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## Reminder: Control of Breed Standards Content Remains with Clubs and Breeders

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In light of recent feedback related to the member proposed by-law amendment regarding the breed standard revision process, it is important to clarify that the content of each breed standard has always been in the control of the breed clubs. In the absence of a national club, regional clubs or breeders control the content of their breed standards.

CKC works to ensure that all members and breeds are treated equitably within the Club's by-laws and policies. Therefore, we encourage members to carefully consider the following when casting their vote:

- The current process allows for all owners to have a say, irrespective of their membership in a national club.
- The current process has worked for countless changes and updates to several standards.
- The proposed amendment will not work for the 80+ breeds that are not currently represented by a national club.
- The proposed amendment will not work for rare breeds seeking CKC recognition, as forming a national club with few breeders would be prohibitive.

## How a Breed Standard is Changed

A change to any breed standard must be **submitted** to the CKC **by the national breed club**. **In the absence of a national club, regional clubs or breeders may submit proposals.** (The recent requests from the crop, dock and dewclaw removal committee have been just that – a request; in this case to address the impact of legislative changes and social demands. Revisions made to any of the standards involved were done so with the collaboration, discretion and control of the national breed clubs.)

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The two procedures for changing a standard are:

1. An "Editorial Change," for minor grammatical or spelling changes, can be sent directly to head office in a letter from the national clubs. In the absence of a national club, regional clubs or breeders may submit editorial changes.
2. A "Revised Breed Standard" change is submitted to **the Breed Standards Committee**, which **receives, reviews and makes recommendations** to the Board including the results of a public comment. These submissions come from the national breed clubs. In the absence of a national club, regional clubs or breeders may submit proposals.

If you have questions or concerns, please send an email to [voting@ckc.ca](mailto:voting@ckc.ca). For more information about the 2014 Election and Referendums, [click here](#).