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Dear Mr Lewis,

**RE: Challenge Certificate Allocation Consultation**

Thank you for your letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 regarding the recent consultation on the CC allocation for 2016.

In answer to your first point; it was decided that the Kennel Club would write in the first instance to the Breed Clubs directly due to the short timescales involved in the consultation. Should the individual breed clubs wish to pass on the matter to their respective breed councils for a joint proposal, they are more than welcome to do so.

It is important that all clubs are canvassed for their views, not only those which are members of the Council.

In answer to your second point, the decision to remove CCs from any breed is not taken lightly. The average number of exhibits for the Great Dane has decreased by over a third in the last 10 years, and as the number of CCs available for allocation is linked to the average number of exhibits, it is unfortunately necessary for the number of CCs to reduce. Over the same period of reducing entries, the number of CCs available remained at 34 or 35, however, it is now necessary to reduce the number to 32 sets.

The consultation currently being held is an opportunity for breed clubs to have a say in where the CCs are allocated in order to best serve their exhibitors. For instance, by proposing to remove CCs from those shows with the lowest entries, it may be possible for a breed to increase its average entry and ultimately gain additional CCs.

Hopefully this has answered your questions. If you need any more assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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