



**MEETING OF THE BREEDS LIAISON COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON
24 APRIL 2025 AT 11.00AM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

AGENDA

ITEM 1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE REMAINING TERM OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is invited to note Committee elections will take place in May 2025.

ITEM 2. TO ELECT ONE MEMBER FOR THE SHOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM OF THE COMMITTEE (2025-2028)

ITEM 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

ITEM 4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2024

The Council is requested to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2024.

(Annex A refers)

ITEM 5. RESULTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS/MATTERS ARISING

a. Undergraduate Criteria

The Show Executive Committee and subsequently the Board approved the following regulation amendment with effect from 1 January 2025:

Regulation F(A) Definitions of Classes at Championship, Open and Limited Shows:

* applies to championship and open shows only

** applies to limited shows only

UNDERGRADUATE

* For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate/CACIB/CAC/Green Star or 3 or more first prizes at championship shows **in Undergraduate, Graduate, Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit or Open Classes whether restricted or not** where Challenge Certificates were offered for the

breed (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).

** For dogs which have not won 3 or more first prizes at open or championship shows **in Undergraduate, Graduate, Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit or Open Classes whether restricted or not** (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).

(Additions in bold, deletions struck through)

(Effective 1 January 2025)

- b. Term of office for Breed Education Coordinators (BECs)
The Show Executive Committee, Judges Committee and subsequently the Board agreed with the suggestion to introduce a three year term of office for BECs, this became effective on 1 January 2025.
- c. Amendment to Show Certificate of Excellence
The Show Executive Committee did not support the proposed amendment to the Show Certificate of Excellence.
- d. Health Test Results on Registration Certificates
An update will be provided at the meeting.
- e. Amendment to the 'Progeny not eligible for registration' endorsement
An update will be provided at the meeting.
- f. Matches and Special Events
The Council is requested to note that due to changes of staff this matter has not been discussed in detail by the Show Executive Committee but is due to be discussed at its next meeting in April 2025. An update will be provided in due course.

ITEM 6. PROPOSALS

- a. Special Beginners Eligibility
Proposed by Mrs T Jackson
At its previous meeting the Breeds Liaison Council had discussed the eligibility for Special Beginners, noting that a similar proposal had been on the agenda for the Shows Liaison Council. The chairs of both liaison councils now wish the Council to discuss the suggested amendment for this class:

For owner, handler or exhibit not having won a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate, or for those breeds not allocated championship status, Best of Sex or Reserve Best of Sex at a championship show. **Owners or handlers who have exhibited or handled a dog at shows over the previous seven consecutive years are not eligible for this class.**

(Insertion in bold)

Rationale

It is noted that one of the main concerns was exhibitors who had been showing for a number of years but had not had particular success to make them ineligible for the class, but they were not deemed to be beginners by their peers. The requirement for consecutive years is to ensure the exhibitor has remained actively attending shows and had not had a large gap between dogs when they may not have been exhibiting.

b. Junior Warrant Points Amendment

Proposed by Mr A Hedges

Mr Hedges suggests the introduction of a half point for attending an open show and taking part, even if the dog was the only entry. Mr Hedges feels that this would mean there would always be a benefit of an exhibitor attending a show. Mr Hedges wishes the council to note that many people travel a long way to find they are the only one in the puppy class and if they do not beat anybody else, they get nothing for their effort.

c. Judge critique penalties displayed

Proposed by the French Bulldog Club of England presented by Mrs J Morgan Ling

The French Bulldog Club of England would like to see any judge failing to produce a critique and being warned or fined having their judging profile marked accordingly. It is believed this would stop repeat offenders.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Communication Platform

Mrs C Morgan

Mrs Morgan would like to discuss alternative options for a communication channel for delegates, such as a closed Facebook group or a WhatsApp group. Mrs Morgan has stated that not many delegates use the existing slack channel.

ITEM 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Please give at least two weeks advance notice of matters to be raised under 'Any Other Business' as this assists the office if research is required. These items are discussed at the discretion of the Chair.

ITEM 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council is invited to note that the next meeting is scheduled for **4 November 2025**. The submission deadline for items for the agenda is **6 August 2025**.

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 STRATEGIC AIMS

- ***Champion the wellbeing of dogs***
- ***Safeguard and enhance the future of pedigree dogs, addressing breed-associated health issues***
- ***Protect the future of dog activities together with our grassroots network***
- ***Become relevant to more dog owners to increase our impact***
- ***Deliver an excellent member experience and widen our community***
- ***Ensure we are financially secure and sustainable***