

Border Terrier 'A3' Judging Lists

Information from the Breed Education Co-ordinator (BEC) for Border Terriers, for judges who are on one of the 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 BEC) 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 so that the present education and approval system ends on 31 December 2021 and the JCF fully replaces 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 who only want to judge one breed, free for those judges who are passed to award CCs before 1st July 2019).

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, and then by you for any other breeds you wish to judge. This 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 an 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 the KC organised Breed Competence Assessment for the breed.

Alternatively, it may be that you might be able to proceed from the present judging system A3 list to A2 list before 31 December 2021. If your application is successful, you would also 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 BEC or your breed clubs. 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.

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