

CANADIAN REPORT

A brief introduction to the Canadian Saluki Scene is probably the best way to start but first a geography lesson. Canada is located in the northern-most region of North America. Its southern territories run along the northern border of the continental United States. Canada is one of the largest countries in the world, second only to Russia in territorial size. It has a total area of 9.9 million square kilometers (3.8 million square miles). This includes 755,170 square kilometers (291,571 square miles) of water. The country touches 3 oceans—the Atlantic, the Arctic, and the Pacific—and its coastline is 243,791 kilometers (151,473 miles) long. Canada's border with the United States is 8,893 kilometers (5,526 miles) in length and includes a 2,477-kilometer (1,539-mile) border with Alaska. Toronto is the largest city in Canada with a population of 4.3 million. Other major cities include Montreal (3.3 million people), Vancouver (1.8 million people), and Ottawa (1 million people). Located in the southeast corner of the nation, Ottawa is the nation's capital. The climate and geography of Canada vary greatly from temperate in the south to arctic in the north and from islands and plains in the east to mountains in the west. For its size, Canada has a small population. Although physically it is the second-largest country in the world, its population was only 31,281,092, according to a July 2000 estimate, or just under one-tenth the size of that of the United States. Despite the vastness of the nation, 90 percent of the Canadian population is located within 160 kilometers (100 miles) of the U.S. border.

Canadian Saluki breeders number in the very small percentile compared to the USA and other countries and are spread out across this vast country from coast to coast.

The Saluki Club of Canada serves as the central point around which most Saluki activities revolve. The club is very active, with a current membership of 83, and an ever growing list of international members from all over the world. The Club publishes a newsletter three times per year, with many full colour pages covering breeder's showcase ads, show results, photography competitions, informative articles and general news from around the country. The club hosts a Specialty show once per year, alternating between the West and the East with the dividing line being set at the Western Ontario border. The provinces which do not host a National Specialty in a given year usually put on a Regional Specialty. More information about the Saluki Club of Canada can be found by visiting their website at www.salukicanada.com.

The National Specialty this year (2007) was held in Milton, Ontario in conjunction with an all-breed show. The show grounds were beautiful and our weather cooperated to make it a perfect day for exhibitors, spectators and Salukis. Our Sweepstakes judge was Bonnie Boucher-Johnson of Snowynde Salukis. Her Youth Sweepstakes winner was **Sandstorm Magic Marker**, owned by Cheryl Paterson and breeder Kathy Morton with Best of Opposite Sex in Youth Sweepstakes going to **Karob New Hope Sophia** owned by Romayne Strilka-Switch and breeder Morgan Frost. Best in Veteran Sweepstakes went to **Ch Khamsins Sirocco El Marrakech**, owned by Jim Petru and bred by Susan and John Konopa whilst Best Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes went to **Sanhurst Sinflu Touch** owned by Michelle Hathorn and bred by her and S Conrad and D Chiochetti.

Regular Classes were judged by Dr Zafra Sirik from Israel and she found her Best of Breed winner from the 9 – 12 month puppy dog class – **Sandstorm Magic Marker**, bred by Kathy Morton and owned by Cheryl Paterson and breeder took away all the trophies going WD,BOW,BOB and BP. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to **Ch Windstorm Shalom Cabaret** bred by Randy & Starr White and Jack & Mary Jane Helder and owned by Randy & Starr white and Jamie Alexander. Award of Merit went to **Ch Sandstorm Wind Chime** bred by Randy & Starr White and Kathy Morton and owned by Kathy Morton. More details and pictures from the specialty can be found here <http://nationalspecialty.salukicanada.com/results2007.htm> My next report will cover Regional reports and lure coursing. Until then...



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