



**THE KENNEL CLUB**



## **AGREEMENT ON THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF DOG SHOW JUDGES BETWEEN THE KENNEL CLUB AND THE FEDERATION CYNOLOGIQUE INTERNATIONALE**

*This agreement refers only to the mutual recognition of judges, hereinafter referred to as 'FCI Judges' who are resident in a FCI member country and are listed as designated 'International Judges' in the <sup>1</sup>Judges Directory published by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI), to award Challenge Certificates and to judge Groups and Best in Show at Kennel Club licensed Championship Shows and for UK resident judges to award Certificats d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté (CACIBs) and to judge Groups and Best in Show at International FCI CACIB Shows held under the auspices of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI). Furthermore, all other recognised canine activities such as Competitive Obedience, Agility, Field Trials, Working Trials etc. are specifically excluded.*

<sup>1</sup> FCI Judges Directory, <http://www.fci-judge.org/FciJudge/>

1. This agreement will commence on the 1st day of May in 2017 and will be valid for a period of not more than 5 years, subject to the right of termination by one or other of the parties no less than six months prior to the date of expiry.
2. Subject to six months' notice this agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties concerned.
3. This agreement is predicated on the basis that the Kennel Club (KC) and Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) have agreed to recognise and respect their respective schemes for the approval, education and training of dog show judges.

### **Approval to award Kennel Club Challenge Certificates**

4. The Kennel Club will accept nominations for approval, in accordance with Kennel Club Rules and Regulations and appropriate Codes of Best Practice as published and amended from time to time, to award Challenge Certificates to a breed(s) for the first time, without requesting completion of a Kennel Club Questionnaire, for FCI Judges resident in a FCI member country provided they are suitably experienced, having previously awarded CACIBs to the relevant breed(s) in countries other than their country of residence for a minimum period of 5 years prior to their first UK appointment for the breed(s).
5. All such nominations will continue to be subject to the approval of the Kennel Club's Board.

6. FCI Judges resident in a FCI member country who are approved to award Challenge Certificates to a breed for the first time on the basis of mutual recognition may be subject to evaluation when carrying out the appointment. Approval for subsequent appointments to award Challenge Certificates for the same breed will be subject both to the outcome of any evaluation and the proviso that the judge remains in good standing.

7. FCI Judges resident in a FCI member country who were previously approved to award Challenge Certificates at Kennel Club licensed Championship Shows prior to the signing of this agreement will continue to be considered for approval for subsequent appointments subject to the proviso that they remain in good standing.

#### **Approval to judge Groups and Best in Show at Kennel Club Licensed Championship Shows**

8. FCI Judges resident in a FCI member country who were previously approved to judge Groups and Best in Show at Kennel Club licensed Championship Shows prior to the signing of this agreement will continue to be considered for subsequent appointments subject to the proviso that they remain in good standing.

9. The criteria to be applied in the case of FCI Judges resident in a FCI member country who are nominated, subsequent to the signing of this agreement, to judge Groups and Best in Show for the first time at Kennel Club licensed Championship Shows will be the same as those applicable to UK resident judges.

10. All such nominations will continue to be subject to the approval of the Kennel Club's Board.

#### **Approval to award Fédération Cynologique Internationale Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat at International de Beauté (CACIBs)**

11. UK resident judges who remain in good standing and have previously awarded Challenge Certificates in the UK will be eligible to award CACIBs to the relevant breeds provided that they are suitably experienced.

#### **Approval to judge Groups at International FCI CACIB Shows**

12. UK resident judges who have previously been approved to award Challenge Certificates in 50% or more of the breeds, that are allocated Challenge Certificates by the Kennel Club, in an FCI group will be eligible to be approved to judge the relevant group at International FCI CACIB Shows subject to the proviso that they remain in good standing.

13. UK resident judges who remain in good standing and were previously approved, prior to the signing of this agreement, to judge one or more Groups at International FCI CACIB Shows will continue to be recognised as approved to judge the relevant group(s).

**Approval to judge Best in Show at International FCI CACIB Shows**

14. UK resident judges who remain in good standing and have judged five or more FCI groups will be eligible to be approved to judge Best in Show at International FCI CACIB Shows.

15. UK resident judges who remain in good standing and were previously approved to judge Best in Show at International FCI CACIB Shows prior to the signing of this agreement will continue to be recognised by the FCI as approved to judge Best in Show.

Signature

Simon Luxmoore, Chairman of the Kennel Club

Date

Signature

Anne Macdonald, Chairman of the Kennel Club Judges Committee

Date

Signature

Rafael De Santiago, FCI President

Date