

The Dachshund Breed Council

1. Name and Objects:

The Council shall be called The Dachshund Breed Council and its objects shall be:

- a.. To provide a mechanism for the member clubs to work co-operatively for the benefit of the breed
- b.. To be a strong and united voice in making proposals to the Kennel Club and to be a respected forum whose opinion on breed matters is sought by the Kennel Club.
- c.. To promote the effective education and training of judges, at all levels, for the breed.
- d.. To promote the health and welfare of the breed, through research and education.
- e.. To appoint a Representative for liaison with the Kennel Club.

The Breed Council may, inter alia:

- a.. Make recommendations to the KC General Committee as regards the Kennel Club Standard of the Breed.
- b.. Make recommendations to the KC General Committee regarding applications to register new Breed Clubs
- c.. Consider any matter referred to the Council by the KC General Committee

The Breed Council shall have the power to appoint sub-committees. These sub-committees are to be set precise terms of reference and time limits for reporting back to the Council. The Council will appoint members to the sub-committee, who shall appoint a chairman from amongst their number.

Membership shall be open to all registered Breed Clubs for the breed.

2. Breed Council Officers/Representatives at meetings:

The Council shall have the following Officers/representatives:

Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chair

Each member Club shall be entitled to have two representatives at each Council meeting.

The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from nominations **proposed, seconded & submitted to the AGM by member Clubs. Voting will be by secret paper ballot at the AGM.**

These Officers will serve for three years. (Initial terms will be Chair – 3, Sec – 2, Treasurer – 1 year)

The Vice Chair will be proposed and elected annually at the AGM and serve for a term of one year.

Each member Club shall be entitled to have two representatives at each Council meeting.

The Officers/representatives shall have the following voting rights:

Each Club shall have one vote at Council meeting. **The Officers shall have no voting rights. The Chair shall have a casting vote.**

Meetings of the Council shall be held **twice a year to include an AGM. Exceptional meetings can be called as and when necessary.**

A quorum for Council meetings shall be 75% of member Clubs.

Meetings shall be convened by the Secretary and 60 days notice shall be given to all member Clubs/Officers.

Items for the Agenda should be submitted 30 days in advance of the meeting. All member Clubs of the Council shall be entitled to be represented at Council meetings.

3. Council Property:

In the event of the Council ceasing to exist, a final meeting shall be called to decide the disposal of the assets and the outcome of the meeting notified to the Kennel Club.

4. Council Accounts:

a) A Banking Account shall be held in the name of the Council at HSBC Bank. into which all revenue of the Council shall be paid and from which withdrawal shall only be made on the signatures of two or more Officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer).

b) The accounts will be certified annually and presented to the Members at the Annual General Meeting. Certification of the accounts must be carried out by one qualified Accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience.

5. Subscriptions:

The annual subscription shall be such amount agreed in General Meeting and shall be payable on January 1st each year.

6. Financial Year:

The financial year of the Council shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

7. Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the end of June.

All constituent Clubs shall be given 60 days notice.

Items for the agenda to be submitted by giving 30 days notice.

A quorum for General Meetings will be 75% of member Clubs)

All constituent Clubs are entitled to be represented at Council meetings. No business shall be transacted at an Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof appears on the agenda, with the exception of routine matters or those which in the opinion of the Chairman are urgent.

8. Amendments to Rules:

The rules of the Breed Council may not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting, the notice of which contains specific proposals to amend the rules. Any proposed alteration to the rules may not be brought into effect until the Kennel Club has been advised and approved the alteration. New rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately.

9. Annual Returns to the Kennel Club:

The Officers acknowledge that by 31st July each year returns, as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration and Maintenance of Title of Breed Councils, shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club.

The officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any change of Secretary of the Council which may occur during the course of the year.

10. Kennel Club Final Authority:

The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Council in all cases relative to canine or society matters.

11. Federations:

The Council shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.

12. Undischarged Bankrupts:

No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of, or hold any other office or appointment, within a Breed Council.

13. Breed Council Judges Lists:

The purpose of the Breed Council Judges List is to indicate to interested parties those people the Breed Council would support at differing levels of judging. Judges Lists must indicate the date on which the list will expire. On expiry, a new list must be completed. Lists will be compiled from names submitted to the Secretary, by the member Clubs. Lists compiled are not subject to ratification by the representatives.

The Breed Council shall prepare and review from time to time, or as required by the Kennel Club, the criteria for inclusion on A1, A2, A3, B and C Lists. Such criteria will be in accordance with Kennel Club requirements.

A1, A2 and A3 Lists shall be adopted and published by all the member clubs, without amendment. They will be referred to as the Dachshund Breed Council's National Judging Lists.

B and C Lists may be compiled and published by each member club as they choose.

It is a Kennel Club requirement that Judges Lists shall be compiled by a Judges Subcommittee consisting of at least 75% CC judges for the breed. Member clubs should ensure that they have complied with this requirement when submitting names to the Secretary for inclusion on the National List.

Names for inclusion on the Lists, or amendments, should be submitted to the Secretary by whatever date is agreed each year, together with the necessary supporting CVs. These CVs should clearly indicate how the applicant complies with the required criteria.

The Breed Council shall make available to all member clubs a proforma CV/Application Form.

A1 List:

For persons who have previously been approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in the breed and have completed their first appointment. To have the support of the UK Dachshund Clubs Forum. (KC Policy)

A2 List:

For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 List and who have been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements and accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 List and have the support of the UK Dachshund Clubs Forum. (KC Policy)

A3 List (Breed Specialists):

For persons who are recommended as being suitable to award CCs in Dachshunds but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion onto the A2 List and have the support of the UK Dachshund Clubs Forum.

Criteria.

1. Minimum of 7 years judging experience in the breed and have the support of the UK Dachshund Clubs Forum. (KC Policy).
2. To have judged at 2 Breed Club and/or Breed Club Supported Entry Shows, for 2 different Breed Clubs.
3. To have judged a minimum of 300 dogs (KC Policy)
4. To have judged a minimum of 100 classes.
5. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations & Judging Procedures. (KC Policy as of 1.7.2001)
6. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation & Movement. (KC Policy as of 1.7.2001)
7. To have attended at least one breed specific seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable. (KC Policy as of 1.7.2001)
8. To have attended and passed a Hands-on Assessment delivered by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer (C & M). (KC Policy as of 1.7.2005)
9. To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book (save in exceptional circumstances). (KC Policy)
10. To have stewarded at 12 Shows. (KC Policy)

A3 List (Non-Specialists):

For persons who are recommended as being suitable to award CCs in Dachshunds but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion onto the A2 List and have the support of the UK Dachshund Clubs Forum.

Criteria.

1. Minimum of 7 years judging experience in any one breed (to include 5 years in Dachshunds) and have the support of the UK Dachshund Clubs Forum. (KC Policy)
2. To have judged 350 dogs in this breed. (KC Policy)
3. To have judged a minimum of 100 classes.
4. To have judged at 2 Breed Club and/or Breed Club Supported Entry Shows, for 2 different Breed Clubs.
5. To have attended at least one breed specific seminar run in accordance with the relevant Kennel Club Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and/or assessment where applicable.
6. To have awarded CCs in at least one other breed. (KC Policy)

B List (Breed Specialists):

For persons who are recommended as being suitable to judge Dachshunds at shows without CCs or at Open shows.

Criteria

1. To have owned and exhibited Dachshunds for 5 years and have the support of the Club.
2. To have attended a Breed Club Judging Seminar.
3. To have stewarded at least twice.

Either:

4. To have judged 10 classes of the breed, with an average of 3 dogs per class, **or**
5. To have bred and owned at least one dog when it obtained its first entry in the KC Stud Book, **or**
6. To have achieved a Junior Warrant with at least one dog.

B List (Non-Specialists):

For persons who are recommended as being suitable to judge Dachshunds at shows without CCs or Open shows.

Criteria

1. Minimum of 5 years judging experience in Dachshunds and have the support of the Club.
2. To have judged 20 classes of the breed, at 5 Open Shows, with 60 dogs actually present.
3. To have attended a Breed Club Judging Seminar.

C List:

For aspiring Judges who have shown an interest in the breed and have the support of the Club. Listings would normally include persons who have judged the breed at Limited and Open Shows scheduling not more than 3 classes per Dachshund breed, but do not yet qualify for the B List.