Your Border Collie BREED COUNCIL

What is the Breed Council?
The UK Border Collie Breed Council is a consultative body whose committee is formed from representatives of the Border Collie breed societies within the UK. Our aim is to promote the Border Collie in all aspects and safeguard the welfare of the Breed.

What are its objectives?
To make recommendations to the General Committee of the Kennel Club with regard to:
- The Breed Standard
- Applications to register new Breed Societies
- Matters referred to the Council by the Kennel Club
- Making recommendations as regards the encouragement and promotion of the Border Collie
- Making recommendations to undertake the development and assessment of the breed
- The Breed Council also has close links to the Pastoral Breeds Health Foundation and makes recommendations regarding health testing to the Kennel Club.

Member Clubs
The Border Collie Breed Council is composed from a committee collectively provided by the affiliated member clubs listed below:
The Border Collie Club of Wales
The East Anglian Border Collie Club
The Midlands Border Collie Club
The North West Border Collie Club
The North East Border Collie Club
The Scottish Border Collie Club
The Wessex Border Collie Club
The West of England Border Collie Club

How do you raise an item to the Breed Council?
To raise an item/topic to the Breed Council you should:
- Initially the individual(s) must send the item to the breed club that the individual(s) is a member of
- The breed club should then discuss the item and if they feel it is necessary they will then formally request that the breed council secretary adds it to the next breed council meeting agenda, either as an item or under "any other business"

Planned Meetings
3 November 2018
Scotland
16 March 2019
Stoneleigh (AGM)
6 July 2019
Peterborough
2 November 2019
Scotland
(All times and venues to be confirmed.)

Breed Information
The Border Collie is renowned for its intelligence, agility, hard work and innate skills with animals for herding. The Border Collie was refined in the border country of England and Scotland, with the term 'Border Collie' being used sometime after 1900. In 1873 the first recorded sheep dog trials were held in Bala, North Wales, although it was not until 33 years later in 1906 that the first registry for Border Collies was formed - The International Sheep Dog Society (ISDS).

In the UK, there are two separate registries for Border Collies. The International Sheep Dog Society (ISDS) encourages breeding for herding ability, whereas the Kennel Club (UK) encourages breeding for a standardized appearance. The Kennel Club first recognised the Border Collie as a pedigree breed and produced an interim standard in 1977. In 1978 the standard was amended and it is intrinsically the same standard today.

The Border Collie breaks the adage "Jack of all trades, master of none" for it excels in perhaps more disciplines than any other breed. Outside of sheep work you can find the Border Collie excelling in; showing, obedience, agility, working trials, heelwork to music, flyball, PAT, rescue, sniffer etc. as well as simply a companion.

Our aim within the Breed Council is to ensure that this continues.

The Border Collie of the Year Competition
Each year a Border Collie Breed Council member breed club has the honour to host the yearly Border Collie of the Year competition.
The judging criteria (match, points system, class etc) and judge(s) are defined by the hosting club. Typically judging is accomplished by 2 or more judges who score each dog individually on a points scheme based upon the sections of the breed standard. Dogs attending the event are restricted to Show Champions and CC winners from the previous calendar year.
The ultimate winner is considered to be the Top Border Collie of the previous year and gains the title “Border Collie of the Year” and the second placed dog “Runner-up Border Collie of the Year”.

So far in 2018...
Your Breed Council has been heavily involved with several important projects:
- An Extended Breed Standard. An aid to help all Border Collie judges appreciate the special qualities that go to make up a Border Collie.
- Health Testing within the Breed. Notably the DNA test for the predisposition to Glaucoma, launched in May.
- Working with the Kennel Club to choose a Breed Education Co-ordinator (BEC)
- Producing the Kennel Club Academy Breed Video. A key training tool for all judges. Border Collies are amongst the first Breeds to do this.

Please visit the website where you can find out more about your Breed Council and access links to useful information regarding the Border Collie.

www.bordercolliebreedcouncil.co.uk