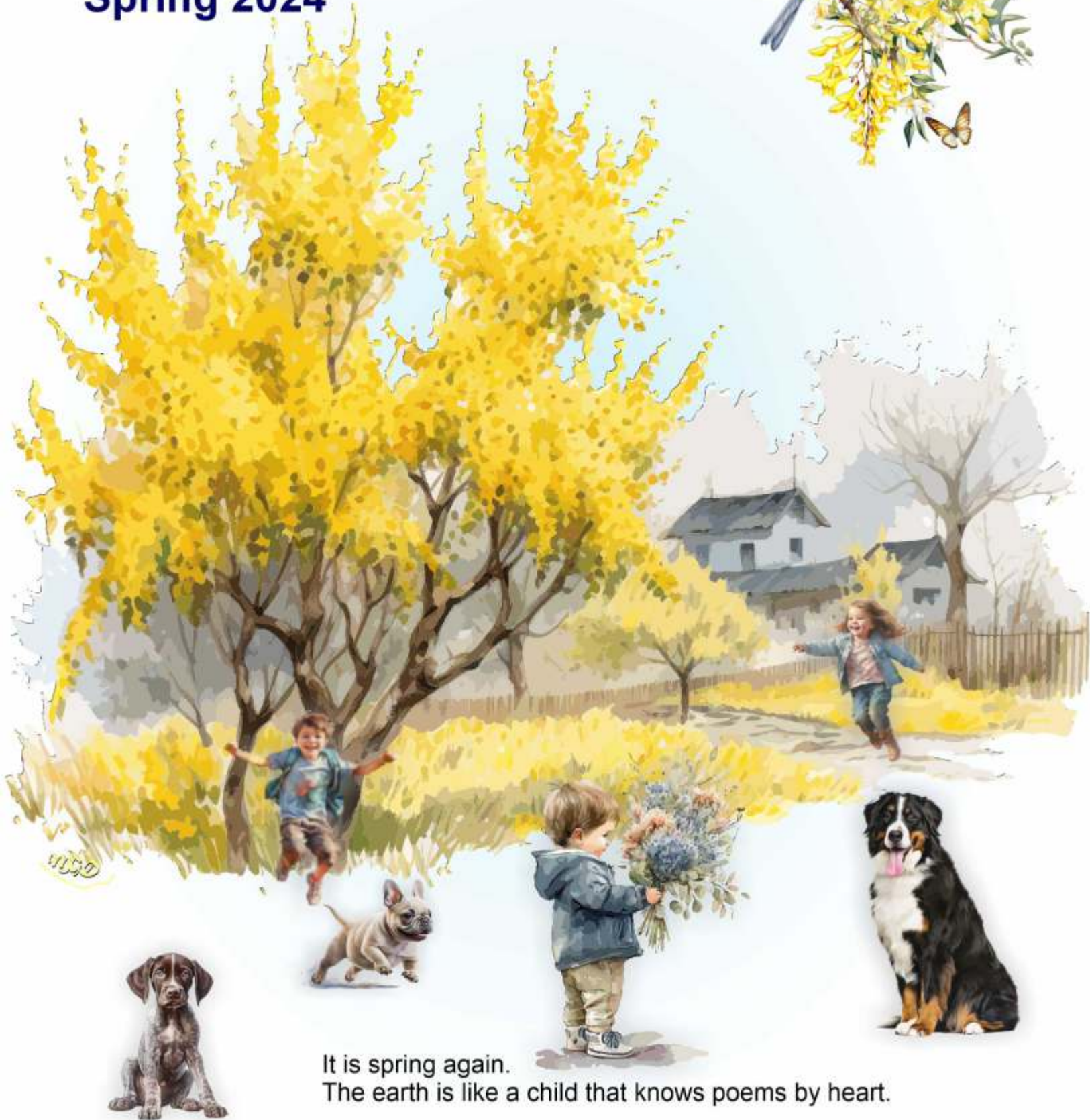




Spring 2024



It is spring again.
The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart.

Rainer Maria Rilke



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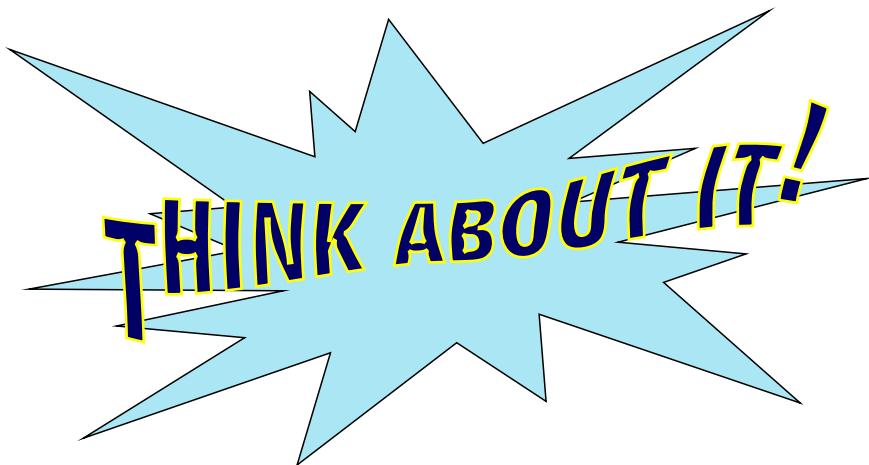
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President's Message

Ginny Kerr



Well, it seems that spring is officially here.

Actually with the long lead-in of nice weather we have experienced, it feels like it has been spring for a while! The frequency of available dog shows and trials to enter has increased, and that is as telling as seeing the daffodils start to poke through that yes, SHOW SEASON IS HERE!!! (aka SPRING)

TIKO recently hosted its first sanction match in since before the pandemic shut things down. A huge heartfelt thank you goes out to Terri and Sarah Duff for their hard work and tenacity in getting this not only done but done exceptionally well. A large entry of owners and dogs participated, and it was great to see all the smiles and happy tail wags.

The Show Committee, headed by Marnie Layng, is working full steam organizing the the Shows and Trials at our new Athens, ON venue. The excitement is becoming palpable as the planning amps up. This year we are happy to announce that the Rally trials (no obedience this year) will once again be held in an indoor facility (Arena 76).

Large rings and plenty of room for camping and day set ups make this venue very special for our 2024 Shows and Trials. We hope to see lots of our members out volunteering, and of course lots of entries for our panel of judges.

We hope that you all enjoy this edition of TIKO Tails, and many thanks again go to Marnie for her work on our newsletter.

Hope to see you all at a show or trial soon.

Ginny



Chippenhook's Gold Strike



Kirk



Making his debut
Looking forward to
shows in
Eastern Ontario
this summer.

Named after the Blue Jays
catcher, Alejandro Kirk, we
anticipate he will catch the
judges eye and play like
a pro in the ring.

Kirk is in it to win!

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Sire: CH Colwick Long Acre Reminiscent
Dam: Chippenhook's Good Luck Charm

Chippenhook Collies
chippenhook@ripnet.com

Breeder / Owner:
Barb Robinson



TIKO SHOWS & TRIALS 2024

Like so many other dog clubs TIKO has faced challenges in recent times in terms of maintaining and growing membership from the younger sector of the dog world population. Also, proving difficult has been finding and keeping event venues that once were abundant. The Covid-pandemic forced TIKO out of the Brockville Memorial Centre which TIKO had used consistently for handling and obedience training beginning in the 80's due to it being designated as a Covid testing and inoculation facility.

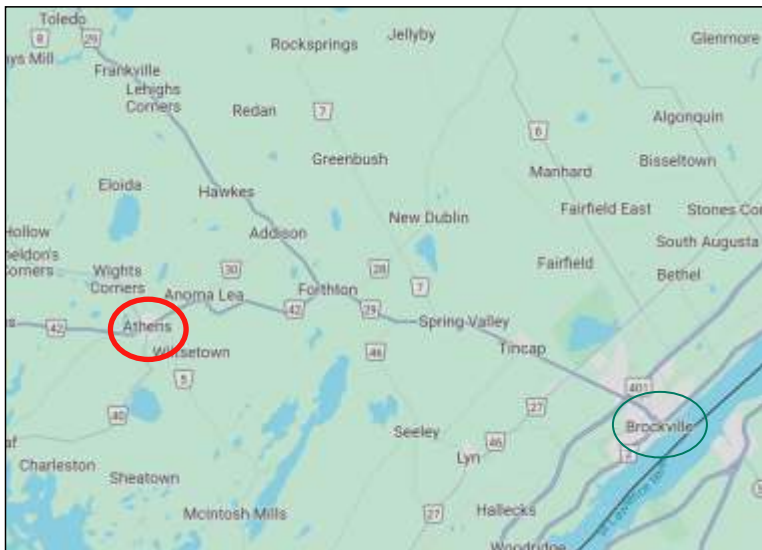
We were then able return to the Elizabethtown-Kitley fairgrounds near Brockville where we held our shows in the 70's and early 80's. That was great for two years, but unfortunately due to it being re-zoned for development that site is no longer available.

When one door closes, another one opens.

We consider ourselves very lucky to have found a great venue for our 2024 Shows & Trials. And hopefully into the future as well.

Welcome to our new show site!

Athens is a place where history meets community spirit, and where the past weaves seamlessly into the present.



This year TIKO's events will be held at Arena 76 and Centennial Park in the Township of Athens, Ontario Canada. Athens is a charming township in the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, nestled in rural Eastern Ontario, Canada.

Location: Coming from the south, Athens is located approximately 25 kilometers, or 16 miles north of the St. Lawrence River. It is north west of Brockville off Hwy 29.

From the north it is west of Addison and about 90 kilometers (56 miles) south west of Ottawa.

Athens boasts a rich history and vibrant culture.

Formerly known as Farmersville, Athens was renamed in 1888 by Arza Parish in honor of Athens, Greece. The town served as an educational hub, hosting a grammar school, a model school for teacher training, and a high school. Its post office was established in 1890.

Athens has a lot to offer. Home to 3,000 plus residents and a variety of businesses, including restaurants, grocery stores, a pharmacy, Veterinary clinic, Medical Centre with Doctors and a Chiropractor, a golf



course, plus many tourist attractions.

Athens is famous for its series of large outdoor murals that vividly depict historical local life. These captivating artworks adorn the sides of various buildings, adding color and character to the town.

Annual celebrations include the Farmersville Exhibition (Steam Fair) in July. This event celebrates Athens' agricultural heritage. Visitors can marvel at steam engines and antique tractors. Also, Cornfest which is held on the 3rd Saturday of August celebrating the harvest of corn, a delightful summer fair where locals come together to enjoy festivities. TIKO attendees will also be able to enjoy the Cornfest event on Athens main street Saturday August 17th.



The TIKO show committee believes the Athens site is going to be a great opportunity for us all. We are working closely with the Township of Athens council to meet all of their guidelines for events to ensure a safe environment for us all. And in turn they have been so willing to do what they can to allow us to deliver a successful show weekend. We know we can count on all exhibitors, campers and visitors to comply with site rules as posted in the premium list and on the grounds. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Athens this August.

Let the fun begin!

Marnie Layng, TIKO Show Chair
Ginny Kerr, TIKO Show Co-Chair

TIKO Show Committee

Don Helliker, Larry Surtes, Karen Nesbitt
Darlene Helliker, Christine Surtes, Sarah Duff



*TIKO Here
We come...*





TIKO All-Breed Shows & Trials 2024



will be held August
August 16th, 17th & 18th 2024

At a NEW venue!

Centre 76 Memorial Arena and Centennial Park
Athens, ON, CANADA

Beautiful Outdoor Show Site
Indoor Rally Trials
RV Camping on the grounds

Located in the historic
Village of Athens, ON
<https://athenstownship.ca/>

Just 20 minutes North of
Brockville, ON Canada

Conformation Judging Panel:

Dave Kittredge – NY, USA

Bruce Owen - ON

Judy Taylor – ON

Grant Townsend - BC

Starr White – ON

Kathryn Young – ON

Rally Judges:

Deanna Abbott - ON

Ted Leslie - ON



See you There!


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Litter Announcement:

Penny Murton

Thrilled to announce the birth on Feb.5 of my first cavalier litter out of Ch.Falconcrest Flamenco Windancer sired by Am.Ch. Karlee Gray Stone Top Hat N Tails. 3F 2M.

TIKO Members remember to let us know about your dogs accomplishments in the show and performance rings. And that Litter Announcements are posted free of charge, as are classified ads for selling canine related equipment and tools, etc.

We also encourage you to post your Kennel Cards free so people can contact you about your breed or upcoming litters. Members can also post their business cards free of charge for services related to the dog world (i.e., Grooming, handling, training services, etc.)

TIKO FUNNY BONE



What do you call a dog that's also a magician?
A labra-cadabra-dor



Where does a dog go after it loses its tail?
The retail store

A dog is watching his favorite YouTube video of a bouncing ball. How does he stop the video?
He presses the "paws" button.



What do dogs eat at the movie theaters?
Pupcorn

What happens when you buy a dog from a blacksmith?
As soon as he gets to the home, he'll make a bolt for the door.



What's a dog's favorite movie?
Jurassic Bark.

Why did the dog resign from her job?
The work was too ruff.



Ruff!
I Quit!!
Gonna watch TV



DID YOU KNOW?

Some Interesting Information About The Evolution of Dog Shows

Conformation dog shows have a rich history that dates back over **150 years**. These events celebrate the form and function of purebred dogs, showcasing their best features. Here's a glimpse into the evolution of dog shows:

1. Origins in England:

- The first-ever dog show took place in **Newcastle, England**, in **1859**. It featured **27 Setters** and **23 Pointers**, which exhibited their finest qualities.
- Initially, these shows were an additional attraction during annual cattle shows.
- The popularity soared, leading to more breeds being included. The **Birmingham Dog Show Society** added **30 non-sporting breeds** in 1859.
- By the late 1860s, Birmingham's National Dog Show drew over **700 dogs** and **20,000 spectators**.
- The success of these events led to the establishment of the world's first national kennel club in **1873** - now known as **The Kennel Club**.

2. Charles Cruft and Crufts Dog Show:

- In **1891**, Charles Cruft organized his first show in **Islington, England**, featuring **2,437 entries** across **36 breeds**.
- The show paused during the **First World War** (1918-1920) and the **Second World War** (1942-1947).
- After Charles Cruft's passing in **1938**, his widow, **Emma Cruft**, took over administration.
- Since then, **Crufts** has been held annually in **London**.

3. Dog Shows in the United States:

- About **20 years** after their inception in England, dog shows made their way to the **United States**.
- The first American dog show, held in **Chicago** in **1874**, featured **21 Pointers and Setters**.
- Other smaller shows followed suit across different parts of the U.S.
- In **1877**, the **Westminster Kennel Club** and the **Kennel Club of Philadelphia** adopted rules for a show at **Gilmore's Garden** (later **Madison Square Garden**).

4. Conformation Shows Today:

- Conformation shows evaluate dogs based on how closely they adhere to their breed's standard.
- Attendees can witness hundreds of well-groomed dogs representing various breeds.
- These events are not only competitive but also a celebration of the bond between humans and their canine companions.





DID YOU KNOW?

The Canadian Kennel Club (CKC)

The CKC plays a central role in administering, supporting, and promoting various dog sports and events across Canada.

As the largest governing body for dog shows and trials in the country, the CKC qualifies judges and sets rules and regulations for events nationwide. These events encompass a wide range of activities, from Lure Coursing, Field Trials, Tracking, and Herding to Agility, Rally Obedience, Conformation, and more.

Canadian dogs and their owners participate in these events to showcase their incredible skills, training, and abilities.

The CKC also maintains prestigious rankings for Top Show Dogs, including categories like Conformation, Agility, Obedience, and Field Dogs.

Joan Morden and Top Show Dogs:

Joan Morden holds the distinction of being the first recorded statistician for the Top Show Dogs. A memorial trophy in her honor was awarded to the Top Show Dog until 2010.

In 1966, statistics for Obedience were introduced, initially including only the number of dogs competing in each breed as part of a column in "Dogs in Canada" written by Betty McHugh.

Evolution and Impact:

Conformation shows have evolved over 150 years, becoming a beloved competition among dog enthusiasts.

These shows celebrate the beauty, structure, and adherence to breed standards of various dog breeds.

Whether it's the elegance of a Golden Retriever, the regal stance of a German Shepherd, or the playful charm of a Dachshund, conformation shows highlight the diversity and excellence of our canine companions.

In summary, dog shows have a storied past, and Canadian dogs continue to shine in various events, captivating audiences with their grace, agility, and sheer love for the spotlight.



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CKC TOP DOGS ANNOUNCEMENT

Top Dogs Update!

The Top Dogs award system was established in 1963 to recognize the achievements of handlers and their dogs in CKC-recognized events. Now, 60 years later, Top Dogs is being updated and expanded!

We are excited to be bringing some new offerings, including a focus on the Owner Handlers and a breakdown of Top Dogs by Province. Expanding Top Dogs will allow us to celebrate MORE dogs and identify those top winning dogs who might not be able to make it to all of Canada's biggest shows. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to March when we will be sharing 2023's Top Dogs!

2023 will also be the final year of multi-discipline Top Dogs. With the launch of the versatility titles (which are **free** for CKC members), we have a new way to celebrate those dogs who are involved in multiple events. The Versatility Title Program includes over 30 events and offers six different titles.

With new additions, Top Dogs 2023 will have a new look! The existing Top Dog awards will have certificates printed and mailed, as always. The new Top Dog additions will have environmentally friendly digital certificates created that can be saved/downloaded/shared by owners, without adding additional printing costs.

2023 Election Wrap-up

Volunteers are the heart of the CKC.

We are pleased to share the committee appointments from the March 16, 2024, board meeting, detailed election results, and the future of the Dogue de Bordeaux.

Thanks to the efforts of Dogue de Bordeaux breeders and fanciers to engage and encourage Members to vote. 31% of CKC Members voted with 95% in favour of the Dogue de Bordeaux moving forward to full recognition.

As we begin a new three-year term with our Board of Directors, we want to take a moment to thank all of the members who volunteered their time over the past 3-year term. Whether it's the hard-working club members putting on shows and events, dedicated and passionate breeders volunteering at Meet the Breeds, members volunteering their time for Committees and Councils, as Zone Directors, or any of the other myriad ways that members support the CKC, and the world of dogs.

We are very excited to be working with the incoming Board of Directors over the next three years. Thank you to every member who took the time to cast their vote and have their opinion heard!

The Board of Directors is a crucial part of the CKC, ensuring all members are heard, supporting shows and events, and championing purebred dogs. Thank you to everyone who put forth their name

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for Zone Director in the November election.

Election Wrap-Up

Zone 1: Janice Kivimaki 279 votes
 Frank MacArthur 189 votes
 · Janice Kivimaki won with 59.62% of the vote

Zone 2: Tina Sandford was acclaimed

Zone 3: Sylvain Sirois 355 votes
 Linda St-Hilaire 336 votes
 · Sylvain Sirois won with 51.37% of the vote

Zone 4: Ramona Bauer was acclaimed

Zone 5: Robert Whitney was acclaimed

Zone 6: Peter Scott was acclaimed

Zone 7: Marc Ralsky 206 votes
 Tanya Hatton 142 votes
 · Marc Ralsky won with 59.19% of the vote

Zone 8: Corinne Walker was acclaimed

Zone 9: Valerie Bandas 151 votes
 Rachel Brower 124 votes
 · Valerie Bandas won with 54.90% of the vote

Zone 10: Lee Anne Bateman was acclaimed

Zone 11: Tempest Deptuch was acclaimed

Zone 12: Wayne Davidson 214 votes
 Delvina Beaulac 201 votes
 · Wayne Davidson won with 51.56% of the vote

Congratulations to each of our new Zone Directors, and welcome back to those who have served previously.

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2024 Committee Appointments

Canadian Kennel Club committees draw together experienced members with a high level of expertise from different regions of Canada to engage, support, and improve the club!

An ideal Committee member is someone with a passion and commitment to purebred dogs, their community, and the preservation of breeds.

Thank you to everyone who put forth their name with a willingness to volunteer for a committee over the next 3 years. Congratulations to all of those who have been appointed; we look forward to working with you!

2024-26 Committee Member Appointments

Registration Committee:

- *Barbara Arndt*
- *Denis Gros-Louis*

Breed Standards Committee

- *Jocelyn Gagne*
- *Stephanie Horan*
- *Susan Quesnel*

Breeder Relations Committee

- *Stewart Dankner*
- *Trina Gallop*
- *Louise Glenda Newton*
- *Richard Paquette*
- *Alistair Sutherland*

Communications Committee

- *Trina Gallop*
- *Joanna Saun*
- *Jean-Claude Surprenant*
- *Alistair Sutherland*

Event Officiating Committee

- *Thomas Alexander*
- *Darwin Boles*
- *Thora Brown*
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- *Seanna O'eill*

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- *Dr. Oksana Moshynska, PhD*
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- *Alistair Sutherland*
- *Dr. Meredith Walker, DVM*

IT Steering Committee

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- *Andrew Ryall*
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Rules of Eligibility

- *Thora Brown*
- *Marnie Harrison*
- *Lisa Ricciotti*

Ad Hoc Brachycephalic Breed Advocacy Committee

- *Lundi Blamey*
- *Dr. Meredith Walker, DVM*





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*Thank you Karen Nesbitt
for another stunning photo!*

