

SHOW REVIEW GROUP UPDATE

The Show Review Group (SRG) was created by the GCCF Board to review shows in two areas. The first is to review GCCF Show rules/guidelines to help with shows going forward (those that choose to) with covid-19 restrictions. The second area we are looking at is shows in general, as some were starting to face difficulties long before Covid-19 came along.

The SRG consists of Board Members with extensive show experience in many areas including Show Managers, Table Workers, Committee Members, Show Helpers, Judges, Exhibitors & Breeders.

Below is information on the current areas under review by the SRG:-

1. SHOWS WITH COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS

VETTING IN

Rule confirms all exhibits need to be examined by Vet

Potential to exacerbate social distancing rules – relax rule to help SM's (those who choose to run a show) continue to run shows even if social distancing restrictions are implemented.

Availability of vets is questionable given that they may not be insured to practice outside their working environment (i.e. vet at shows) during Covid-19 restrictions.

HAND SANITISER FOR VETS, JUDGES & STEWARDS (INFO FOR SHOW MANAGERS)

Current Veterinary Sub Committee Guidelines recommend Anigene.

Penning Companies contacted and confirmed they use Anigene

Request sent to VAC to confirm Anigene has been tested on effectiveness against Covid 19

Should GCCF be advising shows to use a certain product or should the advice be what sanitisers should and should not contain?

OTHER CONCERNS:-

Cats & Covid-19 (Giving Cats Care Forever?)

Request sent to VAC to investigate the facts/numbers with regards to cats catching Covid-19.

Badly ventilated show halls. Show Teams in hall for 2 days.

Setting up/packing up while having to wear masks.

Judges/Stewards/Vets masks – provide own or SM to provide.

Show Managers being pressured into holding shows when they don't feel comfortable/safe.

Penning companies contacted and have advised that they are able to operate when restrictions are lifted.

INDIVIDUAL SHOW MANAGER/CLUB OPTIONS:-

The following will be venue specific

Layout of pens

Stalls

Public

Miscellaneous Classes

BOB/BOV/BIS

Hotels for Judges

2. FUTURE SHOW DISCUSSION ITEMS

Current Suggestions/Proposals actively being investigated:-

Olympian Scoring – change to a points based system
Amend GCCF Show/Council year to run Jan – Dec
Create yearly points competitions – encourages people to show more
Allow Bronze, Silver & Gold at each Title Level
Reduce Classes in Section 1 at AB Shows – 85%+ classes have no entries at AB shows
Allow Judges to Show in any Section at Shows they are Judging at apart from the section they are actively judging in.
Every Breed Olympian Certificate to count towards title – 5 Breed Oly Certificates = 1 AB Oly Certificate
Remove rule about different judges to sign certificates to gain titles – lack of judges for rule to still be viable – would eliminate counter signatures
Amend 13 Day Rule – remove 13 days after GCCF show
Vetting In – Relax rules to allow a percentage of exhibits to be checked

Other items for discussion

Judges Reports
Vaccination Passport – Human
New Breeds
GCCF system to allow SM's to see which judges have given certificates previously

The SRG welcomes all ideas from any group/club/individual together with an explanation as to how this will help shows going forward. There are a number of outside groups/sources that we are actively communicating with already, and feedback has been very positive. A standardised form for suggestions/proposals has been created and can be emailed upon request. The SRG will give careful consideration to all documentation received. The group will work through to try and identify the facts along with any potential benefits/pitfalls so that more accurate recommendations/proposals can be made at future Delegates meetings.

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