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**South Western Great Dane Club**

Mrs S A Lewis  
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Dear Mrs S A Lewis,

**RE: Kennel Club Consultation on Challenge Certificate Allocation**

The Kennel Club has announced that it will conduct a consultation with breed clubs effected by changes to the allocation of Challenge Certificates for 2016.

The Kennel Club has previously deferred a reduction in the number of CCs for a number of breeds. However, having conducted a review of the allocation process, the General Committee has agreed that, with the exception of the British and Irish Native Vulnerable Breeds, no breed should have any reduction of CCs deferred and that the reduction in the number of entries at shows should be reflected in the reduction in the number of CCs available for allocation.

As a result, for the 2016 CC Allocation, just over 60 breeds will lose a total of 78 sets of CCs. Whilst this may appear to be a large number of CCs, it is worth noting that in 2012, a total of over 3,400 sets of CCs were allocated, and thus the decrease amounts to just 1.6% of the entire CC allocation. In addition, there are several breeds that will actually benefit from an increase of CCs.

We are writing to inform your club that the Great Dane will have a reduction of one set of CCs in 2016.

Timescales are tight in order for clubs and societies to be notified of their allocation by the end of the year. Therefore, in order for your Club's response to be considered, it must be received by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Unfortunately only responses received before this date will be used as part of the consultation.

When proposing Shows for the reduction of CCs, Clubs are requested to take into consideration the following factors:

- Geographical Spread – The location of exhibitors, whilst ensuring that as far as possible there is a reasonable spread of Championship Shows across the UK.



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- Calendar Spread – As far as possible, there should be a reasonable spread of shows across the year.
- Shows which consistently receive poor entries

We would appreciate your proposal to include three possible options for the removal of CCs and to include an explanation to support your suggested changes.

Please send your proposal to:

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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague, Matthew Thomas on 0844 4633 980 Ext 299 or using the above details.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Symns', with a horizontal line underneath.

Kathryn Symns  
Executive – Canine Activities