

THE ASSOCIATION OF BLOODHOUND BREEDERS

(Founded 1897)



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To Rachel Mansfield, WDA Officer,

In response to your request for clarity. The ABB was not given a copy of the formal response from the Bloodhound Club so it is difficult to comment as to where we all stand.

I understand from informal conversation that like us they do not want a return to nominations.

The committee of the ABB have considered the review document put forward by the WTLC on the 25.04.18, item 11 annex B.

The committee acknowledges that entries have declined over a period but the numbers in each stake have fluctuated. Some years ago there were not many senior hounds. Over the past few years numbers have risen and we now we have 5. We do not feel this is a low and there are plenty of hounds in intermediate. This in its self presents a challenge to find 15 miles of huntable land with the current increase in pheasant shooting. At novice level there is work going on by both Clubs to encourage new owners to enter working trials. this is paying dividends.

The three options put forward in the report.

- 1 return to nominations – Not wanted
2. First only progresses – As our judges can withhold placings so only hounds that are competent can progress this in effect already happens.
3. Retain the current arrangements – This has been running successfully with judges as mentioned earlier promoting only competent hounds. We are quiet happy to continue with the status quo. I understand that the Bloodhound Club would also agree to this.

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