

FEEDBACK ON THE WORKSHOP ON THE PROPOSED BREED STRATEGY DOCUMENT - 13th May 2017

The JBLC would like to extend a big thank you to all those that attended the workshop on 13th May.

53 people attended the event at the Canine Academy, Tollerton, where the proposed Breed Strategy was presented by Dr Elizabeth Ayrton the Breed Health Co-ordinator and workshops were held to discuss and debate the proposals by the attendees.

Also present were Dr Tom Lewis - KC Geneticist who talked about population size, COI's and Mate Select and Dr Katy Evans from the KC Breed Health and Conservation Project. They were both on hand to answer questions from the audience.

On the whole it was a really positive and constructive day and the feedback we have received to date was that the presentations were at the right level and that they were really well received.

We will be meeting again on the 29th July to consider the feedback received on the day and any further feedback received from a questionnaire we are circulating to enable those that didn't attend to have their say. Following this meeting we aim to publish a Breed Strategy document - which recognises the actions that need to be taken. We acknowledge that this strategy will be a 'work in progress' which will require updating and modifying as we take on board further issues, scientific progress and changes in our breeds situation.

We recognise that we are just on the starting line of a longer process, however we were delighted to hear from Dr Evans that the work we are doing is far ahead of other breeds, and that the first area of our Breed Health and Sustainability section of the strategy fits almost entirely with the work she is doing under the KC Breed Health and Conservation Plan.

We will of course keep everyone updated as the work progresses and thank you all again once for your input. We hope that there will be a positive response from both Clubs and individuals to help put the plans into action, and to help secure the future of the Bearded Collie.

For those of you that weren't able to attend a questionnaire is available for you to give us your views

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