



# INITIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

## JUDGES BREED OBSERVATIONS SCHEME

New Zealand Dog Judges Association in conjunction  
with New Zealand Kennel Club

May 2023

Continued development and improvement of systems that enhance the ability and quality of  
dog show judges and pedigree dogs in New Zealand and on the world stage.

## Introduction - New Zealand Kennel Club & NZDJA

It remains important to both organisations, that all Judges acknowledge and undertake to promote the future welfare of the purebred dog.

The Judges Breed Observations Scheme (JBO) endeavors to protect:

- Pedigree dog breeds,
- Pedigree dog breeders, and
- Pedigree dog judges.

To external stakeholders, it represents an approach that is separate to NZKC, but of equivalent value. The multi-faceted approach to the health of our breeds is crucial and judges need to accept that they have a major part to play in ensuring the health and welfare of our breeds. **This MUST be paramount in all decision making.**

Judges, frequently condemned by these external stakeholders, are viewed as one of the main causes of the substantive decline in the health of purebred dogs **by awarding dogs exhibiting extremes.**

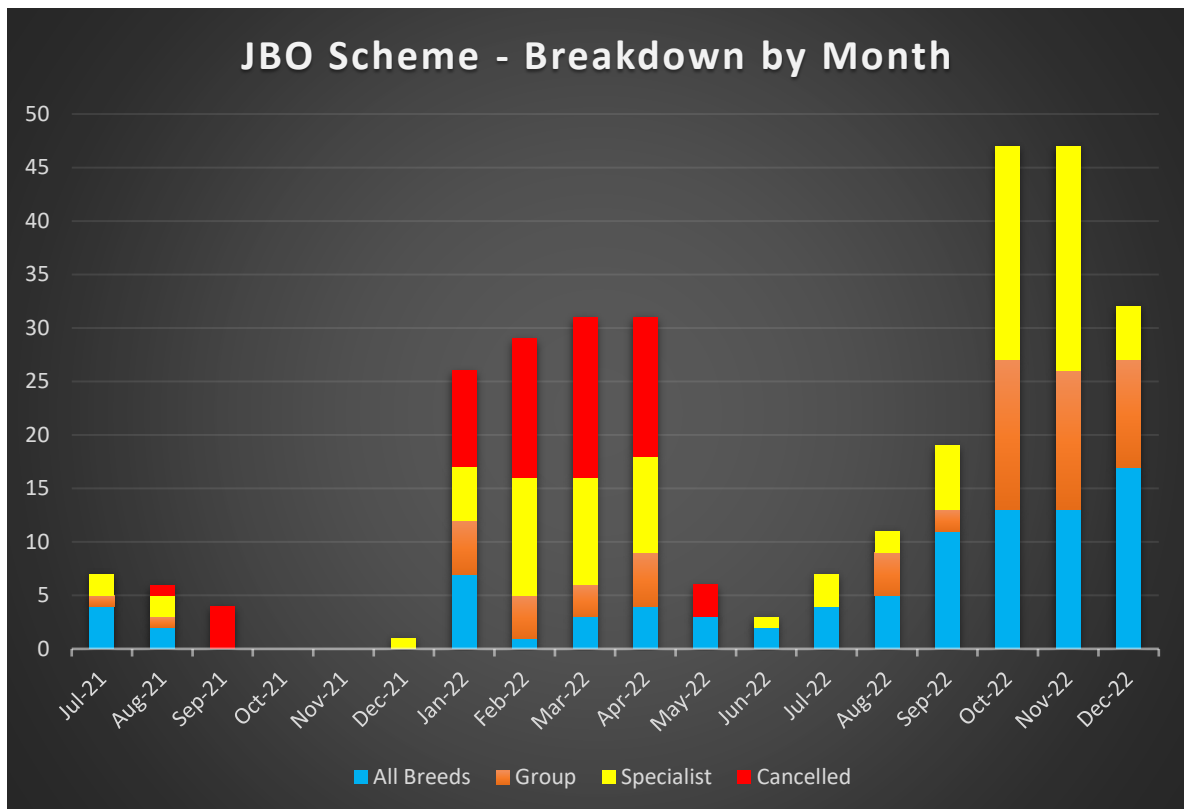
The health of all purebred dogs is measured and reported by veterinarians, irrespective of the dog having been bred indiscriminately by a puppy farmer/ backyard breeder – or the result of a selective, knowledgeable, and well-planned, registered litter bred by a judicious New Zealand Kennel Club Breeder!

The JBO Scheme sole purpose is to provide data that NZKC can report on, **that will clearly demarcate its breeders at a level well above the injudicious pet market breeders.**

The importance of the JBO Scheme is reflected in the change to the official NZKC Judging Contract – all contracted judges have signed this contract in acknowledgement that they will complete the JBO Scheme. All Clubs need to ensure they are using the most current forms, downloaded from the NZKC Website! This is a link to the document ( [Current Judging Contract](#) )

## Status of the Scheme December 2022

The JBO Scheme was due for an initial review in June 2022. However, the Covid-19 lock downs played havoc with the New Zealand show scene and there was insufficient data to review. The graph below shows the effect of cancellation on Championship shows between August 2021 and May 2022.



In October, there was a rapid increase in the number of shows, which ran through until December 2022. This should settle through 2023 as Clubs search for a return to the new normal. The committee is also mindful that a further outbreak of Covid may result in a zero-show situation again.

Because of this significant gap in data, it was agreed that the initial review would be held over until January 2024, at which point a full, and almost normal, 12 months of data would be available for analysis. As the number of shows increase, we will have better data available.

Despite this delay, it was agreed that enough shows had been held to consider an administrative review around the process and documentation involved in the scheme.

## Introduction to the Administrative Review

Information on the JBO Scheme was circulated by NZ Dog Judges Association. The distribution list included all Club Secretaries as well as all Championship Show Judges.

Some of the feedback received indicates it was probable that the people who offer secretarial services to clubs, may have missed this initial information being passed to them by Clubs. Indeed, some clubs needed a further introduction pack supplied once the scheme had commenced.

**As a result, this document is being sent to all club secretaries, for distribution to committee, show officials (including show secretaries external to the club committee) and club members.**

Again, please feel free to contact the committee if you need any clarification on the scheme.

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During December 2022, all Championship Show Judges who are eligible to award Challenge certificates, were invited to take part in a survey around the JBO Scheme. The feedback from judges was also considered in this administrative review.

## Review of Initial Scheme Processes

Initially the JBO Committee printed all the sheets for the clubs with the club's name and the date of the show pre-populated. It also provided a stamped, addressed envelope for each of the judges to allow for the return of the forms. All this paperwork was mailed to the show secretaries in time for the show. The benefit of this exercise was to ensure all clubs had received the correct information and gave the secretaries a chance to see what the scheme looked like in action.

This quickly became prohibitive both in cost and time. Within the first eight months the process was altered to PDFs of the forms being emailed to the Show Secretary as listed on the Official Show Schedule as printed in the Dog World.

NZDJA established an email address for the JBO Scheme, and this became the sole source of processing and sending/ receiving the information back in a digital format. However, there are still clubs that prefer to send the completed forms back to a committee member for processing. There are also Judges who will take the responsibility of sending their own sheets back.

In the future, the ability to complete the form electronically will be further investigated.

By October 2022 a further change had taken place as the information given to clubs was streamlined and both the Club and the Show Secretary (if different) were sent the “Show PDF data” via two emails.

- The first email contained the information for show officials and stewards, along with the PDF file of the breed sheets to be printed for the judge on show day.
- The second email was designed to simply forward to each of the judges – it contains the introduction letter with a link to the main document on the NZDJA website, an example of a completed Cover Sheet and Breed Sheet and a copy of the Judges Check Sheet.

As a result, the administrative tasks for the committee are greatly reduced pre-show.

Currently the forms are collated by Pam Douglas and analysed by Lynley Drummond. Lynley has extensive experience in the analysis of scientific information and her input into the scheme is of vital importance in validating the data we collect and distribute. Here is Lynley’s CV as an introduction.

### **Lynley Drummond**

Exhibitor and Breeder of Golden Retrievers and Gordon Setters  
DogsNZ Executive Councillor and Chair of the CH&W Committee

- **Professional life**
  - Over 30 years experience in the food and dairy industries, together with academia, Lynley’s expertise is focused on providing the bridge between science, commercialisation and working within an increasingly rigid regulatory environment.
  - The preparation of evidence-based dossiers for regulatory authorities around the world.
  - Strategic research and science development planning for new and novel foods and ingredients
  - Product development programmes, health research and clinical trial management, science writing, patent development and expert defence, through to regulatory consultancy and health claim development.
- Lynley has patents and scientific publications in dairy, health and nutrition, infant products and the role of kiwifruit in health.

Lynley is our key asset to put the science and professional connection into the JBO

## Feedback from Clubs & Show Secretaries, Judges & Scheme Administrators

There was initial resistance from the people who offered secretarial services to multiple clubs who were required to print a full set of sheets for each show, and the additional cost added to their services. In addition, we recognise the overall paper load for judges and hence have streamlined the JBO forms to assist judges with ease of completion.

The committee considered that the initial sheets were an excellent introduction into the system for our judges. Now they are familiar with the scheme – that same information can be collected in a more concise manner. A trial for these forms has taken place over the last six months and they are now ready to be fully incorporated into the scheme.

Four of the groups have been compacted into a single page, the three other groups - either one double sided page, or two single pages. Going forward, for an All Breeds championship show with seven judges, there will be 10 pages, plus the Non-JBO Sheet which can be double sided with each Judges Cover sheet. This is a significant reduction in the number of sheets for programme. (A full set of “Old Sheets” for an All Breeds Show using 7seven judges, contained **at least 56 pages**. The New version will reduce to 17)

| Old  | New   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 10 x Non-JBO Breed Sheets</li><li>○ 7 x Judges Cover Sheets</li></ul>  | <p>The Non-JBO Sheet can be double sided to the Cover Sheet – Print one set per judge for each day/ show they officiate at.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 7 x Non-Sporting Breed Sheets</li><li>○ 6 x Utility Breed Sheets</li><li>○ 11 x Toy Breed Sheets</li></ul>                                   | <p>One Double Sided Sheet<br/>Or two single sided Sheets</p>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 4 x Working Dog Breed Sheets</li><li>○ 3 x Hound Breed Sheets</li><li>○ 4 x Gundog Breed Sheets</li><li>○ 4 x Terrier Breed Sheets</li></ul> | <p>(One Single sided sheet)<br/>(One Single sided sheet)<br/>(One Single sided sheet)<br/>(One Single sided sheet)</p>          |

On the right-hand side of the page, is the group name and a place for the judge to add their name and sign the form. This area has been colour-coded for each group for easy identification.

See Appendix A for a sample.

## Process going forward

Both the Club Secretary and the Show Secretary (as listed in the Dog World) will be sent two emails prior to the show.

The first email will contain two attachments:

1. The **JBO Sheets** in a PDF format. They will be pre-populated with the show name and date and will just require being printed.
2. A copy of the **Judges Cover Sheet** and the **Non-JBO Breeds Form**, also prepopulated with the Club name and show date – print only the number required for the number of judges officiating.

The second email is set for you to forward directly to your judges. It contains

1. A PDF copy of the Check Sheet which summarises the JBO Breeds and the areas of concern.
2. A Word Document Cover Letter introducing your international judges to the JBO Scheme, including links to the main documentation for them to review.
3. A PDF copy of a correctly completed set of forms.

Documentation has also been altered to indicate that completed forms should be sent to the JBO Committee and not NZDJA.

**It remains the Judge's responsibility to ensure the JBO sheets are returned.** However, the show secretary/ club secretary can assist at the judge's discretion.

Return of the forms can be in the following manner;

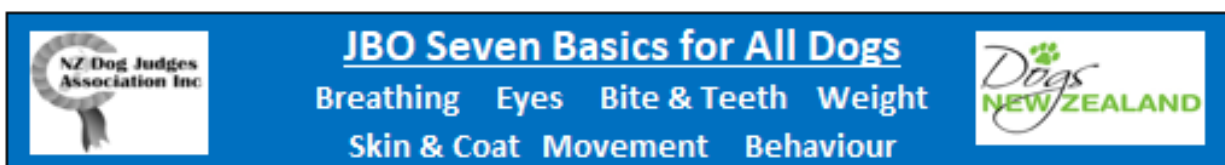
- Electronically by scanning and emailing to [jbo.nzdja@gmail.com](mailto:jbo.nzdja@gmail.com)
- Physically to a JBO Committee member, or,
- By mail to

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## Important Information, FAQ answers & Links

- **No dogs** are identified in this scheme.
- **All forms are destroyed once processed.**
- **All Championship Shows where CC's are awarded**, are encompassed by the scheme, including Specialist Breed, Multi-Breed and Group Shows. This also includes Non-JBO Breeds, who must meet the Seven Basics for All Dogs.
- **But my dog is not a Breed covered by the scheme?** - Actually, this is wrong. **Every breed should meet the Basics for all Dogs.** The Non-JBO Breed Form is a form for judges to record any concerns they may have for any breed, and they are able to recommend that a breed should be added to the JBO Scheme.

***Non-JBO Breeds are still required to conform to the Seven Basics for all dogs***



### Links

**Main JBO Document** ( [Judges Breed Observation Information](#) ) click this link or visit the website of either NZDJA or NZKC.

**NZKC Judging Contract** ( [Current Judging Contract](#) ) click this link or search under Official Forms on the NZKC website.



Appendix A - Sample of Revised JBO Sheet – Toy Group Page 1



Show xx

**JBO Scheme**

Seven Basics for ALL Dogs - Breathing Eyes Bite & Teeth Weight  
Skin & Coat Movement Behaviour



Date yy

| JBO Breed                              | Total Number entered in Breed (Record number) | Breed Specific Issues by Priority                               |             |              |                      |       | Should Breed remain in JBO? (Tick) | Every Breed - Basics Issues |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|-------------|--------------|----------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------|--------|-------------|----------|-----------|------------------|--|--|--|
|  |   | 1   | 2           | 3            | 4                    | 5     |                                    | Breathing                   | Eyes   | Bite & Teeth | Weight | Skin & Coat | Movement | Behaviour | Exaggeration in; |  |  |  |
|  |   | <i>*Record number of dogs observed with JBO Specific Issues</i> |             |              |                      |       |                                    |                             | <i>*Record number of dogs with "Every Breed - Basics" Issues</i> |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Cavalier KCS                           | *   | Head  | Breathing   | Eyes         | Movement             |       | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Chihuahua (Smooth)                     | *   | Mouth   | Lame Tongue | Eyes         | Hindquarters         | Skull | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Chihuahua (Long)                       | *   | Mouth   | Lame Tongue | Eyes         | Hindquarters         | Skull | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Chinese Crested                        | *   | Skin  |             |              |                      |       | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Griffon (Brachycephalic)               | *   | Head  | Breathing   | Movement     |                      |       | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Japanese Chin (Brachycephalic)         | *   | Head  | Eyes        |              |                      |       | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| King Charles Spaniel (Brachycephalic)  | *   | General Construction  | Muzzle      | Eyes         | Movement             |       | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Pekingese (Brachy & Chondrodystrophic) | *   | Eyes  | Breathing   | Nose Wrinkle | General Construction | Coat  | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Pomeranian                             | *   | Coat  | Movement    |              |                      |       | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Pug (Brachy & Small Molssoid)          | *   | Breathing   | Face        | Eyes         |                      |       | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |
| Yorkshire Terrier                      | *   | Mouth   | Dwarfism    | Coat         |                      |       | *                                  |                             |  |              |        |             |          |           |                  |  |  |  |

**JBO Observations Toy Group/ Breeds**

Judges name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Figure 1 Proposed new JBO Sheet - Toy Group Page 1

## Appendix A - Sample of Revised JBO Sheet – Toy Group Page 2



| JBO Scheme                         |             |          |              |        |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| <i>Seven Basics for ALL Dogs -</i> | Breathing   | Eyes     | Bite & Teeth | Weight |
|                                    | Skin & Coat | Movement | Behaviour    |        |



|                      |  |  |  |  |   |
|----------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| Cavalier KCS         |  |  |  |  | <b>Comments</b><br><b>Toy Group/ Breeds</b> |
| Chihuahua (Smooth)   |  |  |  |  |   |
| Chihuahua (Long)     |  |  |  |  |   |
| Chinese Crested      |  |  |  |  |   |
| Griffon              |  |  |  |  |   |
| Japanese Chin        |  |  |  |  |   |
| King Charles Spaniel |  |  |  |  |   |
| Pekingese            |  |  |  |  |   |
| Pomeranian           |  |  |  |  |   |
| Pug                  |  |  |  |  |   |
| Yorkshire Terrier    |  |  |  |  |   |

Figure 2 Proposed new JBO Sheet - Toy Group Page 2