Here are the latest proposals discussed by the show structure review group which we would welcome feedback on. As mentioned previously, we are working towards publishing a comprehensive questionnaire shortly concerning all aspects of showing to get feedback about what you the exhibitors want.

Show Structure Review Group – Proposals for consideration

Exhibits should be allowed to move up to a higher title class, if qualified to do so, after a Show’s official closing date but only up to any published extended closing date.

Entries may be substituted but not withdrawn up to the published extended closing date.

Show managers may invite Judges to officiate at their show as and when appropriate.

Show managers may publish their Schedule as soon as it is ready if they so wish.

Best of Variety and Best in Show results for Adult/Kitten and Neuter will be recorded (preferably on a results slip) and posted on the Awards Board as soon as is feasible.

The Overall Best in Show winner will receive a certificate for the Title it is working towards. If the exhibit has achieved that title on the day of the show the certificate will be for the next award up but excluding Olympian.

The certificate awarded to the Best in Show winner will be signed by the Best in Show judge however the certificate will not count if the Best in Show judge has already awarded a certificate to the exhibit on that day. The only exception would be if the exhibit has been “made up” and the certificate would be awarded for the next level of attainment. No countersignatures will be allowed.

The Household Pet section will follow the same ruling as above with the Overall Best Household Pet being chosen from the Best Pedigree Pet and Best Household Pet. The number of certificates required for an Olympian should remain the same – five certificates at each level – In order to obtain Gold Level, certificates must have been awarded by at least eight different judges.

Judges:

Judges must write up all exhibits in their Title/Breed classes (A/K/N) however reports on exhibits unplaced maybe briefer. Reports on Miscellaneous and Club classes remain at the Judge’s discretion. It is hoped that Show Managers will bear this in mind when organising a Judge’s loadings.

A judge asked to undertake Best in Show (at an All Breed Show) must be qualified to judge the Olympian class or a minimum of two Imperial classes.