

# 2014 REFERENDUM FAQs

## **CONDUCTING BUSINESS ELECTRONICALLY [CKC By-laws, Interpretations and Section 27.7, Electronic Signatures]**

**Q.** What does this mean for me?

**A.** Whether you are a member or not, you will have an opportunity to conduct business with CKC on the basis of electronic signatures as CKC moves forward with technological solutions to improve customer service and satisfaction.

## **ROLE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH RESPECT TO APPEALS [CKC By-laws, Section 15.2, Appeal]**

**Q.** Why is the Executive Director being added to this section of the By-laws?

**A.** In the 2011 Referendum the Executive Director (ED) was given the same authority as the Discipline Committee with respect to decision-making regarding first alleged offences relating to the non-delivery of certificates of registration. While the opening paragraph of Section 15.2 already references that decisions of the ED may be appealed, to avoid any confusion subsections (b) and (f) have also been amended to include the ED.

## **KENNEL NAMES [CKC By-laws, Section 24, Kennel Names]**

**Q.** Since the section dealing with kennel names has now been removed from the By-laws, where do I find information on kennel names?

**A.** Information on kennel names can be found in the Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter IV, Registration, Section N. To review the policy in further detail, please click on the following link:

<http://www.ckc.ca/en/Files/Legal-Policy-and-Procedures/Policy-and-Procedures/Policy-Procedures-Manual-Chapter-4-Registratio>

## **BREED NAME CHANGES**

**Q.** Why are the names of some breeds changing; i.e. Dutch Sheepdog to Schapendoes; Japanese Spaniel to Japanese Chin; and, the spelling of the St. Bernard to Saint Bernard?

**A.** The national clubs for these breeds advised CKC that they had polled their members and a majority of members were in favour of amending the breed names. In each case the national club confirmed that amending the names will be consistent with other breed registries throughout the world.

## **RULES OF ELIGIBILITY (ROE)**

**Q.** What are ROE?

**A.** ROE define at the most basic level the distinguishing characteristics for the breed. ROE should not be confused with the much more extensive breed standards which describes a “standard of perfection” for each breed.

**Q.** Why were so few breeds chosen?

**A.** Since 2011 the CKC has continued to work with Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada to establish ROE for a limited number of breeds as a pilot project. Our learnings from this pilot project will prove invaluable as we move forward with other breeds in the future.

**Q.** Why was approval not received for the ROE for the Chesapeake Bay Retriever even though the members voted in favour?

**A.** Following the mailing of the referendum ballot, we received last minute input from breeders of the breed that further work needed to be done in order to more clearly define the distinguishing characteristics for this breed. CKC will be working with the breeders of this breed to do this and a revised version will be presented to the membership in a future referendum.

**Q.** How are ROE developed and approved?

**A.** CKC relies heavily upon the breed clubs whose invaluable assistance leads to consultation with active breeders who work together with the CKC to develop the ROE for their breeds. The breeders of these breeds are then polled with respect to the ROE for their breeds and if a 2/3 majority vote in favour, the CKC Board of Directors is asked to include the ROE in a Special Referendum in which the CKC membership is entitled to vote. If a majority of CKC members vote in favour then application is made to Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada for final approval.

## **MORE QUESTIONS**

**Q.** I still have some questions/concerns that I'd like answered.

**A.** Please send us an email at [2015bylaws@ckc.ca](mailto:2015bylaws@ckc.ca) and we will be pleased to answer your questions and concerns.