

## JASRG Council Report 17 July 2021

The group has met four times since the last Council meeting - as we are using Zoom to facilitate meetings it was agreed that no meeting would be longer than 2 hours.

To date we have:

- Reviewed and finalised the groups Terms of Reference which have been passed by the Board and are available to view on the GCCF webpage under review groups which can be found within the drop-down menu for shows. Minutes of the meetings can also be found there.
- Reviewed and finalised the wording of the proposal that is on today's agenda
- Reviewed all the work and decisions made by the group prior to March 2020 lock down
- Agreed that training by grand group rather than individual breed is a possible way forward to improve the training of judges both new and judges looking to train in additional breeds
- Agreed to instigate trialling this approach, using the method recommended within the JAS for Joint BAC's, with BACs willing to participate asap. This action will be led by Peter Collin and Hilary Dean,

In future meetings this summer we intend to:

- Consult with BAC's for further feedback on the current training system - what they see are its strengths and weaknesses (prior to lockdown the group consulted judges for their thoughts in this area and that valuable input will be revisited)
- Consider the actual processes a PJ currently has to undertake during their training and look to ways in which these can be improved but also accommodate a multi-breed approach.
- Look at, in consultation with the IT group and BACs into the viability of introducing an open book, multichoice online assessment.

Questions from JH prior to and answers reiterated at meeting:

*1: Part of the original remit was to increase the number of judges for GCCF, to date I have not yet seen any plans to increase numbers only rewards for those at the top end.*

No one person or group can influence a person to decide to train for any of the roles within the show scene albeit as a SM or judge. We are well aware that the system needs updating making it more efficient and moving towards training for a group/section of breeds is, in my opinion the way forward. However, changing this has a knock on effect on the "how" training is undertaken while still ensuring the stringency expected of GCCF judge training and it is these elements that we are now starting to examine and develop.

The AJS was always seen as a means of removing the ambiguous situation of Judges being able to award high certificates to breed's they were unable to award the lowest certificate - CC's. Yes, it can be seen as rewarding those already in the system but it will, create a "level playing field" for all judges regardless of whether they are new to the role or seeking additional breeds, therefore it surely will help us in moving forward into what is likely to be a major change in how we train judges for the future.

*2: Can they advise which show managers are likely to give PJ's classes when they will probably have a Full judge at the show able to do the class, this is more likely to squeeze out new potential judges not encourage.*

I think the second point is for the show review group - the JAS has no jurisdiction/influence over show managers however it maybe that the SRG could look at considering a slight addition to the

"rules" so that they are obliged to use a certain % of "baby" judges - who in, all fairness, will be a lot more attractive to SM if we go down the Grand Group approach.

*3: What BACs have agreed to participate in trialling working within the Grand Group format? PW*

Unable to answer that question as we are still at the stage of requesting and confirming BAC's participation however, I believe that, in the first instance, it is likely to be BACs PC/HD are currently involved in.

*4: Would other interested BACs be approached? PW*

I see no reason why that should not be possible.