



**MEETING OF THE SHOWS LIAISON COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2020 AT 11AM IN THE BOARDROOM, THE
KENNEL CLUB, CLARGES STREET - AGENDA**

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**ITEM 2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
13 MAY 2019 (PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED)**

ITEM 3. RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS/MATTERS ARISING

a. Hands on assessment for Judges Competency Framework (JCF)

Proposal: Could the previously passed hands-on assessment be accepted for progression to JCF Level 4? This would allow more judges in the interim to progress and assist in the transition period between the current judging system and JCF, as well as speeding up the process of Judges awarding CCs.

Outcome: The proposal was not referred to the Judges Committee for consideration. It was considered as part of the JCF review, outcomes of which will be published in due course.

b. Closing dates

Proposal: That a policy should be put into place whereby each society should continue to be free to set a paper and online closing date, according to its own criteria, but that no extensions should be permitted.

Outcome: The proposal was recommended to the Board by the Show Executive Committee (SEC). A concern was raised by the Board that this would go against the drive to improve show entry levels and exhibitor experience. The recommendation is therefore referred back to the Shows Liaison Council for further consideration.

ITEM 4. UPDATE ON JUDGES COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK

The Council will receive an update on the Judges Competency Framework from the office. **(Annex to be tabled).**

ITEM 5. PROPOSALS

a. Proposed by: Mr D Coode

To be presented by: Miss F A Snook

Regulations F(1)25.a and F(1)25.b Best Puppy in Show be amended as follows:

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



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

(Additions in bold)

Rationale: This would make the reasoning clearer if a puppy was to win Best in Show but not Best Puppy in Show if both competitions were judged by a different judge.

b. Proposed: Mr E Webster

When a dog has been awarded three Reserve Challenge Certificates these could be upgraded to one Challenge Certificate. However the dog must also have been awarded two Challenge Certificates via the usual route to be awarded the title of Champion / Show Champion. Each of the awards must have been awarded by a different judge, and one of which when the dog was over a year old.

Rationale: Multi Challenge Certificate winning dogs in pursuit of breed records and /or “Top Dog” points are preventing worthy dogs from gaining their titles. This would encourage exhibitors to show these dogs in the hope of making them up which would also help falling entries.

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Presented by: Mr R Greaves

Any Variety (AV) Imported Registered Breeds should be eligible for entry into stakes classes.

Rationale: As the winner of Best AV import is now eligible to compete in group competition these breeds should be able to compete in AV and Stakes classes in line with other breeds.

b. Presented by: Mrs A Moss

Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show at breed club open shows should become Crufts qualifiers.

Rationale: In an attempt to help improve falling entries at breed club open shows.

c. Presented by: Miss F A Snook Challenge Certificate winners to be eligible to compete in match competitions in their own special class. They would not be eligible to compete for Best in Match / Best Puppy in Match.

Rationale: This would boost entries at Matches and also allow judges to gain experience with quality dogs.

d. Presented by: Mr S Bennett

That any dog regardless of age is eligible to gain points towards their Show Certificate of Excellence if competing in an adult class.

Rationale: If a dog wins an award which it would get points for as an adult why can it not claim these as a puppy?

e. Presented by: Mr S Bennett

Regulations to be amended regarding Best in Show (BIS) and Best Puppy in Show (BPIS). It is felt that a Best of Breed (BOB) winner competing in the groups has already beaten all other dogs in that breed regardless of age.

Rationale: A Puppy that wins group one or BIS should not be compete against other puppies for the puppy group or BPIS it should automatically win the group or puppy group.



f. Presented by: Mr S Bennett

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

Rationale: It was thought that decision whether a show was viable should be the responsibility of the show committee.

g. Presented by: Mr S Bennett

Import and Rare Breeds be exempt from regulation F(A)8 at their relevant breed club shows. "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.". **Rationale:** When a society is first registered only Matches and Limit shows can be run. Therefore dogs which have been shown overseas and gained awards equivalent to a Challenge Certificate would be ineligible.

h. Presented by: Mr S Bennett

That the offer of more training be given towards secretaries and show managers. Particularly for those that are new.

Rationale: This will allow new officers to be more informed on Kennel Club processes and procedures.

i. Presented by: Mr S Bennett

That the "Have a go Dog Show" be expanded and where possible be given the opportunity to be conducted at open shows.

Rationale: This would allow more people to be introduced to Dog Showing.

j. Presented by: Mr S Bennett

Non Challenge Certificate (CC) breeds and Any Variety Imported Breed Register dogs be eligible for the Junior Warrant, or similar equivalent, and therefore be able to gain a Stud Book Number. Rare breeds are in-between imported and CC breeds, they feel in limbo, they are able to collect ShCEx points, however points towards JW would give rare breeds the recognition they are requesting, some rare breeds can stay on the rare breed register for a number of years before being awarded championship status.

Rationale: This could increase entries for these breeds as exhibitors would have another award to work towards.

k. Presented by: Mrs F Marshall

At present the onus of whether a judge physically checks an exhibit's dentition lies with the judge.

Rationale: In the interests of health / avoidance of cross contamination might the Kennel Club regulate to give exhibitors the option of asserting that they will present their exhibit to the judge for viewing/checking.

i. Presented by: Mrs F Marshall

The Kennel Club consider supplying a Judge's Badge once a person is approved to judge. This badge would include the judge's unique ID Number or name and should be worn for all judging appointments.

Rationale: To cut down on unnecessary waste by each society providing their own judges badge/rosette.



ITEM 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

An announcement confirming the date of the next meeting will be confirmed in September 2020.

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**