



CODE OF ETHICS

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Conditions of Membership

1. Full adherence to the CKC Code of Ethics and Code of Practice, *By-laws*, rules, regulations, policies and procedures, basic objects and principles of the Club.
2. No record of conviction on a charge of cruelty to animals.
3. Non-involvement in the buying, selling or breeding of dogs which are not purebred.
4. No record of suspension or expulsion from any foreign, CKC recognized registry body or any other body incorporated under the *Animal Pedigree Act*.
5. Authorization for CKC to perform a formal credit search.
6. Member Credit Accounts paid within the prescribed due date period.
7. Payment of annual membership fee.

Categories of Membership

1. **Basic Membership:** Full rights, responsibilities and benefits of membership with The Canadian Kennel Club.
2. **Membership Plus (previously known as Premier Membership):** Full Basic membership PLUS additional unique benefits including guaranteed timely delivery of Registration Division work and free on-line advertising listings for all CKC-registered litters.

Membership Privileges

1. Voting privileges are bestowed on a Regular member after one year. At that time, a Regular member may stand for election to the Board of Directors. The minimum voting age for a Regular Club member is 19, and voting privileges are extended to Canadian residents only.
2. Regular Category members under the age of majority (18 yrs) cannot legally be granted credit privileges.
3. All memberships are for the calendar year and renewal fees are due and payable by December 15th. Regrettably, membership fees cannot be prorated.

Please note:

Fees for goods and services delivered to; Ontario will be subject to 13% HST; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, PEI 15% HST. Fees for goods and services delivered to all other provinces and territories are subject to 5% GST. Neither GST nor HST is applied to purchases delivered outside of Canada.