

**MEETING OF THE AGILITY LIAISON COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY 12 JULY 2018 AT 10.30 AM IN THE BOARDROOM, THE  
KENNEL CLUB, CLARGES STREET**

**A G E N D A**

**ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2018 (copies previously distributed).

**ITEM 3. MATTERS ARISING/RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

a. Amendments to H Regulations

The Council is invited to note that the following amendments to H Regulations have been approved by the Board:

Regulation H(1)10.c.

**TO:**

c. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A **single** flat, close fitting, ~~leather or webbing~~ collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar i.e.: not attached by a ring.

(Insertion in bold. Deletion struck through)

(Effective 1 January 2019)

**Note:** the Activities Committee had challenged the Council's view that the issue was one of health and safety, and accordingly the Board had approved the above Regulation amendment to come into effect on 1 January 2019 and not 1 July 2018 as recommended by the Council.

Regulation H(1)(A)7.

**TO:**

Societies may offer the Lower Height Option to all dogs in that height category and it may be offered at all grades. It is to be run as part of any Standard class as defined in these regulations and must be clearly identified in the schedule. Each relevant class will have two heights with a change part way through to raise/lower the jump heights **and may extend/reduce the length of the long jump and width of the rising spread, within the permitted ranges**, and competitors must run at their entered height...

(Insertion in bold)

(Effective 1 July 2018)

Regulation H(1)(B)1.c.

**TO:**

No practice is allowed on the course save that competitors will be allowed to walk the course set at Small, Medium or Large height without their dog(s) before the class begins. **The height of the hurdles may be raised/lowered and the length of the long jump and width of the rising spread may be extended/reduced, within the permitted ranges**, during the course walking time if multiple heights are offered within the same class.

(Insertions in bold)

(Effective 1 July 2018)

b. Height of dog walk

The Activities Committee, at its meeting on 22 March 2018, considered the Council's proposal for an amendment to Regulation H(1)(B)3.n which would reduce the height of the dog walk by 6 ins, with the objective of reducing the risk of injury to competing dogs.

The Committee noted that the proposed change would bring the height of the dog walk into line with that used in competitions run under FCI rules, but was not of the view that this should be a factor in reaching a decision, noting that only a minority of UK competitors competed in overseas competitions.

Whilst it had no inherent objection to the height of the dog walk being reduced, the Committee noted that no evidence had been presented to indicate that it would have a positive effect on reducing the risk of injury. It therefore requests that the Council reconsider the proposal with a view to providing a stronger rationale to support it.

c. Restrictions on shows held on the same date

At its January meeting, the Council discussed the arrangements for issuing licenses, with a view to avoiding 'clashes' of dates which may result in small entries at some shows.

It is invited to note that a new Customer Relationship Management database is in the process of development by the Kennel Club but this will not be in place until 2020. Until such time as the new system comes into operation, it will not be possible to implement measures relating to clashing shows, such as the restriction of licences for shows within a specified distance of each other. A further discussion on the issue will take place at the Council's meeting in January 2019 with a view to considering whether any changes to the current procedures are necessary, and if so, what changes will be required.

**ITEM 4. JUDGES SUB-GROUP (ACTIVITIES)** (Pages 15 - 16)

To note a written report from Mr Huckle on the progress of the Judges Sub-Group following its meeting on 2 May 2018.

**(Annex A refers)**

**ITEM 5. ACTIVITIES HEALTH AND WELFARE SUB-GROUP**

The Council is invited to note a written report from Mr Chandler on the progress of the Activities Health and Welfare Sub-Group following its meeting on 16 January 2018.

**(Annex B refers – to follow)**

**ITEM 6. REPORT FROM THE EQUIPMENT PANEL** (Pages 17 - 18)

- a. To note a written report from the Equipment Panel, and to consider the issues raised.

**(Annex C refers)**

- b. Proposed amendment to Regulation H(1)(B)3.i

The Council is requested to consider a proposed amendment to the above Regulation, submitted by the Equipment Panel, as follows:

Regulation H(1)(B)3.i.

**TO:**

Pipe Tunnel—This obstacle should have a diameter of a minimum of ~~609mm (2ft)~~ **600mm (1ft 11.6ins)** and should be a minimum of ~~3.048m (10ft)~~ **3000mm (9ft 10.1ins)** in length. **The tunnel may only curve in a single direction.**

(Deletions struck through. Insertions in bold)

Rationale

Pipe tunnels are manufactured and sold in metric sizes; this change is to reflect what is available and is being used and would not require any changes to equipment currently used. The addition of a curve in a single direction is to make clear the shape of tunnels that may be used.

**Note:** a proposal for an amendment to Regulation H(1)(B)3.i. has also been submitted by Mr S Daniell (agenda item 11.a. refers)

**ITEM 7. REPORT FROM THE GRADING PANEL** (Pages 19 - 24)

- a. To receive a written report from the Grading Panel regarding its activities since the Council's previous meeting.

**(Annex D refers)**

- b. To consider its recommendations, including proposals for a number of amendments to Regulations.

**Note:** additional background material to the proposals is included within Annex D, and it is strongly recommended that this is read before considering the proposals outlined below.

- (i) Proposed New Regulation H(1)(A)6  
**A maximum of four standard classes may be scheduled for any dog/grade combination on an individual day of competition.**  
**Any number of special classes may be scheduled.**

(Insertion in bold)

(All subsequent paragraphs to be renumbered)

- (ii) Proposed amendment to Regulation H(1)(A)6 Class Structure

**TO:**

A Class may either be held as a Graded Class or a Combined Class. A Graded Class may be scheduled for ~~one or more~~ **up to a maximum of three** consecutive Grades with separate results and awards issued for each grade. The eligibility for a Graded Class is detailed below. A Combined Class may be scheduled for more than one consecutive grade with one overall set of results. A Combined Class is open to any combination of dog and handler that qualifies for any of the Grades in that class.

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- (iii) Proposed amendment to Regulation H(1)(A)9

**TO:**

~~Progression. Progression from each Grade will require one Agility win or three Jumping wins in standard classes at that grade, at either Full Height or the Lower Height Option, except that progression from Grade 5 will require 3 wins at Grade 5, one of which must be an agility class. Progression from Grade 6 will require 4 wins at Grade 6, two of which must be agility classes. Results from Combined Classes will only count towards progression from the dog's current grade.~~

**Progression from Grade 1 will require the dog or handler to have won two first places, one of which must be in an agility class. Progression from Grade 2 will require the dog to have won two first places, one of which must be in an agility class. Progression from Grade 3 will require the dog to have won three first places, two of which must be in an agility class. Progression from Grade 4 will require the dog to have won four first places, two of which must be in agility classes. Progression from Grade 5 will require the dog to have won five first places, three of which must be in agility classes. Results from Combined Classes will only count towards progression from the dog's current grade.**

**To count for progression wins must be gained in standard classes at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows.**

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(iv) Regulation H(1)(A)10 Points Progression

**TO:**

At the handler's discretion a dog may progress up to ~~Grade 4~~ **Grade 3** by winning 100 points at each grade, using the Agility Warrant points scheme, Regulation K3.c refers. ~~except that there is no requirement for a minimum number of agility points.~~ **A minimum of 50 points must be gained in Agility classes in the relevant grade.** If this method of progression is selected, the handler must ensure the Show Secretary signs the dog's Agility Record Book at the first show entered at the higher grade. There is no time limit on this progression, however, once a dog has progressed, it cannot return to a previous grade.

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(v) Regulation H(1)(A)11 Standard Classes

**TO:**

Only first prizes and points gained in standard classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows may be used for progression through the classes. (A dog is only eligible for one grade). In defining the eligibility of the ~~owner or~~ handler for Grade 1, the ~~three jumping~~ **two** wins and points progression referred to in the definition apply only to one dog and not an accumulation of dogs.

a. ~~Grade 1 (Elementary) For owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows. N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1, (Elementary) are not eligible for this class.~~ **Open to dogs and handlers which have NOT gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 1 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, at least one of which must be gained in an agility (not jumping) class. N.B. Handlers and dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1 are not eligible for this class.**

b. ~~Grade 2 (Starters) Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and have not gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows, or elected to progress on points from Grade 1. N.B. Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 2 (Starters) are not eligible for this class.~~ **Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 1 and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 5 or 6.**

c. ~~Grade 3 (Graduate) Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or 2 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and dogs which are not eligible for~~

~~Grade 4, 5, 6 or 7.~~ **Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 2 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, 1 first place must be gained in Agility (not jumping classes), or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2.**

~~d. Grade 4 (Novice) Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an Agility Class or three first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 3 or elected to progress on points from Grade 3 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3, 5, 6 or 7.~~ **Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of three first places at Grade 3 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, 2 first places must be gained in Agility (not jumping) classes.**

~~e. Grade 5 (Intermediate) Open to dogs which have gained a first place in an Agility Class or three 21 H(1)(A) first places in Jumping Classes at Grade 4 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 6 or 7~~ **Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of four first places at Grade 4 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, 2 first places must be gained in Agility (not jumping) classes.**

~~f. Grade 6 (Senior) Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of 3 first places at Grade 5 at Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows, 1 first place must be gained in an Agility (not Jumping) Class, and are not eligible for Grade 3, 4, 5 or 7.~~ **Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of five first places at Grade 5 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, 3 first places must be gained in Agility (not jumping) classes.**

~~g. Grade 7 (Advanced) Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of 4 first places at Grade 6 at Kennel Club Licensed Agility Shows, 2 first places must be gained in Agility (not Jumping) Classes.~~

~~h. Championship Class. Open to dogs having qualified to compete in Grade 6 Grade 7 which have had 4 wins at Full Height in either Grade 6 or Grade 7, at least 2 of which must be gained in agility classes. To consist of 2 qualifying rounds of Standard Kennel Club Classes, 1 Agility Class and 1 Jumping Class and a final round of Agility to be held at the same Show~~  
(Deletions struck through. Insertions in bold.)

(vi) Proposed amendment to Regulation H(1)(B)1(4) Standard Class Course Time

**TO:**

A set time for each course shall be calculated by the judge, who shall take into account the course length, the height category of the dogs competing, and the grade or grades of the dogs competing in the relevant class, together with any other relevant factors. The course length must be measured by the judge using a commercially available measuring wheel, using the straight line distance between obstacle centres method. **Using this course length the course**

**time will be calculated from the Kennel Club Course Time Matrix.** The set time shall be stated by the judge before judging commences.

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**ITEM 8. REPORT FROM THE AGILITY GOVERNANCE PANEL** (Pages 25 - 26)

To receive a written report from the Agility Governance Panel.  
**(Annex E refers)**

**ITEM 9. REPORT FROM THE HEIGHT CLASSIFICATION PANEL**  
(Pages 27 - 44)

a. Proposed amendments to Regulation H(1)(B)3

The Council is invited to consider two alternative proposals for amendments to Regulation H(1)(B)3 relating to jump heights.

**Note:** additional background material to the proposals and further information is provided via attached annex papers, and it is strongly recommended that these are read before considering the proposals outlined below.

**(Annex F(i) & (ii) refer)**

**Proposal 1**

Regulation H(1)(B)3

**TO:**

a. Hurdle—The height of the hurdle must be ~~650mm (2ft 1.6 ins)~~ **600mm (1ft 11.62ins)** ~~(550mm (1ft 9.6 ins))~~ **(500mm (1ft 7.685ins))** for Lower Height Option) for Large Dogs, ~~450mm (1ft 5.7ins)~~ **400mm (1ft 3.75ins)** ~~(350mm (1ft 1.75ins) for Lower Height Option)~~ for Medium Dogs and ~~350mm (1ft 1.75ins)~~ **300mm (11.81ins)** ~~(250mm (9.8ins) for Lower Height Option)~~ **for Small Dogs.** Width: 1.219m (4ft) minimum. The top bar or plank must be easily displaced by the dog. A wall should have displaceable units on the top. The height of hurdles in special classes may be lower than those listed above, but the height(s) must be included in the schedule.

**There is no Lower Height Option for Medium or Small Dogs.**

(Insertions in bold. Deletions struck through)

Rationale

- LHO assists breeds that are obviously large but don't necessarily have the best conformation to clear the large height obstacles.
- The new heights open Agility to a wider spread of breeds (even though agility is not suitable for all breeds).
- People have the ability to compete with their large dogs at a lower height.
- It has introduced new competitors to KC shows, at which they could not previously compete.
- The shows have a more manageable amount of heights to use.

- The research evidence available to date has suggested that they cannot recommend to either reduce jump height or maintain status quo. The suggestion of applying the 125% rule (the Height % a dog is recommended to jump) is what the panel has applied. This covers a majority of dogs.
- New skills that the dogs are being asked to do, such as round the back of jumps, will benefit the dogs with the jumps slightly lower.

## Proposal 2

Regulation H(1)(B)3

**TO:**

a) Hurdle—The height of the hurdle must be ~~650mm (2ft 1.6ins)~~ **600mm (1ft 11.62ins)** (~~550mm (1ft 9.6ins)~~ for Lower Height Option) **for Large Dogs, 500mm (1ft 7.685ins) for Intermediate Dogs,** ~~450mm (1ft 5.7ins)~~ **400mm (1ft 3.75ins)** (~~350mm (1ft 1.75ins)~~ for Lower Height Option) **for Medium Dogs and 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) 300mm (11.81ins)** (~~250mm (9.89ins)~~ for Lower Height Option) **for Small Dogs.** Width: 1.219m (4ft) minimum. The top bar or plank must be easily displaced by the dog. A wall should have displaceable units on the top. The height of hurdles in special classes may be lower than those listed above, but the height(s) must be included in the schedule.

Should the above proposal be recommended for approval, the following amendment to Regulation H(1)(B)2. would also be required:

H(1)(B)2. Height Limit for Dogs

**TO:**

- a. Large Dogs - For dogs measuring over ~~430mm (1ft 5ins)~~ **500mm (1ft 7.685ins)** at the withers.
- b. Intermediate Dogs - For dogs measuring over 430mm (1ft 5ins) and measuring 500mm (1ft 7.685ins) or under at the withers**
- ~~b.~~ **c. Medium Dogs - For dogs measuring over 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) and measuring 430mm (1ft 5ins) or under at the withers.**
- ~~c.~~ **d. Small Dogs - For dogs measuring 350mm (1ft 1.75ins) or under at the withers**

## Rationale

- The new heights open Agility to a wider spread of breeds (even though agility is not suitable for all breeds).
- People have the ability to compete with their small large dogs at the intermediate height.
- It will introduce new competitors to KC shows, at which they could not previously compete.
- Takes away the stigma of the presumption of cheating by competing at a lower height, without being measured for it.
- The research evidence available to date has suggested that they cannot recommend to either reduce jump height or maintain status quo. The suggestion of applying the 125% rule (the Height % a dog



is recommended to jump) is what the panel has applied. This covers a majority of dogs.

- New skills that the dogs are being asked to do, such as round the back of jumps, will benefit the dog with the jumps slightly lower.

b. Regulation amendments relating to equipment

Further to the above proposals, the Council is requested to consider a number of amendments to H Regulations in respect of changes to equipment should the introduction of 3 new heights and Large LHO, or introduction of 4 new heights, be approved

**(Annex G refers)**

c. Removal of imperial measures in H Regulations

The Council is requested to consider the removal of all imperial measurements be removed from the H regulations as it is suggested that the metric system is in widespread use and there is no necessity for both systems to be referred to within the Regulations.

**ITEM 10. REPORT FROM THE JUDGING PANEL** (Pages 45 - 46)

To receive a written report from the Judging Panel.

**(Annex H refers)**

**ITEM 11. PROPOSALS FROM SOCIETIES/PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS**

a. Mr S Daniell

Mr K Smith

Proposed amendment to Regulation H(1)(B)3.i.

Mr Daniell, an individual, wishes the Council to consider a proposal to amend the following Regulation:

Regulation H(1)(B)3.i.

**TO:**

Pipe Tunnel—This obstacle should have a diameter of a minimum of ~~609mm (2ft)~~ **800mm (2.62467 ft)** and should be a minimum of 3.048m (10ft) in length.

(Deletions struck through. Insertion in bold)

Rationale

- Dogs taller than 610mm at the withers are forced to alter their running motion and in some cases they have to crawl through a 609mm Tunnel. This results in the tunnel being a different test for them to smaller dogs.
- Tall dogs have to reduce their speed through the tunnel placing them at a disadvantage. This has become more of a problem with the increase in the number of times tunnels are used in a course, with some courses consisting of 30% tunnels.
- Many handlers do not consider 609mm tunnels to be a safe or suitable obstacle for larger dogs.
- Forcing a dog to go through a tunnel at speed may be a welfare issue.

- 800 mm tunnels are widely available (used for Hoopers, an activity in which dogs run through a series of hoops and tunnels.)

b. Tunbridge Wells and District Canine Society Mr S Chandler  
Proposed new Regulation H(1)10.h

The Society requests that the Council consider the introduction of a new Regulation as follows:

Regulation H(1)10.h.

**TO:**

**Whistles must not be used for signalling that dogs and handlers are under test nor for signalling an elimination.**

(Insertion in bold)

Rationale

The use of whistles is unnecessary as the existing system works well. Whistles add nothing to agility and cause distress to some dogs and handlers. Whistles are also a distraction and would cause confusion if used in several rings. People with hearing problems could be affected in various ways not least in telling which ring the sound was coming from. Scrimers have always started handlers and they normally do this by name which is a final check that they have the correct ticket. This can cause major problems if a mistake is not picked up at this stage. The judge already controls the start by signalling to the scriver that they are ready.

Dogs can be extremely scared of whistles in the same way that they can be scared of fireworks or thunder. Some dogs, especially gundogs or Flyball dogs, are trained with whistles, and whistles have different meanings for them.

There would be a great deal more noise at shows if whistles were used in several rings. This could affect local people as well as ring party and competitors and hence the venue. There are already restrictions on time and volume of PA at some showgrounds.

**ITEM 12. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Cornwall Agility Club Mr C Huckle  
Parking around rings

The Council is requested to discuss the issue of cars being parked around rings. Recently during inspections carried out by KC Field Officers at Agility shows, it was highlighted that vehicles should not be parked immediately adjacent to the rings. This recommendation forms part of the risk assessment for shows as this will limit access for emergency vehicles if required.

In addition, cars parked immediately adjacent to the rings have affected dogs whilst competing due to car alarms and horns going off. Dogs may be startled as a result and there is a risk of potential injury if a dog's

concentration is broken whilst traversing the see saw or the dog walk, for example.

The club wishes to raise concerns that some risk assessments do not address this issue, or that where the issue is addressed within the risk assessment, it is not being adhered to.

The Council is invited to discuss how this matter may be addressed and whether it is necessary to introduce an appropriate Regulation.

- b. Mr N Ellis Mr I MacDonald  
Appointment of up contact judges

Mr Ellis requests the Council to discuss an additional regulation to permit show committees to appoint an additional judge for the agility and final rounds of Championship classes with the specific purpose of assisting the Championship judge in marking the up contact of the dog walk.

Rationale

It is becoming ever more apparent that the demands and expectations on agility judges at all levels throughout a judging appointment are increasing, but in particular with the greater number of dogs entering Championship classes. One particular concern is the ability to consistently mark both up and down contacts on the dog walk, with some dogs completing the obstacle as fast as 1.3 seconds. Realistically, it is extremely tough for a judge to mark both up and down contacts accurately, with some Championship classes reaching entries of over 200. The ability to accurately mark the up contact then has the potential to be detrimental in being in an ideal position to accurately mark the down contact. Championship classes are the pinnacle of agility in the UK; it is a level which many competitors strive to be able to participate at, and it should, therefore, be seen as a prestigious event. This proposal seeks to support appointed Championship judges by allowing a second Championship judge, whether appointed as the jumping round judge (if numbers permit), or not, to be appointed as the dog walk up contact judge. This would ensure consistency with accuracy in the judging of the up and down contacts throughout the Championship event.

- c. Mr M Bacon Mrs L Olden  
Height of pivot point on the seesaw

Mr Bacon, an individual, wishes the Council to discuss a suggestion that the maximum height of the seesaw plank, measured at the pivot point, be amended to 60cm. Mr Bacon, is of the view that a health and safety issue exists, and he also wishes to take an opportunity to align the Regulation with the existing regulation applicable in FCI competitions, which states that the height should be 60 cm measured from the ground to the top of the plank at the central pivot point. It is Mr Bacon's view that this would be an easy change to make on most seesaw supports as it is only necessary to move the bracing bars.

The existing Regulation states:

Regulation H(1)(B)3.m.

See-Saw—This obstacle will consist of a plank firmly mounted on a central bracket. The length of the plank must be 3.66m (12ft). The width should be 254mm (10ins) minimum and 305mm (12ins) maximum. The height of the central bracket measured from the ground to the top of the plank should be 610mm (2ft) minimum and 685mm (2ft 3ins) maximum.

#### Rationale

The height of the FCI seesaw at the pivot point is a maximum of 60cm which gives a height at the high end of 1m. The height of a KC seesaw at the pivot point is a maximum of 68.5 cm this makes the height at the high end 120cm This means that the high end of the seesaw is 20cm (8 inches) higher.

This is a very significant additional height on an unstable surface particularly for small or light dogs that run to the end of the seesaw plank to make it tip. If a dog falls off the end of the seesaw a 20% reduction in the height of the fall could make a significant reduction to the chance of injury.

#### **ITEM 13. INTERNATIONAL AGILITY FESTIVAL (Pages 47 - 48)**

To note a written report on the arrangements for the Kennel Club International Agility Festival, due to be held on 9-12 August 2018.  
(Annex I refers)

#### **ITEM 14. 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 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed in September 2018.

#### **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 MISSION STATEMENT AND 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' *This is to be achieved through:-***

- 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.