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Japanese Akita Inu Club AGM 2012

Venue: Firs Garden Community Centre

Alfreton, Derbyshire. DE55 7FU
Date: 15/04/2012

This is your opportunity to tell the Committee directly what you would like the club to do going forwards and make your opinions heard.

Breed classes scheduled at:

Manchester Championship Show

Date: 20/01/2012
Judge: Mr Kari Jarvinen
Staffordshire County Showground
Stafford ST18 0BD

Crufts Championship Show

Date: 08/03/2012
Judge: Mary Deats
NEC, Birmingham, B40 1NT
Entries: <http://fossedata.co.uk/>
Schedules: <http://www.crufts.org.uk>

City of Birmingham Championship Show

Date: 02/09/2012
Judge: TBD
Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ
Entries close: 09/07/2012

Japanese Akita Inu Club show (same date/venue as City of Birmingham)

Date: 02/09/2012
Judge: Bob Brown

Club Website

www.japaneseakita-inu.co.uk

If you have any news or information that you would like to share with other members please send them to:
akita_inu@injami.com

Please note that not all articles received can be published.

Welcome to 2012! I hope that you and your dogs all enjoyed the festive season and are looking forward to the New Year. The show scene is quite quiet in the early part of the year although there are still Open Shows to enter to keep in practice before Crufts in March. For us this is the busy time of the cani-cross calendar so we are busy racing on most weekends.

Attached is a membership renewal form. This can either be sent by post or given to a committee member at any of the events that we are attending. If you have any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to contact me.

As we look forward to our plans in 2012 the club would like to put on an event in addition to the Open Show for members. The committee has made a few suggestions but we would like to hear from members about what type of things you would like us to do for you, so please send your suggestions and comments to me at membersec@japaneseakita-inu.co.uk. All suggestions are welcome and will be considered.

Dates for the Diary.

Crufts 2012

NEC, Birmingham

8th & 11th March 2012 (Japanese Akita Inu on 8th March)

Website: <http://www.crufts.org.uk/>

Entries Close: 16/01/2012

The Japanese Akita Inu classes (and other Utility breeds) are on Thursday, 8th March at Crufts this year. In addition to the show classes there is a Discover Dogs section, Doggy activities and of course lots of shopping opportunities. The Japanese Akita Inu Club will be manning the stand in the Discover Dogs section so please come and see us there. Online entry forms can be found at: <http://fossedata.co.uk/>.

Hopefully there will be a good turnout of the dogs who have been busy qualifying both in the UK and abroad for Crufts during 2011.

It may be possible to hold a Breed Seminar and dinner with a guest speaker in the evening after judging has finished. This would be at the NEC or one of the hotels nearby. If you would or wouldn't like to attend, or if you have any suggestions for topics and/or speakers you would be particularly interested in please contact me on membersec@japaneseakita-inu.co.uk.

Events in 2012

The club would like to put on some more events for its members in 2012, and as a Committee we have been thinking of what members would be interested in. Below are some proposals and we would like to hear what you think. Please contact me on membersec@japaneseakita-inu.co.uk with your views and any other suggestions you have:

- **Fun Day/Companion Dog Show** – this could contain a number of fun and show classes to enter, plus demonstrations and have-a-go events to attend or participate in. Suggestions so far include:
 - grooming demonstration,
 - handling tips and advice,
 - Obedience training and general advice.

Please send your suggestions for events you would like to participate in.

- **Breed Seminar/Health Seminar** – is there anything in particular that you would be interested in?
- **Training Seminar** – would members be interested in Training Days? This could be on any aspect and at any level. Obedience, Agility, show handling, grooming or TTouch® sessions have been suggested. These could run as individual training days or combined with various sessions available in one training or fun day.

Judging Seminar

The Japanese Akita Inu Club Seminar will again be held in Autumn 2012. Attendance and completion of the hands-on assessment is required to be approved by the club for admittance onto the Breed Judging List.

The 2011 seminar had 7 candidates undertake the full assessment day. The majority of the candidates attending this event were people who do not own the breed at present. The venue, although rather remote, is in a very pretty location and conducive to uninterrupted learning. We were again blessed with a very mild day for November which allowed us to do the practical assessment outdoors, thus giving candidates the best way by far for studying movement and was greatly appreciated by all concerned. It is a very pleasing outcome when all candidates successfully pass the assessment and we are pleased to report that this year achieved that result!! Having organised the seminars in various places in the Midlands and South West the Committee are willing to arrange the event this year in another location if there is sufficient interest. Please send your thoughts to the Secretary in good time for us to make plans for the event which would be best staged in the first weekend of November to suit the show calendar.



Updates from the Kennel Club

The Kennel Club has made the following changes that club members should be aware of. As a club we agree to abide by the Kennel Club Code of Ethics and membership of the club requires members to abide by the code. The updated Kennel Club Code of Ethics is shown below and can also be found on the website at: <http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/247>.

The Kennel Club General Code of Ethics

All breeders who register their puppies, and new owners who register ownership of their dogs with the Kennel Club, accept the jurisdiction of the Kennel Club and undertake to abide by its general Code of Ethics.

Breeders/Owners:

- Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon who performs an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operations to the Kennel Club.
- Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes.
- Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
- Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
- Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
- Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the rehoming of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
- Will ensure that all relevant Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
- Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from club membership, and/or disciplinary action by the Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.

Update - Changes to the Breed Standard

The Kennel Club has approved the changes to the Breed Standard that were agreed at the 2011 AGM. The Chairman and Committee of the Japanese Akita Inu Club would like to thank the members for their patience and understanding during the time that this has taken to be approved and feel we can celebrate a huge success in that the vast majority of changes proposed by members of this club were approved and adopted into the revised standard, proving that there is strength in numbers and breed clubs do have a voice which can successfully influence the right outcome when properly presented!

The full Breed Standard can be seen on the Kennel Club website at:

<http://www.the-kennel-club.org.uk/services/public/breed/standard.aspx?id=4223>.

Proposed Changes to the Judging List Criteria

Like all breed clubs the Japanese Akita Inu Club is responsible for establishing judging lists of individuals who are considered to be qualified to judge the breed. There are 2 lists, the B list and the C list:

- B LIST – Lists of those persons who have met the minimum qualifications as set out hereunder and accepted by the committee to judge Japanese Akita Inu with more than 3 classes at Open Show level, Breed Club Open Shows, and at Championship Shows without CC's.
- C LIST – Lists aspirant judges who have shown an interest in the breed and have the support of the committee to judge Japanese Akita Inu with no more than 3 classes at Open and Limited Shows.

In order for an individual to be included on either of these lists they need to fulfil the criteria listed below, in each list there are differing requirements for judges who are considered to be breed-specialists or non-breed specialists. The exception to this is for overseas judges, who would be required to provide evidence of experience and competence to judge the breed in their home country. The full criteria and approved judges list can be seen on the website:

- <http://www.japaneseakita-inu.co.uk/Files/PDF/JAIC%20JUDGES%20LIST%20DEFINITION%20FINAL.pdf>
- http://www.japaneseakita-inu.co.uk/Files/PDF/JAICJUDGESLIST_2011_v2.1.pdf

The Club holds an annual hands-on Breed Specific Seminar each autumn in order for applicants to be able to fulfil the requirements. However, it has been recently noted that there are not enough approved judges on the lists to fulfil the demand from shows to be able to judge the Japanese Akita Inu, this results in judges who are not on the judging lists being appointed, these judges may or may not have experience in the breed's characteristics. One of the barriers to increased membership of the judging list is the ability to attend and pass the Breed Specific Seminar and assessment. To respond to this issue the following proposal has been raised:

*To accept onto the C list, individuals who fulfil the required criteria for inclusion with the exception of:
To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run by the Japanese Akita Inu Club and passed the Clubs Assessment and examination.*

This is on the proviso that this criterion will be completed within a 2 year period from the date of application. Should the individual not attend and pass this requirement their listing will be removed.

The committee would like your views on whether the above proposal should be accepted. We would appreciate it if members could send their agreement or otherwise, plus any comments if they would like to express their view in more detail so that these can be collated in advance of the AGM in April 2012. Please send your views and comments to membersec@japaneseakita-inu.co.uk.

Current Judges List Definitions and Criteria

B List

Persons applying for inclusion on the B List must have:

Breed Specialists

1. To have owned and exhibited a K.C. registered Japanese Akita Inu and have the support of the Club.
2. To have judged Japanese Akita Inu and/or other breeds at a minimum of 3 shows.
3. To have judged a minimum of 9 classes of Japanese Akita Inu and/or other breeds
4. To have judged hands on a minimum of 18 dogs.
5. To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run by the Japanese Akita Inu Club and passed the Clubs Assessment and examination.
6. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures. Unless the applicant is already approved to award Kennel Club Challenge Certificates in another breed.
7. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement. Unless the applicant is already approved to award Kennel Club Challenge Certificates in another breed.
8. To have attended the Hands on Seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination. Unless the applicant is already approved to award Kennel Club Challenge Certificates in another breed.

Non Breed Specialists

1. To have judged Japanese Akita Inu and/or other breeds at a minimum of 5 shows.
2. To have judged a minimum of 15 classes of Japanese Akita Inu and/or other breeds.
3. To have judged hands on a minimum of 35 dogs.
4. To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run by the Japanese Akita Inu Club and passed the Clubs Assessment and examination.
5. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures.
6. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer on Conformation and Movement.
7. To have attended and passed the Hands on Seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination.

OR

8. To have awarded K.C. Challenge Certificates in at least one other Breed.
9. To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run by the Japanese Akita Inu Club and passed the Clubs Assessment and examination.

C List

Persons the Club supports to judge Japanese Akita Inu at Open and Limited Shows with no more than 3 classes. Persons applying for inclusion on the C List must have:

Breed Specialists

1. To have owned and exhibited a Japanese Akita Inu.
2. To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run by the Japanese Akita Inu Club and passed the Clubs Assessment and examination.
3. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures.

Non Specialists

1. To have shown a genuine interest in Japanese Akita Inu and have least 2 years experience of judging another breed(s).
2. To have attended at least one Breed Specific Seminar run by the Japanese Akita Inu Club and passed the Clubs Assessment and examination.
3. To have attended a seminar given by a Kennel Club Accredited Trainer, and passed the relevant examination on Kennel Club Regulations and Judging Procedures.



THE JAPANESE AKITA INU CLUB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Thank you for your interest in the Japanese Akita Inu Club, your support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you during the following year.

I/We the undersigned apply for renewal of membership of the Japanese Akita Inu Club and agree to abide by the Rules. I/We will endeavour to place the welfare of the Japanese Akita Inu above all else.

The JAIC fully supports the Kennel Club's General Code of Ethics which can be viewed through the link from our website www.japaneseakita-inu.co.uk or directly from the KC website www.thekennelclub.org.uk/item/247

Member	Name (Block Capitals)	16	Signature
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Kennel Affix:
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If joint membership and you would prefer emails to be sent to individual addresses please list overleaf

Annual Subscription enclosed: £10.00 single/joint* £15.00 family** (please delete)

*A couple or 2 people in joint ownership of a dog. ** Up to 3 people at the same address plus any children under 16. Please add details of other under 16 members on the back of this form)

Only members over the age of 16 have voting rights. Any member attending and voting at Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings of this Club must have been a member in good standing for not less than one full year following the AGM subsequent to their membership being approved.

Please return this form with cheque/postal order payable to JAIC to:

Ms Kate Huggins, JAIC Membership Secretary, 60 Crockenhill Rd, Orpington, Kent, BR5 4DF

RECEIPT REQUIRED YES/NO

Please use this side to enter details of children (under 16) that you wish to include in your family membership. The date of birth is required to calculate when the individual becomes eligible for voting rights.

Member	Name (Block Capitals)	16 Y/N	Date of Birth (if under 16)	Signature
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Other email addresses.....

Secretarial Use Only

Date received Subscription enclosed.....

Membership year: 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012