

Judging

The Kennel Club has the Judges Education Programme (JEP), all judges are to go through that system. This page explains that process for our breed slightly.

JEP 1

Entry-

- 5 years in dogs
- Pass movement and confirmation seminar
- Pass the requirements of a dog show judge
- Pass points of a dog
- Complete 2 full days of stewarding

To progress to JEP 2-

- Attend BAD
- Pass MCE
- Pass critique writing
- View a stewarding seminar and pass the quiz.

Ability to judge-

- 3 classes (4 if there's a puppy class)

JEP 2

Entry-

- All of the JEP 1
- Attend BAD
- Pass MCE
- View and pass critique writing
- View a stewarding seminar and pass the quiz.

To Progress to JEP 3-

- Undertake mentoring on 3 occasions with a minimum of 12 months between 1st and 3rd mentoring session
- Judge 35 chows
- 10 days of stewarding (12 in total)
- Owned or bred 3 dogs gaining first entry into studbook
- Observation judging a minimum of 7 chows (only available after 3 mentoring sessions)

Ability to judge-

- Any number of classes at open show level.

JEP 3

Entry-

- All of the JEP 2
- Undertake mentoring on 3 occasions with a minimum of 12 months between 1st and 3rd mentoring session
- Judge 35 chows
- 10 days of stewarding (12 in total)
- Owned or bred 3 dogs gaining first entry into studbook

- Observation judging a minimum of 7 chows (only available after 3 mentoring sessions)

To Progress to JEP 4-

- Attend and pass the KC breed specific assessment

Ability to judge-

- Any number of classes at open show level

JEP 4

Entry-

- All of the JEP 3
- Attend and pass the KC breed specific assessment

Ability to judge-

- Any number of classes at championship show level

What does all of this mean?

As a breed we suggest that anyone half considering judging starts this process as soon as possible. Before starting to judge there are 3 KC seminars to complete and you need to be in dogs for a minimum of 5 years. You also need to complete a minimum of 2 days of stewarding. JEP 2 requires passing a MCE and attending a BAD along with passing 2 additional KC assessments.

Moving from JEP 2-3 is a minimum of 12 months due to mentoring requirements, the observation can be arranged after those mentoring sessions are completed. Stewarding should be ongoing, if we undertake a couple of appointments each year reaching 12 will be easy. Judging 35 chows will be 2+ appointments in reality, the second appointment could be your observation if mentoring is completed.

In essence from starting judging to attending the KC assessment for JEP 4 will take a minimum of 12 months, 24-36 months is more realistic. All certificates need to be uploaded onto your KC profile for tracking, ease and progression. The KC will be creating all judging lists on line and clubs can choose to hold their own if wanted.

Please take your time with progression. As an example before JEP it was 9 classes and 20 dogs before you could judge an open show; then (in total) it was 10 shows, 65 classes and 80 dogs. Before JEP it would be approximately 10 years to progress to giving CCs with 1 appointment/ year, under 3 years is really quick in comparison. JEP is designed to help judges learn while they progress through a support network.

To enquire about progression please contact chowbreededucation@gmail.com for those already on JEP 2 please book mentoring via-

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