



NEWS RELEASE

ESTABLISHED SINGLE BREED CC JUDGES TO BE LICENSED FOR FREE

- **Must have been approved to award CCs by 1 July 2019**
- **Must apply for licence within 18-month window (ends 31 December 2020)**
- **Eligible to judge additional breeds at JCF Level 1 (open show level)**

Under newly-approved changes to the Judges Competency Framework (JCF), which begins in 2019, the Kennel Club has announced that there will be no licence fee for single breed judges approved to award Challenge Certificates by 1 July 2019.

In order to qualify for a free licence and maintain it, judges must not aspire to award CCs in an additional breed.

These changes have come about as a result of a review of the JCF carried out by the Judges Committee following feedback, including comments received at the Kennel Club SGM in November.

Such judges will be exempt from paying a fee provided they apply for their licence between the latter half of 2019, when the JCF online system goes live, and the end of 2020. After this period, the option of a free licence will no longer be available and all single breed CC judges will be charged £10 annually for the duration of their judging career.

The previously announced £26 annual licence fee will apply to judges who award CCs in more than one breed, including those who judge a breed with more than one variety (eg Dachshunds and Poodles). This charge also applies to any licensed judge who judges more than one breed at JCF Level 2 or above (entitled to judge more than 3 (4) classes at open shows), including single breed CC judges who aspire to judge a further breed at CC level.

It has also been announced this week that all licensed single breed CC judges will be entitled under the JCF to judge up to 3 (4) classes of an additional breed or breeds at open show level (JCF Level 1). There is no change to plans to allow these judges to continue to be able to judge BIS, groups and AV classes at such shows.

Recently-approved changes to the JCF also include additional arrangements for existing judges during the Framework's transition period which ends on 1 January 2022. A further announcement will be made in due course.

Caroline Kisko, Kennel Club Secretary, said: "In making this announcement, the Kennel Club is responding to feedback from established judges, including those at the recent SGM, and hopes that this latest development will go some way to showing that the Kennel Club acknowledges the important contribution made by breed specialist judges approved under the traditional system. We would urge any judge who is eligible for a free licence to register as soon as they are able in the latter half of 2019 in order that they do not miss out on this opportunity."

JCF FEE STRUCTURE

LICENCE FEE	WHO QUALIFIES?	ENTITLED TO JUDGE
Free of charge	Single breed CC judges who do not aspire to judge further breeds at CC level. Must have been approved to award CCs by 1 July 2019 and must apply for their judge's licence by 31 December 2020.	Entitled to award CCs in one breed, as well as judge 3 classes of an additional breed or breeds (4 if a puppy class is scheduled) at open shows where they are also entitled to judge BIS, groups and AV classes.
£10 annually	Single breed CC judges who do not aspire to judge further breeds at CC level and who do not qualify for a free licence.	As above.
£26 annually	For judges who judge more than one breed at any JCF level or those judges progressing through the JCF system but have not yet met JCF Level 4 requirements.	Entitled to judge any breed for which they are registered at appropriate JCF level. This includes CC judges of breeds with varieties, eg Dachshunds and Poodles.

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