

What the new Kennel Club Judges Competency Framework means to me

As most of you already know the system for educating judges in the UK is changing from 1st January 2019. The new system is called the Judges Competency Framework (JCF). Some of the new judging systems and processes are either now in place to support the JCF or will be coming into place between now and 31st December 2021.

In my new role as Breed Education Co-ordinator, over the next few weeks I will be writing to all Gordon Setter Judges on the Breed Council's B and C lists to explain what you need to do if you wish to continue judging under the new Kennel Club system. This is a summary.

You will need to have a judge's license issued by the Kennel Club. This will cost 26 pounds per year (or 10 pounds per year for judges who already award CCs to one breed only and do not wish to judge any other breed at any level.)

If you are already on a breed club list it is likely that you might be able to register as both a JCF Level 1 and / or Level 2 judge with your existing of the judge's education. If there is anything you are missing you will have time to achieve it before applying for the new JCF levels.

JCF Level 1 requirements: (not breed specific)

- 5 years proven interest in any aspects of the pedigree dog world
- 6 full days of stewarding
- Completed KC Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam within last 5 years
- Completed KC Points of the Dog Assessment (also known as 50 points of the Dog)
- Attended a KC Conformation and Movement Seminar
- Completed a KC Academy online Critique Writing seminar and multiple choice exam

JCF Level 2 requirements: (breed specific)

- Attendance at either a breed seminar with exam pass or the new Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) held by a Breed Club
- A pass for a multiple choice exam based on the Breed Standard organized by a Breed Club or as part of the new JCF BAD
- Requirements of a Dog Show Judge exam pass within last 5 years

If you meet the above criteria and are ready to start the mentoring process for the next level you should contact me and I will get the ball rolling.

If you are already close to meeting the current A3 list criteria then the A2 process will probably be better for you. Details of the A2 process can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/jcf

There are also many talks about the new JCF going on throughout the country, details of which are also on this link, where you will be able to address any queries you might have.