



**MEETING OF THE SHOWS LIAISON COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY 3 MAY 2022 AT 11.00AM IN THE BOARDROOM,
THE KENNEL CLUB, CLARGES STREET – AGENDA**

ITEM 1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL

ITEM 2. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL

**ITEM 3. TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SHOW
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL**

ITEM 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**ITEM 5. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL ON KENNEL CLUB
STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES**

**ITEM 6. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2021**

The Council is requested to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2021.
(Annex A refers)

ITEM 7. RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS/MATTERS ARISING

a. Best Puppy in Show Regulations

Proposal: That the regulations for Best Puppy in show be amended as follows:

F(1)26.a

'Where the Best of Breed, Best of Group, or Best in Show is a puppy, it ~~should~~
~~automatically~~ **may at the discretion of the judge** be awarded Best Puppy in Breed,
Best Puppy in Group or Best Puppy in Show respectively.'

(Additions in bold, Deletions struck through)

F(1)26.b

'Where the Reserve Best of Breed, Reserve Best of Group, or Reserve Best in Show
is a puppy, it ~~should~~~~automatically~~ **may at the discretion of the judge** be awarded
Best Puppy in Breed, Best Puppy in Group or Best Puppy in Show respectively'

(Additions in bold, Deletions struck through)

Outcome: The proposal was referred to and recommended by the SEC and subsequently
approved by the Board effective from 1 January 2022.

b. Reserve Challenge Certificates (RCC)

Proposal: That 5 RCCs should be the equivalent of a Challenge Certificate
(CC)



Outcome: The proposal was considered by the SEC and the Board and is currently on hold due to the development of the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system.

c. Class Averages

Proposal: That class averages for general open shows running more one than show per year be withdrawn.

Outcome: The proposal was referred to and recommended by the SEC and subsequently approved by the Board effective from 1 January 2022.

ITEM 8. PROPOSALS

a. Proposed and presented by: Miss FA Snook

That dogs which have been awarded a Challenge Certificate (CC) or obtained any award that counts towards the title of a Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Kennel Club be eligible to enter a Special Class at Matches. It should be noted that dogs entered in this class will not be eligible to compete for Best in Match. The Council is reminded that at its previous meeting it was in support of the following item and accordingly, Miss Snook has brought this item back as a proposal having identified the following necessary regulation amendment.

Regulation F(2).5.f

Dogs, which have won a Challenge Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Kennel Club, are not eligible for entry in matches. **However, they are allowed to attend the match and enter a Special Class restricted to only dogs that have won a Challenge Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion. The winner cannot compete for Best in Match.**

(Additions in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2023)

Rationale:

- Puppies may receive a CC at an early age and therefore cannot attend matches for further show training. This dog would have to be left at home, when its owner attends a society match with other dogs. Both the dog and society miss out on its attendance.
- Matches are usually judged by less experienced judges, judging young dogs and other dogs which have not gained top awards. These judges would then gain hands on experience with CC winning dogs.
- Having a special class for CC winners, does not alter the idea and spirit of competing in a match.
- Every dog can go for a night out and societies receive more revenue from entry fees and possibly more sales on raffle and catering.

The Council is invited to note that should it recommend the proposal for consideration by the Shows Executive Committee, the Committee would also consider the following regulations which the office has identified may also need to be amended for consistency:

Regulation F4.d

d. Matches-at which entry is limited to members of the show society*. (vide



Kennel Club Show Regulations F(2))

*Dogs which have won a Challenge Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club e.g. CACIB, CAC, Green Star are not eligible for entry at these Shows.

Regulation F(A)8

No dog is eligible for exhibition at a Limited Show or Match competition which has won a Challenge Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club e.g. CACIB, CAC, Green Star.

b. Proposed and presented by: Mr S Bennett

That Imported Register Breeds and non-CC breeds (rare breeds) are eligible to compete at Limited Shows and in Match competitions whether or not a dog has won any award that counts towards the title of a Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Kennel Club. It should be noted that when a society is first registered it may only hold Matches and Limited Shows. The Council is invited to consider the following regulation amendment.

Regulation F(A)8

No dog is eligible for exhibition at a Limited Show or Match competition which has won a Challenge Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club e.g. CACIB, CAC, Green Star., **except any dog that is a Kennel Club Rare or Imported Register Breed.**

(Additions in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2023)

Rationale:

- The number of dogs that can compete is currently reduced and is affecting the societies financially, and judges' numbers.
- The quality and variation of dogs that can be judged are significantly reduced and may not give an overall true reflection of the breed quality for judges.

c. Proposed by: Ms A Orchard

Presented by: Miss F Snook

That Imported Register Breeds are not included within the number of classes societies can schedule at Limited Shows. The Council is invited to consider the following regulation amendment.

Regulation F(1)5.a.(5)

General Canine Society Limited Shows shall not schedule more than 100 classes. **Any Variety Imported Breeds Register Classes are not to be counted in this restriction and would be exempt.**

(Additions in bold)

(Effective 1 January 2023)

Rationale:

- All Championship, Open and Limited shows have to provide at least one Any Variety Imported Breeds Register class per group. This encroaches on what other classes they can classify.



- If Any Variety Imported Breeds Register classes are not included in the restricted 100 classes rule, societies may be encouraged to provide more Any Variety Imported Breeds Register classes.
- There are more Imported Breeds being brought into this country and shown at KC licenced shows.

d. Proposed and presented by: Mr S Bennett

The Council is requested to note that at its previous meeting it discussed whether Imported Breed Register breeds and non-CC (Rare Breed) dogs should be eligible for the Junior Warrant (JW) or a similar award. Mr Bennett noted that currently these breeds had no way of gaining a Stud Book Number (SBN). The office clarified that Mr Bennett was correct in that Imported Register Breeds and Rare Breeds (breeds not allocated championship status) were unable to gain a SBN through dog showing. It was further noted that should this be recommended a number of regulation updates would be necessary.

It was acknowledged that currently the Junior Warrant (JW) entitled dogs to a SBN but the Veteran Warrant (VW) did not. It was noted that the current JW criteria required a number of points to be awarded at shows which had CCs on offer for the breed, which was not possible for Imported Register and Rare Breeds.

A suggestion was raised that a different type of warrant for these breeds may be better than adapting the current JW, noting the Imported Register Breeds would be gaining points though Any Variety classes. Mr Bennett alongside Mrs Walmsley and Mrs Chapman undertook to consider this and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

Accordingly, the Council is invited to consider the following annexes as provided by Mr Bennett. The Council is invited to note that the rationale is included within the annexes.

Rare Breed Warrant.
(Annex B to follow)

Show Imported Breed Register Warrant.
(Annex C to follow)

e. Proposed and presented by: Mr M Ord & Mrs J McLauchlan

The Council is requested to note that at its previous meeting it discussed the matter of judges badges. It was noted that this matter had been discussed several times and had not received majority support. It was further noted that the cost for personalisation and the number of badges that would be required were factors for the lack of support. It was acknowledged that judges were not allocated a judge's number until a CC appointment had been approved by the Judges Committee.

It was acknowledged that judges at Kennel Club organised events received a Kennel Club badge similar to judges at other events. It was noted that the matter was raised to reduce cost for societies. It was further noted that there was some support for the idea of having a generic badge, it was suggested that judges may be able to get these engraved on the back should they wish to.

Mr Ord and Mrs McLauchlan undertook to bring the matter back as a proposal. It was noted that when the badge should be worn and, whether judges should be penalised for forgetting or losing their badge should be included within the proposal.



Accordingly, the Council is requested to consider that The Kennel Club supply generic judges' badges once a judge is approved. The badge would include the judge's unique I.D. number and name and should be worn for all future judging appointments in place of societies supplying judges rosettes.

If The Kennel Club could supply the badges, then it would be the responsibility of the individual to have the I.D. number and name engraved on the badge. After that should the badge be lost or damaged the cost of replacing it should be the responsibility of the individual.

Rationale:

This would save all societies money and cut down on environmental waste.

ITEM 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Council is invited to note that no items for discussion had been received.

ITEM 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Please give at least two weeks advance notice of matters to be raised under 'Any Other Business' as this assists the office if research is required. These items are discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

ITEM 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

An announcement confirming the date of the next meeting will be confirmed in September 2022.



NOTES:

1. The Kennel Club will reimburse standard rail fares to all representatives attending the meeting, from their addresses as recorded at The Kennel Club. Claim forms will be available at the meeting.
2. Those resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland may apply in advance for authority to substitute shuttle air travel for standard rail fare, although it is requested that tickets are booked well in advance to take advantage of any reduction in fares.
3. Please give advance notice of matters to be raised under Any Other Business. This assists the office if research is required. These items are discussed at the discretion of the Council Chairman.
4. Kennel Club Liaison Council Regulations state that The Kennel Club will bear the cost of all reasonable and externally incurred costs connected with a Council, if agreed in advance. Therefore, representatives should apply to The Kennel Club for approval of any costs they may wish to claim prior to the expense being incurred.

THE KENNEL CLUB'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

'The Kennel Club is the national body which exists to promote the general improvement, health and well-being of all dogs through responsible breeding and ownership'

Promoting The Kennel Club as the leading national organisation for referral and advice regarding all canine related matters.

Encouraging the responsible breeding of pedigree dogs.

Encourage the responsible ownership of dogs.

Facilitating the breeding of healthy dogs

Promoting the positive benefits of dogs in society.

Promoting and regulating canine activities and competitions.

Providing opportunities for education and training through Kennel Club led initiatives.

Investing in canine health and welfare.

Engaging with the wider dog owning audience/fraternity.