rally Intermediate
RM	Suffix	Rally Master
RMX	Suffix	Rally Master Excellent
RCh	Prefix	Rally Champion
RGCh	Prefix	Rally Grand Champion
SDS	Suffix	Stock Dog Started
SDI	Suffix	Stock Dog Intermediate
SDA	Suffix	Stock Dog Advanced
TD	Suffix	Tracking Dog
TDX	Suffix	Tracking Dog Excellent
UTD	Suffix	Urban Tracking Dog
UTDX	Suffix	Urban Tracking Dog Excellent
TCH	Prefix	Tracking Champion
MTCH	Prefix	Master Tracking Champion
WC	Suffix	Working Certificate

WCI	Suffix	Working Certificate Intermediate
WCX	Suffix	Working Certificate Excellent
WS	Suffix	Working Spaniel
AGSC	Suffix	Steeplechase
AGSCV	Suffix	Steeplechase Veterans
AGSCX	Suffix	Steeplechase Excellent
AGSCXV	Suffix	Steeplechase Excellent Veterans
AGSCS	Suffix	Steeplechase Selected
AGSCXS	Suffix	Steeplechase Excellent Selected
JT	Suffix	Jumps and Tunnels
JTX	Suffix	Jumps and Tunnels Excellent
JTX2	Suffix	Jumps and Tunnels Excellent 2
JTS	Suffix	Jumps and Tunnels Selected
JTXS	Suffix	Jumps and Tunnels Excellent Selected
JTV	Suffix	Jumps and Tunnels Veterans
JTXV	Suffix	Jumps and Tunnels Excellent Veterans
ICA	Suffix	International Challenge
ICJ	Suffix	International Challenge JWW
ICAX	Suffix	International Challenge Excellent
ICJX	Suffix	International Challenge Excellent JWW
ICAS	Suffix	International Challenge Selected
ICJS	Suffix	International Challenge JWW Selected
ICAXS	Suffix	International Challenge Excellent Selected
ICJXS	Suffix	International Challenge Excellent JWW Selected
ICAV	Suffix	International Challenge Veterans
ICJV	Suffix	International Challenge JWW Veterans
ICAXV	Suffix	International Challenge Excellent Veterans
ICJXV	Suffix	International Challenge Excellent JWW Veterans
CA	Suffix	Chase Ability
CAX	Suffix	Chase Ability Excellent
SNC	Suffix	Lure Coursing Single Stake
SAC	Suffix	Lure Coursing Advanced Courser
SACX	Suffix	Lure Coursing Excellent
WD	Suffix	Water Dog
WDJ	Suffix	Water Dog Junior
WDX	Suffix	Water Dog Excellent
SDIN	Suffix	Scent Detection Instinct
SDN	Suffix	Scent Detection Novice
SDO	Suffix	Scent Detection Open
SDE	Suffix	Scent Detection Excellent
SDM	Suffix	Scent Detection Master
SDC	Suffix	Scent Detection Container
SDI	Suffix	Scent Detection Interior
SDX	Suffix	Scent Detection Exterior
NS	Suffix	Novice Sprinter
S	Suffix	Sprinter
AS	Suffix	Advanced Sprinter
SX	Suffix	Sprinter Excellent
VN	Suffix	Versatility Novice
VA	Suffix	Versatility Advanced
VE	Suffix	Versatility Excellent
VB	Suffix	Versatility Bronze
VS	Suffix	Versatility Silver
VG	Suffix	Versatility Gold

(3) **Non-Canadian Kennel Club Event Titles** [Board Motions #35-06-17, #35-03-18, #87-03-19, #36-03-18, #40-09-19, #36-03-20, #78-06-20, #36-03-21, #46-03-21, #32-05-23, #33-05-23, #38-05-23, #132-09-23, #38-12-23, #37-03-24]

TITLE	POSITION	DESCRIPTION
AN	Suffix	Air Retrieve Novice
AJ	Suffix	Air Retrieve Junior
AS	Suffix	Air Retrieve Senior
AM	Suffix	Air Retrieve Master
AE	Suffix	Air Retrieve Elite
ANA	Suffix	Air Retrieve Novice Advanced
AJA	Suffix	Air Retrieve Junior Advanced
ASA	Suffix	Air Retrieve Senior Advanced
AMA	Suffix	Air Retrieve Master Advanced
AEA	Suffix	Air Retrieve Elite Advanced
ANX	Suffix	Air Retrieve Novice Excellent
AJX	Suffix	Air Retrieve Junior Excellent
ASX	Suffix	Air Retrieve Senior Excellent

AMX	Suffix	Air Retrieve Master Excellent
AEX	Suffix	Air Retrieve Elite Excellent *The Excellent titles may be continuous as ANX2, ANX3 for example.
RATN	Suffix	Barn Hunt Novice
RATO	Suffix	Barn Hunt Open
RATS	Suffix	Barn Hunt Senior
RATM	Suffix	Barn Hunt Master
RATCH	Suffix	Barn Hunt Champion
RATCHX	Suffix	Barn Hunt Champion X
CZ8B	Suffix	Crazy 8s Bronze
CZ8S	Suffix	Crazy 8s Silver
CZ8G	Suffix	Crazy 8s Gold
CZ8P	Suffix	Crazy 8s Platinum
CZ8PB	Suffix	Crazy 8s Platinum Bronze
CZ8PS	Suffix	Crazy 8s Platinum Silver
CZ8PG	Suffix	Crazy 8s Platinum Gold
CZ8P2	Suffix	Crazy 8s Double Platinum
LD	Suffix	Line Drive
DN	Suffix	Dock Novice
DJ	Suffix	Dock Junior
DS	Suffix	Dock Senior
DM	Suffix	Dock Master
DE	Suffix	Dock Elite
DNA	Suffix	Dock Novice Advanced
DJA	Suffix	Dock Junior Advanced
DSA	Suffix	Dock Senior Advanced
DMA	Suffix	Dock Master Advanced
DEA	Suffix	Dock Elite Advanced
DNX	Suffix	Dock Novice Excellent
DJX	Suffix	Dock Junior Excellent
DSX	Suffix	Dock Senior Excellent
DMX	Suffix	Dock Master Excellent
DEX	Suffix	Dock Elite Excellent *The Excellent titles may be continuous as DNX2, DNX3 for example.
SD	Suffix	Sled Dog
SDX	Suffix	Sled Dog Excellent
SDU	Suffix	Sled Dog Unlimited
WRD	Suffix	Water Rescue Dog
WRDX	Suffix	Water Rescue Dog Excellent
WRDN	Suffix	Novice Water Rescue Dog
SHD	Suffix	Scent Hurdling Dog
SHDX	Suffix	Scent Hurdling Dog Excellent
SHCH	Suffix	Scent Hurdling Dog Champion
SHDM	Suffix	Scent Hurdling Dog Masters
SHDMX	Suffix	Scent Hurdling Dog Masters Excellent
SHDMCH	Suffix	Scent Hurdling Dog Masters Champion
BH-VT	Suffix	Companion Dog test
IGP 1	Suffix	International Utility Dog Trial Regulations Level 1
IGP 2	Suffix	International Utility Dog Trial Regulations Level 2
IGP 3	Suffix	International Utility Dog Trial Regulations Level 3
IGP-V	Suffix	IGP suitability
IGP ZTP	Suffix	IGP breed suitability
FPr 1	Suffix	Tracking Level 1
FPr 2	Suffix	Tracking Level 2
FPr 3	Suffix	Tracking Level 3
UPr 1	Suffix	Obedience Level 1
UPr 2	Suffix	Obedience Level 2
UPr 3	Suffix	Obedience Level 3
GPr 1	Suffix	Working Dog Test Level 1
GPr 2	Suffix	Working Dog Test Level 2
GPr 3	Suffix	Working Dog Test Level 3
StPr 1	Suffix	Article Indication Level 1
StPr 2	Suffix	Article Indication Level 2
StPr 3	Suffix	Article Indication Level 3
IFH 1	Suffix	Advanced Tracking Degree Level 1
IFH 2	Suffix	Advanced Tracking Degree Level 2
IGP-FH	Suffix	International Tracking Dog trial
IFH-V	Suffix	IFH Tracking suitability
IAD	Suffix	Endurance Test
THDN	Suffix	Therapy Dog Novice
THD	Suffix	Therapy Dog
THDA	Suffix	Therapy Dog Advanced
THDX	Suffix	Therapy Dog Excellent
THDD	Suffix	Therapy Dog Distinguished
NTD	Suffix	Novice Trick Dog

NTD-M	Suffix	Novice Trick Dog Masters
ITD	Suffix	Intermediate Trick Dog
ITD-M	Suffix	Intermediate Trick Dog Masters
ATD	Suffix	Advanced Trick Dog
ATD-M	Suffix	Advanced Trick Dog Masters
EDT	Suffix	Expert Trick Dog
ETD-M	Suffix	Expert Trick Dog Masters
TDCH	Suffix	Trick Dog Champion
TDCH-M	Suffix	Trick Dog Champion Masters
TDGCH	Suffix	Trick Dog Grand Champion
TD-ROM	Suffix	Trick Dog Register of Merit
SHDGMCh-S	Suffix	Scent Hurdle Dog Grand Master Champion – Silver
SHDGMCh-G	Suffix	Scent Hurdle Dog Grand Master Champion – Gold
SHDGMPCCh	Suffix	Scent Hurdle Dog Grand Master Premium Champion
HDN	Suffix	HyroDash Novice
HDJ	Suffix	HyroDash Junior
HDS	Suffix	HyroDash Senior
HDM	Suffix	HyroDash Master
HDE	Suffix	HyroDash Elite
IBAR	Suffix	Instinct Barn Ratting
NBAR	Suffix	Novice Barn Ratting
ABAR	Suffix	Advanced Barn Ratting
MBAR	Suffix	Master Barn Ratting
CHBAR	Suffix	Champion Barn Ratting
GCHBA	Suffix	Grand Champion Barn Ratting
GCHBAX	Suffix	Grand Champion Barn Ratting X
GCHBAX2	Suffix	Grand Champion Barn Ratting X2
EXBA	Suffix	Excellent Barn Ratting
EXBABR	Suffix	Excellent Barn Ratting Bronze
EXBASI	Suffix	Excellent Barn Ratting Silver
EXBAGO	Suffix	Excellent Barn Ratting Gold
EXBAP	Suffix	Excellent Barn Ratting Platinum
EXBAPX	Suffix	Excellent Barn Ratting Platinum X
EXBAPX2	Suffix	Excellent Barn Ratting Platinum X2
IBRH	Suffix	Instinct Brush Hunting
NBRH	Suffix	Novice Brush Hunting
ABRH	Suffix	Advanced Brush Hunting
MBRH	Suffix	Master Brush Hunting
CHBRH	Suffix	Champion Brush Hunting
GCHBH	Suffix	Grand Champion Brush Hunting
GCHBHX	Suffix	Grand Champion Brush Hunting X
GCHBHX2	Suffix	Grand Champion Brush Hunting X2
EXBH	Suffix	Excellent Brush Hunting
EXBHBR	Suffix	Excellent Brush Hunting Bronze
EXBHSI	Suffix	Excellent Brush Hunting Silver
EXBHGO	Suffix	Excellent Brush Hunting Gold
EXBAP	Suffix	Excellent Brush Hunting Platinum
EXBAPX	Suffix	Excellent Brush Hunting Platinum X
EXBAPX2	Suffix	Excellent Brush Hunting Platinum X2
ITL	Suffix	Instinct Trailing and Locating
NTL	Suffix	Novice Trailing and Locating
ATL	Suffix	Advanced Trailing and Locating
MTL	Suffix	Master Trailing and Locating
CHTL	Suffix	Champion Trailing and Locating
GCHTL	Suffix	Grand Champion Trailing and Locating
GCHTLX	Suffix	Grand Champion Trailing and Locating X
GCHTLX2	Suffix	Grand Champion Trailing and Locating X2
EXTL	Suffix	Excellent Trailing and Locating
EXTLBR	Suffix	Excellent Trailing and Locating Bronze
EXTLSI	Suffix	Excellent Trailing and Locating Silver
EXTLGO	Suffix	Excellent Trailing and Locating Gold
EXTLP	Suffix	Excellent Trailing and Locating Platinum
EXTLPX	Suffix	Excellent Trailing and Locating Platinum X
EXTLPX2	Suffix	Excellent Trailing and Locating Platinum X2
TRRD	Suffix	Team Relay Ratting Dog
TRBR	Suffix	Team Relay Bronze
TRSI	Suffix	Team Relay Silver
TRGO	Suffix	Team Relay Gold
TRP	Suffix	Team Relay Platinum
TRPX	Suffix	Team Relay Platinum X
TRPX2	Suffix	Team Relay Platinum X2

(4) **Guidelines For Title Usage** [Board Motion #21-03-18]

- (a) The Dual Champion (Pointing) title is for Pointing dogs that hold a field championship title (FTCH) and the title of Champion (Conformation) (CH).
- (b) When a dog earns its CDX title, the CD title should be deleted, for a dog cannot earn its CDX title without having previously earned its CD title.
- (c) When a dog earns its UD (or OTCH) title, the CDX title should be deleted, for a dog cannot earn its UD title without having previously earned its CDX title.
- (d) A dog which has earned its UD degree is entitled to a prefix of OTCH and the suffix of UD is not to be shown.
- (e) When a dog earns its FDX title, the FD title should be deleted, for a dog cannot earn its FDX title without having previously earned its FD title.
- (f) When a dog earns its FCHX title, the FCH title should be deleted and replaced with the higher title of FCHX.
- (g) When a dog earns its DDX title, the DD title should be deleted, for a dog cannot earn its DDX title without having previously earned its DD title. Should the dog have previously earned a BDD, then the DDX title will be additionally added.
- (h) When a dog earns its BDD title, the DD title should be deleted, for a dog cannot earn its BDD title without having previously earned its DD title. Should the dog have previously earned a DDX, then the BDD title will be additionally added.
- (i) When a dog earns its BDDX title, the BDD and DDX titles should be deleted, for a dog cannot earn its BDDX without having previously earned the aforementioned other titles.
- (j) When a dog earns its DDA title, the DD title should be deleted, for a dog cannot earn its DDA title without having previously earned its DD title.
- (k) When a dog earns its WRDX title, the WRD title should be deleted, for a dog cannot earn its WRDX title without having previously earned its WRD title. Should the dog have previously earned a WRDN, it retains this title as it is an elective title, not required to advance to WRD level. [Board Motion #52-09-20]

*NOTE: And further alpha noted sections for the BDDA, MDDX and MBDDX titling levels.*



## SHOWS AND TRIALS

### APPENDIX 2 – Mileage Restrictions [Board Motion #37-03-20]

Conformation Shows .....	350 miles / 562.8 kilometres	
[Board Motions #17-12-15].....	Grandfathered ... 250 miles/ 402 kilometres	
Obedience Trials .....	100 miles / 160.8 kilometres	
Rally Trials.....	100 miles / 160.8 kilometres	
Tracking Tests.....	250 miles / 402.0 kilometres	
Retriever Field Trials (outside Ontario & Quebec) .....	500 miles / 804.0 kilometres	
Pointing Field Trials & Pointing Field Dog Tests.....	250 miles/ 402 kilometres	
Retriever Hunt Tests .....	300 miles / 480.0 kilometres	
[Board Motion #80-09-13]		
Sporting Spaniels Field Trials .....	500 miles / 804.7 kms (road)	
Beagle Field Trials	simultaneous small pack/large pack .....	50 miles / 80.4 kms (road)
	simultaneous brace/small pack.....	150 miles / 241.2 kms (road)
	simultaneous large pack .....	500 miles / 804.6 kms (road)
	simultaneous brace/large pack .....	No mileage restrictions
Lure Coursing Field Trials .....	250 miles / 402.0 kilometres	
Retriever Field Trials (Ontario and Quebec) .....	300 miles / 480 kilometres	
Herding Trials .....	155 miles / 250 kilometres	
Agility Trials .....	200 miles / 322 kilometres	
[Board Motion #02-07-19]		
Working Certificate .....	250 miles/ 402 kilometres	
Earthdog Tests .....	200 miles/ 322 kilometres	

**Policy Statement – Infectious Diseases** [Board Motions #20-09-18, #89-05-19]

**The Canadian Kennel Club Genetics and Medical Committee  
Reminds Breeders and Owners About the Risks of Infectious Diseases  
and the Baby Puppy Class**

Infectious diseases are always a risk, and The Canadian Kennel Club Genetics & Medical Committee wishes to remind breeders and owners of the best practices for limiting the spread of infectious diseases, and the unique concerns for animals entered in the Baby Puppy Class.

The CKC Rules and Regulations for shows, trials and tests, with some exceptions, have explicit rules to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases.

A dog may not be entered or exhibited at a show, trial or test if it has any communicable disease. Dogs entered in a show, trial or test must have current immunization status.

No dog may be brought onto the grounds or premises of a show, trial or test if it:

- (a) is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease;
- (b) has recovered from distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease within the last 30 days;
- (c) has been housed within 30 days prior to the show, trial or test on premises on which there existed distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease.

8.1.3 Where it is found that these rules have been contravened, the dog in question shall be removed from the show, trial or test premises/grounds and the exhibitor will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Steps to Minimize the Spread of Infections**

- (1) All dogs should be up to date on their immunizations. Modern vaccines are generally quite safe and always safer than the risk of infections, especially parvovirus and distemper in unvaccinated animals. Ensure that your adult dogs have been vaccinated on a schedule recommended by your veterinarian.
- (2) Exhibiting dogs under six months in the Baby Puppy Class is inherently risky. Maternal antibodies may interfere with vaccines and prevent an immune response sufficient to protect against disease. Maternal antibodies may persist up to 12 weeks. Puppies younger than 16-18 weeks should have received a booster shot 1-4 weeks before the show date. Participation in the Baby Puppy Class is at your discretion and in all cases, your baby puppy should have had multiple separate immunizations before participating.
- (3) No unvaccinated puppies should ever be brought to a show, trial or test.
- (4) Avoid unnecessary contact between your dogs and other dogs at the show, trial or test, and with other exhibitors, and show attendees.
- (5) At home, try to minimize contact between dogs that have recently returned from a show, trial or test and your other dogs, and in particular unvaccinated puppies, for a period of two weeks to minimize transmission of infections.
- (6) Do not bring a dog to a show if that dog, or any dog that your dog has come in contact with, has been ill within the last 30 days. Remember that infectious diseases can travel on clothing and be aware that you could be an agent of infection.

- (7) At conformation shows or relevant trials or tests, to minimize the risk of transmission of infections between dogs, we recommend the handler/owner open the mouth of dogs in the show ring to show the bite rather than having the judge perform this task. You can discuss this directly with the judge.
- (8) Anyone handling different dogs at conformation shows, trials or tests should wash their hands thoroughly for at least 30 seconds, scrubbing thoroughly with soap and warm water between handling different dogs and frequently throughout the day to minimize as far as possible transmission of infections. If proper hand-washing facilities are not accessible use an alcohol-containing hand sanitizer product.
- (9) Clean areas that come in contact with animals frequently and thoroughly with an appropriate cleaner, particularly crates, bowls and other items brought to and from the show, trial or test premises. Dilute bleach or stabilized peroxide disinfectants are the most effective at killing all types of pathogens.
- (10) Any dog that falls ill while at a show or trial may be removed by the show, trial or test authorities. We suggest that if a dog falls ill the owner/handler immediately remove the dog from the building and inform the authorities as well as owners of any other dogs that may have come into immediate contact with the sick dog.
- (11) If your dog was exposed to any dog that was ill or later fell ill, quarantine the dog immediately for a minimum of two weeks and discuss with your veterinarian.

Again, we stress that no dog with a communicable disease may attend a CKC-sanctioned show, trial or test and any dog may be removed from the show, trial or test by the authorities on account of disease and be reported to the CKC.

### **Some more information on Canine Infectious Diseases**

#### **Distemper**

Canine Distemper is caused by an RNA virus that infects the gastrointestinal and respiratory tracts, central nervous system, and conjunctival membranes of the eye. Symptoms include sneezing and coughing, often with eye or nose discharge, fever, vomiting, and diarrhea, and hardening of nose and footpads, hence the old name hardpad disease. Infection can result from inhalation of aerosols as well as direct contact with urine, blood, or discharges of infected animal. Secondary bacterial infections are a risk. Dogs of any age can become infected, but the risk is greatest for unprotected dogs under six months of age. Distemper immunity is provided by core vaccination and the virus is killed by most common cleaning agents.

#### **Parvovirus**

Canine Parvoviral Enteritis is a highly contagious disease of the digestive system. Symptoms typically include fetid, often bloody diarrhoea, fever, vomiting, loss of appetite and lethargy. Symptoms start 3-8 days after exposure and the virus is shed in the stool of infected dogs up to two weeks after infection. The virus may survive for months in the environment on items such as bowls, clothing or shoes, but typically infections result from contact with infected faecal material. Dogs of any age can become infected, but the risk is greatest for unprotected dogs under six months of age. Parvovirus is included in the core vaccinations. Parvovirus is resistant to most cleaning agents but bleach (diluted to 10-20% in water) or stabilized peroxide products, such as Virox/Accel/Virkon, can kill with a contact time of at least 10 minutes.

## **Kennel Cough**

Kennel cough has a variety of causes: bacterial (*Bordetella bronchiseptica*), viral (adenovirus and/or parainfluenza virus), and mycoplasma. These may act alone or in combination and infections with multiple causes tend to be the most severe. Vaccination against *Bordetella* may not be effective in preventing contraction of Kennel cough. Kennel cough infects the upper respiratory tract and symptoms are a persistent cough and sometimes a nasal discharge and sneezing. It is highly contagious and may be spread by inhalation of aerosols or direct contact. Puppies with immature immune systems and old dogs with weak immune systems are at greatest risk for developing pneumonia from kennel cough.

## **Canine Influenza Virus (CIV)**

Canine Influenza is caused by two separate virus strains, the less common H3N8 CIV and H2N3 CIV, which was introduced into the USA in 2015 from Asia and first seen in Canada in 2017. Symptoms are the same as Kennel Cough: coughing, sneezing, and nasal discharge. Dogs of any age can be affected, particularly given that adult dogs in Canada have not acquired immunity to this recently introduced pathogen, although disease is more likely to be severe in young puppies and older dogs, as well as brachycephalic breeds. Secondary pneumonia is a risk factor. Infected dogs can start shedding the virus before the onset of symptoms and for up to 14 days afterwards. Transmission is through inhalation or contact with items such as clothing, bowls, shoes. CIV is killed by most common cleaning agents. A vaccine is available commercially. CIV vaccination is a non-core vaccine and should be evaluated on the risk of exposure and the risk of complications from infection.

## **Other infectious Diseases**

Dogs travelling to areas of the world that have a variety of parasites or infectious viruses not common or not existing in Canada are at risk of contracting these exotic diseases. They may not be vaccinated against these pathogens and may lack acquired immunity of the local population. Dogs returning to Canada, traveling to Canada from exotic locals, or being imported by rescue organizations may bring exotic pathogens to Canada. Canadian veterinarians may not have access to diagnostic tools or laboratory tests to identify and treat pathogens not common to Canada, increasing the risk of severe disease in the dog.

**Additional information on infectious diseases can be obtained by from the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), or by speaking with your veterinarian.**