

**MINUTES OF THE KENNEL CLUB BREED LIAISON COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 11:00 AM ON MICROSOFT TEAMS**

PRESENT

Ms C Boggia	Hound
Ms D Britten	Terrier
Ms Jean Collins-Pitman	Gundog
Mr J Horswell	Pastoral
Mrs T Jackson	Pastoral
Ms S Leslie	Terrier
Ms K Moores	Gundog
Mrs C Morgan	Gundog
Mr E Paterson	Utility
Ms J Piper	Working
Miss H Simper	Utility
Miss S Taylor	Pastoral
Ms T Teasdale	Toy/Pastoral
Mrs B Thornley	Pastoral
Mr M Walshaw	Terrier
Ms S Walton	Gundog

IN ATTENDANCE

Miss D Deuchar	Senior Manager Canine Activities
Miss A Morley	Activities Liaison Manager

IN THE CHAIR

Mrs T Jackson

ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Apologies had been received from Mr S Collier, Mr G Davies, Mr K Pursglove, Mr D Roberts, Ms A Summers and Ms E Newton.

**ITEM 2. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD
ON 24 APRIL 2025**

2. It was raised that paragraph 25 in the minutes contained an error and should have stated “had judged CCs” rather than judges CCs.

3. Subject to the above change, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record.

ITEM 3. RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS/MATTERS ARISING

4. A query was raised regarding the creation of the tiered registration system that was previously raised at its meeting in April. However, the office confirmed that there had been no further updates received on this matter.
5. It was noted by the Chair that no suggestions had been made by the Council regarding breed clubs moving Have a Go shows forward.
6. Amendment to the 'Progeny not eligible for registration' endorsement
The Council noted, and had no further comments on the response received and supported by Helen Fox (Chief Partnerships and Canine Wellbeing Officer - executive remit across Registrations Services, Registrations Compliance, Health and Breeder Development and Partnerships), Gary Johnson (Senior Manager Registrations Compliance) and Linda Branwhite (Governance and Legal Executive) with regards to the amendment to the 'Progeny not eligible for registration' endorsement.
7. Matches and Special Events
The Council noted the amendments to the Matches and Special Events regulations, which had been approved by the Shows Executive Committee and subsequently approved by the Board.
8. Special Beginners Eligibility
The Council noted that the Show Executive Committee did not support the proposed amendment to the Special Beginners Eligibility, as it was concerned that it would be discouraging, and difficult to monitor.
9. It was noted by the Council that the matter would be discussed further by the Committee at its December meeting.
10. Judge critique penalties displayed
The Council noted that the Show Executive Committee did not support the proposed amendment as a robust system was already in place, and therefore did not need amending. The matter had also been referred to the Judges Committee, which was in agreement and did not support the proposal.
11. Digitalised Breed Record Supplement

The Council noted that there had been no further development of the digitalised Breed Record Supplement, and that it would still be produced in hard copy.

ITEM 4. PROPOSALS

12. Breed Appreciation Days

Proposed by Ms H Simper on behalf of all five Tibetan Spaniel Clubs

The Council considered a proposal from The Tibetan Spaniel Association, The South Western Tibetan Spaniel Club, The Northern Tibetan Spaniel Club, The Scottish Tibetan Spaniel Club and The South East & East Anglian Tibetan Spaniel Society, which proposed that anyone who had completed a Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) online must have attended a face to face BAD before they could be mentored.

13. The proposal was seconded by Ms Thornley.

14. It was noted that at present a candidate could reach, and begin work, on Level 3 without putting their hands on a Tibetan Spaniel.

15. The Council expressed some concern with the proposal and highlighted that it could then require judges to attend two BADs. There was also concern raised with regards to how the proposal would impact those breeds which were numerically small, and those judges which may have to travel considerable distances should it be implemented.

16. It was raised that face to face BADs ensured that the practical element of going over the dogs had been completed and assessed, however it was agreed that this could be covered during the mentoring of a judge.

17. It was highlighted that there were other requirements before reaching Level 3, not just the BAD, where a certain number of dogs judged were required. Therefore, the judge would have had the experience of going over a dog prior to achieving Level 3.

18. It was agreed that online BADs were very popular for a number of reasons. They would allow people from a variety of locations to attend, including overseas experts which had been helpful for numerically smaller or newer breeds.

19. It was noted that there were several breeds that did not hold online BADs and it was confirmed that it would be up to individual clubs and breeds whether they held these online or face to face.

20. The Council was not in support of the proposal, however it agreed with the suggestion that the mentoring could be developed further to encourage the assessment of the judges going over dogs.
21. Champion Class Review
Proposed by Ms T Concannon. Presented by Mr D Simpson
The Council noted the proposal that Champions were restricted to entering the Champion Class, and could not go on to compete for a CC.
22. Mr Simpson was not present at the meeting to present the proposal, however it was confirmed that the item would be deferred to the new Dog Showing Liaison Council for consideration at its first meeting.
23. Working Class for Border Terriers
Proposed by Ms C Khatchikian-Jrasamuyr. Presented by Ms S Leslie
The Council considered a proposal to introduce a Working Class at Crufts dog show and General Championship shows, for the Border Terrier breed.
24. There was concern raised that the item had not been supported by the breed clubs, and that there had been very low or no entries for a similar class scheduled at some shows.
25. The Council did not support the proposal and as it was not seconded, no further discussion was had on the item.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

26. Breed Appreciation Day Period Extension
Presented by Mr A Gilchrist
The Council considered the discussion item regarding the request for breed clubs to hold a Breed Appreciation Day every four years, instead of every two years. It had also been queried whether there was a limit to the number of clubs that could work together to present a Breed Appreciation Day.
27. The office confirmed that there was not a limit to the number of clubs that could work together to present a Breed Appreciation Day.
28. Mr Gilchrist was not present at the meeting, therefore no further discussion was had on the item.

ITEM 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

29. The Council expressed its thanks to the Chair and all members for their contributions whilst on the Breed Liaison Council.



The meeting closed at 11:40am

MRS T JACKSON
Chairperson