

Dr Julia Craig-McFeely, standing for Disciplinary Committee.

I have bred under the GCCF prefix Rameses for 33 years, and am a full judge and PJ of breeds in Section 5. For the last few years I have been chairman of DC, and have sought to improve and modernise our procedures, as well as tidying up loose ends in the GCCF rules and byelaws. During this time DC has moved all meetings to the online medium, since this makes it easier for everyone concerned to attend (even those not familiar with computers can find someone to help them go online). Online meetings also allow us to hear cases much sooner than previously, when we had to wait for a group of cases to be ready before convening a meeting in London (with all the costs that entailed). I have revised the guidelines for DC members and also established a tighter Code of Conduct with the help of the committee, to ensure DC members are absolutely clear about the requirements of this committee. I believe that impartiality is essential, but this can be difficult when so many people in the Cat Fancy know each other, so I feel that ideally members of DC should be those who are less well-known in the Cat Fancy. I am committed to ensuring there is a fair hearing for everyone, and also to finding ways for our response to support those who need support and respond appropriately to those whose actions harm animals and bring the GCCF into disrepute. I hope that I will be re-elected to this committee for a further term.