

## **What is the function of a Breed Council for any Breed ?**

### d. Formation of Breed Councils by Registered Breed Societies

(1) The General Committee will consider an application to form a Breed Council from **the majority of the registered Breed Societies for a particular breed or variety of breed.** The Societies forming the Council shall decide whether the representation on the Council shall be in proportion to the number of Societies. In the event of a dispute regarding majority, the General Committee shall be the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations and the Constitution of a Council.

(2) A Council shall submit its Constitution or any alteration thereto for the approval of the General Committee and the Constitution shall not be altered without the prior agreement of the majority of the constituent members of the Council. The Constitution of each Council shall define the method of voting. A **Breed Council shall not have any executive powers as regards the affairs of its constituent Societies. A Council must also compile, annually, lists of persons who would be supported when judging at differing types of Shows, in accordance with Regulation C4.d.(v) Breed Council Judges Lists.**

### PART III C 3.37

(3) A Breed Council may, inter alia:

(a) Make recommendations to the General Committee as regards the Kennel Club Standard of the Breed.

(b) Make recommendations to the General Committee regarding applications to register new Breed Societies.

(c) Consider any matter referred to the Council by the General Committee.

(4) A Council shall make Regulations for the payment of subscriptions or contributions by its constituent members and the method of election of Officers.

(5) The General Committee shall have power to dissolve a Breed Council by giving notice to the Secretary of the Council or the Secretaries of the constituent Societies.

(6) A Breed Council is a consultative body and shall not have executive powers.

(7) A Breed Council shall not be eligible to hold any form of Kennel Club Licensed event.

e. As a condition of registration a breed society must adopt the Kennel Club Code of Ethics (as amended from time to time) in addition to the Rules set out in C3 below. The Code of Ethics may not be altered by a Society except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter the Code. Such alteration shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and given its approval of the alterations.

f. In making any application under the Regulations a Society or Organisation (including its Officers and its Committee Members) expressly agrees to submit to and be bound by the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in force at the date of application or as may be amended from time to time in relation to all canine matters . [this information can be found in the Red Book KC rules 3.35 C](#)

KENNEL CLUB REGULATIONS FOR THE  
REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TITLE  
OF SOCIETIES, BRANCHES AND BREED COUNCILS  
AND THE AFFILIATION OF AGRICULTURAL  
SOCIETIES AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

As at 1st July 2011

# The Bulldog Breed Council

## Our History

A number of Bulldog clubs decided to form a Breed Council in the 1970's but after a period of a few years it was unable to continue and was disbanded. In 1992 the Kennel Club was actively encouraging clubs to form a Breed Council and in 1993 with most of the clubs participating, the Bulldog Breed Council was formed and has been active ever since.

The Breed Council is comprised today of 17 Bulldog Clubs in the United Kingdom , registered with the Kennel Club. The Objectives of the Breed Council is to promote the Bulldog of the true type and liaise with the Kennel Club on all aspects of the health and well being of the breed.

The Council meets every four months and is attended by these officials (Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer) one voting delegate plus one other representative from each constituent member club. In addition, the Kennel Club Breed Liaison Officer, the BUBA representative, sub-committee members and Canine Press Breed Note writers also attend all the meetings as 'observers'.

'Observers' are welcome to attend council AGM meetings, however they may only participate in discussion at the Chairman's discretion or by Council's request, but without voting rights.

Membership of the Bulldog Breed Council is open to all Bulldog Club's and Societies registered with the Kennel Club.

## Myths exploded ....

Every member breed club may send two delegates to the meeting one is the elected delegate to vote for the club the other member has observation and minute taking rights .Clubs should advise the secretary of who each clubs delegate is in advance of the meeting, this is also important for continuity and clarity.

The Officers roles and Breed Council Sub committees are **voted for every three years** by ballot sent out by the Breed Council secretary giving first, chance for every member club to nominate someone then the nominees face a vote from all member clubs, they have to achieve the support of 50 % of all member clubs .

Firstly please read the above rules explaining that the Breed Council is Advisory , it has no powers to discipline ,it is a liaison body between the KC Clubs who form it ,to the Kennel Club.

**Each member club is not ruled by the Breed Council each club has its own constitution and the Breed Council does not interfere in the individual club constitution [only the Kennel Club has the power to decide on rules as being acceptable or not ]**

Each club chooses who they send , this is each clubs prerogative ,the person they usually send has to report back to their club , they cannot make decisions for themselves it is a club decision, not personal and answerable to the club when the minutes are read out in each clubs committee .If the delegate does not know the majority of the clubs committees view he or she must abstain to obtain a majority view for their CLUB

No one is qualified to attend!!!! which I've seen written erroneously on the internet, going to meetings is a club decision as who is sent .Only the sub committees are voted on by the clubs. Usually the people who attend those meetings are interested parties, long time standing members

they are there because their clubs sent them , each member club can vote for a delegate to represent them at the meeting in their own club meeting and every member of every member committee could be asked or can volunteer to be the BREED COUNCIL DELEGATE . None of this is decided by the Breed Council itself.

The Breed Council liaises between the KC and its member clubs , formally it held judging lists and their recommendation formed the Judges list which under the new scheme the KC are bringing in will eventually not be their job ,as things are moving towards JCF framework.

We very strictly do not discuss personal issues and disputes , in the past these took a lot of time up and were the cause of much ill feeling , there are no Kangaroo Courts , if there is a matter to be raised BOTH parties must be in the room , to have equal opportunity to represent their views ,however as we have no disciplinary powers contentious situations are referred to the Kennel club or the individual breed club the people are members of ,and this is strictly adhered to.

The Breed Council Liaises between the KC Breed Standards committee and what the member clubs want, both in changes asked for or changes that can be thrust upon us .

The Breed councils have to run a health scheme now for every breed , we should be proud! the Breed Councils Voluntary Scheme was possibly the very first and many breeds used our model for the basis of their own.

This collects valuable certified by vets data which is sent into the Kennel Club annually .

The Breed Council often is the spokesperson for each breed to the press ,individual clubs having been tied up in knots and misquoted its encouraged that all breed clubs refer any media questions to the Breed council who have two delegates who can speak for the breed . These are also voted by all the member clubs every three years .

The Breed council has to adopt the **Breed Health Conservation Plan** updated and reviewed annually by the Kennel Club , based on health data ,new research publications and concerns that the health committee have brought forward to be included, it is agreed and we have just completed our third one .

Sending the Health co Ordinator and administrator to the meetings of the Brachycephalic Working Group is part of the plan ,this meets four times a year and this BWG primarily formed as an action body against Brachycephalic Breeds out of the Stake holders in attendance only the Breed Health Co ordinators are speaking up for the bulldog ,french bulldog and pug the rest are veterinary and charity welfare concerns and DEFRA , it is NOT run by or for the KC, it is accommodated in a discussion room provided and food BUT all attending delegates are given equal status .

Any question can be answered quite clearly and openly on Breed Council matters people should contact the club they are a member of and that club will bring the question to the meeting for due consideration .

This has been a very long document to prepare but so much is being said by people who do not understand what the role is for clarity it is set out in detail .

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