

SHOW REVIEW GROUP – COUNCIL REPORT – 6TH NOVEMBER 2021.

Current Suggestions under Discussion

Cats & Covid-19:

The SRG liaised with the VAC regarding cats and implications for shows and cats in light of Covid-19.

SRG agreed that Exhibitors should be informed of the facts, via the GCCF webpage, so that they can make their own informed decisions.

Vetting in Rules:

This has been presented to the Board for comment/amendments and is an item on today's agenda.

Show Manager's Identified Concerns:

The concerns are many and varied ranging from the degree of responsibility expected to keep everyone safe by following any guidelines (Governmental/Venue) in place at the time of a show through to all/or any extra expenses incurred. E.G. toilet attendant to ensure all clean after every use, increased prices for essentials such as penning/vets

Therefore, the SRG are carefully gathering information and examining the impact of Covid on shows now that they have started to take place.

Ensuring the use of an appropriate sanitiser agreed and instigated:

The SRG identified that the current sanitiser recommended by GCCF and used by penning companies was no longer appropriate. New disinfectant known to be effective against Covid agreed in consultation with VAC (Safe4disinfectant).

SRG believed it was unfair for shows/penning companies to foot the bill for the new dispensers needed for Safe4disinfectant and recommended to the Board that the GCCF should pay for the new dispensers/sanitiser and distribute to penning companies.

This has been agreed with GCCF Board, implemented and distributed to penning companies prior to the first shows taking place.

Show Discussions - General

Suggestions generated by or received by SRG:-

- Fees payable to GCCF to run shows
- Amalgamate/Reduce No of Breed Classes in AB Shows
- Allow 2 Certs to be signed by same judge – Champion/Premier Level Only
- Amend 13 Day Rule – to remove 13 days **after** GCCF show
- Miscellaneous classes
- Yearly competitions
- New Breeds
- Table Judging
- Allow Judges to Show at Shows they are Judging but NOT in the section/s they are actively judging in.
- Every Breed Olympian Certificate to count towards title – 5 Breed Oly Certificates = 1 AB Oly Certificate
- Olympian Class split into Bronze, Silver & Gold
- Allow Bronze, Silver & Gold at each Title Level

Discussions around these suggestions are ongoing

Fees payable to GCCF to run shows:

Are these still viable/relevant?

Amalgamate/Reduce number of Breed Classes at All Breed shows:

Original proposal was only section 1. Although no official proposals to review other sections had been received, it was felt that ALL Sections should be reviewed. Data was collected from 42 All Breed shows for ALL Breed classes in ALL sections for 2018 & 2019

The SRG have sent a letter to all BAC's regarding the possibility of looking at reducing the number of breed classes at All Breed shows by amalgamating breed classes.

SRG will consider any further actions when all BAC responses have been received.

Allow 2 Certificates to be signed by same Judge, Champion/Premier Level Only:

Although the Original proposal was for all titles. The SRG agreed after consulting many SM's, Judges, Exhibitors that the proposal should be amended to Champion/Premier Level only.

Further discussion is intended

13 Day Rule – Remove 13 days After a GCCF Show Rule:

Some exhibitors have stated that they did not enter certain GCCF shows and entered other registries show the week after instead. Removing 13 days **After** from the rule would not allow any exhibits to show less than 13 days Before a GCCF show.

Further discussion and consultation with VC required

Allow Judges to show at shows they are contracted to judge at but not within any section they are actively judging in:

SRG found no evidence that this would increase entry numbers. There is also the potential for the Judges exhibit to be rejected at vetting in and then no longer be able to judge at the show.

Currently no further action is being considered by the SRG

Olympian Certs at Breed/Specialist Shows (5 Breed Olys + 1 All Breed Oly)

Similar proposal was rejected by a large majority at the July Council 2021 meeting.

SRG agreed not to recommend or put forward a further proposal along these lines to Council

Olympian Class Split – Bronze, Silver & Gold:

A request has been made for the Olympian class to be split into 3 classes. Most responses to this proposal have advised they believe this would cheapen, lower the standard, be demeaning to people who have already gained titles, cut competition, speed up ability to gain title meaning less show entries, could potentially lose exhibitors, increase shows costs with extra rosettes & judges.

SRG agreed not to recommend or take this proposal any further.

Bronze, Silver, Gold at Each Title Level:

It was felt that the SCC proposal, approved at the July 2021 Council meeting, which allows cats to continue to be shown without being forced to compete for higher titles, negated the need for this suggestion to be considered further.

The SRG agreed not to recommend or take this proposal any further.

Competitions – Yearly competitions:

Previously held competitions (National/Crystal Clear & Royal Canin) reviewed and further data gathering to be undertaken. SRG supports yearly competitions, they would be a positive addition if done correctly.

SRG agreed that GCCF Partners/Sponsors should be contacted to discuss the potential of sponsoring any yearly competitions.

Miscellaneous Classes:

It had been noted that there was a lot of discussion on social media about changing/reducing miscellaneous classes. The SRG have confirmed that this is already at the discretion of the SM's/Club's – they are free to offer what their exhibitors like.

It must be stressed that miscellaneous classes are ***not mandatory***, exhibitors do not have to enter these classes.

New Breeds:

The group is currently ascertaining which breeds we currently do not recognise and that, should they pass the GCCF stringent rules surrounding “wild” cat genes and/or health issues, may be accepted for registration.

Table Judging:

Discussions are ongoing and we would be interested in any feedback from clubs that may have or will be looking to use this format at shows.

Other suggestions discussed:

PJ's officiating at Shows:

It was acknowledged that it can be difficult for SM's to invite single breed PJ's due to cost. This expense is dependent on area and total expenses incurred (travel/hotel). However, it was also acknowledged that if GCCF moved towards training by Grand/Imperial groups PJs' should find it easier to gain invitations.

Further discussions in conjunction with the JASRG are ongoing.

Anonymity:

SRG discussed removing any rules regarding anonymity. It was felt that SM's/Club's should have more options on how to set up their shows (standard pen judging, table judging, allowing exhibitors to take exhibits for table judging)

Further discussion required.

Show Management Training:

Discussion held regarding the current training required to achieve SM qualification. The Group unanimously agreed that the current process to qualify as a SM is seriously outdated and needs urgent review.

Show Management Information:

It was felt that the current website page for SM's is not fit for purpose. Information is outdated/wrong and currently in no particular order which is unhelpful and makes it difficult for people to find relevant information/rules and easy for people to miss important information/rules.

The SRG has carefully studied the current Show Managers and Judges lists and it is very evident that the information contained within this list is considerably out of date and needs to be updated as soon as possible.

Judges have already been contacted, via a specific survey which garnered a significant response, for input and it is intended to contact Show Managers for input within all areas of show management within the next few weeks.

It is hoped that these will not only help gauge opinions but also allow us to update all relevant contact details.

SRG agreed that a review of all the currently available paperwork, including all items within the Show Managers "pack," that is meant to contain relevant information/rules/advice, was required as a matter of urgency.

Show Manager Fines/official warnings:

Initial discussions are ongoing as to the relevance of these.

GCCF support for SM's

There was a general feeling of an overall lack of support from GCCF for the essential role that SM's play within the GCCF show structure.

Further suggestions for future consideration by the group:

GCCF to pay for adverts placed in catalogues
GCCF system to allow SM's to see which judges have given certificates previously
Remove 3mth/100 mile guideline
Remove SM Pack on website as outdated
Show info/ads to be sent out with transfer/registration documents
GCCF to improve on its support and backing of Show Managers.
Allow for All SM's to be able to input results of their shows

Judges Survey

The judges survey requested by SM's was a great success.

- 105 judges responded to the survey.
- 99% happy to adhere to regulations (mask wearing)
- 87% happy to judge from January (2 of these happy to judge now)
- 11% of judges happy to judge from January will only judge at Breed/Specialist shows
- 13% would judge from spring at the earliest
- 84% of these happy to stay at hotel,
- 16% no hotel

- **4% have retired**