



**KCLC BREEDS COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON  
4 NOVEMBER 2020 BY MICROSOFT TEAMS AT 11AM**

**AGENDA**

**ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**ITEM 2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2019  
(Minutes previously circulated)**

**ITEM 3. RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council is requested to note the following updates upon its recommendations:

**a) Proposed: Shetland Sheepdog Breed Council**

**The Shetland Sheepdog Breed Council proposed that the Kennel Club reviewed the illustrations on the Kennel Club's Breed Standard website and considered changing the artist's impressions to actual photographs.**

At its meeting held on 22 May 2019, the Council had given consideration to the above proposal and recommended it for approval. The Council is requested to note that on the new website illustrations and photographs will appear on the Breed Standard web pages.

**b) Proposed: Golden Retriever Breed Council**

**The Golden Retriever Breed Council wished to propose that the Kennel Club considers giving recognition to the attainment of a *Show Gundog Working Certificate* by adding 'SGWC' to the dog's name.**

At its meeting held on 24 May 2017, the Council received an update on the above proposal from the Field Trials Committee which did not support its recommendation for SGWC to be added to the dog's name. Mrs Walton, who represented the Golden Retriever Breed Council thanked the Council for its support and expressed disappointment at the decision made by the Field Trials Committee.

The Council is requested to note that the Field Trials Committee has now permitted the use for the letters 'SGWC' to be used after the dog's name on entry forms and in show catalogues.

**ITEM 4. PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE  
ALLOCATION**

The Council is invited to receive a presentation on the proposed Challenge Certificate allocation model for 2024-2028. A general announcement regarding the proposal was issued on 20 October 2020



## **ITEM 5. PROPOSALS**

- a) Proposed: Boxer Breed Council & English Setter Joint Judges Committee  
Presented by: Mr S Collier & Mr T Hutchings

'It is proposed that changes are needed to update / reinvigorate the KCLC Breeds Council to ensure that the council provides an effective channel of communication between Breed Clubs and the Kennel Club on all matters concerning breeds and Kennel Club strategic objectives. There is an apparent apathy from Breed Clubs to use the Breed Council to raise issues / concerns with a perception that it's all too bureaucratic and ineffective.'

Proposal:

- i) To allow specific breed representative / spokesperson attend Council meetings as a "guest" to present detailed complex proposals and support relevant debate on the proposal. This would be at the Council Chairman's discretion and confirmed in writing at least one calendar month prior to the meeting. A representative / spokesperson attending for this purpose will have no vote. The "guest" would also be able to attend the full meeting as an observer.
- ii) For the Kennel Club to undertake a communication campaign to emphasise the role and benefits of the Breeds Council to breed clubs / individuals. Promoting a better understanding of the way in which the Kennel Club functions and encouraging breed clubs / individuals to use the Breeds Council for matters concerning breeds and Kennel Club Strategic Objectives.
- iii) To speed up the process making the Breeds Council more efficient / effective / meaningful.  
The current process is;
- Notice of Council Meetings – 120 days (4 months) prior to meeting date.
  - Receipt of Agenda items – 3 months before the meeting
  - Agendas sent to delegates – 2 months prior to meeting
  - AOB items (chairman's discretion) – 14 days prior to meeting

The current meeting timetable is covered by the P Regulations and was originally introduced when most correspondence was done by letter and mail, which understandably took time to process. However, the timescales lead to lengthy delays and therefore apathy.

Given that today most correspondence is via email / facebook / internet it would be more relevant to consider changing the 'P Regulations' to make the process more meaningful.

The proposed process is;

- Notice of Council Meetings – 3 months prior to meeting date.  
Note: it would help delegates if the meeting notice was also sent to them as well as in the dog press / social media.
- Receipt of Agenda items – 1 month before the meeting
- Agendas sent to delegates – 14 days prior to meeting
- AOB items (chairman's discretion) – 7 days prior to meeting

It is understood that the 'P Regulations' cover all the Kennel Club Liaison Councils and the proposed changes would need to be considered by all six different councils.

- b) Proposed and presented by: Mrs T Jackson



Proposal: that the Kennel Club MyDog records be extended to show all Kennel Club awards achieved by a dog.

Rationale: Currently the MyKC records only show either Junior Warrant awards or Champion Awards they do not record ShCM/Veteran Warrants and potentially ShCEX this is misleading and also fails to provide useful cross check for breed archivists. The Records are listed in the BRS so are notifiable awards, and where a dog has both JW & Champion – only the latter is shown.

- c) Proposed: Cairn Terrier Working Party  
Presented by: Mr M Walshaw, Terrier Delegate

To seek permission to give verbal as well as written critiques for each dog at Breed Club Shows as is the custom at certain overseas shows.

- d) Proposed: Mr T Whitehill  
Presented by: Mr T Whitehill, Toy Delegate

When a DNA Screening Test, (related to the health of a breed) has been added to the Kennel Club DNA Screening Scheme, the test is automatically added to the requirements for inclusion on the Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme.

This will negate the need for a Breed Club/Council to firstly request addition of the test to the KC scheme, await approval and then having to further request addition to the assured breeder scheme.

This will reduce the time taken for the process and reduce the administration of both the Breed Club's and the Kennel Club.

## **ITEM 6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Proposed: Yellow Labrador Club  
Presented by: Mrs S Walton, Gundog Delegate

### **Dogs registered as 'colour not recognised'**

The recent changes to the registration of Labradors by the Kennel Club that are not either black, chocolate or yellow could mean that we may see dogs of a 'colour not recognised' or their offspring being exhibited at shows. It is hoped that judges would not reward such dogs in the show ring, however there remains a possibility that a dog of an unrecognised colour may gain its stud book number. The Club considers that this would be detrimental to the breed, and does not wish to encourage the breeding of 'champagne' or 'silver' Labradors for example.

Similar issues exist in other breeds. Therefore the Council is requested to discuss whether regulations should be introduced in order to prevent dogs which are registered as 'colour not recognised', or which do not visually conform to the breed standard in terms of coat colour and are incorrectly registered as a recognised colour, from being entered at shows.



## **ITEM 7. JUDGES EDUCATION PROGRAMME (BREED SHOWS)**

The Council is requested to note the update to the Judges Education Programme (Breed Shows).  
**(Annex A refers)**

## **ITEM 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

## **ITEM 9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next KCLC Breeds Council meeting will be held on 26 May 2021. Agenda items must be received by 25 February 2021.

### **THE KENNEL CLUB'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE**

**To raise the relevance of the Kennel Club in the eyes of the public at large, dog owners and those who take part in canine events, so as to be better able 'to promote in every way the general improvement of dogs'.**

#### **Notes:**

- 1. The Kennel Club will reimburse standard class return rail fares to all Representatives attending the meeting from their address 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 class rail fares. Although, it is requested that tickets are booked well in advance to take advantage of any reduction in fares.*
- 3. Please give 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 reasonable and externally incurred costs connected with a Council, if agreed in advance. Therefore, Representatives should apply to the Office of the Kennel Club for approval of any costs they might wish to claim prior to the expense being incurred.*