



Welcome to the Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada membership application page.

The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada (NDCC) is the National Breed Club with associated Regional Clubs across Canada. Since its formation in 1963, the objective of the Club has been the preservation, betterment and promotion of the Newfoundland dog in its native country.

As a member of the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) the NDCC and its Regions are able to hold events across the country. Titles can be awarded to the dogs completing the requirements of the CKC, in conformation, obedience, draft dog and water rescue dog etc. Each year, in addition to the official events the NDCC and its Regional Clubs hold many other fun gatherings and training seminars.

If you wish to join the NDCC, print the application form and the Code of Ethics, complete and sign both, and forward along with the fee, to the Membership Secretary indicated on the application. Your application will be presented for Provisional Membership approval at the next general meeting. The NDCC Constitution/Bylaws and the Official CKC Breed Standard are also part of the membership package, please print these and retain them for future reference. A sponsor that is an Active or Lifetime member of the NDCC is required. Regional Club activities are excellent places to meet NDCC members and learn more about the breed.

If you are a Canadian breeder wishing to join the NDCC, please note that as a member, you will be bound by the Code of Ethics and the Canadian Breed Standard. You will be committing yourself to breeding only Newfoundlands that do not have disqualifying faults.

NDCC Membership Secretary
Margo Brown

NEWFOUNDLAND DOG CLUB OF CANADA

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE # _____

E-MAIL: _____

WEBSITE HOMEPAGE: _____

List Dog Clubs you are/have been a member of and any positions held:

I/We are new to the Newfoundland breed Yes No

I/We currently, or have in the past, owned Newfoundlands Yes No

I/We own breeds other than Newfoundlands. Yes No

Do you currently breed other breeds of dogs: Yes No Please list the breeds: _____

Do you plan to breed Newfoundlands in the future: Yes No

Are you a Newfoundland breeder? Yes No

Kennel Name: _____ CKC Registered: Yes No Perm: Yes No Date: _____

List the names, ages of Newfoundlands that you currently own, and whether or not they are spayed or neutered.

Dog # 1

Registered Name & Title: _____ Call Name: _____ Sex: _____ D/O/B _____

CKC Reg. # _____ Breeder: _____ Spayed/Neutered: _____ Colour: _____

Sire's Name: _____ Dam's Name: _____

Dog # 2

Registered Name & Title: _____ Call Name: _____ Sex: _____ D/O/B _____

CKC Reg. # _____ Breeder: _____ Spayed/Neutered: _____ Colour: _____

Sire's Name: _____ Dam's Name: _____

To List Additional Newfoundlands, please use blank page

Newfoundland dog activity history

Please indicate areas that you have participated in:

Conformation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Obedience:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Water Rescue:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Tracking:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Draft Dog:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Rescue:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Breeding:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Rally Obedience:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

What are your Newf-related interests for the future? Please list:

Have you ever been expelled or suffered action by an animal organization? Yes No

If yes, please name club: _____

* Please explain fully on a separate page

I/We would like to join the NDCC for the following reasons:

I/We understand that if my/our membership application is approved, I/We will be joining as a Provisional Member(s) for six months, which entitles me/us to receive the club's publication "Newf News", along with notification of all meeting and events. I/We may not vote on Club issues nor hold elective or leadership office. I/We understand that I/we will not be able to advertise in the Club's Breeders Listing in the Newf News or on the Club's web site for one year after I/we have been approved as a Provisional Member(s).

Only Active and Lifetime members are eligible to vote or hold office of elective or leadership positions. *Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada, Bylaws: Section 3. Categories of Membership (B) & (D)*

I/We agree to abide by the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club, (not included) the NDCC By-laws/Constitution and the Code of Ethics, both are included with this form.

The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada does not endorse the breeding of Newfoundlands other than those recognized under the CKC Standard, Black and Landseer (white and black). All NDCC members are encouraged to research the bloodlines of any and all breeding stock and avoid breeding to any dog that might introduce non-standard colours into any litters. Canadian breeders shall adhere to the CKC Breed Standard, in their breeding programme, being careful to maintain soundness of body and mind, with emphasis on good temperament. *(NDCC Code of Ethics / Responsibilities of the Breeder (Seller) / 2)*

Please sign both the Membership Application and Code of Ethics (both enclosed in this package)

Signature(s) _____

Date: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Must be an Active or Lifetime member of the NDCC

Indicate if applicant is between the ages of 12 - 18 years Yes No

For Club use:
Date Received: _____

Date of Acceptance: _____

Club Official: _____

Membership Fee: \$45.00

Outside of Canada: \$50.00



Remit Cheque or Money Order Payable to:
NEWFOUNDLAND DOG CLUB OF CANADA

Send to:
Membership Secretary,
Margo Brown,
195 Glenariff Drive, Box 74
Freelton, ON L0R 1K0

N.D.C.C. CODE OF ETHICS

This Code of Ethics outlines basic procedures and sets forth principles of general conduct to be followed by all members. Failure to do so shall result in disciplinary action as set out in the Constitution/Bylaws of the Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

1. All members shall abide by the Constitution/By-laws of the NDCC and the rules of the CKC.
2. Members are encouraged to support the efforts of the NDCC regarding Health issues of the Newfoundland and are encouraged to participate in testing, surveys and seminars, which would help to educate them further.
3. Members shall ensure that their Newfoundlands are at all times treated in a humane and caring manner, including adequate food, water, shelter, grooming, companionship and veterinary care.
4. Members are encouraged to undertake appropriate training to ensure that their Newfoundland will be a welcome member of the community.
5. Members shall conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and exhibit good sportsmanship when participating in any activity, which involve the Newfoundland or the NDCC.
6. Members shall refrain from knowingly making untrue statements about the stock or practices of themselves or others involved in the showing and/or breeding of Newfoundland dogs.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BREEDER (SELLER)

1. Breeders shall breed only purebred animals, which are CKC registered or eligible for CKC registration.
2. Canadian breeders shall adhere to the CKC Breed Standard in their breeding programme, being careful to maintain soundness of body and mind, with emphasis on good temperament.
3. Both the bitch and the stud dog shall be in good health and free of disqualifying faults. Breeders shall try their utmost to breed Newfoundlands with health clearances for the most recognized problems within the breed.
4. Breeders shall represent accurately the health and breeding records of both the stud dog and the bitch.
5. Stud dog and bitch owners shall negotiate all terms of the breeding agreement prior to undertaking the breeding. A written contract is strongly recommended and shall be mutually agreed upon and signed by all parties involved.
6. Breeders shall keep accurate breeding records, registrations and pedigrees.
7. Breeders are responsible for each puppy, which is produced by their bitch and will use every reasonable effort to ensure that every puppy is placed in a safe environment. Prospective buyers shall be screened to ascertain that they are aware of the needs of a Newfoundland and have the knowledge, facility and time to care for a dog.
8. Breeders shall register Newfoundlands born in Canada in accordance with the Animal Pedigree Act.
9. A certificate of registration shall be forwarded to the new owner when the contractual obligations agreed to have been fulfilled. Such a contract should be in writing and clearly state the specified obligations of the new owner.
10. Sellers shall, whenever possible, use the CKC Non Breeding agreement, or a legal similar document, for the sale of dogs not destined for breeding.
11. Breeders/Sellers shall not knowingly sell their puppies to puppy mills, pet dealers, pet wholesalers, pet brokers, either singly or in litter lots. Breeders shall strive to conduct only ethical trade agreements, with special attention to make sure that neither their stud dogs nor their bitches are involved with any commercial business involving the selling of puppies.
12. At the time of sale the buyer shall be provided with a detailed contract signed by the seller, outlining the description and sex of the puppy, including tattoo or microchip information, pedigree of sire and dam and whelping date. It should also include any health guarantee offered and type of compensation forthcoming in the event of a complaint or dispute.
13. Breeders/Sellers should outline their ideas for proper nutrition, care and upbringing, as well as follow-up veterinary care, such as immunization, spaying and/or neutering.
14. Any advertising displayed by either Breeder or Seller, shall be done honestly, and shall in no way be misleading or fraudulent in its content.

DISCIPLINE

Enforcement of any disciplinary action shall be carried out as laid out in the NDCC Constitution/Bylaws. *Article VI, Discipline, Section 1(A)*

In the case of any business transaction involving Newfoundlands, the NDCC will refuse to entertain any grievance brought against a member unless accompanied by all written contracts, signed by all parties involved and any other pertinent material supporting the complaint.

The following are grounds for disciplinary action

1. Neglect or abuse of any Newfoundland. This must be documented by the affidavits of three witnesses or by investigation of an authorized humane organization.
2. Suspension of privileges by the CKC for rule violations.
3. Breeding and/or advertising found to be in violation of the Code of Ethics.
4. Knowingly selling or aiding in the sale of Newfoundlands to or through a pet broker, a pet store or its agents.
5. Refusal to comply with the terms of a written agreement without showing just cause.
6. Refusal to transfer registration papers to a buyer without showing just cause.
7. Refusal to honour written guarantees and agreements without showing just cause.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**NEWFOUNDLAND DOG CLUB
OF CANADA
CONSTITUTION
Effective: April 16, 2000**

**Article I
Name and Objectives**

Section 1

The name of the club shall be “The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada”, hereafter referred to as “The Club”

Section 2

The objectives of The Club shall be:

- (A) To further the breeding and betterment of Newfoundland dogs.
- (B) To define precisely the standard for the breed.
- (C) To promote adherence to the standard.
- (D) To increase the knowledge and understanding of the breed.
- (E) To encourage and promote the quality of pure-bred Newfoundland dogs and do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- (F) To achieve better communication and understanding among owners, breeders and other interested parties.
- (G) To encourage the organization of Regional / Branch clubs.

Section 3

The area of operation of The Club shall be all of Canada

**Article II
Membership And Dues**

Section 1

The Club’s fiscal and membership year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 2

Application For Membership

A person of good character and reputation shall be eligible to apply for membership. Application shall be made by sending, to the Membership Secretary, an official club application form, completed and sponsored by an Active Member or Life Member and accompanied by the yearly dues. Any individual rejected for membership by The Club must be provided with a written explanation. Upon refusal, an applicant may re-apply for membership after a period of one year.

After an applicant for membership has been approved at an executive or general meeting, the applicant’s name and address shall be published in The Club’s newsletter. If no significant objections are received by the Membership Secretary by the stated deadline, which must be at least thirty (30) days after publication, the applicant becomes a provisional member.

Section 3

Categories of Membership

(A) Provisional Member

A Provisional Member shall be any newly accepted member who is eighteen (18) years of age or older. Provisional Members shall have no voting privileges for six (6) months, after which time they shall become Active Members.

(B) Active Members

An Active Member shall be any person in good standing, who subscribes to the objectives of The Club as stated in the Constitution, and has served as a Provisional Member for six (6) months. Active Members shall have voting privileges and, if a resident in Canada, be eligible to hold office.

(C) Junior Member

A Junior Member shall be any person who subscribes to the objectives of The Club as stated in the Constitution. A Junior Member must be no younger than twelve (12), nor older than eighteen (18) years, and shall have no voting privileges nor the right to nominate or hold office. At the age of eighteen (18) a Junior Member may apply for a Provisional Membership. Junior Members will receive the newsletter if they are the only members residing in the household.

(D) Life Member

A person who has served as an Active Member for twenty-five (25) continuous years shall become a Life Member. Life membership shall commence on January 1st of the following year. Life Members shall be exempted from dues and levies and shall have voting privileges and, if resident in Canada, be eligible to hold office. An Active Member residing in a household with a Life Member will continue to pay full annual dues until Life Membership status is attained.

Section 4
Termination of Membership

(A) A membership shall be terminated upon receipt, by the Membership Secretary, of a written resignation signed by the party involved.

(B) Dues not received by the Membership Secretary by the date due, shall terminate membership.

(C) The Board may refuse to renew the membership of a member who is indebted to The Club until such time as the debt is settled.

Section 5
Dues

Annual Membership dues shall be paid by December 31 of the prior year. Membership fees shall be set and approved yearly, at the Annual General Meeting, for the next membership year.

Article III
The Executive

Section 1

The Executive shall consist of the Officers and Directors who shall have the right to attend all executive meetings.

Section 2

The Executive shall have the power to conduct all business of The Club unless specifically limited by this Constitution.

Section 3
Officers, Directors, and Their Duties

The Officers of The Club shall be: President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Immediate Past President (where applicable). The Officers and Directors must be residents of Canada and be regular members in good standing of the Canadian Kennel Club.

(A) President

The President shall convene and preside at all meetings, shall be The Club's chief executive officer, with board approval may create committees and appoint committee chairpersons from amongst the membership at large, and shall serve as an ex-officio member on all committees and formally recognized Regional / Branch clubs.

(B) Vice Presidents

The First and Second Vice Presidents, in that order, shall preside at any meeting from which the President is absent and shall have comparable powers to the President at that time.

Any vacancy occurring on the Executive during the term of office may be filled for the unexpired term of office by a majority vote of the members of the Executive, except that of a vacancy in the office of President, which shall be filled automatically by the First Vice President; the resulting vacancy of the First

Vice President shall be filled automatically by the Second Vice President, and the resulting vacancy of the Second Vice President may be filled by an Executive vote.

(C) Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the books and records of The Club, shall record minutes of all executive and membership meetings of The Club, shall receive all ballots cast by mail except as in Article IV, Sec. 1, Subsec. (C), shall notify members of their election as Officers or Directors, shall mail to all Officers and Directors minutes of each executive and general meetings, and shall perform such other duties which normally pertain to this office.

(D) Membership Secretary

The Membership Secretary shall keep an up to date roll of all members and their addresses, shall present all membership applications for approval at the next general meeting after received, shall forward notification to each new member of acceptance to membership, along with a copy of the Constitution and shall take charge of the collection of membership dues.

(E) Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to The Club and give receipts therefor, shall deposit the said monies in a bank satisfactory to the Executive in the name of The Club, shall keep proper books and these shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Executive, shall report to the members at every meeting on the condition of finances of The Club and shall, at the annual meeting, render an account of all receipts and expenditures for the year and present a balance sheet.

Cheques, (other than normal club expenditures), over the amount of \$1000.00 must first be presented to the Executive for approval.

The Treasurer must make available all financial records to the auditors at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(F) Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall act as a consultant to the new executive for a maximum of one, two (2) year term. The Immediate Past President has an executive vote during this two year term.

(G) Directors

(1) Each Director shall be responsible for maintaining contact and friendly relations with breeders, breed clubs, interested people and the press. Directors shall work for publicity of The Club and shall make note of outstanding achievements of members' dogs for this purpose.

(2) There shall be Directors in at least four (4) of the six (6) Zones, as mandated by the Canadian Kennel Club. The Zones are: Atlantic Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Prairie Provinces (including Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), British Columbia, Yukon and Northwest Territories. No more than three (3) Directors may be elected from any one region and Directors must reside in the zone they represent. Directors shall be appointed by the Executive if needed to maintain the C.K.C. mandate.

Section 4
Signing Officers

(A) For general purposes, the signing officers of The Club shall be the President, First Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All general documents shall carry the signatures of the President and one other signing officer. In the event the President becomes incapacitated, the First Vice President would assume temporarily the duties and responsibilities of the President, and then would have Presidential signing privileges.

(B) The cheque signing officers of The Club shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All cheques drawn from The Club account must have the signature of the Treasurer or the President, should the Treasurer be unavailable, and one (1) other signing officer, and all signing officers must identify the office he/she holds on the signature line.

Article IV Nominations and Elections

Section 1

The Executive, in attendance at the Annual General Meeting, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of two (2) members, who are not on the Executive to perform the following duties.

- (A) By November 1st , forward “Consent to Stand” forms to those presently holding elected positions with instruction to return completed forms to the Nominating Committee no later than December 1st. The option of sending in a short Biography (maximum 100 words) must be given on the form.
- (B) Supply to the Active and Life Members, a list of nominees for all elected positions with a request for any further nominations and instructions that such further nominations must be signed by the nominee and returned to the Nominating Committee no later than January 15th. The instructions must include the option for the nominee to submit a short biography of 100 words maximum.
- (C) Send to the Active and Life Members, no later than March 1st , a voting ballot and ballot envelope with instructions that such ballots must be returned, in sealed ballot envelopes, to ensure a secret vote, to the Nominating Committee before the annual general meeting. There shall be a minimum of three (3) weeks (i.e. twenty-one (21) days) return period for ballots. The voting package must include all the appropriate candidate biographies that have been received by the nomination deadline.

Members in each of the six (6) C.K.C. Zones will receive ballots that will allow residents of that zone to elect Directors to represent them on the Executive.

Not more than three (3) Directors may be elected from any one Zone and Directors must reside in the Zone they represent.

The number of Directors will be decided by the number of members living in that zone as follows:

- 10 members - 1 Director**
- 11 - 30 members - 2 Directors**
- 31 and over -3 Directors**

- (D) Bring all sealed ballots to the Annual General Meeting.

Section 2

The Nominating Committee shall not be accountable for any ballots which may be late due to postal disruption.

Section 3

Voting by Proxy shall not be allowed.

Section 4

The ballots shall be opened and counted at the Annual General Meeting by two (2) Returning Officers, other than the nominating committee, appointed by the President from the general membership attending the meeting. The largest number of votes shall elect for any Office. In the event of a tie vote for any office, ballots for a re-vote for that position only, must be mailed to all Active and Life Members within one (1) week by the Nominating Committee with instructions that the ballots must be returned within thirty (30) days. These ballots would then be opened and counted at the next General Meeting, by two (2) Returning Officers, other than the Nominating Committee, appointed by the President from the general membership attending the meeting.

Section 5

No member shall stand for more than one elected position.

Section 6

The new Executive elected at the Annual General Meeting shall take office at that time.

Section 7

Vacancies occurring in the Executive during the term of office shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive except as provided in Article III, Section 3 Subsec. (B).

Section 8

In the event the nominations proposed by the Nominating Committee are uncontested, the chairperson at the annual general meeting shall cast a single ballot to elect the nominees.

Section 9

Only Active or Life Members in good standing are eligible to be nominated or vote. Nominees must be residents of Canada. A nomination will not be valid if the nominee has not paid his/her dues as stated in Article II, Section 5.

Section 10

The term for all elected positions shall be two (2) years. All elected persons shall be eligible to stand for re-election.

Article V **Committees**

Section 1

(A) The President, with the approval of the Board will, within sixty (60) days following the Annual General Meeting, appoint standing committees to work for the advancement of The Club. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the Executive. The President with approval of the Executive will appoint Chairpersons of such committees and may at his/her discretion determine the size and composition of any committee. Special committees may also be appointed by the President to aid on particular projects. The Chairperson of each committee shall submit a written report to the Annual Meeting.

(B) Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the Executive upon written notice to the appointee; and the President with Executive approval may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated. Each retiring committee chairperson or member shall turn over all records and properties relating to the committee to this successor, or if the committee has been dissolved, to the club secretary, within thirty (30) days after he/she has been notified of the termination of office. Any person who fails to do so within the thirty (30) days may be suspended from all privileges of the Club until the transfer is completed.

(C) Any policy change proposed by a committee must be referred to the Executive for consideration. Resulting policy changes must appear in the club newsletter or in a special mailing to the general membership.

Article VI **Discipline**

Section 1

(A) The Executive shall have the right to suspend any member(s) who violates any portion of the Constitution, or engages in discreditable conduct. Notice of such suspension, and the cause for it, shall be sent by registered mail, by the secretary to the member(s). The member(s) would have the right to present an appeal to the Executive. The suspension, if ratified, by the Executive, shall become final.

(B) Any member of the club who is suspended, debarred, deprived, expelled, or whose membership has been terminated by The Canadian Kennel Club's Discipline Committee, shall be suspended from the privileges of The Club for a like period.

Complaints **Section 2**

(A) Any member may prefer charges against another member for alleged action prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the Breed and /or failure to abide by the Constitution. The charges must be in written form and sent to the secretary, along with a deposit of \$100.00 which will be forfeited if such charges are not substantiated. The secretary will mail copies of the complaint in a timely manner to each Executive member and to the person(s) named in the complaint. The Executive will hold a meeting by mail, fax or other electronic methods to decide if the charges have merit. A simple majority vote by the Board will be needed to proceed. The secretary will notify the plaintiff and defendant by registered mail of the Executive's decision.

(B) The parties then will have thirty (30) day to submit evidence, which could include notarized witness statements, to the secretary, who will forward copies of such evidence to the Executive along with a form for their decision in writing. Each Executive member will carefully study the evidence and their written decision must be returned to the secretary within thirty (30) days.

(C) A two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive will be needed to recommend expulsion of any member of The Club. A member of the Executive will present their decision at the next General Meeting for approval by the membership in attendance. Any expulsion would be immediate and no membership fees would be refunded.

Article VII **Meetings**

Section 1

The Annual General Meeting of The Club shall be held within one hundred and twenty (120) days after The Club's fiscal year end.

Section 2

Besides the Annual General Meeting there shall be at least five (5) other meetings (general or executive) of The Club per year.

Section 3

The President shall have the authority to call a Special General meeting to consider Club business that cannot wait until a regularly scheduled meeting. Notice of such a meeting must be mailed to all members, by the Secretary fourteen (14) days before the meeting date.

Section 4

A quorum for any general meeting of The Club shall consist of eight (8) members in good standing, of which, at least three (3) must be officers.

Section 5

The President, or a quorum of the Executive, may convene a meeting of the Executive at any time if deemed necessary. An executive meeting may be held "in person", by telephone, by mail or by other electronic communications. Such meetings shall be conducted through the Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of the Board of any Executive meeting at least forty eight (48) hours prior to such meeting.

Section 6

A quorum for any Executive meeting shall be four (4) Officers and two (2) Directors, or three (3) Officers and three (3) Directors.

Section 7

"Robert's Rules of Order" shall be used to govern the conduct of all "in person" meetings.

Article VIII **Regional / Branch Clubs** **Regional / Branch Functions**

Section 1

Membership in a Regional / Branch club shall not entitle any individual to automatic membership in The Club. Individuals wishing to be members of The Club must apply directly to The Club. The Executive of Regional / Branch clubs must be members of The Club. Newly elected Regional / Branch club officers will have thirty (30) days to apply for membership in The Club.

Section 2

Each Regional / Branch club shall be solely responsible for itself both financially and in accepting and governing its members. Each Regional / Branch club shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the Constitution and/or bylaws of the Region / Branch, CKC, and The Club. The fiscal year of a Regional / Branch club does not have to correspond to that of The Club.

Section 3

Any Regional / Branch club wishing to host a Booster, a Regional or National Specialty Show or any other type of Canadian Kennel Club sanctioned event under the name of The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada must first apply to The Club in writing to do so. The Show/Test Chairman, Show/Test Secretary and three(3) other committee members must be Active or Life members of The Club. The only exception would be the position of Show Secretary, if a professional Show Secretarial Service is engaged.

When making application to hold a Specialty show, under the name of The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada the Regional / Branch club shall meet the requirements as set out by The Club Executive.

Any Regional / Branch club wishing to hold community events, seminars or workshops where they would require insurance coverage must first apply to The Club in writing. The Event Chairperson must be a Active or Life member of The Club.

Section 4

In the event a Regional / Branch club is found to have acted in a manner inconsistent with the above, the Regional / Branch recognition may be revoked by The Club's Executive. The Region / Branch club shall have the right to appeal such a decision at the next general meeting.

Applying for Regional / Branch Recognition

Section 5

Any group of at least ten (10) interested people may apply to The Club to establish a Region / Branch.

Section 6

Such application shall be made in writing, give specific boundaries, bear the signatures of all applicants and set forth:

- (A) that the group fairly represents an area or locality where there is a need for a Region / Branch.
- (B) the proposed name of the Region / Branch.
- (C) the proposed bylaws of the Region / Branch.
- (D) the proposed functions and activities of the Region / Branch.

Section 7

Upon receipt of a written application for recognition of a Region / Branch club, the President of The Club shall call an Executive meeting to be held within thirty (30) days regarding the application. Such an application would then be published in The Club's Newsletter for comment. The membership would then have sixty days from date published to respond.

Section 8

When all requirements have been fulfilled to the Executive's satisfaction, their recommendation for Regional / Branch acceptance shall be presented at the next general meeting for approval by the general membership present.

Section 9

Each Regional / Branch club must maintain a minimum of ten (10) Active or Life members of The Newfoundland Dog Club of Canada to retain their Regional / Branch status.

Section 10

Each Regional / Branch Club must participate in whatever insurance plan The Club has in effect from time to time. Each Regional / Branch Club will contribute a dollar amount yearly for insurance coverage based on Regional / Branch membership. A newly recognized region will have a one year exemption from payment. The fee will be set by the Executive each year.

Article IX **Auditors**

Two (2) Auditors shall be selected at the Annual General Meeting by a vote of the general membership present. The duties of the Auditors are to review the financial records and operations of The Club and prepare a written report for presentation at the next Annual General Meeting.

Article X **Amendments**

The Constitution may be amended by proposals put forward by the Executive or by petition submitted by Active or Life members in good standing. Such petitions shall be mailed to the Secretary, contain the proposed amendments, the signatures of ten (10) percent of the Active or Life members of The Club in good standing and be dated. The Executive will have sixty days to study the proposed amendment and prepare a report. Both will be published in The Club's newsletter inviting comment. Members shall be given sixty (60) days to respond. Voting to amend the Constitution shall begin ninety (90) days following publication. The ballot, containing a copy of the proposed amendment shall be mailed by the Secretary to all Active and Life Members on the date of mailing. Envelopes shall be included to return the ballot ensuring the secrecy of the vote. Notice shall be given with such ballots that specify a date not less than thirty (30) days for their return to the Secretary. A two thirds (2/3) majority vote by the eligible members will be required to amend the Constitution and any amendment will not come into effect until approved by the Canadian Kennel Club. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. Ballots will be opened and counted at the next scheduled General Meeting, unless an independent firm is retained.

The Constitution may be amended from time to time by the Executive to maintain Canadian Kennel Club recognition.

Article XI **Dissolution**

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing. Proxies are not allowed. In the event of dissolution of The Club, whether voluntary or involuntary, or by the operation of law, none of the property of The Club nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of The Club shall be distributed to any member of The Club. Instead, after payment of all debts of The Club, its remaining property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs, as selected by the Executive.

Article XII

The Interpretation of the Constitution shall be given by a majority vote of the Executive.

Newfoundland

Origin and Purpose:

The breed originated in Newfoundland from dogs indigenous to the island, and the big black bear dogs introduced by the Vikings in 1001 A.D. With the advent of European fishermen, a variety of new breeds helped to shape and re-invigorate the breed, but the essential characteristics of the Newfoundland dog remained. By the time colonization was permitted in 1610, the distinct physical characteristics and mental attributes had been established in the breed for all time.

The large size, heavy coat and webbed feet permit him to withstand the rigours of the extreme climate and sea while serving both as lifeguard and draught animal.

General Appearance

The Newfoundland is massive, deep bodied, well muscled and coordinated, projecting dignity in stance and head carriage. The appearance is square in that the length of the dog, from the top of the withers to the base of the tail, is equal to the distance from the top of the withers to the ground. The distance from the top of the withers to the underside of the chest is greater than the distance from the underside of the chest to the ground. The body of the bitch may be slightly longer, and is less massive than that of the dog. A mature dog should never appear leggy or lacking substance. The Newfoundland is free moving with a slight roll perceptible. Substantial webbing of the toes is always present. Large size is desirable but never at the expense of gait symmetry and balance. Fine bone is to be faulted.

Temperament

The Newfoundland's expression is soft and reflects the character of the breed--benevolent, intelligent, dignified but capable of fun. He is known for his sterling gentleness and serenity. Any show of ill temper or timidity is to be severely faulted. Bad temperament is a disqualification.

Size

The average height for adult dogs is 28 inches (71 cm), for adult bitches, 26 inches (66 cm). The average weight for adult dogs is 150 lb. (68 kg), for adult bitches, 120 lb. (54 kg). Large size is desirable but it is not to be favoured over correct gait, symmetry, soundness and structure.

Coat and colour

The Newfoundland has a water resistant double coat. The outer coat is moderately long and straight with no curl. A slight wave is permissible.

When rubbed the wrong way, the coat tends to fall back into place. The undercoat is soft and dense, but less dense during summer months, but always found to some extent on the rump and chest. A completely open coat is to be faulted. The hair on the head, muzzle, and ears is short and fine. The front and rear legs are feathered. The tail is completely covered with long dense hair, but does not form a flag. A short, flat, smooth coat (Labrador Retriever type) is a disqualification. The traditional colour is black. A sunburned black is permissible. White markings on chest, toes and/or tip of tail are permissible. Markings of any colour other than white are most objectionable and the dog is to be disqualified. The Landseer Newfoundland is white with black markings, and is of historical significance to the breed. The preferred pattern of markings for the Landseer is black head with white blaze extending onto the muzzle, black saddle and black rump and upper tail. All remaining parts are to be white with a minimum of ticking. The symmetry of markings and beauty of pattern characterize the best marked Landseers. Landseers are to be shown in the same classes as blacks unless special classes are provided for them.

Head

The head is massive with a broad **skull**, slightly arched crown and strongly developed occipital bone. The forehead and face are smooth and free from wrinkles. The stop is not abrupt. The **muzzle** is clean-cut and covered with short fine hair. It is rather square, deep and moderately short. The nostrils are well developed. The bitch's head follows the same general conformation, but is feminine and less massive. A narrow head, snipey or long muzzle is to be faulted. Pronounced flews are not desirable. The **eyes** are dark brown, relatively small and deep set. They are spaced wide apart and show no haw. Round, protruding or yellow eyes are objectionable. The **ears** are relatively small and triangular with rounded tips. They are set well back on the side of the head and lie close. When the ear of the adult dog is brought forward, it reaches to the inner corner of the eye on the same side. The teeth meet in a scissors or level bite.

Neck

The neck is strong, muscular, and well set on the shoulders. It is long enough to permit dignified head carriage, and should not show surplus dewlap.

Forequarters

When the dog is not in motion, the forelegs are straight and parallel, with the elbows close to the chest. The shoulders are well muscled and well laid back at an angle approaching 45 degrees. The pasterns are slightly sloping. Down in the pasterns is to be faulted. The feet are proportionate to the body in size, well rounded and tight, with firm compact toes (cat-foot type). Splayed toes are a fault. Toeing in or out is undesirable.

Body

The Newfoundland's chest is broad, full and deep, with the brisket reaching to the elbows. The back is broad, with good spread of rib, and the topline is level from the withers to croup, never roached, slack, or swayed. The loins are strong and well muscled, and the croup is broad. The pelvis slopes at an angle of about 30 degrees. Viewed from the side, the body is deep, showing no discernible tuck-up. Bone structure is massive throughout but does not give sluggish appearance.

Hindquarters

Because driving power for swimming, pulling loads or covering ground efficiently is largely dependent upon the hindquarters, the rear structure of the Newfoundland is of prime importance. The hip assembly is broad, strong and well developed. The upper thighs are wide and muscular. The lower thighs are strong and fairly long. The stifles are well bent, but not so as to give a crouching appearance. The hocks are well let down, well apart and parallel to each other. They turn neither in nor out. The feet are firm and tight. Dewclaws, if present, should have been removed. Straight stifles, cow-hocks, barrel legs, and pigeon toes are to be faulted.

Tail

The tail acts as a rudder when the Newfoundland is swimming; therefore it is strong and broad at the base. When the dog is standing the tail hangs straight down, possibly a little curved at the tip, reaching to, or slightly below the hocks; when the dog is in motion or excited, the tail is carried straight out or with slight upward curve but never curled over the back nor curved inward between the legs. A tail with a kink or curled at the end is very objectionable.

Gait

The Newfoundland has good reach and strong drive, giving the impression of effortless power. In motion, the legs move straight forward, parallel to the line of travel. A slight roll is present. As the speed increases, the dog tends to single track, with the topline remaining

level. Mincing, shuffling, crabbing, too close moving, weaving, crossing over in front, toeing out or distinctly toeing-in in front, hackney action and pacing are all faults.

Faults

Legginess, narrow head, snipty or long muzzle, pronounced flews, short tail, long tail, tail with a kink, tail with curled end, fine bone, any show of ill temper or timidity, open coat, eyes showing pronounced haw, round, protruding or yellow eyes, splayed feet, down pasterns, mincing, shuffling, crabbing, weaving, crossing over in front, toeing out or distinctly toeing-in in front, hackney action or pacing, straight stifles, cow-hocks, barrel legs, roached, slack or sway back, lack of webbing between toes, overshot or undershot or wry mouth.

Disqualifications

Bad temperament, short flat-coat (Labrador Retriever type), markings of any other colour than white on a black dog, any colours other than the traditional black, or Landseer (white and black).