KCBLO BREED COUNCIL 'ONLINE' MEETING REPORT
TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2023

Good evening everyone… its good to see so many clubs joining in this zoom meeting.

At this time there isn't too much which I can report from the Breed Liaison Kennel Club Committee as the last planned meeting was postponed.

From a breeding litters point of view – just looking whether the Blue litters are falling in numbers as compared to other colour registrations.. the last update which was just before autumn last year we were looking at :

Up to Autumn 2022 which was end of September, there were 887 litters registered. Of those litters registered, 693 contained blue, and 602 of those were from blue x blue matings. The equation shows out of 4861 puppies registered, 3727 contained blue and the remaining 1134 were made up from all the other colours, including 3 black & tan; that means 76.5% of those puppies registered contained blue; and we aren't even at the end of 2022 on calculations yet.! The trend doesn't seem to be slowing down at all. At the end of 2021 there were 75% of all litters containing blue.. so year on year at the moment the trend is not falling at all… sadly. All we can do as Breed Clubs and Breed people is continue to educate and encourage a different path.

Moving on to show entries, The entries through 2022 increased compared to those of 2021. At the end of 2021 Breed Club combined entries were 3012 with an average of 159 and 2022 it had risen to 3386 entries with an average of 169, including some Clubs who had two Champ shows. The generals gave a slightly different picture which was somewhat warped in 2021 due to some not holding any shows so the figure of 1537 entries with an average of 102 was somewhat out from the norm and then by the end of 2022 we can see the return of a normal entry total of 3059 creating an average of 118; as you can see from what ive just reported the Breed Club entries far outweigh the generals and to all intense and purposes hold the overall show entries up. From next year all 17 Breed Clubs will have CCs so our entries are no doubt going to greatly overshadow the Generals. So far there doesn't seem to be any evidence of the cost of living crisis hitting the show scene but I guess time will tell.

As a ‘big number’ breed we are financially valuable to the Kennel Club with our high litter & puppy registrations, plus show entries, but are we ever heard? Do we indeed have any voice? We are a proactive breed in more ways than one with the new JEP System looming is this something we just have to accept or can we still play a part as Breed Clubs and a Breed Council. After 2025 there is no requirement for us to keep Judging lists as this will all be kept and controlled by the Kennel Club. There is obviously a general feeling within our Clubs to keep our own Judging lists to perhaps use when we nominate and select judged for our shows – but unless we can all agree and adhere to a criteria we set, then we will all just be shooting from the hip and pulling ourselves apart.

Finally, each Club being a member of the Breed Council does give us strength in numbers and one loud and positive voice but it needs us all to pull together… as always I am available to help in avenue I can as KCBLO whether it be through Breed Council, Breed Clubs or individuals – please use my services as it is an inroad I have into the Kennel Club. jackabyte@hotmail.co.uk

Any questions ?

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