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BER letter to A3 List Judges

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Dear Judge

GOLDEN RETRIEVER 'A3' JUDGING LISTS

I am writing to you, as the Breed Education Representative (BER) for Golden Retrievers because you are on this Breed Club's 'A3' judging lists.

The system for educating judges in the UK is changing as from 1 January 2019. The new system is called the **Judges Competency Framework (JCF)**.

In the present judging system we have C, B, A3, A2 and A1 judging lists, and these will be replaced by Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 listings. More details can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/jcf.

Some of the new judging systems and processes are either now in place to support the JCF (including the role of the BER) or will be coming into place between now and 31 December 2021. This **'transition period'** is where the Kennel Club and Breed Clubs start the process of changing over the way they carry out Judges' education: the present education and approval system will end on 31 December 2021 and the JCF will fully replace it on 1 January 2022.

What this might mean to you as a judge

If you wish to carry on judging when the new system starts, you will need to have a judges license as part of the JCF system. This will cost £26 per year (£10 per year for Judges who currently award CCs to one breed only; and do not wish to judge any other breeds at any level).

This license fee will also give you access to the KC Academy so that throughout your judging career you can keep up to date with any judging information and also complete many of the free and valuable online judges' education courses available. The 'Requirements of a Dog Show Judge' multiple-choice exam will also be made available online through the Academy; and this needs to be completed by all Judges every 5 years,

Your own personal information, will be input by the KC in the first instance if you are already a Judge who awards CCs (Level4); and then by you for any other breeds you wish to judge. This online system will be available to you during the second half of 2019. Information about a person's judging levels will feed into the **'Find a Judge'** website which will make it easier for societies to be able to choose a wide variety of judges for their shows.

What you might want to do to make sure you are ready for JCF

As you are currently on a Breed Club A3 List, you may be able to register as a JCF Level 3 Judge with your existing evidence of the judge's education. If there is anything that you are missing, you will no doubt have time to achieve it before applying for the new JCF levels.

What is JCF Level 3; and the requirements for me?

Firstly, please note that if you are presently on an A3 list for a breed and will have awarded CCs in the breed before 31 December 2021, then you will transition to JCF Level 4 once the appointment has been completed.

If you are still on the A3 list by 31 December 2021, then you will transition to JCF Level 3 provided you meet all the KC requirements. To progress to JCF Level 4 (awarding CCs) you will only need to take and pass a Breed Competence Assessment for Golden Retrievers organized by the KC.

Alternatively, it may be that you might be able to proceed from the present judging system's A3 List to the A2 List before 31 December 2021. If your application is successful, you would transition to JCF Level 4. More information about the A2 process is available at:

www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/577402/jd31_a2_judges_list_procedure_4.pdf

The Kennel Club is encouraging judges and breed clubs to make use of the A2 process.

Where can I find out more information about the JCF?

You can find out more about this and much more by visiting www.thekennelclub.org.uk/jcf, or by speaking to myself as BER. There are also many talks about the new JCF system 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.

Yours sincerely

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FOR GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

The Breed Education Coordinator (BEC) is Christine Morrell (christine@crowshott.co.uk); and each Golden Retriever Club has its own Breed Education Representative (BER) with delegated responsibilities to arrange seminars and mentoring sessions etc in the local area.