



## GLOSSARY

### Of terms

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<b>A</b>	
<b>Albino</b>	Animal deficient in pigmentation.
<b>Almond eyes</b>	The eye set in surrounding tissue of almond shape. The eye itself is always round, its “shape” as designated in breed standards signifying the contour of the surrounding flesh.
<b>Amble</b>	A relaxed, easy gait in which the legs on either side move almost, but not quite, as a pair. Often seen as the transition movement between the walk and the faster gaits.
<b>Angulation</b>	The angles formed by a meeting of the bones, mainly the shoulder and upper arm, stifle and hock.
<b>Apple head</b>	Rounded skull, shaped like an apple.
<b>Apron</b>	The frill or long hair below the neck on long-coated dogs such as the collie.
<b>B</b>	
<b>Back</b>	Variable in meaning depending upon context of the standard.
<b>Bad mouth</b>	Crooked or unaligned teeth; bite over or undershot in excess of standard specifications.
<b>Balanced</b>	A consistent whole; symmetrical, typically proportioned as a whole or as regards its separate parts; i.e., balance of head, balance of body; or balance of head and body.
<b>Bandy legs</b>	Having a bend of leg outward.
<b>Barrel</b>	Rounded rib section; thorax.
<b>Barrel hocks</b>	Hocks that turn out, causing the feet to toe in. Also called spread hocks.
<b>Barrel-legged</b>	Bowed legs (front).
<b>Barrel-ribbed</b>	Excessively curved ribs.
<b>Basewide</b>	Wide footfall, resultant of “paddling” movement, causing body to rock from side to side. See Paddling.
<b>Bat ear</b>	An erect ear, rather broad at the base, rounded in outline at the top and with orifice directly to the front (e.g., French Bulldog)
<b>Bay</b>	The voice of a trailing hound while hunting or when the quarry is

	brought to a stand.
<b>Beard</b>	Thick, long hair growth on the underjaw.
<b>Belton</b>	A colour designation. An intermingling of coloured and white hairs, as blue belton, lemon, orange or liver belton, (e.g., English Setter)
<b>Bench show</b>	A dog show at which the dogs are kept on benches while not being shown in competition. Most shows in Canada are not benched.
<b>Best in show</b>	A dog-show award to the dog adjudged best of all breeds.
<b>Bilateral cryptorchid</b>	see Cryptorchid
<b>Bird dog</b>	A sporting dog trained to hunt birds.
<b>Birdy</b>	A dog with strong bird-hunting instincts.
<b>Bitch</b>	A female dog.
<b>Bite</b>	The relative position of the upper and lower teeth when the mouth is closed. See Level bite, Scissors bite, Undershot, Overshot.
<b>Blanket</b>	The colour of the coat on the back and upper part of the sides, between the neck and the tail.
<b>Blaze</b>	A white stripe running up the centre of the face usually between the eyes.
<b>Blocky</b>	Square or cube like formation of the head or body.
<b>Blooded</b>	A dog of good breeding; pedigreed.
<b>Bloom</b>	The sheen of a coat in prime condition.
<b>Blue Colour</b>	Dilute black due to recessives.
<b>Blue merle</b>	Blue and grey mixed with black; marbled.
<b>Bobtail</b>	A naturally tailless dog with a tail docked very short. Often used as a name for the Old English Sheepdog.
<b>Bodied up</b>	Mature, well developed.
<b>Bolt</b>	To drive or “start” an animal out of its earth or burrow.
<b>Bone</b>	The relative size (girth) of a dog’s leg bones, substance.
<b>Brace</b>	Two dogs of a kind; a couple.
<b>Breeching</b>	The tan-coloured hair on the thighs of Manchester terriers and other breeds.
<b>Breed</b>	A specific strain or family of related dogs similar in type and use, usually developed under the influence of man.
<b>Breeder</b>	A person who breeds dogs. Under CKC rules, the breeder of a dog is the owner (or, if the dam was leased, the lessee) of the dam of the dog when the dam was bred.
<b>Brindle</b>	Striped coat effect caused by mixture of black hairs on lighter-coloured base.
<b>Brisket</b>	The forepart of the body below the chest, between the forelegs, closest to the ribs.
<b>Broken colour</b>	Self-colour broken by white or another colour.
<b>Broken-haired</b>	A rough wire coat.
<b>Broken-up face</b>	A receding nose, together with a deep stop, wrinkle, and undershot jaw; for example, Bulldog, Pekingese.
<b>Brood bitch</b>	A female used for breeding. Brood matron.
<b>Brush</b>	A bushy tail; a tail heavy with hair.
<b>Brushing</b>	A gaiting fault when parallel pasterns are so close that the legs “brush” in passing.
<b>Bullbaiting</b>	An ancient sport in which the dog baited or tormented the bull.
<b>Bull neck</b>	A heavy neck, well muscled.

<b>Burr</b>	The inside of the ear, i.e., the irregular formation visible within the cup.
<b>Butterfly nose</b>	A particoloured nose; i.e., dark, spotted with flesh colour.
<b>Buttocks</b>	The rump or hips.
<b>Button ear</b>	The ear flap folding forward, the tip lying close to the skull so as to cover or partly cover the orifice.
<b>Bye</b>	At field trials, an odd dog remaining after the dogs entered in a stake have been paired in braces by drawing.
<b>C</b>	
<b>Camel back</b>	Arched back, like that of one-hump camel.
<b>Canine</b>	Classification of the group of animals to which dogs, foxes, wolves, and jackals belong
<b>Canines</b>	The two upper and two lower sharp-pointed teeth next to the incisors. Fangs.
<b>Carpals</b>	Bones of the pastern joints.
<b>Castrate</b>	To remove the testicles of the male dog.
<b>Cat-foot</b>	The short, round compact foot like that of a cat. The foot with short third digits.
<b>C.D. (Companion Dog)</b>	A suffix used with the name of a dog that has been recorded a Companion Dog by the CKC as a result of having won certain minimum scores in Novice Classes at a specified number of CKC-approved obedience trials.
<b>C.D.X. (Companion Dog Excellent)</b>	A suffix used with the name recorded a Champion by the CKC as a result of having won certain minimum scores in Open Classes at a specified number of CKC-approved obedience trials.
<b>Champion (Ch.)</b>	A prefix used with the name of a dog that has been recorded a Champion by the CKC as a result of defeating a specified number of dogs in specified competition at a series of CKC-approved dog shows.
<b>Character</b>	Expression, individuality, and general appearance and deportment as considered typical of a breed.
<b>Cheeky</b>	Cheeks prominently rounded; thick, protruding.
<b>Chest</b>	The part of the body or trunk that is enclosed by the ribs.
<b>China eye</b>	A clear blue eye.
<b>Chippendale front</b>	Named after the Chippendale chair. Forelegs out at elbows, pasterns close, and feet turned out. See Fiddle front; French front.
<b>Chiseled</b>	Clean-cut in head, particularly beneath the eyes.
<b>Choke collar</b>	A leather fabric or chain collar fitted to the dog's neck in a manner that the degree of tension exerted by the hand tightens or loosens it.
<b>Chops</b>	Jowls or pendulous flesh of the lips and jaw; for example, the Bulldog.
<b>Chorea</b>	A nervous jerking caused by involuntary contraction of the muscles, usually affecting the face or legs.
<b>CKC</b>	The Canadian Kennel Club
<b>Clip</b>	The method of trimming the coat in some breeds, notably the Poodle.
<b>Clipping</b>	When pertaining to gait, the back foot striking the front foot.
<b>Cloddy</b>	Low, thickset, comparatively heavy.
<b>Close-coupled</b>	Comparatively short from withers to hip bones.
<b>Coarse</b>	Lacking refinement.
<b>Coat</b>	The dog's hair covering.

<b>Cobby</b>	Short-bodied, compact.
<b>Collar</b>	The marking around the neck, usually white. Also a leather or chain for restraining or leading the dog, when the leash is attached.
<b>Companion Dog</b>	See C.D.
<b>Companion Dog Excellent</b>	See C.D.X.
<b>Condition</b>	Health as shown by the coat, state of flesh, general appearance, and deportment.
<b>Conformation</b>	The form and structure, make and shape; arrangement of the parts in conformance with breed standard demands.
<b>Conformation Show</b>	A competitive exhibition for dogs at which dogs are judged in accordance with an established standard of perfection for each breed wherein championship points are awarded. May be for all breeds, or for a single breed or group of breeds (Specialty Show).
<b>Couple</b>	Two hounds.
<b>Coupling</b>	Part of the body between the ribs and pelvis; the loin.
<b>Coursing</b>	The sport of chasing prey with sight hounds.
<b>Covering ground</b>	The ratio of the distance between the ground and brisket and the distance between front and rear legs. As in “covers too much ground”.
<b>Cow hocked</b>	When the hocks turn towards each other.
<b>Crabbing</b>	Dog moves with his body at an angle to the line of travel. Also referred to as “sidewinding”, “sidewheeling”, or “yawing”.
<b>Crank tail</b>	A tail carried down and resembling a crank in shape.
<b>Crest</b>	The upper, arched portion of the neck.
<b>Cropping</b>	The cutting or trimming of the ear leather for the purpose of inducing the ears to stand erect.
<b>Cross-bred</b>	A dog whose sire and dam are representatives of two different breeds.
<b>Crossing over</b>	Unsound gaiting action which starts with twisting elbows and ends with criss-crossing and toeing out. Also called “knitting and purling” and “weaving”.
<b>Croup</b>	Section from hip bones to tail set.
<b>Crown</b>	The highest part of the head. The topskull.
<b>Cry</b>	The baying or “music” of the hounds.
<b>Cryptorchid</b>	The adult whose testicles are abnormally retained in the abdominal cavity. Bilateral cryptorchidism involves both sides; that is, neither testicle has descended into the scrotum. Unilateral cryptorchidism involves one side only, that is, one testicle is retained or hidden and one descended. See Monorchid.
<b>Culotte</b>	The longer hair on the back of the thighs.
<b>Cur</b>	A mongrel.
<b>Cushion</b>	Fullness or thickness of the upper lips (i.e., Pekingese)
<b>Cynology</b>	The study of canines.
<b>D</b>	
<b>Dam</b>	The female parent.
<b>Dappled</b>	Mottled marking of different colours, no colour predominating.
<b>Deadgrass</b>	Tan or dull straw colour.
<b>Derby</b>	Field-trial competition for young, novice sporting dogs usually between one and two years of age.

<b>Dewclaw</b>	An extra claw or functionless digit on the inside of the leg; a rudimentary fifth toe.
<b>Dewlap</b>	Loose, pendulous skin under the throat.
<b>Diagonals</b>	Right front and left rear legs constitute the right diagonal; left front and right rear constitute the left diagonal. In the trot the diagonals move together.
<b>Dish-faced</b>	When the nasal bone is so formed that the nose is higher at the tip than at the stop; or, a slight concavity of line from the stop to the nose tip.
<b>Disqualification</b>	A decision made by a judge following a determination that a dog has a condition that makes it ineligible for any further competition under the Dog Show Rules or under the standard for its breed.
<b>Distemper teeth</b>	Teeth discoloured or pitted as a result of distemper or other enervating disease of deficiency.
<b>Dock</b>	To shorten the tail by cutting.
<b>Dog</b>	A male dog; also used collectively to designate both male and female.
<b>Domed</b>	Convex topskull.
<b>Domino</b>	A colour pattern in Afghan Hounds characterized by light-coloured extremities and mask.
<b>Double coat</b>	An outer coat resistant to weather and affording protection against brush and brambles, together with an undercoat of softer hair for warmth and waterproofing.
<b>Double-suspension gallop</b>	Leaping gait with a period of suspension in both the open and closed positions.
<b>Down-faced</b>	The plane of the muzzle inclining downwards from the plane of the backskull.
<b>Down in pastern</b>	Weak or faulty pastern set at a pronounced angle from the vertical.
<b>Drag</b>	A trail prepared by dragging along the ground a bag usually impregnated with animal scent.
<b>Drawing</b>	Selection by lot of dogs to be run, and in which pairs, in a field-trial stake.
<b>Drive</b>	A solid thrusting of the hindquarters, denoting sound locomotion.
<b>Drop ear</b>	The ends of the ear folded or drooping forward, as contrasted erect or prick ears.
<b>Dry</b>	The skin taut, neither loose nor wrinkled.
<b>Dual champion</b>	A dog that has won both a bench show and a field trial championship or obedience trial championship.
<b>Dudley nose</b>	Flesh-coloured nose.
<b>E</b>	
<b>Ectropion</b>	A condition in which the eyelids are turned outwards.
<b>Elbow</b>	The joint between the upper arm and the forearm.
<b>Elbows out</b>	Turning out or off from the body; not held close.
<b>Entropion</b>	A condition in which the eyelids are turned inwards.
<b>Estrus</b>	See Oestrus
<b>Even bite</b>	Meeting of front teeth at edges with no overlap of upper or lower teeth.
<b>Ewe neck</b>	Concave curvature of the top neckline. Lack of crest.
<b>Expression</b>	The general appearance of all features of the head as viewed from the

	front and as typical of the breed.
<b>Eyeteeth</b>	The upper canines.
<b>F</b>	
<b>Faking</b>	To change the appearance of a dog by artificial means with the objective of deceiving the onlooker as to its real merit.
<b>Fall</b>	Hair overhanging the face.
<b>Fallow</b>	Pale cream to light fawn colour; pale; pale yellow; yellow-red.
<b>Fancier</b>	A person especially interested and usually active in some phase of the sport of pure-bred dogs.
<b>Fangs</b>	See Canines
<b>Fawn</b>	A brown, red-yellow with hue of medium brilliance.
<b>Feathering</b>	Longer fringe of hair on ears, legs, tail or body.
<b>Feet east and west</b>	The toes turned out.
<b>Fetch</b>	The retrieve of game by the dog; also the command to do so.
<b>Fiddle front</b>	Forelegs out at elbows, pasterns close, and feet turned out; French front; Chippendale front.
<b>Field Champion (Field Ch.)</b>	A prefix used with the name of a dog that has been recorded a Field Champion by the CKC as a result of defeating a specified number of dogs in specified competition at a series of CKC-approved field trials.
<b>Field Trial</b>	A competition for sporting dogs of hounds to test hunting ability.
<b>Flag</b>	A long tail carried high, usually referring to one of the Pointing Breeds.
<b>Flank</b>	The side of the body between the last rib and the hip.
<b>Flare</b>	A blaze that widens as it approaches the topskull.
<b>Flat bone</b>	The leg bone whose girth is elliptical rather than round.
<b>Flat-sided</b>	Ribs insufficiently rounded as they approach the sternum of breastbone.
<b>Flews</b>	Upper lips pendulous, particularly at their inner corners.
<b>Flicking pasterns</b>	Extremely loose movement of the lower forelegs.
<b>Floating rib</b>	The last, or thirteenth rib, which is unattached to other ribs.
<b>Fluffies</b>	A coat of extreme length with exaggerated feathering on ears, chest, legs, and feet, underparts and hindquarters. Trimming such a coat does not make it any more acceptable.
<b>Flush</b>	To drive birds from cover, to force them to take flight; to spring.
<b>Flying ears</b>	Any characteristic drop ears or semi-prick ears that stand or "fly".
<b>Flying Trot</b>	A fast gait in which all four feet are off the ground for a brief second during each half stride. Because of the long reach, the oncoming hind feet step beyond the imprint left by the front. Also called Suspension Trot.
<b>Foot</b>	The digits or toes, each consisting of three bones (phalanges; singular phalanx) and a toenail or claw. The ventral surface is cushioned by pads of connective tissue.
<b>Forearm</b>	The bone of the foreleg between the elbow and the pastern.
<b>Foreface</b>	The front part of the head, before the eyes; muzzle.
<b>Foul colour</b>	A colour or marking not characteristic.
<b>Foxy</b>	Sharp expression; pointed nose with short foreface.
<b>French front</b>	See Fiddle front.
<b>Frill</b>	See Apron

<b>Fringes</b>	See Feathering
<b>Frogface</b>	Extending nose accompanied by a receding jaw; usually overshot.
<b>Front</b>	The forepart of the body as viewed head on; i.e., forelegs, chest, brisket, and shoulder line; also front assembly.
<b>Frontal bone</b>	The skull bone over the eyes
<b>Furnishings</b>	The long hair on the foreface of certain breeds; also, feathering.
<b>Furrow</b>	A slight indentation or median line down the centre of the skull to the stop.
<b>Futurity Stake</b>	A class at dog shows or field trials for young dogs which have been nominated at or before birth.
<b>G</b>	
<b>Gait</b>	The manner in which a dog walks, trots, or runs; also movements.
<b>Gallop</b>	Fastest of the dog gaits, has a four-beat rhythm and often an extra period of suspension during which the body is propelled through the air with all four feet off the ground.
<b>Game</b>	Hunted wild birds or animals.
<b>Gay tail</b>	Carried above the back line. Correct in some breeds, a fault in others.
<b>Gazehound</b>	Greyhound or other sight-hunting hound.
<b>Genealogy</b>	Recorded family descent.
<b>Goose rump</b>	Too steep or sloping a croup.
<b>Grizzle</b>	Bluish gray or roan colour. Also, in some breeds, a colour pattern characterized by light-coloured extremities and mask.
<b>Groom</b>	To brush, comb, trim, or otherwise make a dog's coat neat.
<b>Groups</b>	The breeds as grouped in seven divisions to facilitate judging.
<b>Guard hairs</b>	The longer, smoother, stiffer hairs which grow through the undercoat and normally conceal it.
<b>Gun dog</b>	A dog trained to work with its master in finding live game and retrieving game that has been shot.
<b>Guns</b>	Sportsmen who do the shooting at field trials.
<b>Gun-shy</b>	When the dog fears the sight or sound of a gun.
<b>H</b>	
<b>Hackles</b>	Hair on neck and back raised involuntarily in fright or anger.
<b>Hackney action</b>	The high lifting of the front feet, like that of a Hackney horse.
<b>Ham</b>	Muscular development of the hind legs just above the stifle.
<b>Handler</b>	A person who handles a dog in the show ring or at a field trial. See also Professional handler.
<b>Hard-mouthed</b>	The dog that bites or marks with his teeth the game he retrieves.
<b>Hare-foot</b>	An elongated foot like a rabbit's foot; a foot with long third digits.
<b>Harlequin</b>	Patched or pied colouration, usually black on white. (e.g., Great Danes).
<b>Harness</b>	A leather strap shaped around the shoulders and chest, with a ring at its top over the withers.
<b>Haw</b>	A third eyelid or membrane in the inside corner of the eye.
<b>Heat</b>	Seasonal period of the female: oestrus.

<b>Heel</b>	See Hock; also a command to the dog to keep close beside its handler.
<b>Height</b>	Vertical measurement from the withers to the ground. See Withers.
<b>Hie on</b>	A command to urge the dog on; used in hunting or in field trials.
<b>High standing</b>	Tall and upstanding with plenty of leg.
<b>Hindquarters</b>	Rear assembly of dog (pelvis, thighs, hock, and paws).
<b>Hock</b>	The tarsus or collection of bones of the hind leg forming the joint between the second thigh and the metatarsus; the dog's true heel.
<b>Hocking out</b>	Spread hocks.
<b>Hocks well let down</b>	Hock joints close to the ground.
<b>Honourable scars</b>	Scars from injuries suffered as a result of work.
<b>Hound</b>	A dog commonly used for hunting by scent or sight.
<b>Hound-marked</b>	A colouration composed of white, tan and black. The ground colour usually white, may be marked with tan and/or black patches on the head, back legs, and tail. The extent and the exact location of such markings, however, differ in breeds and individuals.
<b>Hucklebones</b>	The top of the hip bones.
<b>I</b>	
<b>Inbreeding</b>	The mating of very closely related dogs.
<b>Incisors</b>	The upper and lower front teeth between the canines.
<b>In-shoulder</b>	Shoulders pointing in, and not parallel with backbone, a fault found in dogs with shoulder blades too far forward on chest.
<b>Inter-breeding</b>	The breeding together of dogs of different varieties.
<b>Isabella</b>	Fawn, mouse, or light red colour, due to diluted colour recessive. (e.g., Doberman Pinscher).
<b>J</b>	
<b>Jowls</b>	Flesh of lips and jaws.
<b>Judge</b>	The arbiter in the dog show ring, obedience trial, field trial or lure course.
<b>K</b>	
<b>Kennel</b>	Building or enclosure where dogs are kept.
<b>Kink tail</b>	The tail sharply bent.
<b>Kiss marks</b>	Tan spots on the cheeks and over the eyes.
<b>Knee joint</b>	Stifle joint.
<b>Knitting and purling</b>	See Crossing over.
<b>Knuckling over</b>	Faulty structure of carpus (wrist) joint allowing it to double forward under the weight of the standing dog; double-jointed wrist, often with slight swelling of the bones.
<b>L</b>	
<b>Landseer</b>	The black-and-white Newfoundland dog, so-called from the name of the famous painter who used such dogs as models.



<b>Layback</b>	The angle of the shoulder blade or compared with the vertical; also, a receding nose accompanied by an undershot jaw.
<b>Lead</b>	A strap, cord, or a chain attached to the collar or harness for the purpose of restraining or leading the dog; leash.
<b>Leather</b>	The flap of the ear.
<b>Level bite</b>	When the front teeth (incisors) of the upper and lower jaws meet exactly edge to edge; pincer bite; even bite.
<b>Level gait</b>	Dog moves without rise or fall of withers.
<b>Line breeding</b>	The mating of related dogs of the same breed especially the mating of a dog to one of its ancestors, for example, a dog to his granddam or a bitch to her grandsire.
<b>Lion colour</b>	Tawny.
<b>Lippy</b>	Pendulous lips or lips that do not fit tightly.
<b>Litter</b>	The puppy or puppies of one whelping.
<b>Loaded shoulders</b>	When the shoulder blades are shoved out from the body by over-development of the muscles.
<b>Loin</b>	Region of the body on either side of the vertebral column between the last ribs and the hindquarters.
<b>Lower thigh</b>	See Second thigh.
<b>Lumber</b>	Superfluous flesh.
<b>Lumbering</b>	An awkward gait.
<b>Lurcher</b>	A cross-bred hound.
<h1>M</h1>	
<b>Mad dog</b>	A rabid dog.
<b>Mane</b>	Long and profuse hair on top and sides of the neck.
<b>Mantle</b>	Dark-shaded portion of the coat on shoulders, back, and sides. (e.g., St. Bernard).
<b>Mask</b>	Dark shading on the foreface. (e.g., Mastiff, Boxer, Pekingese).
<b>Match show</b>	Usually an information dog show at which no championship points are awarded.
<b>Mate</b>	To breed a dog and a bitch.
<b>Median line</b>	See Furrow.
<b>Merle</b>	A colouration, usually blue-grey with flecks of black.
<b>Milk teeth</b>	First teeth.
<b>Miscellaneous Class</b>	A class at dog shows for dogs of certain specified breeds for which no regular dog show classification is provided.
<b>Mismarks</b>	Coat markinds which do not conform to the coat colouration as defined by the standard for that breed.
<b>Molars</b>	Dog has four premolars on each side of the upper and lower jaw. There are two true molars on each side of the upper jaw, and three on each side of the lower jaw. Upper molars have three roots, lower have two roots.
<b>Mole</b>	Any colour shaded with grey overtones.
<b>Molera</b>	Incomplete, imperfect, or abnormal ossification of the skull. (e.g., Chihuahua)
<b>Mongrel</b>	A dog whose parents are of mixed-breed origin.
<b>Monorchid</b>	A unilateral cryptorchid. See Cryptorchid.

<b>Moving close</b>	When the hocks turn in and pasterns drop straight to the ground and move parallel to one another, the dog is “moving close” in the rear. This action places severe strain on ligaments and muscles.
<b>Moving straight</b>	Term descriptive of balanced gaiting in which angle of inclination begins at the shoulder or hip joint, and limbs remain relatively straight from these points to the pads of the feet, even as the legs flex or extend in reaching or thrusting.
<b>Music</b>	The baying of the hounds.
<b>Mute</b>	To run mute, to be silent on the trail; i.e., to trail without baying or barking.
<b>Muzzle</b>	The head in front of the eyes, nasal bone, nostrils and jaws; foreface. Also, a strap or wire cage attached to the foreface to prevent the dog from biting or from picking up food.
<b>Muzzle band</b>	White marking around the muzzle. (e.g., Boston Terrier).
<b>N</b>	
<b>Neck well set-on</b>	Good neckline, merging gradually with strong withers, forming a pleasing transition into topline.
<b>Nick</b>	A breeding that produces desirable puppies.
<b>Non-slip Retriever</b>	The dog that walks at heel, marks the fall, and retrieves game on command; not expected to find or flush.
<b>Nose</b>	Organ of smell; also, the ability to detect by means of scent.
<b>O</b>	
<b>Obedience Trial</b>	An event held under CKC rules at which a “leg” towards an obedience degree can be earned.
<b>Obedience Trial Champion (O.T.C.H.)</b>	A prefix used with the name of a dog that has been recorded an Obedience Trial Champion by the CKC as a result of having earned its Utility Degree.
<b>Oblique shoulders</b>	Shoulders well laid back.
<b>Occipital protuberance</b>	A prominently raised occiput characteristic of some gun-dog breeds.
<b>Occiput</b>	Upper, back point of the skull.
<b>Oestrus</b>	The period during which a bitch is ready to accept a dog for mating.
<b>Open bitch</b>	A bitch that can be bred.
<b>Open class</b>	A class at a dog show in which all dogs of a breed, champions, and imported dogs included may compete.
<b>Otter tail</b>	Thick at the root, round, and tapering, with the hair parted or divided on the underside.
<b>Out at elbows</b>	Elbows turning out from the body as opposed to being held close.
<b>Out at shoulder</b>	With shoulder blades loosely attached to the body, leaving the shoulders jutting out in relief and increasing the breadth of the front.
<b>Outcrossing</b>	The mating of unrelated individuals of the same breed.
<b>Oval chest</b>	Chest deeper than wide.
<b>Overhang</b>	A heavy pronounced brow. (e.g., Pekingese)
<b>Overreaching</b>	Fault in the trot caused by more angulation and drive from behind than in front, so that the rear feet are forced to step to one side of the

	forefeet to avoid interfering or clipping.
<b>Overshot</b>	The front teeth (incisors) of the upper jaw overlap and do not touch the front teeth of the lower jaw when the mouth is closed.
<b>P</b>	
<b>Pace</b>	A gait at which the left foreleg and left hind leg advance in unison, then the right foreleg and right hind leg. Pacing tends to produce a rolling motion of the body.
<b>Pack</b>	Several hounds kept together in one kennel. Mixed pack is composed of dogs and bitches.
<b>Padding</b>	A compensating action to offset constant concussion when a straight front is subjected to overdrive from the rear; the front feet flip upward in a split-second delaying action to co-ordinate the stride of forelegs with a longer stride from behind.
<b>Paddling</b>	A gaiting fault, so named for its similarity to the swing and dip of a canoeist's paddle. Pinching in at the elbows and shoulder joints causes the front legs to swing forward on a stiff outward arc. Also referred to as "tied at the elbows".
<b>Pads</b>	Tough, shock absorbing projections on the underside of the feet; soles.
<b>Paper foot</b>	A flat foot with thin pads.
<b>Particolour</b>	Variiegated in patches of two or more colours.
<b>Pastern</b>	Commonly recognized as the region of the foreleg between the carpus or wrist and the digits, i.e., the metacarpus.
<b>Peak</b>	See Occiput.
<b>Pedigree</b>	The written record of a dog's descent of three generations or more.
<b>Pencilling</b>	Black lines dividing the tan on the toes. (e.g., Manchester Terrier)
<b>Pied</b>	Comparatively large patches of two or more colours; piebald, particoloured.
<b>Pigeon-breast</b>	A narrow chest with a short protruding breastbone.
<b>Pigeon-toed</b>	Toes pointing in.
<b>Pig jaw</b>	See Overshot.
<b>Pile</b>	Dense undercoat of soft hair.
<b>Pincer bite</b>	See Level bite.
<b>Pitching</b>	Severe rocking of the haunches as the rear legs swing forward in a wide arc rather than flexing normally at the stifle and hock.
<b>Plume</b>	Feathery tail carried over the back, as in the Pomeranian; also, a long fringe of hair hanging from the tail as in Setters.
<b>Poach</b>	When hunting, to trespass on private property.
<b>Point</b>	The immovable stance of the hunting dog taken to indicate the presence and position of game.
<b>Pointer</b>	A dog which smells out game and then points until the hunter is ready to fire.
<b>Points</b>	Colour on face, ears, legs, and tail when correlated – usually white, black or tan.
<b>Police dog</b>	Any dog trained for police work.
<b>Pompom</b>	A rounded tuft of hair left on the end of the tail when the coat is clipped. (e.g., Poodle).
<b>Pounding</b>	Gaiting fault resultant of dog's stride being shorter in front than in the

	rear; forefeet strike the ground hard before the rear side is expended.
<b>Premium list</b>	An advance-notice brochure sent to prospective exhibitors and containing details regarding a forthcoming show.
<b>Prick ear</b>	Carried erect and usually pointed at the tip.
<b>Professional handler</b>	A person who shows dogs for a fee.
<b>Puppy</b>	A dog under twelve months of age.
<b>Pure-bred</b>	A dog whose sire and dam belong to the same breed, and are themselves of unmixed descent since recognition of the breed.
<b>Put down</b>	To prepare a dog for the show ring; also used to denote a dog unplaced in competition.
<h1>Q</h1>	
<b>Quality</b>	High degree of excellence.
<h1>R</h1>	
<b>Racy</b>	Slight in build and long in legs.
<b>Ragged</b>	Muscles appear ragged rather than smooth. (e.g., English Foxhound)
<b>Rangy</b>	Long-bodied, usually lacking depth in chest.
<b>Rat tail</b>	The root thick and covered with soft curls; at the tip devoid of hair, or having the appearance of being clipped. (e.g., Irish Water Spaniel).
<b>Reach of front</b>	Length of forward stride taken by forelegs.
<b>Register</b>	To record with the CKC a dog's breeding particulars.
<b>Retrieve</b>	A hunting term: the act of bringing back shot game to the handler. Also, in obedience the act of bringing back any article thrown out by the handler.
<b>Retriever</b>	A dog specially trained to go in quest of game a sportsman has shot, or a dog that takes readily to such work.
<b>Ribbed up</b>	Long ribs that angle back from the spinal column (45° is ideal); last rib is long.
<b>Ringer</b>	A substitute for; a dog closely resembling another dog.
<b>Ring tail</b>	Carried up and around almost in a circle.
<b>Roach back</b>	A convex curvature of the back towards the loin.
<b>Roan</b>	A fine mixture of coloured hairs with white hairs: blue roan, orange roan, lemon roan, etc. (e.g., English Cocker Spaniel).
<b>Rocking horse</b>	Both front and rear legs extended out from body as in old-fashioned rocking horse.
<b>Rolling gait</b>	Swaying, ambling action of the hindquarters when moving.
<b>Roman nose</b>	Nasal topline that forms a convex line; ram's nose.
<b>Rose ear</b>	A small drop ear which folds over and back so as to reveal the burr.
<b>Rounding</b>	Cutting or trimming the ends of the ear leather. (e.g., English Foxhounds)
<b>Rudder</b>	The tail.
<b>Ruff</b>	Thick, longer hair growth around the neck.

# S

<b>Sable</b>	A lacing of black hairs over a lighter ground colour. In Collies and Shetland Sheepdog, a brown colour ranging from golden to mahogany.
<b>Sabre tail</b>	Carried in a semi-circle.
<b>Saddle</b>	A black marking over the back, like a saddle.
<b>Saddle back</b>	Overlong back, with a dip behind the withers.
<b>Scent</b>	The odour left by an animal on the trail (ground scent), or wafted through the air (air-borne scent).
<b>Scenthound</b>	A dog which tracks an animal by the odour left by the animal.
<b>Scissors bite</b>	A bite in which the outer side of the lower incisors touches the inner side of the upper incisors.
<b>Screw tail</b>	A naturally short tail twisted in more or less spiral formation.
<b>Second thigh</b>	That part of the hindquarter from the stifle to the hock; lower thigh.
<b>Sedge</b>	See Deadgrass
<b>Seeing Eye Dog</b>	A dog trained by the American institution, The Seeing Eye, as a guide to the blind.
<b>Self-colour</b>	One colour or whole colour except for lighter shadings.
<b>Semi-prick ear</b>	Ears carried erect with just the tips leaning forward.
<b>Septum</b>	The line extending vertically between the nostrils.
<b>Setter</b>	Any of a breed of longhaired bird dog; they are trained to find the game and point out its position by standing rigid (formerly by crouching).
<b>Set up</b>	Posed so as to make the most of the dog's appearance for the show ring.
<b>Shelly</b>	A shallow, narrow body; lacking the correct amount of bone.
<b>Shoulder height</b>	Height of a dog's body as measured from the shoulders to the ground.
<b>Sickle hocked</b>	Inability to straighten the hock joint on the back to reach of the hind leg. Also, hocks too bent, shaped like a sickle.
<b>Sickle tail</b>	Carried out and up in a semi-circle.
<b>Sidewheeling</b>	See Crabbing.
<b>Sighthound</b>	See Gazehound.
<b>Single tracking</b>	All footprints falling on a single line of travel. When a dog breaks into a trot, his body is supported by only two legs at a time, which move as alternating diagonal pairs. To achieve balance, his legs angle inward toward a centre line beneath his body, and the greater the speed, the closer they come to tracking on a single line.
<b>Sire</b>	The male parent.
<b>Skully</b>	Thick and coarse through skull.
<b>Slab-sided</b>	Flat ribs with too little spring from spinal column.
<b>Sled dogs</b>	Dogs worked usually in teams to draw sleds.
<b>Slew feet</b>	Feet turned out.
<b>Sloping shoulder</b>	The shoulder blade set obliquely or "laid back".
<b>Smooth coat</b>	Short hair, close-lying.
<b>Snatching hocks</b>	A gaiting fault indicated by a quick outward snatching of the hock as it passes the supporting leg and twists the rear pastern far in beneath the body. The action causes noticeable rocking in the rear quarters.
<b>Snipey</b>	A pointed, weak muzzle.
<b>Soundness</b>	Free from flaws or defects, firm and strong.

<b>Spay</b>	To perform a surgical operation on the bitch's reproductive organs to prevent contraception. (Ovariohysterectomy).
<b>Speak</b>	To bark.
<b>Spectacles</b>	Shadings or dark markings over or around the eyes or from eyes to ears.
<b>Spike tail</b>	Straight short tail that tapers rapidly along its length.
<b>Splashed</b>	Irregularly patched, colour on white or white on colour.
<b>Splay foot</b>	A flat foot with toes spreading; open foot, open-toes.
<b>Spread</b>	Width between the forelegs when accentuated. (e.g., Bulldog)
<b>Spread hocks</b>	Hocks pointing outward.
<b>Spring</b>	See Flush.
<b>Spring of ribs</b>	Curvature of ribs for heart and lung capacity.
<b>Squirrel tail</b>	Carried up and curving more or less forward.
<b>Stacking</b>	See Set up.
<b>Stake</b>	Designation of a class, used in field trial competition. Stance. Manner of standing.
<b>Standard</b>	A description of the ideal dog of each recognized breed to serve as a word pattern by which dogs are judged at shows.
<b>Standoff coat</b>	A long or heavy coat that stands off from the body.
<b>Staring coat</b>	The hair dry, harsh and sometimes curling at the tips.
<b>Station</b>	Comparative height from the ground, as high-stationed, low-stationed.
<b>Stern</b>	Tail.
<b>Sternum</b>	Breastbone.
<b>Stifle</b>	The joint of the hind leg between the thigh and the second thigh; the dog's knee.
<b>Stilted</b>	The choppy, up-and-down gait of the straight-hocked dog.
<b>Stop</b>	The step up from muzzle to skull; indentation between the eyes where the nasal bone and skull meet.
<b>Straight-hocked</b>	Lacking appreciable angulation at the hock joints; straight behind.
<b>Straight shoulders</b>	The shoulder blades rather straight up and down, as opposed to sloping or "well laid back".
<b>Stud Book</b>	A record of the breeding particulars of dogs of recognized breeds.
<b>Stud dog</b>	A male dog used for breeding purposes.
<b>Substance</b>	Bone.
<b>Superciliary arches</b>	The ridge projection, or prominence of the frontal bone of the skull over the eye; the brow.
<b>Suspension trot</b>	See Flying trot.
<b>Sway back</b>	Concave curvature of the back line between the withers and the hip bones.
<b>Symmetry</b>	Pleasing balance between all parts of the dog.
<b>T</b>	
<b>Tail set</b>	How the base of the tail sets on the rump.
<b>T.D.</b>	(Tracking Dog) A suffix with the name of a dog that has been recorded a Tracking Dog as a result of having passed a CKC approved or member tracking test.
<b>Team</b>	Usually four dogs.
<b>Terrier</b>	A group of dogs used originally for hunting vermin.

<b>Terrier front</b>	Straight front, as found on Fox Terriers.
<b>Thigh</b>	The hindquarter from hip to stifle.
<b>Throatiness</b>	An excess of loose skin under the throat.
<b>Thumb marks</b>	Black spots on the region of the pastern.
<b>Ticked</b>	Small, isolated areas of black or coloured hairs on a white ground.
<b>Tied at the elbows</b>	See Paddling.
<b>Timber</b>	Bone, especially of the legs.
<b>Tongued</b>	The barking or baying of hounds on the trail, as to give tongue.
<b>Topknot</b>	A tuft of longer hair on top of the head.
<b>Topline</b>	The dog's outline from just behind the withers to the tail set.
<b>Toy dog</b>	One of a group of dogs characterized by very small size.
<b>Trace</b>	A dark stripe down the back of the Pug.
<b>Tracking Dog</b>	See T.D.
<b>Trail</b>	To hunt by following ground scent.
<b>Triangular eye</b>	The eye set in surrounding tissue of triangular shape; three-cornered eye.
<b>Tricolour</b>	Three distinct colours, usually black and white with tan markings. The latter are usually found over the eyes, on the cheeks, inside the ears, on the chest and under the vent. Where specific markings are required, see individual breed standards.
<b>Trim</b>	To groom the coat by plucking or clipping.
<b>Trot</b>	A rhythmic two-beat diagonal gait in which the feet at diagonally opposite ends of the body strike the ground together, i.e., right hind with left front and left hind with right front.
<b>Trumpet</b>	The slight depression or hollow on either side of the skull just behind the orbit or eye socket, the region comparable with the temple in man.
<b>Truncated</b>	Cut off. (Old English standard calls for a jaw that is square and truncated).
<b>Tuck-up</b>	Characterized by markedly shallower body depth at the loin; small-waisted.
<b>Tulip ear</b>	Ears carried with a slight forward curvature.
<b>Turn-up</b>	An uptilted foreface.
<b>Twisting hocks</b>	A gaiting fault in which the hock joints twist both ways as they flex or bear weight. Also called "rubber hocks".
<b>Type</b>	The characteristic qualities distinguishing a breed; the embodiment of a standard's essentials.
<b>U</b>	
<b>U.D. (Utility Dog)</b>	A suffix used with the name of a dog that has been recorded a Utility Dog by the CKC as a result of having won certain minimum scores in Utility Classes at a specified number of CKC approved or member obedience trials.
<b>Undershot</b>	The front teeth (incisors) of the lower jaw overlapping or projecting beyond the front teeth of the upper jaw when the mouth is closed.
<b>Unilateral cryptorchid</b>	See Cryptorchid.
<b>Upper arm</b>	The humerus or bone of the foreleg, between the shoulder blade and the forearm.
<b>Utility Dog</b>	See U.D.

# V

<b>Varminty</b>	A keen, very bright or piercing expression.
<b>Vent</b>	The anal opening.

# W

<b>Walk</b>	Gaiting pattern in which three legs are in support of the body at all times, each foot lifting from the ground one at a time in regular sequence.
<b>Walleye</b>	An eye with a whitish iris; a blue eye, fisheye, pearl eye.
<b>Weaving</b>	See Crossing over.
<b>Weedy</b>	An insufficient amount of bone; light boned.
<b>Well let down</b>	Having hocks close to the ground.
<b>Wet</b>	Loose or superfluous skin; with dewlap.
<b>Wheaten</b>	Pale yellow or fawn colour.
<b>Whelps</b>	Unweaned puppies.
<b>Whip tail</b>	Carried out stiffly straight, and pointed.
<b>Whisker</b>	Longer hairs on muzzle sides and underjaw.
<b>Wind</b>	To catch the scent of game.
<b>Winging</b>	A gaiting fault; one or both front feet twist outwards as the limbs swing forward.
<b>Winners</b>	An award given at a dog show to the best dog (Winners Dog) and best bitch (Winners Bitch) competing in regular classes.
<b>Wirehair</b>	A coat of hard, crisp, wiry texture.
<b>Withers</b>	The peak of the dorsal vertebrae; the highest part of the body just behind the neck and between the shoulders. Wrinkle Loose, folding skin on forehead and foreface.
<b>Wry mouth</b>	Lower jaw does not line up with upper jaw.