



SPECIAL REFERENDUM
2022
RÉFÉRENDUM SPÉCIAL

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS • MODIFICATIONS PROPOSÉES



SECTION A

Board Proposed By-law Amendments

Special Referendum 2022 – Performed in accordance with the By-laws, Section 35.13, SPECIAL REFERENDUM AMENDMENTS. The Board has given approval for the following proposed amendments to the By-laws to be placed before the membership in a Special Referendum.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

7.1 MEMBERSHIP

It is proposed that Section 7.1 MEMBERSHIP, be amended as follows:

7.1 MEMBERSHIP

A person may apply to be a member of the Club by completing and submitting a Membership Application form together with the applicable fee. The applicant shall become a member upon acceptance and processing of the Membership Application form and applicable fee. A member shall have all the rights and privileges that may be provided under the By-laws, rules, regulations and Club Policy. There are four (4) categories of members: Junior, Regular, Membership Plus and Life. Members, other than Junior Members, who are residents of Canada, may vote at any meeting or in any election or referendum and they may stand for election as a member of the Board of Directors if they have met all of the stated conditions as required under these By-laws. Club Policy shall specify the qualifications for and benefits of each category of membership. Life Membership in the Club shall be granted to any member who has achieved thirty (30) years of continuous and unbroken service as a Regular or Membership Plus Member ~~and is at least fifty (50) years of age.~~

Explanation for Amendment: In the discussion of the motion, it was noted that in the past there have been suggestions that the minimum age requirement for Life Members be dropped. It was brought up again during the 2022 membership renewals by staff and by members who have achieved 30 years of continuous and unbroken service as a Regular or Membership Plus Member but were not 50 years old. As well, it was pointed out that a person can't be a Regular or Membership Plus Member until they are 18 years of age which means that they can't qualify for Life Membership until they are at least 48 years of age, so the age requirement in the By-law is not required.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2

8.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is proposed that Section 8.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING be amended as follows:

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- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the members shall be held no later than the last week of June each year on a date and at a location designated by the Board.
- (b) **The Annual General Meeting may be held in person or by electronic means. When the meeting is held in person, any member of the Club shall have the right to join by electronic means when reasonably possible.**

Explanation for Amendment: This is a better way of servicing members across Canada.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3

8.4 NOTICES

It is proposed that Section 8.4 NOTICES be amended as follows:

8.4 NOTICES

Not less than thirty (30) days' notice of the date, time and place of a meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted thereat, shall be given by publication in the Official Publication; by mail, postage prepaid, **or email** to each member; **and/or by posting electronically to the CKC website.**

Explanation for Amendment: In the discussion of the proposal, it was noted that the intent is to be able to add email to the methods for notifications. Simply posting the notices on our website is too passive so by adding the words "or email" to the proposed amendment we will be reaching out to our members more proactively.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4

8.6 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING

It is proposed that Section 8.6 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING, be amended as follows:

8.6 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING

All members who have completed one (1) year of continuous membership in the Club as of January 1st prior to the date of a General Meeting and who are members in good standing at the date of such General Meetings, shall be entitled to attend **in person or virtually** and vote at such General Meeting. All other members may be permitted to attend and speak but they may not vote.

Explanation for Amendment: Allowance should be made for members to join AGMs by electronic means given the recent success of the regular meetings of the Board and the 2021 AGM which had to be held electronically due to Covid-19 health restrictions. It was noted that opening general meetings of members up to virtual attendance allows members from across Canada to attend.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5

8.7 VOTING

It is proposed that Section 8.7 VOTING, be amended as follows:

8.7 VOTING

At all General Meetings, unless otherwise herein provided, a majority vote shall prevail. The Chair of any General Meeting shall not vote except in the case of a tie and in such a case, the Chair shall have the casting vote. Voting by proxy at any General Meeting is not allowed. **For meetings held by electronic means, electronic voting will be allowed.**

Explanation for Amendment: This is a better way of servicing members across Canada and coincides with change for 8.1 of By-laws whereby an AGM may be held electronically.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #6

15.2 APPEALS, Subsection (f)

It is proposed that Section 15.2 APPEALS, Subsection (f), be amended as follows:

(f) Stay of Order Pending Appeal

DELETE

Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal in respect of a decision of the Discipline Committee or the Executive Director, any penalty or

assessed administrative fees imposed shall be automatically stayed pending disposition of the appeal. Upon filing of a Notice of Appeal in respect of a decision of the Registration Committee, the appellant may make a motion in writing to the Appeal Committee seeking a stay of such decision pending disposition of the appeal, and the Appeal Committee may stay such order, or may dismiss the motion for a stay, on such terms as may be just. All parties to the proceeding before the Registration Committee and any other directly affected person, have the right to notice of, and to make a written representation in respect of, any such motion for a stay.

REPLACE WITH

Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal, the decision subject of the appeal will be automatically stayed, pending disposition of the appeal.

Explanation for Amendment: It was noted that the way the current By-law is written, if it's an appeal against penalty or fee it's an automatic stay; whereas if the appeal is against something else there must be an application for a stay. The proposed amendment will make it consistent that it is an automatic stay if there is an appeal.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #7

28.10 NAMES Subsection (c)

It is proposed that Section 28.10 NAMES, Subsection (c), be amended as follows:

- (c) The registered name of a dog should be limited to ~~thirty five (35)~~ **fifty (50)** characters, including spaces and punctuation. ~~An additional fee will be incurred when more than thirty five (35) characters are chosen to a maximum of fifty (50) characters.~~

Explanation for Amendment: The By-laws state that the registered name of a dog should be limited to 35 characters and there is a charge for characters over 35. However, that fee for that has never been enacted in our fee schedule and with the new CRM system, it doesn't matter if it is over 35 characters. The recommendation at the previous meeting of the Committee was not to charge the fee pending the next Referendum when there would be an opportunity to update the By-laws to formally remove the section related to charging a fee for additional characters.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #8

30.1 NON-BREEDING AGREEMENTS

It is proposed that Section 30.1 NON-BREEDING AGREEMENT, be amended as follows:

30.1 NON-BREEDING AGREEMENT

A purebred dog may be sold, or otherwise disposed of, for a consideration (monetary or otherwise), on the understanding that the new owner, or other subsequent owner or lessee thereof, will not use the dog for breeding purposes; however, such understanding will have no force or effect unless entered into on the forms (or printed facsimile) thereon provided by the Club for the purpose. Such agreement shall be signed by the parties to the agreement at the time of sale, or as soon as is practicably possible after the sale but no later than the date on which the new owner takes physical possession of the dog. This agreement shall subsequently be **retained by the seller as part of their Private Breeding Records** ~~deposited with the Head Office of the Club~~ when the application for registration of the change of ownership is submitted to the Head Office.

Note: Please be aware that dogs sold to non-residents on a CKC non-breeding agreement are not eligible for registration in the records of a foreign registry. In order to register the dog with the foreign registry, the non-breeding agreement would have to be cancelled.

Explanation for Amendment: The seller to maintain the non-breeding agreements as part of their private breeding records should it be requested. Currently the applicant must upload the NBA to the portal application. These applications do not get approved automatically and are reviewed by staff. In estimation approximately 90% of those applications which require an attached NBA have errors-upload of blank NBA, Signatures missing, errors requiring thus requiring communication with the applicants and delays in processing.



SECTION B

Recognition of New Breeds & Rules of Eligibility (ROE)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

RECOGNITION OF THE AZAWAKH WITH RULES OF ELIGIBILITY (ROE)

It is proposed that the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws be amended to include the Azawakh as a distinct breed along with the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for the breed.

Explanation for Amendment: Under the current policy governing recognition of a breed, Canadian breeders of the Azawakh were polled. The breeders of the Azawakh polled are 100% in favour of CKC recognizing their breed along with 100% in favour of the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for their breed which means we have received the requisite support as required by Section 20(3) of the Animal Pedigree Act and Chapter IV, Procedure RG004, Section C of the Policy and Procedures Manual. The Board of Directors has therefore directed that a proposal be placed before the CKC membership seeking approval to make application to the Ministry to amend the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws to include the Azawakh as a distinct breed along with the ROE for the breed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2

RECOGNITION OF THE JAPANESE AKITA WITH RULES OF ELIGIBILITY (ROE)

It is proposed that the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws be amended to include the Japanese Akita as a distinct breed along with the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for the breed.

Explanation for Amendment: Under the current policy governing recognition of a breed, Canadian breeders of the Japanese Akita were polled. The breeders of the Japanese Akita polled are 100% in favour of CKC recognizing their breed along with 100% in favour of the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for their breed which means we have received the requisite support as required by Section 20(3) of the Animal Pedigree Act and Chapter IV, Procedure RG004, Section C of the Policy and Procedures Manual. The Board of Directors has therefore directed that a proposal be placed before the CKC membership seeking approval to make application to the Ministry to amend the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws to include the Japanese Akita as a distinct breed along with the ROE for the breed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3

RECOGNITION OF THE MINIATURE AMERICAN SHEPHERD WITH RULES OF ELIGIBILITY (ROE)

It is proposed that the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws be amended to include the Miniature American Shepherd as a distinct breed along with the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for the breed.

Explanation for Amendment: Under the current policy governing recognition of a breed, Canadian breeders of the Miniature American Shepherd were polled. The breeders of the Miniature American Shepherd polled are 100% in favour of CKC recognizing their breed along with 97% in favour of the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for their breed which means we have received the requisite support as required by Section 20(3) of the Animal Pedigree Act and Chapter IV, Procedure RG004, Section C of the Policy and Procedures Manual. The Board of Directors has therefore directed that a proposal be placed before the CKC membership seeking approval to make application to the Ministry to amend the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws to include the Miniature American Shepherd as a distinct breed along with the ROE for the breed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4

RECOGNITION OF THE PARSON RUSSELL TERRIER WITH RULES OF ELIGIBILITY (ROE)

It is proposed that the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws be amended to include the Parson Russell Terrier as a distinct breed along with the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for the breed.

Explanation for Amendment: Under the current policy governing recognition of a breed, Canadian breeders of the Parson Russell Terrier were polled. The breeders of the Parson Russell Terrier polled are 98% in favour of CKC recognizing their breed along with 100% in favour of the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for their breed which means we have received the requisite support as required by Section 20(3) of the Animal Pedigree Act and Chapter IV, Procedure RG004, Section C of the Policy and Procedures Manual. The Board of Directors has therefore directed that a proposal be placed before the CKC membership seeking approval to make application to the Ministry to amend the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws to include the Parson Russell Terrier as a distinct breed along with the ROE for the breed.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5

RECOGNITION OF THE RUSSELL TERRIER WITH RULES OF ELIGIBILITY (ROE)

It is proposed that the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws be amended to include the Russell Terrier as a distinct breed along with the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for the breed.

Explanation for Amendment: Under the current policy governing recognition of a breed, Canadian breeders of the Russell Terrier were polled. The breeders of the Russell Terrier polled are 100% in favour of CKC recognizing their breed along with 100% in favour of the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for their breed which means we have received the requisite support as required by Section 20(3) of the Animal Pedigree Act and Chapter IV, Procedure RG004, Section C of the Policy and Procedures Manual. The Board of Directors has therefore directed that a proposal be placed before the CKC membership seeking approval to make application to the Ministry to amend the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws to include the Russell Terrier as a distinct breed along with the ROE for the breed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #6

RECOGNITION OF THE RUSSKIY TOY WITH RULES OF ELIGIBILITY (ROE)

It is proposed that the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws be amended to include the Russkiy Toy as a distinct breed along with the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for the breed.

Explanation for Amendment: Under the current policy governing recognition of a breed, Canadian breeders of the Russkiy Toy were polled. The breeders of the Russkiy Toy polled are 100% in favour of CKC recognizing their breed along with 92% in favour of the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for their breed which means we have received the requisite support as required by Section 20(3) of the Animal Pedigree Act and Chapter IV, Procedure RG004, Section C of the Policy and Procedures Manual. The Board of Directors has therefore directed that a proposal be placed before the CKC membership seeking approval to make application to the Ministry to amend the CKC Articles of Incorporation and Section 24.1 RECOGNIZED BREEDS of the CKC By-laws to include the Russkiy Toy as a distinct breed along with the ROE for the breed.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #7

RECOGNITION OF THE RULES OF ELIGIBILITY (ROE)

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Rules of Eligibility (ROE) are required in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act for all purebred animals. ROE are meant to establish broad and key traits for each breed to be used for registration considerations only and should not be confused with the much more extensive breed standards which describes a “standard of perfection” for the show ring.

Since the Ministry of Agriculture first approved an amendment to the By-laws in 2012 allowing CKC to move forward with establishing ROE for the 186 breeds currently recognized, CKC worked to establish ROE for a limited number of breeds as a pilot project. After a successful consultation with the CKC membership as part of the past few Referendums, approval was received from the Ministry of Agriculture in 2015 and 2020, and as a result ROE have now been established for 63 breeds.

Earlier this year, after yet another successful consultation with breeders and those persons with long-term involvement with the various breeds listed below, the Board of Directors ordered that a Special Referendum be conducted in 2022 seeking the approval of the membership to include the following ROE in an addendum to the By-laws known as the “Breed Specific Rules of Eligibility”. It is proposed that the By-laws Addendum – Breed Specific Rules of Eligibility be amended to include Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for the following breeds:

AKITA
ALASKAN MALAMUTE
BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG
BULLMASTIFF
CANAAN DOG
CANADIAN ESKIMO DOG
DOBERMAN PINSCHER
EURASIER
GREAT PYRENEES
GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG
GREENLAND DOG
HOVAWART
KOMONDOR
KUVASZ
LEONBERGER
NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF
NEWFOUNDLAND
ROTTWEILER
SAINT BERNARD
SAMOYED
SCHNAUZER (GIANT)
SCHNAUZER (STANDARD)
SIBERIAN HUSKY
BOSTON TERRIER
BULLDOG
CHINESE SHAR-PEI
FRENCH BULLDOG
IRISH WOLFHOUND
PUG
SALUKI
SPANIEL (ENGLISH COCKER)
WELSH CORGI (CARDIGAN)
WELSH CORGI (PEMBROKE)