

**BREED EDUCATION COORDINATORS DAY – 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**  
**Rough Collie Breed Education Coordinator – Mrs Carole Smedley**  
**Smooth Collie Breed Education Coordinator – Mrs Cathy Howard**

On Sunday 15th July 2018, we both attended the first Breed Education Coordinator's Meeting at the Kennel Club Building in Stoneleigh. It was a very well prepared and informative day, and there was 150 of the 180 'BEC's' (Breed Education Coordinator's) present on the day, there are in fact only 3 Breeds across all breeds that have yet to appoint their BEC.

Each BEC has been given a USB with information and also containing a 'workbook' as we will be required to keep up to date information of ALL Judges from those who are just starting out at entry level through to Level 3 and there is also a contact list for all Judges/Mentors/Observers that will need completion by every BEC. All BEC's will have to submit an Annual Report from 2020 onward to the Kennel Club which will contain information on BAD/MCE days, the 2 supported General Open Shows and information on Judges progression, in the meantime, a list of proposed Mentors and Observers needs to be submitted to the Kennel Club and once this has been submitted, Judges can then ask to be Mentored. There will be no Observations until 2022 as anyone following the new JCF route will be required to have had 3 Mentor sessions (Mentoring sessions by 3 different Mentors within a minimum period of 1 calendar year – See KC Code of Best Practise) before they can be observed whilst Judging

Anyone who is following the route of A2 List should have had their A2 Application submitted by the Club by the end of December 2021.

**All Breed Clubs will be required to perform a BAD/MCE day at least once every 2 years.** For those multi breed clubs it is envisaged as a BAD.MCE day should only take up a morning or afternoon session that to keep costs down – Clubs join forces for the day.

There will be a bank of questions and answers for the MCE of which will be forwarded to the Kennel Club and from those 50 questions/answers, the MCE can be produced using either 20 or 25 questions/answers from the banked list each time changing and mixing up the questions/answers. These Q&A will be produced by your appointed BEC and associated Clubs where they have been used prior to the introduction of the JCF

There is no financial assistance from the Kennel Club for any BAD/MCE days or for expenses for Mentors and Observers when attending Shows to Mentor or Observe Judges, so the Club will have to set a pre-set limit to what they feel is appropriate if expenses are required, hopefully, Mentors/Observers would be attending such shows they have been asked to perform their task at so will not require expenses..

### **Transition period**

The JCF will **formally start in January 2019** on a phased basis, and run alongside the current system for a three-year transition period, and be **fully operational from January 2022**. It is anticipated that the new IT system will be in place by the end of 2019. The education will be supported by the network of Breed Education Coordinators who will help facilitate learning.

All judges will be required to remain up to date with their general dog show knowledge by taking the mandatory online 'Requirements of a Dog Show Judge' exam every five years to remain active. There is no time limit on how long a BEC can stay in position (ie having to be elected yearly etc) it is an ongoing appointment.

Breed clubs will remain responsible for providing breed-specific education, and the JCF will also require judges to undergo mentoring and ringside observation. Breed clubs will be required to support this activity and to work with the Kennel Club to facilitate organising Breed Competence Assessments.

**The Kennel Club are emphasising that anyone that is either currently B List or A3 List and very close to being able to progress to A2, that ALL Breed Clubs are encouraged to put through these Judges on the current A2 route by submitting A2 applications prior to 31st December 2021 as otherwise if they remain on B List or A3 at 31st December 2021, they will have to transition over as either Level 2 or Level 3 with the further training that goes with it, which could delay KC Approvals and will set these particular Judges back.**

The whole point of the new JCF is as follows:-

The JCF requires judges to progress in a logical way, learning the basics, attending Breed Appreciation Days, being mentored, then observed judging, and finally taking a Breed Competence Assessment.

The JCF starts at entry level, before a person steps into the ring for their very first appointment, and goes all the way through to the rare position of an all-breeds judge – seven levels in all. Judges can remain at any one of the levels if they so wish and can also be at different levels dependent on their knowledge and experience of a range of different breeds at any given time. Progression through the levels is at the judge's discretion. Everyone learns at different speeds.

The proposals include additional mandatory seminars. There is a new Critique Writing Seminar online via the Kennel Club Academy. This needs only be passed once. Those who are already existing CC judges will be exempt from this requirement, but with a strong recommendation that this is undertaken

**JCF Level progression can be found at <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/training/judges-education/breed-show-judges-training/judges-competency-framework>**

## **Mentoring**

The Judges whom are approved for Mentoring will be able to Mentor Judges at the following which can be either

1. **GROUP MENTORING** - With no more than 3 candidate Judges to 1 Mentor and this route can only be used ONCE
2. **ONE TO ONE MENTORING** - Can be the 3 Mentoring sessions required BUT has to be **3 different MENTORS** (so, each occasion would be a different Mentor)
3. **SPECIAL AWARD CLASSES** - whereby the Judge is Mentored and openly discuss their Judging in an Open and Friendly, constructive manner.
4. **STUDENT JUDGES** - Whereby the **MENTOR** is Judging and the **MENTEE** is observing, again in an Open and Friendly, constructive manner. If any Dogs are gone over by the Mentee during the transition period (2019 - 2022) these dogs will NOT count towards numbers of dogs handled (ie if wishing to follow the A2 route).

**MENTORS** should be well established owner/breeder/exhibitor (current or past) that are able to discuss with the **MENTEE** the merits and demerits according to **BREED STANDARD** and not to preferred '**TYPE**'. All Mentees will have a questionnaire to submit after their Mentoring Session on how they felt their Mentoring Session went. There will be a form for the Mentor to return to the BEC and the KC on the outcome of the Mentoring Session. It is extremely important that anyone that is appointed as a Mentor is able to discuss

openly and constructively in a manner whereby it is a two way conversation with the Mentee. Mentees will be informed on the day by the Mentor if they have passed that particular session and areas of improvement if required will be discussed openly with the Mentee, everything will be transparent. To date, the Pilot Schemes have been performing Mentoring Sessions and they have all been very successful, regardless of outcome for Mentee. Mentors will be given soft training guidelines to help them in their role going forward. Mentors can be current or, past Judges and do not have to have passed any exams (ie if they were awarding CC's before exams came in to play) and likewise if retired, would not have to sit the RDSJ every 5 years either.

**OBSERVATION** - This is required ONCE and must be at Level 3 to be observed at either a Breed Club Show, Club Supported Show, Championship Show with no CC's on offer for the Breed. General Open Shows can have Observation performed BUT only if it is a very good entry. An Observer CANNOT perform Observation on any candidate that they have previously Mentored. The Observer will be required to attend the show early along with the Judge to discuss together prior to the commencement of Judging which will also include the Observer to ask the Candidate to write a detailed critique on 1st and 2nd dog from specific classes of dogs judged. This is again, not a confidential exercise but an open exercise, Clubs will be required to provide an area where the Observer and Candidate can discuss quietly without being interrupted and if anyone does approach the Observer during this they must be able to politely tell said person to 'go away'. A returns form will be submitted to the JCF account and one to the BEC - Observers do not keep a copy.

An Observer can be **ANY LEVEL 4 JUDGE** who has previously given CC's in the Breed (does not have to be minimum of 4 times now) and can also be retired CC Judges.

**BREED CLUBS** will need to set their own 'meaningful entry number' which is in perspective to the Breed, ie a Breed with a large amount of dogs registered and shown should be higher amount than the rare vulnerable breeds.

**BREED COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT** - **To be held by Kennel Club ONLY**

Breed Clubs are required to assist with the Breed Competence Assessments which will be required by all Level 3 Judges to be taken to progress to Level 4 under the new JCF. Clubs will be required to provide 5 suitable dogs with ages ranging from Junior to Veteran, with dogs that are of good quality and dogs that are not quite so good or pet quality within this range. Breed Clubs will also be required to provide suitable Breed Specialist Judges (the KC will provide All Rounders Judges) as Breed Assessors. There will be a maximum of 10 candidates at any one Breed Competence Assessment. This will not be immediate as Judges will have to have progressed to this stage by the above methods. After 2 years being a Level 3 Judge, there will be an automatic alert to advise the Kennel Club that the Judge needs to go forward for the Breed Competence Assessment. All Breed Competence Assessments will be held at the Kennel Club Building in Stoneleigh (there may be a reciprocal agreement with the Scottish Kennel Club for Judges that reside in Scotland).

**From January 2022, ALL Judges will be required to have a Licence to Judge and this will be at a cost of £26.00 for more than one breed and £10.00 for one Breed only, this is for ANY Judging appointment, so if you are a Breed Specialist in only one Breed, ie Smooth**

**Collie and are asked at an Open Show to Judge Smooth Collies and Rough Collies, to accept this appointment you would have to pay £26.00 per year and not the £10.00 per year. The £10.00 per year fee is ONLY if you wish to Judge your own Breed excluding all other Judging.**

From January 2024, All existing CC Judges will be require to take the RDSJ exam every 5 years. If you have been invited to award CC's in a new breed, you have to take the RDSJ prior to the Judging appointment. A RDSJ will be available to renew "on-Line" BUT only if you have taken the original with an approved KC Trainer.

Lastly, there is now a published list of ALL BEC's that has been added to the Kennel Club Website. If any Judge wishes to Judge other breeds, they will need to follow the Levels as shown above.

**Carole Smedley & Cathy Howard on behalf of the Collie Breeds, Rough and Smooth**