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III. MEMBERSHIP

A. Members [Board Motion #25-03-16]

(1) Unless otherwise stated, the term *member*, when used in relation to requirements under any Canadian Kennel Club rule, regulation, policy, procedure or guideline, shall be interpreted as meaning any one (1) of the four (4) categories of membership. The Junior category membership shall qualify for this purpose.

(2) All categories of membership are renewed based on the calendar year.

B. Membership Categories
[Board Motions #44-12-11, #25-03-16, #61-12-16, #33-09-19, #14-12-20]

(1) Each of the following membership categories shall have specific rights, privileges and benefits.

(a) Premier (also known as Membership Plus): [Board Motion #17-03-20]

(i) Personalized membership card.

(ii) Voting privileges (based on eligibility requirements under The By-laws).

(iii) Registration priority service.

(iv) Discounts on Club services and selected products.

(v) Upgraded online advertising of puppies for sale on the Puppy List. This includes the ability for member Breeders of Record to display their own content and photographs to better promote their kennels.

(vi) Annual subscription to e-newsletter “CKC Bulletin”.

(vii) Access to all Canadian Kennel Club value added programs (i.e., affinity credit card, insurance, long distance, and other value added programs which may be added from time to time).

(ix) All applicants must have Membership Plus in order to enjoy Membership Plus Privileges.

(b) Regular: [Board Motion #18-03-20]

(i) Personalized membership card.

(ii) Voting privileges (based on eligibility requirements under The By-laws).

(iii) Discounts on Club services and selected products.

(iv) Basic online advertising of puppies for sale by Breeders of Record on The Canadian Kennel Club’s Puppy List. This includes contact information only.

(v) Annual subscription to e-newsletter “CKC Bulletin”.

(vi) Access to all Canadian Kennel Club value added programs (i.e., affinity credit card, insurance, long distance, and other value added programs which may be added from time to time).

(c) Life:

Life membership holds the same rights and privileges as a Premier (Membership Plus); however, the member shall pay no annual fee. Life membership shall be automatically conferred upon a Regular Member after they have achieved a total of thirty (30) years of continuous and unbroken service as a Regular or Premier (also known as Membership Plus) Member. Each Life Member will be issued a permanent gold membership card. [Board Motions #07-03-13, #25-03-16, #03-11-21, #101-09-25]

(d) Junior:

Junior membership affords no special rights or privileges. Offered to persons under eighteen (18) years of age, it is intended for the young novice who just loves dogs. Included in a Junior Class membership are the following benefits:

(i) Personalized Junior membership card.

Note: Junior membership does not count toward Life membership tenure.

C. Residency

(1) All membership categories and classes are open to both residents of Canada and non-residents alike.

(2) In addition to what is stated in the Interpretations section of The By-laws, the term "resident" shall mean any person whose lawful principal residence is located in Canada.

(3) The Club cannot change the address of members who choose to spend part of each year in another country. Non-resident status is determined by the fact that a country other than Canada is stated in Head Office membership records. Therefore, by temporarily changing an address for part of the year, the status of the member would be changed to non-resident, which could ultimately affect such things as voting privileges and renewal fees. Canada Post offers a mail forwarding service for a nominal fee. It is recommended that members in such circumstances take advantage of this service.

(4) If a Canadian resident moves to another country, they may maintain their current membership category and class; however, as a non-resident member they will be required to pay non-resident fees upon renewal and further, they will no longer be eligible to vote at any meeting, or in any election or referendum, nor shall they be entitled to stand for election as a member of the Board of Directors.

(5) Members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Diplomatic Corp who are transferred temporarily out of Canada shall maintain their residency status for the purpose of annual renewal fees and voting privileges. For voting purposes, they shall be considered a resident in the province in which the member last resided immediately prior to being posted outside Canada. The same shall apply for the spouses of these members. In order for this policy to apply, the member(s) must provide Head Office with satisfactory evidence of the transfer.

D. Fees [Board Motion #46-12-11]

(1) There shall be two separate membership fee scales: one (1) for residents and another for non-residents.

E. Long Service Recognition

(1) Members who have achieved twenty (20) years of continuous membership with the Club shall be recognized by a long service pin and a congratulatory letter being forwarded to them at the beginning of the year following the year in which the member achieved long service status. Board members shall be given the option of presenting the pins and letters in person or having them forwarded by mail from the office of the Executive Director.

(2) Upon reaching the level of fifty (50) years of continuous membership, the member shall be presented with a scroll or plaque, preferably by the Board member in that zone, the Chair of the Board or the Executive Director.

(3) Life Members will be presented with a Life Membership pin by the Board member in that zone, the Chair of the Board or the Executive Director.

(4) A list of new Life Members shall be printed in the Official Publication and/or posted electronically on an annual basis.

F. Revoking Life Membership Status [Board Motion #07-03-13]

(1) Life Membership shall be deemed as being a privilege, based on the fact that a member has achieved thirty (30) years of continuous and unbroken service as a Regular or Premier (also known as Membership Plus) Member, and is at least fifty (50) years of age. Life Members, however, shall be subject to the same rules, regulations and penalties as all other members of the Club and any infraction that results in disciplinary action may result in a Life Member's membership being revoked accordingly. If such shall occur, they will no longer be deemed as having continuous and unbroken service as a member in good standing and their status as a Life Member will be revoked.

G. Membership Application [Board Motion #24-09-13]

(1) Persons making application for membership in the Club shall complete the appropriate application form for this purpose and remit the prescribed fee or authorize credit card payment.

(2) All applicants, by completing a Club Membership Application, are certifying that they have read, understood and agree to the conditions of Club membership.

(3) No application for membership may be denied without just cause. Persons denied membership in the Club must be provided with a reason for the denial.

(4) The Discipline Committee, when levying termination penalties, shall include a timeline commensurate with the severity of the infraction. [Board Motion #31-06-11]

(5) Each month Head Office shall provide all members of the Board with a list of new members in their respective zones.

H. Membership Renewal

(1) All current members as of October of any given year shall be invoiced for the renewal of their membership for the following year. If payment is not made in October, they will be invoiced again in November and again in December. If payment of the renewal fee is made before December 15th, it will be guaranteed that the member's membership will automatically be renewed on January 1st of the following year. Payment after December 15th could result in the payment not being posted until the new year; therefore, interruption of membership could occur. All persons who have not renewed by December 31st shall automatically be removed from the membership on January 1st of the following year.

Note: Minor members are not automatically renewed. Please see below.

(2) Any member who allows their membership to lapse, up to a maximum of five (5) years, may be reinstated without broken service if the member pays the fees for the lapsed years along with the fee for the current year on or before December 31st of the current year. The membership fees for the lapsed years shall be at the current rate. Any requests beyond five years would require approval from the Head Office. [Board Motion #43-12-20, #27-12-22]

I. Members of Minor Age [Board Motion #61-12-16]

(1) A minor is person who is under the age of majority, which is eighteen (18).

J. Membership Exclusions and Restrictions

(1) When applying conditions of Club membership, such conditions shall not preclude members from pursuing humane activities such as volunteering or working for a Humane Society, Animal Shelter, Veterinarian Clinic or any similar facility or organization, regardless of the fact that such facility or organization may house and/or sell non-purebred dogs.

(2) As per The By-laws, Canadian Kennel Club members shall not engage in the breeding, buying or selling of non-purebred dogs without the prior approval of the Board. Application may be made to the Board for approval to breed, buy or sell currently unrecognized breeds; however, under normal circumstances such approval will only be granted if the breed has been accepted as a recognized breed in its country of origin for at least twenty-five (25) years, and/or is recognized by a stud book that is recognized by The Canadian Kennel Club. When the Board has approved such activities, all dogs bred or sold must be individually identified and registered with the appropriate stud book, proper breeding records must be maintained and in the case of dogs sold, duly transferred certificates of registration must be provided to the buyer as if the dogs were purebred.

K. Puppy List Terms of Use [Board Motion #42-12-15]

(1) As an added value of membership in The Canadian Kennel Club, Regular, Premier (also known as Membership Plus) and Life Members have the benefit of advertising their puppies for sale on The Canadian Kennel Club's Puppy List website.

(2) Premier Members (also known as Membership Plus) are entitled to the following benefits when advertising their puppies for sale on the Puppy List:

- Profile photos;
- Personal URLs for breeders without websites;
- Links to kennel websites;
- Select the breeds they wish to be associated with;
- Usage and traffic reports for breeders.

Note: Regular Members who have met the eligibility requirements and attained the status of Master Breeder or International Master Breeder enjoy all the benefits of Premier Members (also known as Membership Plus) when advertising their puppies for sale on the Puppy List.

(3) Regular and Life Members (Basic Class) are entitled to the following benefits when advertising their puppies for sale on the Canadian Kennel Club's Puppy List website:

- Basic Breeder and Kennel contact details
- Select litters to be displayed

(4) Advertising on The Canadian Kennel Club's Puppy List website is deemed a privilege and should it come to the attention of The Canadian Kennel Club that a member has failed to adhere to the conditions of membership as prescribed in The By-laws, the member's advertising may be removed and the member may be subject to disciplinary proceedings in accordance with The By-laws. See Chapter XI, Regulatory 'Procedure RE002 – Ineligible to Advertise on Puppy List'.

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APPENDIX 1 – Comparative Chart of Member Rights, Privileges and Benefits

[Board Motions #45-12-11, #50-06-15, #13-12-16, #61-12-16]

RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES & BENEFITS	PREMIER (also known as Membership Plus)	BASIC	LIFE
Membership Card	•	•	•
Voting Rights (As per By-laws)	•	•	•
Discounts on Club Services & Selected Products	•	•	•
Participate in Membership Rewards Program	•	•	•
Value Added Programs (Insurance, Telephone, Etc.)	•	•	•
Counts Toward Life Membership Tenure	•	•	•
Upgraded Online Advertising of Puppies for Sale (display own content & photographs)	•		•
Basic Online Advertising of Puppies for Sale (display contact information only)		•	
On-line Member Newsletter	•	•	•
Registration Priority Service (ten (10) working days)	•		
Kennel & Bench	•	•	•

CODE OF ETHICS FOR CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB MEMBERS

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 is elected from the membership representing their regional zones and is 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. Names of the individuals in contravention of the By-laws or Rules and Regulations that are subject to discipline, with an imposition of a penalty depriving them of privileges, will be made public on the Canadian Kennel Club's website. [Board Motion #20-09-22]

- 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 endeavor 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 are exhibitors, handlers, judges or assistants will participate in such activities with honesty, fairness and integrity, ever mindful of the practice of "good sportsmanship". Members shall not engage in any activity that might be considered malicious, threatening or constitute bullying, including but not limited to social media; [Board Motion #15-12-20]

- 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.

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB MEMBER BREEDERS

I. Purpose [Board Motion #23-09-17]

This Code of Practice shall apply to all breeders who are members of The Canadian Kennel Club. Its purpose shall be to provide breeders with a set of mandatory standards and requirements relating to the proper maintenance, breeding, selling and overall protection of their chosen breed(s).

It shall be the aim of every breeder to breed dogs that are healthy and sound in both mind and body to ensure that the dogs are true to their heritage.

It shall also be the responsibility of every breeder to adhere at all times to proper and ethical business practices when buying, breeding, selling and placing their dogs.

II. Breeding Principles

The breeding of dogs is a serious responsibility; therefore, the decision to breed should never be taken lightly. To this end, every breeder, or prospective breeder, must be willing to embrace the following general principles:

(a) Be prepared to make a serious commitment of both time and financial resources in order to ensure that a proper breeding program can be carried out.

(b) Be prepared to provide for the well being of the dogs, both while in your care as well as in the ultimate placement of the dogs.

(c) Be prepared to work hard to preserve and maintain the breed for future generations through the judicious selection of breeding stock.

(d) Be prepared to share knowledge that is gained through experience with fellow breeders, particularly those who are novices.

III. General Responsibilities

The following are a set of general responsibilities that shall be understood and accepted by all CKC member breeders:

(a) Every breeder shall be conversant with and fully adhere to the *By-laws*, rules, regulations, policies and procedures of CKC, as well as the requirements of the *Animal Pedigree Act (APA)*.

(b) All litters and all dogs in each litter shall be registered with the CKC. Litter registrations shall be forwarded to CKC as soon as is reasonably possible after the birth of the dogs. Upon the sale of each dog from any litter, breeders shall transfer ownership and register each dog in the name of the purchaser in accordance with stated requirements.

(c) At all times the dogs shall be provided with proper housing, nutrition, health care and necessary exercise.

(d) Every breeder shall make a conscientious effort to learn about structure, movement and behavior, understand and stay current with inherited traits, congenital and hereditary health problems related to their breed, and to have a basic knowledge of health care and first aid.

(e) Breeders are encouraged to regularly test for health and genetic problems and are encouraged to openly share the results of all such testing that is undertaken. They should also follow recommended protocols for the control of genetic disease.

(f) Every breeder shall maintain current and accurate records pertaining to their breeding program, the particulars of all dog registrations and all sales transactions.

(g) No breeder shall sell or donate dogs for the purpose of their being auctioned, raffled or to pet stores.

IV. Breeding Practices [Board Motion #23-09-17]

In order to attain the goal of producing quality dogs, a breeder must give priority to producing dogs that are healthy and sound in both mind and body, and to selecting breeding stock that conforms to the requirements as defined by the Rules of Eligibility (ROE) for each breed where available.

(a) Use dogs that are known to be of sound health and stable temperament.

(b) Choose both a sire and dam that have reached such maturity that they can produce and raise a healthy litter.

(c) Assure that all breeding documents and registrations are available for inspection and completely in order.

(d) As the owner of a stud dog, ensure that the owner of the dam has the ability and the necessary facilities to successfully whelp, raise and assure the future well being of any resulting litter.

(e) As the owner of the dam, ensure that the owner of the sire has the knowledge and experience to provide a safe and proper mating, including the diligent care of the dam.

V. Selling Practices

All breeders have a serious responsibility when selling dogs to purchasers, whether they are fellow breeders or members of the general public. In order to fulfill this responsibility and without limiting the specifics of The By-laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures and the *Animal Pedigree Act*, all CKC breeders shall adhere to the following general sales practices:

(a) Dogs must never be sold on a “with or without papers” basis. As noted in Section III. (b) above, all dogs must be registered with CKC.

(b) In accordance with The By-laws, the breeder is responsible for the submission of and payment for all registration applications. Such costs may be included in the price of the dog. Under no circumstances shall the buyer be asked to submit or pay for any applications to register or transfer the ownership of a dog.

(c) All dogs must be uniquely and permanently identified with an approved Canadian Standard microchip transponder or a tattoo, prior to leaving the breeder’s premises.

(d) Potential purchasers of dogs shall be reasonably screened for their suitability and capability to own and meet the needs of the particular breed. The concept of a dog being a lifetime commitment should always be reinforced with the purchaser.

(e) Breeders shall represent their dogs to prospective purchasers with honesty and integrity.

(f) Breeders shall commit themselves to assisting novice dog owners in understanding the breed. They shall also encourage new dog owners to become involved in the activities of the sport of purebred dogs and inform them about the values in becoming a member of CKC.

(g) Breeders shall provide a written sales agreement containing the name of the purchaser, the date of sale, a statement confirming that the dog is purebred, the name of the breed and the dog's unique identification number. In addition, all terms and conditions of the sale, including a return or replacement policy, shall be clearly defined. The agreement shall be properly dated and signed by all parties.

(h) Breeders shall provide the purchaser with a reasonable written guarantee that protects the dog, the purchaser and the seller.

(i) CKC supports a breeder's choice to decide the appropriate timing to spay or neuter their puppies and dogs, in consultation with a veterinary medical professional. [Board Motion #10-09-21]

(j) Purchasers should be provided with copies of all relevant documentation, including such things as CKC registration documentation, copies of non-breeding agreements, completed sales agreements, guarantees, health and vaccination records, and a set of instructions on the care, training and diet for the dog.