



# ***APPROVED MASTIFF JUDGES 2021***

*together with a formal introduction,  
details of criteria for inclusion,  
the KC's Current Breed Standard  
for Mastiffs, and some additional notes  
which may be helpful to judges.*

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## ***INTRODUCTION***

The delay in publishing our 2020 document is very much regretted but the difficulties encountered during the 'lockdown' period resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic have been significant with the virtual closedown of all dog-showing activities.

In Autumn 2003, the Committee of the M.A. resolved to re-establish its own Judges Committee to which all judging related matters would be delegated. It is set up according to the guidelines and code of best practice established by the K.C. Judges Working Party.

The annual meeting of the M.A. Judges Committee was held in June 2020 and those persons delegated to serve by the main M.A. Committee were:

Mrs Pamela Jeans Brown (Chair)  
Mr John Bromley  
Mrs Margaret Bromley

Mrs Elaine Norris  
Mr Peter Sarjeant (Secretary)

All of the above named were present at the meeting.

The minimum requirements of the K.C. guidelines were satisfied in that 75% of this body currently awards Challenge Certificates for the Mastiff breed.

The JC reviewed its Working Guidelines and Administration; and agreed that the number of delegates should remain as five with the quorum being three members participating.

A simple majority on voting would confirm acceptance with the proviso that in cases of no majority, the Chair's casting vote would be deemed final and binding. Voting by secret ballot would continue to be the means of affirming the support of the M.A. and no correspondence on ballot results would be entered into.

From 2012 it had been agreed that the JC would aim to meet in the Autumn to follow a full committee meeting (in order to reduce travelling costs) to review and, if deemed appropriate, update both the JC's working guidelines and the criteria for inclusion; and update its List of Approved Mastiff Judges for the following year. In 2016 however, it became necessary to postpone until the new year.

In 2009, the committee resolved not to retain any judge on its lists who had failed to submit a critique without good reason following a Mastiff judging appointment at championship or open show level. It was re-affirmed that this policy should continue.

The M.A. Judges Committee is also charged with overseeing the organisation of the Mastiff Association's programme for the training and education of Mastiff judges at such intervals deemed to be necessary and appropriate. The last breed seminar for was held in May 2017 with the next planned for 2019 subject to demand.

Some aspects of the criteria for inclusion on the lists of approved judges at the various levels are now mandatory within the K.C. guidelines whilst others have been included at the direction of the M.A. Judges Committee.

### **Note to Show Secretaries:**

The M.A. Judges Committee would appreciate feedback (positive or adverse) on the performance of judges selected from the lists on the following pages as this will greatly assist when the lists are reviewed and updated for the following year. Any such information should be sent to the Secretary whose details are given on the front cover of this booklet.

## ***MASTIFF ASSOCIATION JUDGES COMMITTEE***

### **AGREED CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION ON THE LIST OF APPROVED JUDGES AT VARIOUS LEVELS – 2021 (to be reviewed annually)**

#### **List A1**

For persons who have (a) previously been approved by The Kennel Club to award CCs for the MASTIFF breed and (b) have completed their first appointment and (c) have the support of the Mastiff Association.

#### **List A2**

For persons who fulfil all the requirements for the A3 List and who have (a) been assessed in accordance with Kennel Club requirements; (b) have been accepted by the Kennel Club for inclusion on the A2 List; and (c) have the support of the Mastiff Association.

#### **List A3 (Breed Specialists)**

Requirements for inclusion are:-

1. To have a minimum of SEVEN years judging experience in the breed, and to have the support of the Mastiff Association. (KC Policy)
2. To have judged a minimum of 40 mastiffs from a minimum of 20 classes at any KC licensed event subject to the conditions of para. 3
3. To have judged at either a Breed Club show, a Breed Club Supported Entry Show or a minimum of FOUR Open Shows or Championship Shows without CC's with an adequate geographical spread.
4. To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their 1<sup>st</sup> entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book (Mandatory save in exceptional circumstances) (KC Policy)
5. To have attended at least one breed-specific seminar run in accordance with the relevant KC Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and assessment where applicable. (KC Policy from 1:7:2001)
6. To have attended a seminar given by a K.C. Accredited Trainer and passed the relevant examination on Requirements of a Dog Show Judge (KC Policy)
7. To have attended a seminar conducted by a K.C. Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement. (KC Policy from 1:7:2001); and passed the 'hands on' assessment (KC policy from 1:7:2005).
8. To have stewarded at a minimum of 12 shows (KC Policy)

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**List A3 (Non Specialists\All Rounders)**

Requirements for inclusion are:-

1. To have a minimum of SEVEN years judging experience in any one breed (to include FIVE years experience in MASTIFFS), and who have the support of the Mastiff Association. (KC Policy)
2. To have judged a minimum of 40 mastiffs from a minimum of 20 classes at any KC licensed event subject to the conditions of para. 3
3. To have judged at either a Breed Club show, a Breed Club Supported Entry Show or a minimum of FOUR Open Shows or Championship Shows without CC's with an adequate geographical spread.
4. To have awarded CC's in at least one other breed. (KC Policy)
5. To have attended at least one MASTIFF judging seminar run in accordance with the relevant KC Code of Best Practice and passed an examination and assessment where applicable.
6. To have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs of any breed when they obtained their 1<sup>st</sup> entry in The Kennel Club Stud Book

**List B (Breed Specialists)**

Requirements for inclusion are:-

1. To have FIVE years experience of owning and exhibiting mastiffs, and have the support of the Mastiff Association.
2. To have attended at least one breed specific judging seminar and passed a written examination and assessment where applicable.
3. To have attended a seminar conducted by a K.C. Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement; and passed the 'hands on' assessment .

**List B (Non Specialists\All Rounders)**

Requirements for inclusion are:-

1. To have a minimum of SEVEN years judging experience in any one breed, and have the support of the Mastiff Association.
2. To have attended at least one MASTIFF judging seminar and passed a written examination and assessment where applicable
3. To have attended a seminar conducted by a K.C. Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement; and passed the 'hands on' assessment .

**List C**

For aspirant judges who have shown an interest in the breed and who have the support of the Mastiff Association.

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**Confirmed Revised**  
**MASTIFF BREED STANDARD**  
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A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance including the correct colour of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function. Absolute soundness is essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be careful to avoid obvious conditions or exaggerations which would be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed. From time to time certain conditions or exaggerations may be considered to have the potential to affect dogs in some breeds adversely, and judges and breeders are requested to refer to the Breed Watch section of the Kennel Club website here <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/services/public/breed/watch> for details of any such current issues. If a feature or quality is desirable it should only be present in the right measure. However, if a dog possesses a feature, characteristic or colour described as undesirable or highly undesirable it is strongly recommended that it should not be rewarded in the show ring.

### **General Appearance**

Head, in general outline, giving a square appearance when viewed from any point. Breadth desired and in ratio to length of whole head and face as 2 : 3. Body broad, deep, long, powerfully built, on legs wide apart and set. Muscles sharply defined. Size is desirable, but only if combined with quality and if absolute soundness is maintained. Height and substance important if both points are proportionately combined.

### **Characteristics**

Large, powerful, well knit frame. A combination of grandeur and courage.

### **Temperament**

Calm, affectionate to owners, but capable of guarding. Usually indifferent with strangers; timidity is unacceptable.

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## **Head and Skull**

Skull broad between ears, forehead flat, but wrinkled when attention is excited. Brows (superciliary ridges) slightly raised. Muscles of temples and cheeks (temporal and masseter) well developed. Arch across skull of a flattened curve, with depression up centre of forehead from median line between eyes, to halfway up sagittal suture. Muzzle short, broad under eyes, and keeping nearly parallel in width to end of nose; truncated, i.e. blunt and cut off squarely, thus forming a right angle with upper line of face, of great depth from point of nose to under-jaw. Under-jaw broad to end. Nose broad, with widely spreading nostrils when viewed from front, flat (not pointed or turned up) in profile. Lips diverging at obtuse angles with septum, and slightly pendulous so as to show a square profile. Length of muzzle to whole head and face as 1 : 3. Circumference of muzzle (measured mid-way between eyes and nose) to that of head (measured before the ears) as 3 : 5. Whilst in repose, any exaggeration of wrinkle or excess of loose skin is unacceptable in mature adults.

## **Eyes**

Moderate size, wide apart. Stop between eyes well marked but not too abrupt. Colour hazel brown, darker the better, showing no haw. Loose eyelids highly undesirable. Free from obvious eye problems.

## **Ears**

Small, thin to touch, wide apart, set on at highest points of sides of skull, so as to continue outline across summit, and lying flat and close to cheeks when in repose.

## **Mouth**

Canine teeth healthy; powerful and wide apart; incisors level, or lower projecting beyond upper but never so much as to become visible when mouth is closed.

## **Neck**

Slightly arched, moderately long, very muscular, and measuring in circumference about 2.5-5 cms (1-2 ins) less than skull before ears.

## **Forequarters**

Shoulder and arm slightly sloping, heavy and muscular. Legs straight, strong and set wide apart; bones being large. Elbows square. Pasterns upright. Balanced and in harmony with hindquarters.

## **Body**

Chest wide, deep and well let down between forelegs. Ribs arched and well rounded. False ribs deep and well set back to hips. Back and loins wide and muscular; flat and very wide in bitch, slightly arched in dog. Great depth of flanks. Topline level and maintained whilst on the move. Length of body taken from point of shoulder to point of buttock greater than height at withers.

### **Hindquarters**

Broad, wide and muscular, with well developed second thighs, hocks bent, wide apart, and quite squarely set when standing or walking. Strength in hindquarters is of paramount importance, cow hocks in mature adults unacceptable.

### **Feet**

Large, round and tight. Toes well arched. Nails black.

### **Tail**

Set on high, and reaching to hocks, or a little below them, wide at its root and tapering to end, hanging straight in repose, but forming a curve with end pointing upwards, but not over back, when dog is excited.

### **Gait/Movement**

Powerful, easy extension, driven from the rear, fluent, sound, with ground-covering strides. Tendency to pace is undesirable. Absolute soundness essential.

### **Coat**

Short and close-lying, but coarser over neck and shoulders.

### **Colour**

Apricot, fawn or brindle. In any case, muzzle, ears and nose should be black with black around eye rims, and extending upwards between them. Excessive white on body, chest or feet is unacceptable.

### **Faults**

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

### **Note**

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

### **\*Note for prospective puppy buyers**

Size – the Kennel Club Breed Standard is a guide and description of the ideal for the breed; the Size as described does not imply that a dog will match the measurements given (height or weight). A dog might be larger or smaller than the Size measurements stated in the Breed Standard.

Expires: Easter 2022

**List A1** For persons who satisfy the relevant criteria given on page 2 of this booklet.  
This is not a complete list of all KC approved judges.

**Breed Specialists** (in alphabetical order):

Mr S. Andrews 7 Jubilee Court, All Saints Road, BURTON-UPON-TRENT,  
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**List B Judges** who satisfy the relevant criteria given on page 3 of this booklet.

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**List B Non Specialists / All Rounders** (in alphabetical order)

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**List C**

For aspirant judges who have shown an interest in the breed and who may not yet qualify for List B **but who have the support of the Mastiff Association.**

**Breed Specialists**

nil

**Non Specialists/All Rounders** (in alphabetical order)

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**ADDITIONAL NOTES WHICH MASTIFF JUDGES MAY FIND HELPFUL**

*These notes should be read in conjunction with the KC's Revised Breed Standard for Mastiffs which is printed for information in this booklet*

### **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Body MUST be rectangular not square *when viewed from the side*.

When standing the four feet should form a rectangle.

Dog should appear fit and healthy.

### **TEMPERAMENT**

Attention must be paid to temperament.

Distinction between Shyness and Reservedness needs to be assessed.

*Indifference is not uncommon* but an out-going personality is certainly not a fault.

### **HEAD AND SKULL**

The age of the dog must be borne in mind. Maturity occurs at widely differing ages.

Excess wrinkling can be a normal development stage in the young.

Lips should not be excessively pendulous.

### **EARS**

Some puppies have *disproportionately* large ears relative to the size of the head which *is slowly corrected during development*.

### **MOUTH**

Undershot mouths are the norm, but should not be excessive.

**NB:- Salivation** is a natural feature of the breed

### **FOREQUARTERS**

Straight shoulders are undesirable. Angulation of scapula to humerus should approach 90 degrees to provide adequate shock absorption of movement.

Close narrow movement should be watched for and penalised..

### **BODY**

Body depth to base of ribs should be approximately 50:50 of overall height.

### **HINDQUARTERS**

Close narrow movement should be watched for and penalised. Lamé dogs should be excused from the ring.

*The following points extracted from the K.C.'s Breed Health & Welfare Strategy Group's BREED WATCH report should also be noted:-*

**Mastiff**

**No Dog** should be rewarded which appears to be in pain or discomfort when moving

#### **Points of concern for special attention by judges**

Excessively heavy in build

Excessive loose skin and overly wrinkled

Excessive amounts of loose facial skin with conformational defects of the upper and/or lower eyelids so that the eyelid margins are not in normal contact with the eye when the dog is in its natural pose (e.g. they turn in or out, or both abnormalities are present).