



KCLC BREEDS COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE KENNEL CLUB AT 11AM ON 7 NOVEMBER 2018 – AGENDA

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

ITEM 2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22.11.2017 (MINUTES PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED)

ITEM 3. RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council is requested to note the results of recommendations following its meeting held on 22 November 2017:

a) Export of Greyhounds to Macau

At its meeting held on 22 November 2017, the Council welcomed a statement from the Kennel Club's Public Affairs department which understood that the owners of the Macau Canidrome had confirmed that the track would be closing permanently by July 2018, following an ultimatum issued by the Macau Government earlier this year. The racecourse has now been closed.

b) Judges Competency Framework

At its previous meeting, the Committee noted an update from Mr Collier, representing the English Setter breed, which was one of 14 breeds to take part in the pilot scheme for the Judges Competency Framework (JCF). The Council is requested to note the report on the most recent updates to the Judges Competency Framework. (Annex A refers)

c) Sentience of Animals

At its meeting held on 22 November 2017, the Council voiced concern that various reports appeared to suggest that Members of Parliament, during a vote had rejected the idea that animals were sentient. The Council will receive an update at its next meeting.

ITEM 4. PROPOSALS

a) Proposed: Ms K Jackson, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Representative

As Kennel Club Breeds Liaison Council Officer and on behalf of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Breed Council of Great Britain & Northern Ireland, I would like to propose that the registration fees for puppies from parents that are DNA tested to the minimum recommended for that particular breed, are set at a lower level (e.g. 20% less) than the registration fees for puppies that are from parents that are not tested to the recommended minimum. The differential should be a financial incentive to DNA testing which will give a better impact on all breeds health requirements, outcomes and breeding.

The Breeds Liaison Council noted previously at its meeting held on 22 November 2017, when considering important issues which affect breeders of any and all breeds, It would be a positive step



for Breed Clubs and Councils to be offered the opportunity to state their views and that Clubs and Councils should be proactive in stating their views and proposals when issues arise.

Therefore, I wish to bring to the Council's attention this proposal for discussion and further feedback from all breeds and the Council itself, and to retain the aforementioned item on forthcoming agendas until all further comments are completed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

b) Proposed: Ms L Cook, Hungarian Puli Club of Great Britain

A Judge can only give a dog/bitch 1 CC during that specific dog's show career at any General Championship Show in the U.K; with the exception of Crufts and/or Breed Club Championship Shows.

- To ensure that a specific standard of professional ethics is maintained on the General Championship Show circuit.
- Ensure exhibitors gain a good understanding of the standard of professionalism expected of them when campaigning their show dogs at this level.
- To ensure that CC's are not de-valued in the future and they keep their high status in the UK and overseas showing fraternities.
- To ensure that the CC and Championship Shows are fit for purpose for future years.

c) Proposed: Australian Cattle Dog Society of Great Britain

The Committee would like to propose that the KC Registration Documents be altered to allow space for the Kennel Club/British Veterinary Association Eye Panelists to stamp when they do annual eye certification.

d) Proposed: Southern Newfoundland Club

At the Southern Newfoundland Club's Committee meeting held in January 2018 it was unanimously agreed that the Club write to you to formally recommend that the Kennel Club consider that the spaces next to 'Health Screening – Kennel Club British Veterinary Association Schemes' and 'DNA Tests' on the registration information document should never be left blank. We propose instead to add the wording 'None Recorded', or similar, if there was no test result to show.

This recommendation follows feedback and queries from new owners to the breed, which have made us realise that a blank space next to these headings can mislead them into mistakenly believing that health tests have been carried out.

ITEM 5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ITEM 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next KCLC Breeds Council meeting will be held on **22 May 2019**. Agenda items must be received by **21 February 2019**.



THE KENNEL CLUB'S 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'.

Promote the Kennel Club as the leading national organisation for referral and advice regarding all canine related matters.

Encourage the responsible breeding of pedigree dogs. Encourage responsible ownership of dogs.

Facilitate the breeding of healthy dogs.

Promote the positive benefits of dogs in society.

Promote and regulate canine activities and competitions.

Provide opportunities for education and training through Kennel Club led initiatives.

Invest in canine health and welfare.

Engage with the wider dog owning audience/fraternity.