



THE KENNEL CLUB

JCF Consultation

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Vivid Interface

The Consultation

Vivid Interface:

Conducted 128 face to face depth interviews with exhibitors and judges over 6 days at Richmond and Darlington shows

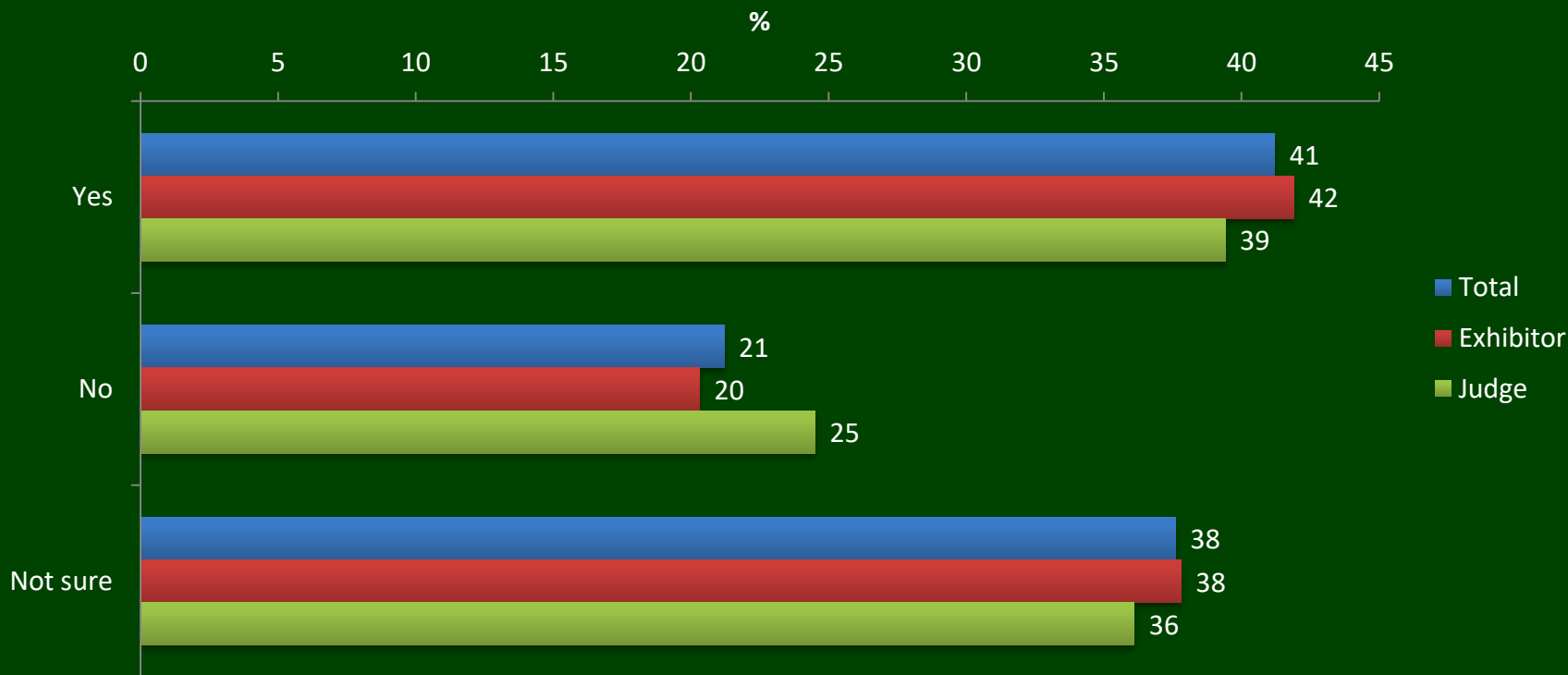
Sent a quantitative e-survey to Kennel Club databases

Attended South Wales Kennel Association show (3 days), Coventry Open show (1 day) and Hitchin Open show (1 day) to hand out paper copies of the quantitative survey and to conduct a series of face to face interviews for those who preferred this option

The Kennel Club made paper versions of the survey available on request



Is the JCF a good thing



Aim of the JCF

The respondents were told:

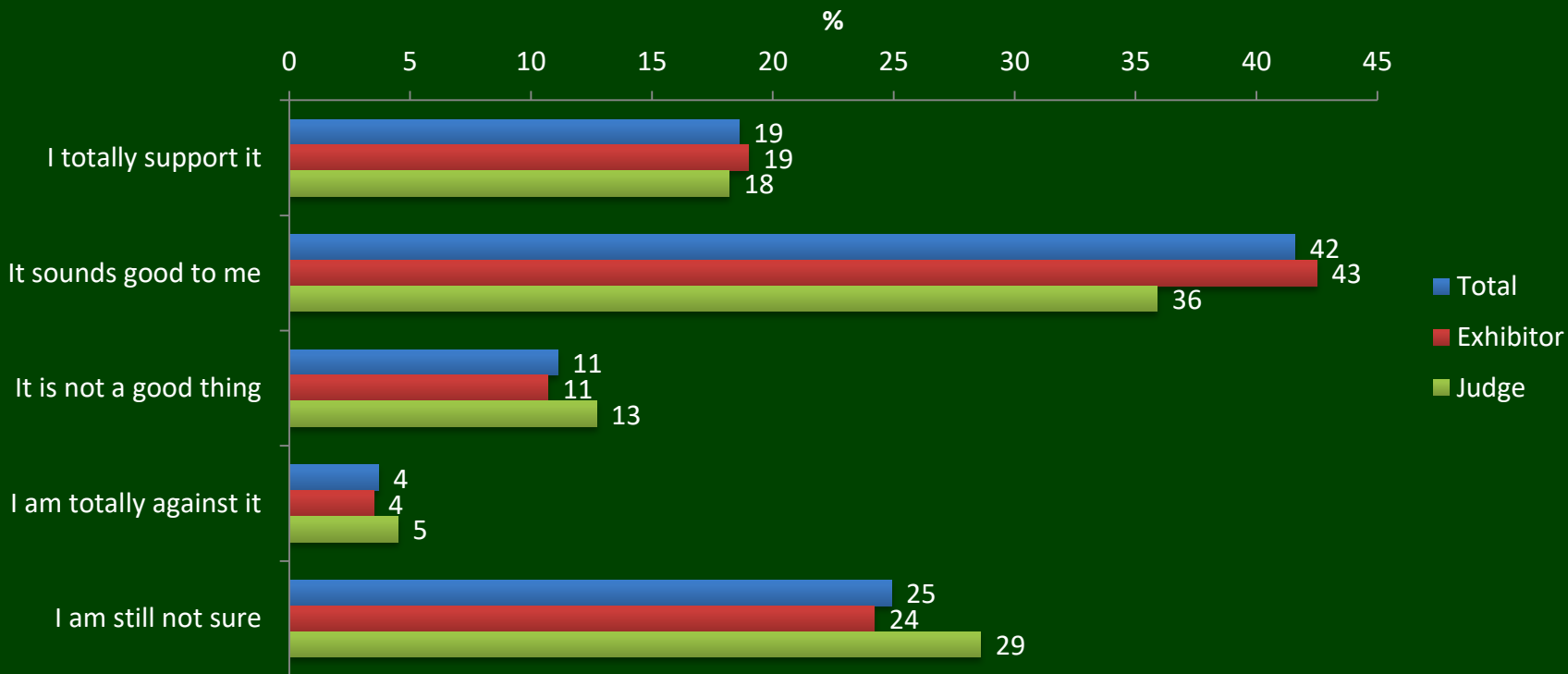
The aim of the JCF is to ensure a more level playing field for exhibitors and judges and to encourage more competition, enhancing the value of awards at all levels of dog shows.

The JCF will do this by ensuring that judges will have completed comprehensive breed education, will understand the rules and regulations and have passed a series of assessments or exams.

The JCF builds on the current systems seminars and examinations and provides a mentoring programme which compliments the established assessments/exams. Importantly, the JCF provides an open and transparent pathway for new judges without the reliance on receiving invitations from show societies to be considered to award CC's.

A key benefit from the introduction of the JCF will be an online 'judges list' detailing experience and availability to help societies and organisers find suitable judges for their shows.

Overall view of the JCF



Q14. We will examine specific details of the new system but with this knowledge what is your overall view about the introduction of the JCF now? n=3484

Licensing of judges

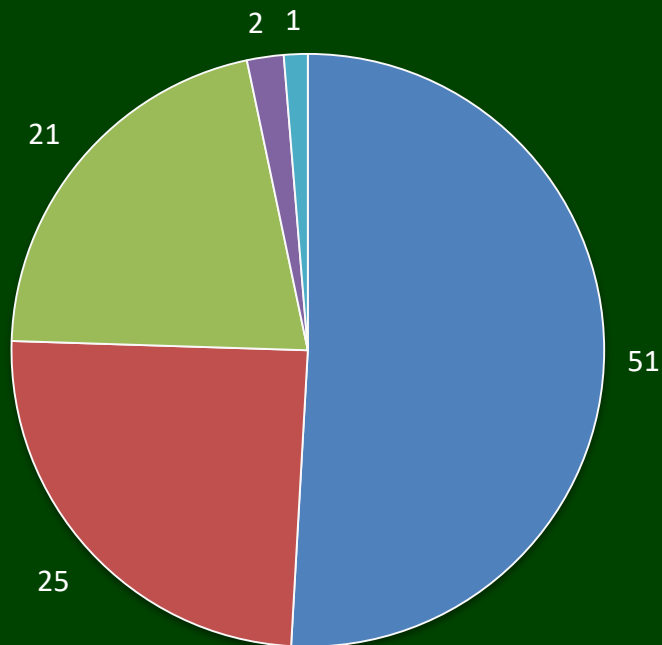
The respondents were told:

Currently in the UK, no-one knows at any given time exactly how many judges remain active and precisely what they are qualified to judge at Open and Limited show level.

By enhancing the already popular 'Find a Judge' website, organisers of dog shows will be able to go online and search for judges knowing that they are available, and what breeds they are qualified and approved or licensed to judge.

The Kennel Club intends to introduce a small annual fee for the administration of the JCF at various levels dependent on their situation.

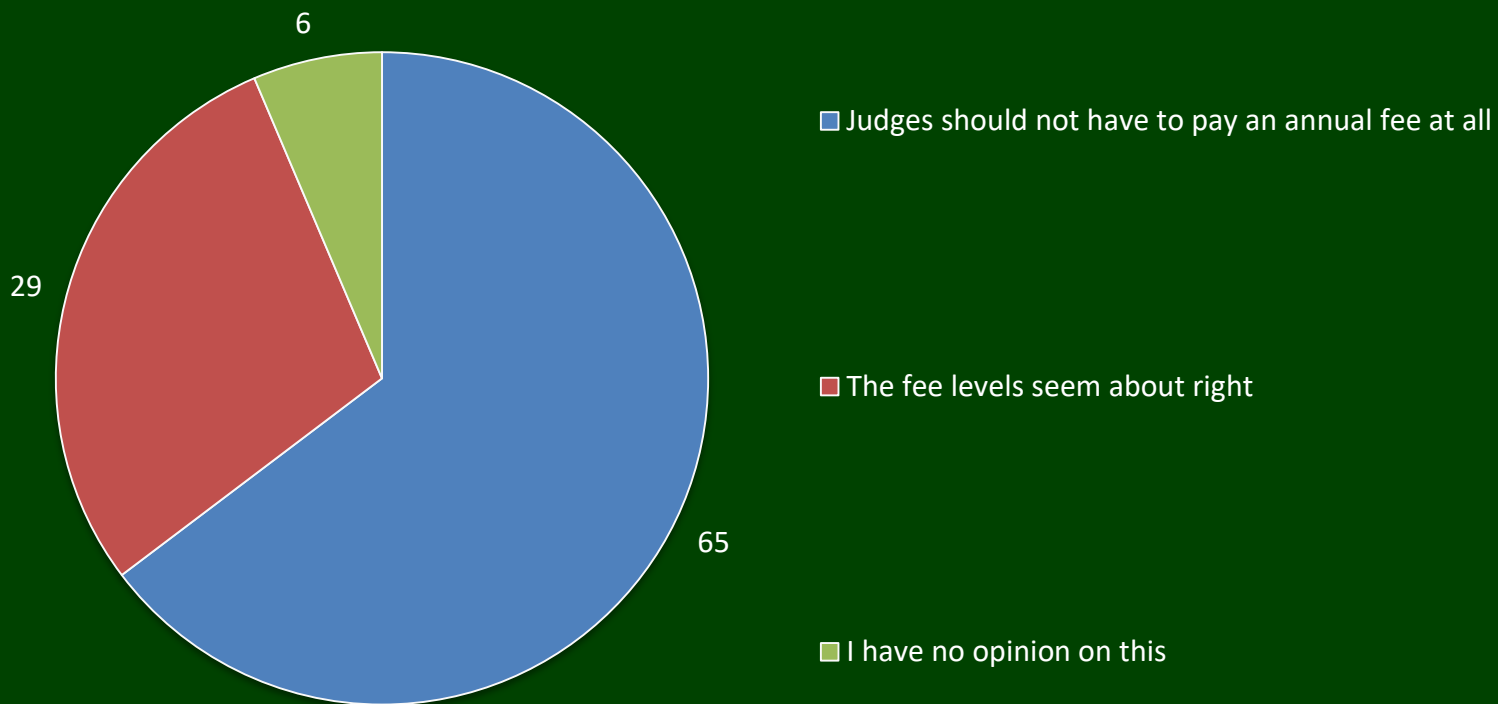
Licensing and fees



- I think it is a good thing that all judges should have reached a level of knowledge and qualification and that this is updated on a regular basis, but they should not have to pay any fees
- I think it is a good thing that all judges should have reached a level of knowledge and qualification before judging and that this is updated on a regular basis and that they pay an annual fee for administration
- I see no reason why the current system of approved judges, breed club lists and how judges are selected by show societies should be changed.
- I do not feel qualified/knowledgeable to comment on this
- I have no opinion on this

Q15. Now that you know this please choose one from the following options that best represents your viewpoint about licensing of judges: n=3392

Annual fees for judges



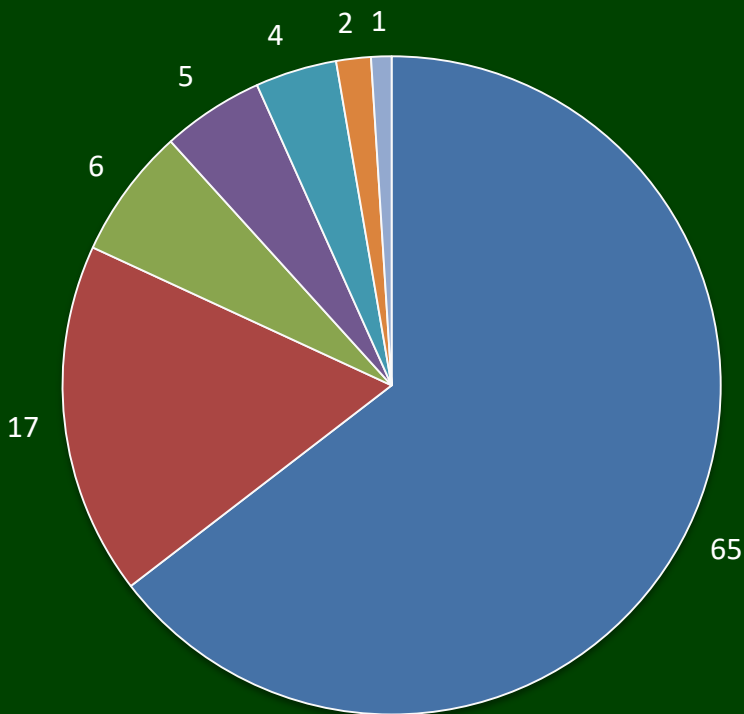
Q17. The annual fee for judges under the JCF will be £10 for a single breed and £26 for multiple breeds now you know this what is your opinion? n=3373

Continual personal development

The respondents were then told:

As part of the JCF, all active judges currently have to commit to regularly refreshing their knowledge on the rules and regulations and undertake an exam.

Continual personal development



- All judges should be required to commit to keeping up to date with rules and regulations
- Previously approved CC judges should only have to commit to reading the rules and regulations online every 5 years and tick a box to say they have done so
- Once a judge has been approved to award CCs they should not have to undertake any continuing education
- Previously approved CC judges should not have to commit to continual education
- All new judges qualifying under the JCF should have to commit to keeping up to date with rules and regulations
- I do not feel qualified/knowledgeable to comment on this
- I have no opinion on this

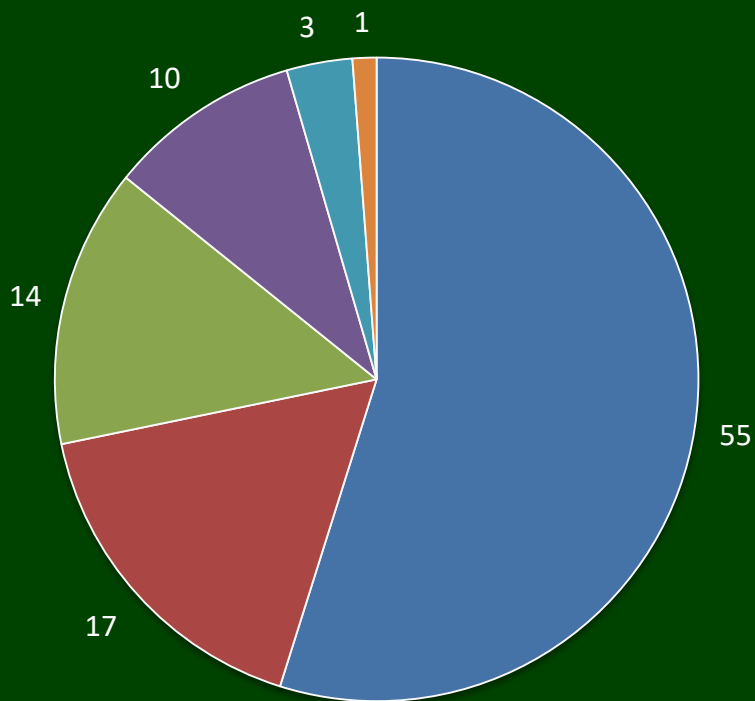
Hands-on experience

The respondents were then told:

It was generally agreed amongst exhibitors spoken to during the consultation process that to be able to judge, you have had 'hands-on experience' of the breed as part of your education and training. The big debate though is just how many dogs should an aspiring judge have to experience before they are approved to award a CC?

The Kennel Club considers that hands-on experience is important and historically has set a figure based upon the Stud Book Band for the breed.

Hands-on experience



- The breed society and the Kennel Club should jointly agree a minimum number of hands-on experiences for a breed
- I see no reason why the current hands-on requirements should be changed
- The hands-on requirement should be based upon a fixed percentage of the Stud Book Band numbers.
- There should be no set 'hands-on numbers required. The hands-on number should be related to the overall programme of education, seminars and mentoring undertaken by the individual aspiring CC judge
- I do not feel qualified/knowledgeable to comment on this
- I have no opinion on this

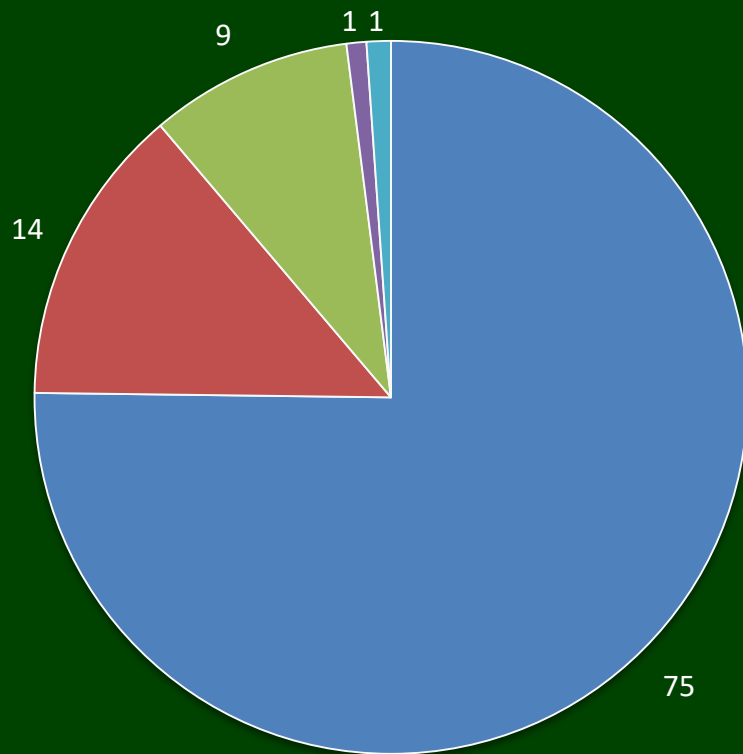
Q20. Which of the following best represents your view on the 'hands-on' requirement for judges before they are allowed to award a CC? n=3269

Minimum training for judges

The respondents were then told:

Under the JCF, all new judges will have to undertake a minimum level of training in rules and regulations and conformation and movement of the dog before they are allowed to judge a small number of classes at Open/Limited shows. Currently a new judge does not need any formal training before doing so.

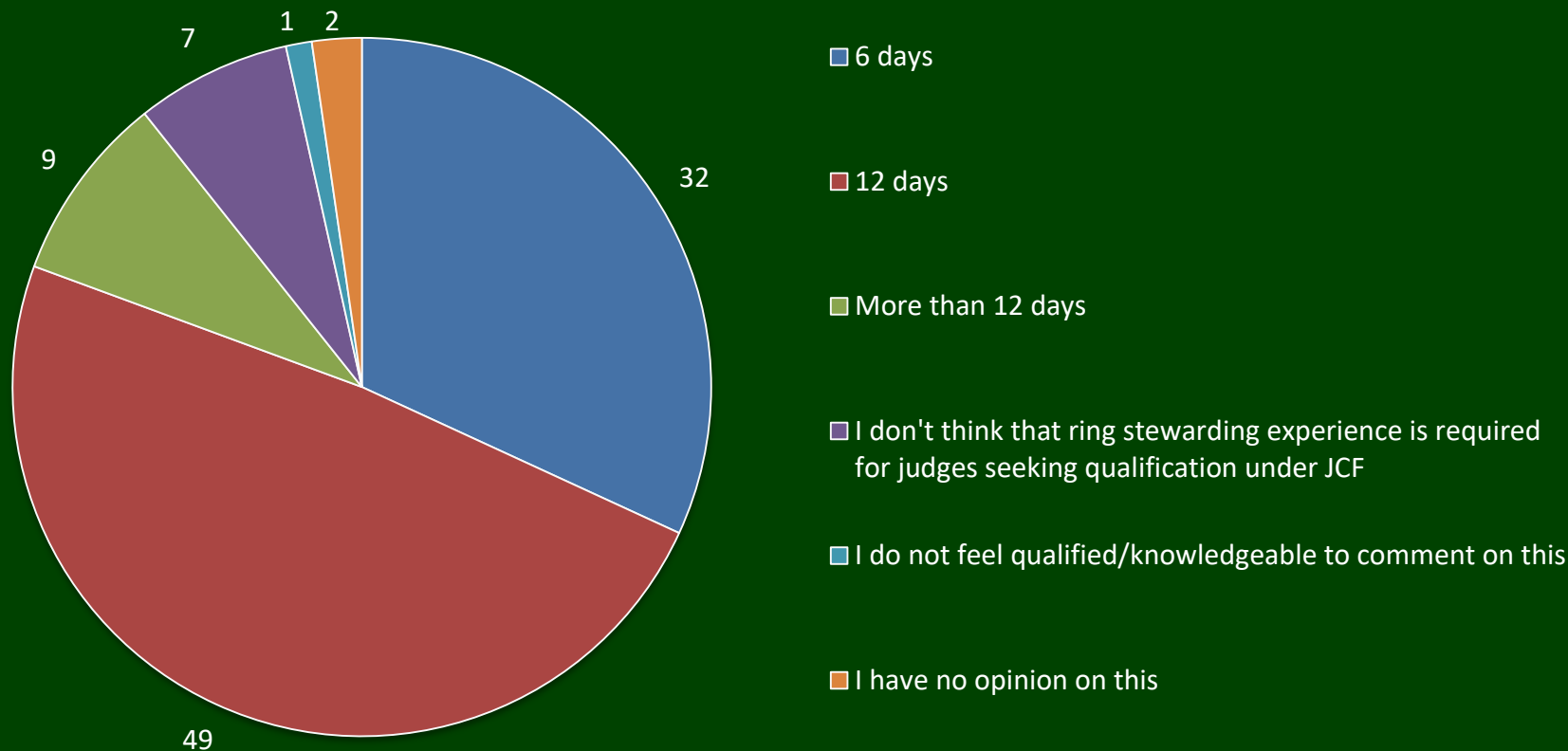
Minimum training for judges



- New judges should undergo a minimum level of formal training in rules and regulations and conformation and movement before being allowed to judge
- New judges should be allowed to 'have a go' at judging to see if they like it before they are required to undergo any formal training
- New judges should just have to undergo training on rules and regulations before being allowed to judge
- I do not feel qualified/knowledgeable to comment on this
- I have no opinion on this

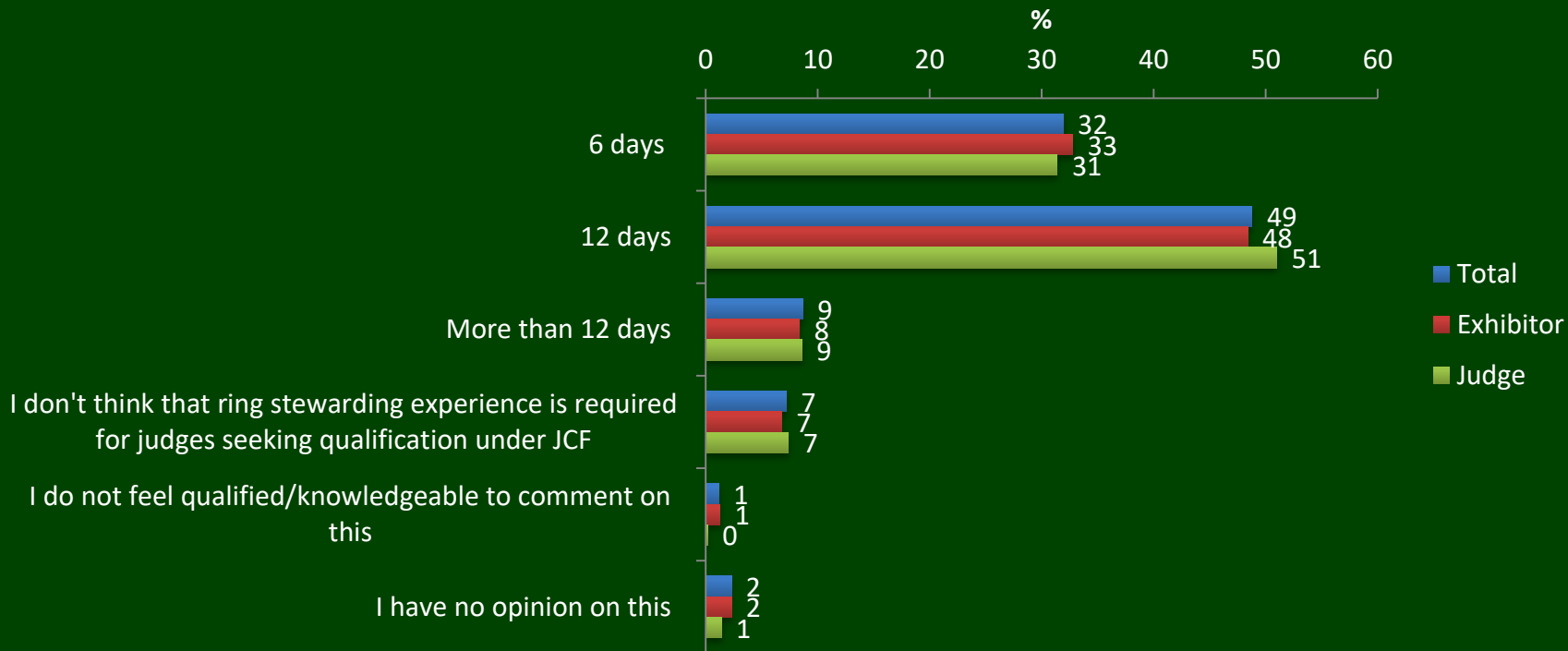
Q22. Please select the answer option that best represents your view on the minimum training for a judge before they undertake their first judging appointment? **n=3237**

Ring stewarding



Q24. Should the current ring stewarding requirement be retained at 12 days or reduced to 6? n=3215

Ring stewarding

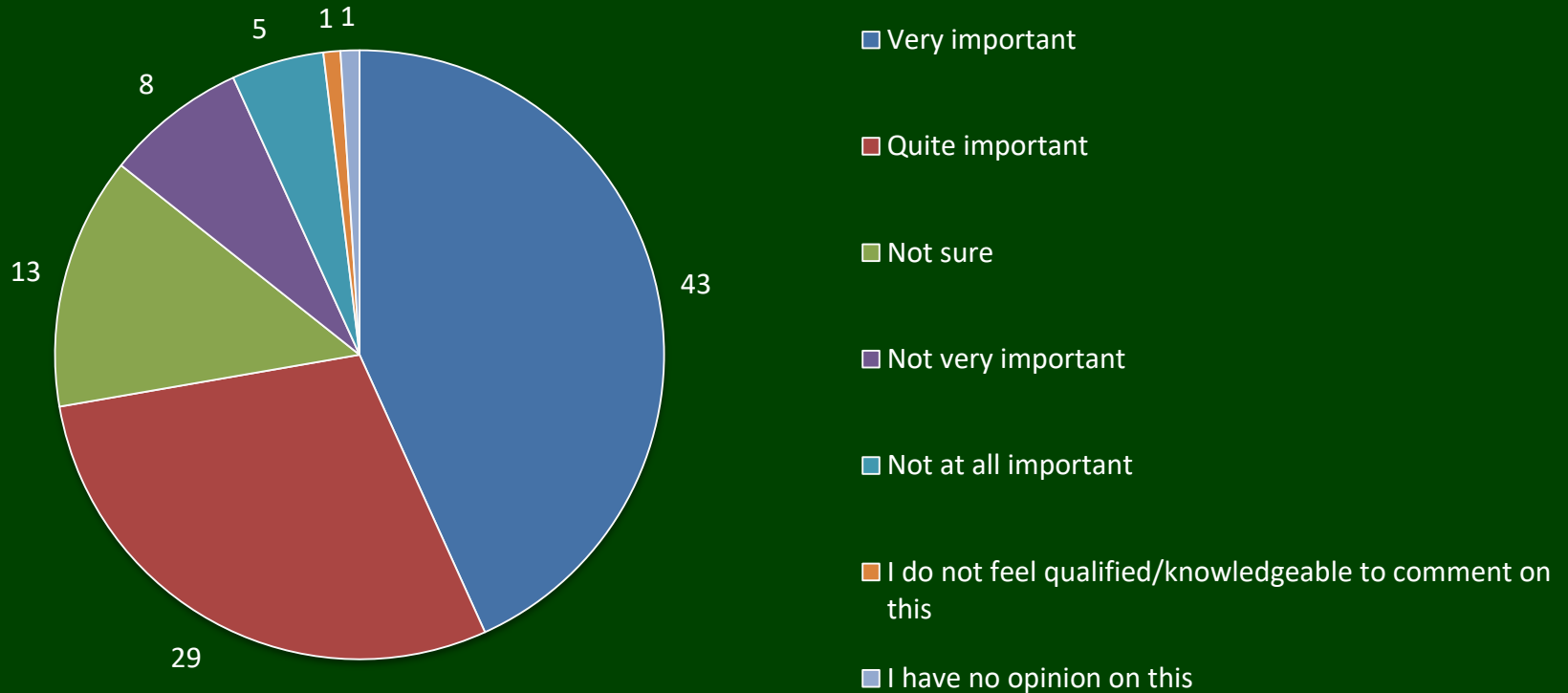


Mentoring

The respondents were then told:

Mentoring support has always been a part of helping exhibitors and judges to develop their knowledge. This is now formally to be included as part of the judges education process. Mentoring is a learning and development partnership between someone with a wealth of breed specific knowledge and experience and someone who wants to learn.

Mentoring

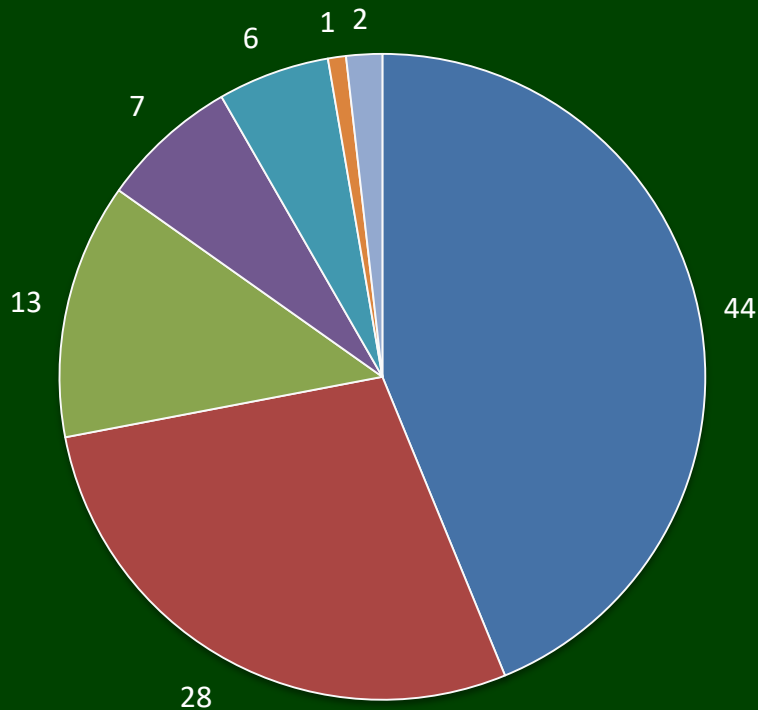


Mentoring Assessment

The respondents were told:

Under the JCF an aspiring CC judge must have at least three positive assessments from mentors.

Mentoring assessment



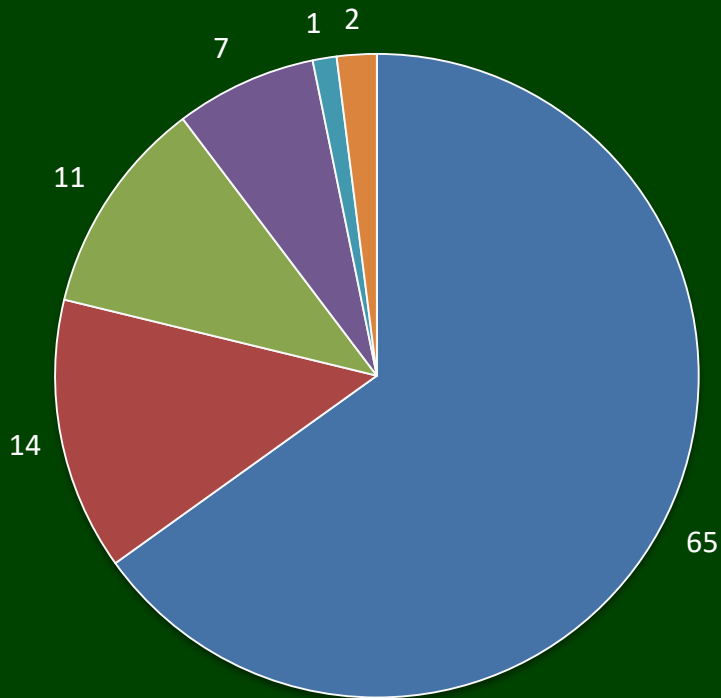
- Highly important
- Quite important
- Not sure
- Not very important
- Not at all important
- I do not feel qualified/knowledgeable to comment on this
- I have no opinion on this

Breed Appreciation Day

The respondents were then told:

Aspiring judges are required to attend a Breed Appreciation Day (breed specific seminar) where they will gain information that will enable them to understand the breed. At the end of the Breed Appreciation Day the aspiring judge will take a multiple choice exam set by the breed clubs using Kennel Club guidelines. Having passed the exam the judge can judge an unlimited number of classes of that breed.

Breed Appreciation Day



- It is important that judges interested in judging another breed should attend a BAD and pass an exam before they can judge an unlimited number of classes for that breed
- It is important that judges attend a BAD for each breed and have to pass an exam before they can judge that breed
- It is important that judges interested in taking on another breed should attend a BAD, but not have to take an exam
- Is it important that judges attend a BAD for each breed but do not have to pass an exam
- I do not feel qualified/knowledgeable to comment on this
- I have no opinion on this

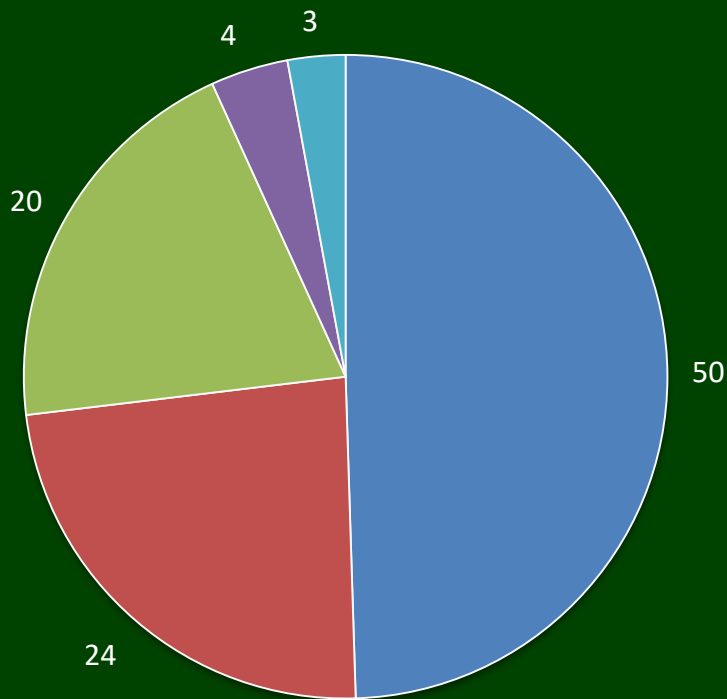
Q31. Now that you know this, how important is it for aspiring judges to pass an exam at the end of the breed seminar? **n=3153**

Eye for a Dog Assessment

The respondents were told:

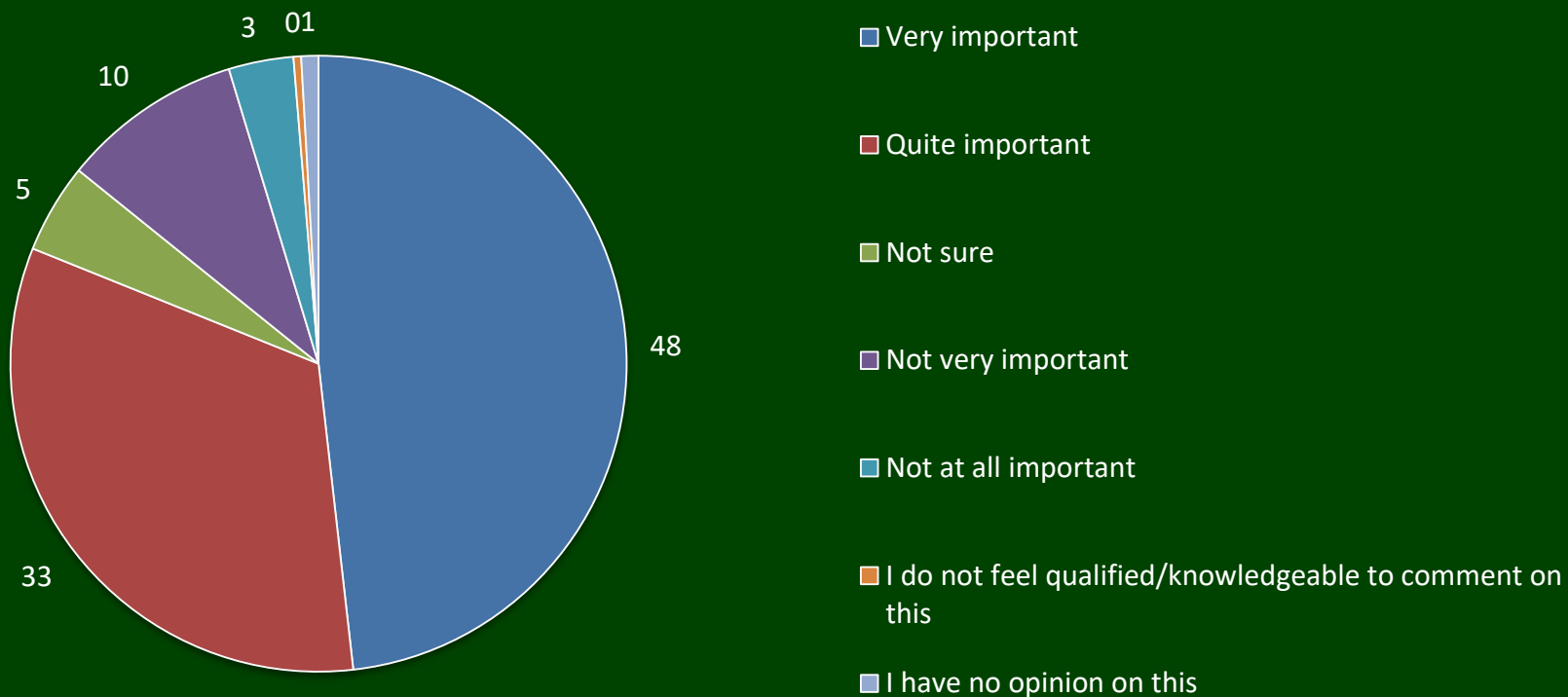
As part of the new JCF, the Kennel Club considers that any judge who wishes to be approved to award CCs to a second or subsequent breed undertakes and passes an 'Eye for a Dog Assessment' which examines their competence in recognising various examples of canine conformation and movement.

Eye for a Dog Assessment

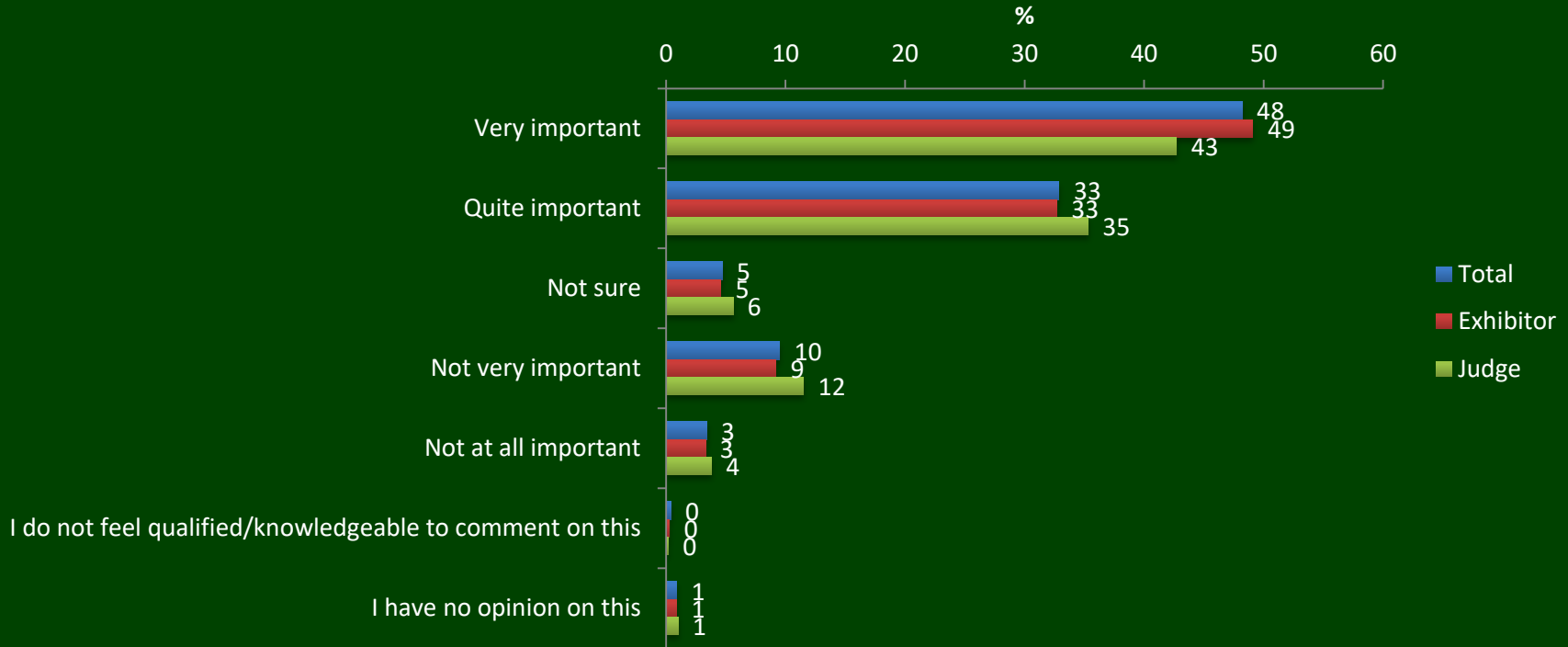


- All judges should pass an Eye for a Dog Assessment to be approved to award CCs for a second or subsequent breed
- Those judges who are already approved to award CCs in more than one breed should not have to pass this assessment
- I cannot see the point in any judges having to undertake an Eye for a Dog Assessment
- I do not feel qualified/knowledgeable to comment on this
- I have no opinion on this

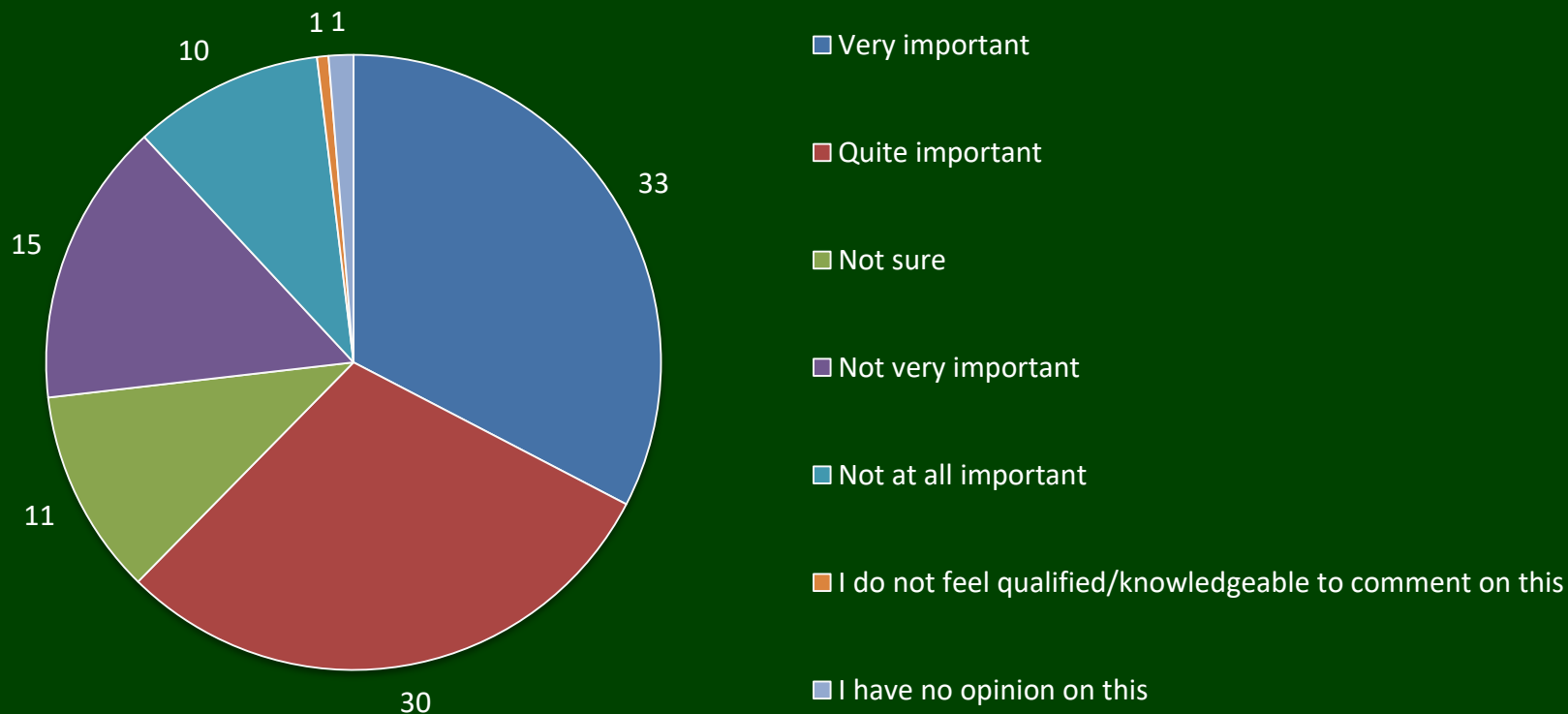
Critique Education



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Critique Exam

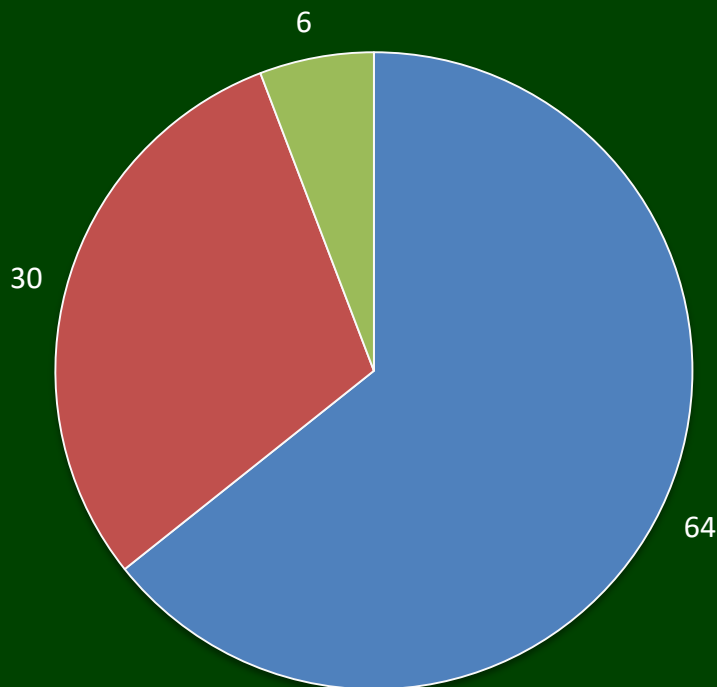


The introduction of the JCF

The respondents were told:

The aim of this consultation is to offer insights to the Kennel Club to aid its review work. The final element of guidance required is when and how it should be introduced.

The introduction of the JCF



- The JCF and the old system should run in tandem for a period of time, so only new judges need to meet JCF criteria. Established judges and those who are working towards being approved to award CCs should be allowed to continue under the old system
- The JCF should be fully operational as originally planned by 2022 and all judges should then have to abide with its requirements
- I have no opinion on this