



73rd DANE OF THE YEAR

Sunday 18th October 2026

Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may be entered for exhibition at this show

Schedule of the
DANE OF THE YEAR SHOW

Un-benched - Single Breed Open Show

To be held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations

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DANE OF THE YEAR SHOW

Sponsoring Club for 2026

The Great Dane Club of Wales

Assisted by

The Northern Great Dane Club and Midland & West of England Great Dane Club

DANE OF THE YEAR COMMITTEE

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On Sunday 18th October 2026

At The Sports Connexion

Ryton On Dunsmore, Coventry, CV8 3FL

Show Opens: 9.00am

Judging: 10.00am

Judge: Catherine Gilbert (Lomondane/Hazedan)

All Judges at this show agree to abide by the following statement:

"In assessing dogs, judges must penalise any features or exaggerations which they consider would be detrimental to the soundness, health and well being of the dog"

Jurisdiction and Responsibilities

The Officers and Committee members of the society holding the licence are deemed responsible for organising and conducting the show safely and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Kennel Club and agree to abide by and adopt any decision of the Board or any authority to whom the Board may delegate its powers subject to the conditions of Regulation F17. In so doing those appointed as officers and committee members accept that they are jointly and severally responsible for the organisation of the show and that this is a binding undertaking (vide Royal Kennel Club General Show Regulations F4 and F5)

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Post Entries to be sent to Have A Dog Day

63 Wareham Grove, Dodworth, S75 3LU

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Postal Entries Close: Friday 25th September 2026

On-Line Entries Close: Friday 2nd October 2026

All wins up to & including 18th September 2026 must be counted when entering any class

www.haveadogday.co.uk

CLASSIFICATION

Judge: Catherine Gilbert (Lomondane/Hazedan)

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| 1 Baby Puppy Dog | 17 Baby Puppy Bitch |
| 2 Minor Puppy Dog | 18 Minor Puppy Bitch |
| 3 Puppy Dog | 19 Puppy Bitch |
| 4 Junior Dog | 20 Junior Bitch |
| 5 Yearling Dog | 21 Yearling Bitch |
| 6 Novice Dog | 22 Novice Bitch |
| 7 Post Graduate Dog | 23 Post Graduate Bitch |
| 8 Limit Dog | 24 Limit Bitch |
| 9 Special Veteran Dog | 25 Special Veteran Bitch |

Winner - Free entry for Best Veteran DOTY and a chance to win a unique embroidered towel

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| 10 Special Open Harlequin Dog | 26 Special Open Harlequin Bitch |
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Winner - Free entry for Best Harlequin DOTY and a chance to win a unique embroidered towel

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| 11 Special Open Fawn Dog | 27 Special Open Fawn Bitch |
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Winner - Free entry for Best Fawn DOTY and a chance to win a unique embroidered towel

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| 12 Special Open Black Dog | 28 Special Open Black Bitch |
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Winner - Free entry for Best Black DOTY and a chance to win a unique embroidered towel

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| 13 Special Open Brindle Dog | 29 Special Open Brindle Bitch |
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Winner - Free entry for Best Brindle DOTY and a chance to win a unique embroidered towel

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| 14 Special Open Mantle Dog | 30 Special Open Mantle Bitch |
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Winner - Free entry for Best Mantle DOTY and a chance to win a unique embroidered towel

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| 15 Special Open Blue Dog | 31 Special Open Blue Bitch |
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Winner - Free entry for Best Blue DOTY and a chance to win a unique embroidered towel

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| 16 Open Dog | 32 Open Bitch |
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BD, RBD, BPD and BVD will be chosen after class 32

Followed by BB, RBB, BPB and BVB

Then BEST IN SHOW, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW, BEST OPPOSITE SEX

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, RESERVE BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

BEST VETERAN IN SHOW AND BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW

******* ENTER 2 DOGS AND GET A 3RD ENTRY FREE *******

ENTRY FEES

First Entry	£10.00 per Exhibit
All Subsequent Entries	£ 2.00 same Exhibit
Veteran Class	£ 4.00 per Exhibit
Baby Puppy	£ 5.00 per Exhibit
Not For Competition	£ 5.00 per Exhibit
Advert Black & White	£10.00 Full Page
Advert Black & White	£ 6.00 Half Page
Advert Colour	£12.50 Full Page
Advert Colour	£ 8.50 Half Page
Catalogue	£ 2.50

Rosette Donations; minimum £5 and multiples of £5, each £5 will include your name printed as Sponsor on a First Rosette in a class chosen on the day of the Show, unless you have a requested class

Rosette Donations gratefully received from

The Great Dane Club (3 classes), Pennine Great Dane Club (2 classes)
Lesley & Adam Chappell (3 classes), Rick Day (Janriche) BIS, BD, BB
Lee Janaway (2 classes), Jill Jones BV, Tony & Julie Schaanning-Ling (2 classes)

Show Donations

Donated by Pat Patch - special embroidered reflective blankets for the following winners;
Best Dog, Best Bitch, Best Puppy and Best Veteran

Sandy Lipman (Painting of BIS worth £250)

PRIZE CARDS & ROSETTES

1st - VHC Prize Cards in all classes
1st - VHC Special Rosettes in all classes
Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Opposite Sex
Best Puppy in Show, Best Veteran in Show (*from the Veteran classes only*)
Best Dog, Reserve Best Dog, Best Puppy Dog
Best Bitch, Reserve Best Bitch, Best Puppy Bitch
Best Baby Puppy Dog, Best Baby Puppy Bitch & Best Baby Puppy in Show

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SPECIAL REFLECTIVE BLANKET

There will also be Special reflective blankets for the following winners

Embroidered With Green Dragon and

Best Dog DOTY Oct 26

Best Bitch DOTY Oct 26

Best Puppy DOTY Oct 26 and Best Veteran DOTY Oct 26

Picture to follow

AFTER BEST IN SHOW

After the main Judging there will be Best of Colour from the winners of the Special Open Colour Classes only who will compete against each other for the award of

Best DOTY in colour Dane of the Year



Special Egyptian cotton embroidered commemorative towels will be presented to these winners

As this will be judged after Best in Show why not enter a Special Open Colour

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ABOUT OUR JUDGE - Cath Gilbert

I first fell in love with Great Danes in the late 60's when my best friend at school's family bought a Dane puppy. I was lucky enough to be invited to go to some of the shows and remember fondly attending the Scottish Great Dane Club shows at the Loreburn Hall and being in awe of these magnificent dogs and vowed that I would own one someday.

I was lucky enough to marry in to a family that also loved Danes and spent many hours walking the dogs and attending shows, but we did not get our own Dane until 1987. Savanna was of Murrayvhale / Bencleves breeding, we both learned as we went along and progressed from getting VHC's to winning our class and occasional BOB. My second Dane was Garsak Sir Daniel and although never in the tickets we were very rarely unplaced, he was in the SWGDC Top 6 Premier League in 1992. Through showing Savanna and Daniel I became friends with Christine and Jim Cunningham who established their Lomondane Affix and it was from their kennel that I was to get my third Dane and first **Champion, Lomondane Kintra JW**, (*Halemoss Rojon Rhodes Scholar of Picanbil, Am Imp x Garsak All Systems Go*). I was always lucky that Christine and I shared very similar choices and I would undoubtedly choose the same pup as her, but she would allow me the honour of having my choice. I produced one litter under my Hazedan affix, but found breeding was not my thing. My second Champion was Phyllis, **Ch. L Cranochan at Hazedan JW**, (*Dogiwogin S'on Ludvig XIV Yacanto Imp Fin x Lomondane Lindores*) also Top Puppy in Breed 2004. Christine repeated this mating and from this I made up my third Champion, **Ch. L Coorie In Tae Hazedan JW**, gaining her crown in 2011.

Over the years I took a back seat at the showing of the dogs and would be travel to shows with Elaine Robertson, a superb handler and best travel buddy ever. I was very lucky to be in partnership with several more Danes gaining their title and in 2020 my name was added to the Lomondane Kennel Name.

I served on the Scottish Great Dane Club Committee for 30 years and loved being involved in running shows and then I eventually became a judge awarding CC's for the first time in 2007. It is always an honour to be invited to judge the breed I love and I am very much looking forward to judging the prestige's DOTY.



Hon Secretary: Pat Patch - honsecgdcw@gmail.com
President: Mr Tony Schaanning-Ling **Chairman:** Rick Day
Hon Treasurer: John Powell
Hon Membership Secretary / Show Secretary: Chris Patch
Committee: Sharon Nunn, Jill Cranfield, Geoff Jackson-Haines

Visit us at www.thegreatdanclubofwales.co.uk and on Facebook, Great Dane Club of Wales

SHOW DATES 2027

Saturday 17th April 2027 OPEN SHOW

*In Partnership with Working & Pastoral Breeds Association of Wales
which will be held at The Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells*

Judge: Cheryl Mahon (Astraldream)

Thursday 7th October 2027 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

*In partnership with South Wales Kennel Association
which will be held at The Royal Welsh Show Ground, Builth Wells*

Judge: Hilary Baker (Preveli)

Sunday 17th October 2027 Dane of The Year

The Sports Connexion, The Arena, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, CV8 3FL

Judge: Mrs Maria McGuinness

Membership is £5.00 Single or Joint £7.00 per year
OR 5 years for the price of 4 - Single £20, Joint £28
Life Membership is available for £50.00 Single or £70.00 Joint

All memberships can be paid by Standing Order and a form is on our Website

Hon Membership Sec: Mr Chris Patch
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Membership forms are available on our web site
Membership runs from 1st January to 31st December
Join today and your Membership Will continue through 2027

Why not become a member and get **REDUCED** entry fees to our shows
This Club is a member of the Great Dane Breed Council

THE NORTHERN GREAT DANE CLUB



Promotes the Welfare of our breed, the club General Code of Ethics, Colour Code of Ethics and is a Supporter of the DCM project, University of Liverpool

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UPCOMING DATES FOR 2026, 2027 & 2028

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW *In conjunction with Blackpool Championship Dog Show*
Sunday 21st June 2026

Judge: Jean Pratt

OPEN SHOW *In conjunction with Leeds Championship Show*
Saturday 25th July 2026

Judge: Ms Carol Lawson

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW *In conjunction with Blackpool Championship Dog Show*
Sunday 27th June 2027

Judge: Jan MacDonald

DOTY OPEN SHOW Sunday 17th October 2027

Judge: Mrs Maria McGuiness

**** NEW ** CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW** *In conjunction with Manchester Championship Dog Show*
Thursday 13th January 2028

Judge: Phil Kirby

OPEN SHOW *In conjunction with Blackpool Championship Show*
Saturday 25th June 2028

Judge: tbc

MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS SINGLE £6.00 / JOINT £7.00

Application form available on the website

Join at the DOTY 2026 and your membership will only be due for renewal 1st January 2028

OFFICERS

Patron: Mr A F Schaanning Ling

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Vice Presidents: Mr R Marshall, Mrs S Richens

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Vice Chairman: Mrs S Richens

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Trophy Secretary: Elaine Bartley

Committee: Miss J Middleton, Mr S Worsley,



Midland & West of England Great Dane Club

EST. 1988

The Club offers the following benefits to its Membership

A Christmas Championship Show, The Colour Format Open Show
& Summer Open Show

M&WEGDC Annual – the Essential Reference Guide since 1974

Free to paid up primary members from the previous year
On sale to others. (some back issues available)

One of the sponsors for Dane of the Year (DOTY)

One of the original sponsors of the National Great Dane Rescue Scheme

An Illustrated Great Dane Breed Standard to all new members

Ethical & Rules Guidelines Booklet to all new members

Merchandise Items for Sale at our Ch Show & Colour Format Show & On Line

Informative Website – www.midlandandwestgdc.org

The Club is a member of The Great Dane Breed Council

Membership details can be obtained from our Membership Secretary

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DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and the Royal Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts travelling to and whilst at Royal Kennel Club licensed events.

- When travelling to a show please take a moment to consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route, and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.
- If your vehicle is not air-conditioned seriously consider whether travelling to the show is a good idea at all.
- The vehicle should be as fully ventilated as possible, and plenty of stops should be taken, with lots of water available to drink.
- Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
- When at the show, never leave your dog in the vehicle.
- Keep the dog in the shade - take your own shade for example a large umbrella and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog stays well hydrated.
- Avoid your dog taking part in unnecessary exertion, or from standing in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time.

Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated, and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare.

PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR DOG

WARNING: IF YOUR DOG IS FOUND TO BE AT RISK FORCIBLE ENTRY TO YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE NECESSARY WITHOUT LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED

THE GREAT DANE BREED COUNCIL

It has been brought to the Council's attention that the temperament in Great Danes is deteriorating. Therefore this notification will be in Schedules and Catalogues. It is intended as a guide to both Judges and Exhibitors.

KC Rule 15 EXCLUSION OF DOGS

If in the opinion of the Show Secretary, Show Manager or Judge any dog is considered not in a fit state for exhibition owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, the dog may be excluded or removed from the Show on the instruction of the Show management. Once excluded or removed from the Show the dog must not be brought into the Show at any time under any circumstances and the case must be reported in full to the Royal Kennel Club within 7 days.

Judges may send the dog out if the dog appears to have an aggressive disposition.

Extract from Royal Kennel Club Regulations F(1) Reproduced with their permission.

Issued by and on behalf of The Great Dane Breed Council.

Anyone whose dog is entered at a Royal Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise.

Breach of Royal Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations

DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

In the following definitions, a Challenge Certificate includes any Show award that counts towards the title of Champion under the Rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club.

Wins at Championship Shows in breed classes where Challenge Certificates are not on offer shall be counted as wins at Open Shows.

In the case of a dog owned in partnership and entered in Members' classes or competing for Members' Specials each partner must at the time of entry be a member of the Society.

In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the first closing date shall be counted when entering for any class i.e. **18th September 2026**.

Wins in Variety classes do not count for entry in Breed classes but when entering in Variety classes, wins in both Breed and Variety classes must be counted. First prizes awarded in any classes defined as Special do not count towards eligibility.

If an exhibitor reports before the judging of a class or classes that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the exhibitor may choose one of the following options:

(1) Withdrawal

The dog may be withdrawn from competition subject to the conditions of Regulations F(1)19.

(2) Transfer.

a.If a dog is ineligible for a class or classes as regards its colour, sex, weight or height the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent class or classes for the correct colour, sex, weight or height and, in the event of there being no equivalent class, Minor Puppy and Puppy excepted to the Open class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.

b.For an exhibit entered incorrectly in a Minor Puppy Class, Puppy Class or Junior Class, which is over age but under twelve calendar months of age, eighteen calendar months of age or 24 calendar months of age respectively, the Show Secretary shall transfer the exhibit to the Puppy Class, Junior Class or Yearling Class respectively for the correct colour, sex, weight or height and in the event of there being no Puppy, Junior or Yearling Class to the Open Class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.

c.For any reason other than the above, the Show Secretary shall transfer It to the Open Class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.

d.If an exhibit arrives late and misses a class, even if it is the only class in which the dog is entered, the dog may not be transferred to any other class.

BABY PUPPY A baby puppy is a dog of four and less than six calendar months of age on the first day of the show. There will be no progression to further competition

MINOR PUPPY For dogs of six and not exceeding nine calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.

PUPPY For dogs of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.

JUNIOR For dogs of six and not exceeding eighteen calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.

YEARLING For dogs of twelve and not exceeding twenty four calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.

NOVICE For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate/CACIB/CAC/Green Star or three or more First Prizes at Open and Championship Shows (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy classes excepted, whether restricted or not).

POST GRADUATE For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate/CACIB/CAC/Green Star or five or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open classes, whether restricted or not where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.

LIMIT For dogs which have not become show Champions under Royal Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Royal Kennel Club, or won 3 or more CACIB/CAC/Green Stars or won five or more First Prizes in all at Championship Shows in Mid Limit, Limit or Open Classes confined to the breed, whether restricted or not, at shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.

SPECIAL VETERAN For dogs of not less than six years of age on the first day of the Show.

SPECIAL OPEN For all dogs of the breed for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the Show but confined to colour as stated.

OPEN For all dogs of the breed for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the Show.

NOT FOR COMPETITION Societies may at their discretion, accept Not for Competition entries. Societies may accept such entries from breeds of dog not included within the title of the Society and at Shows held over more than one day, such entries may be accepted on any day from any breed.

RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRIES

Exhibitors/Competitors are reminded that show societies have the right under Royal Kennel Club Regulation to refuse any entry.

CRATE / CAGE IDENTIFICATION

Each exhibitor is responsible for providing their own crate or cage identification and should note that the original exhibit/bench number card, as provided by the show society, must not be used for this purpose. The Royal Kennel Club request that, for safety reasons, all dogs in soft cages are NOT left unattended at any time.

CHILDREN

Children must be kept under parental control at all times or they, with their parents, may be asked to leave the show.

DOG FOULING AND GROOMING WASTE

Any owner, handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove immediately any fouling caused by their dog(s) and / or grooming waste at a Royal Kennel Club licensed show within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event, including car and caravan parks and approaches.

No substance which alters the natural colour, texture or body of the coat may be present in the dog's coat for any purpose at any time during the show. Any substance (other than water) which may be used in the preparation of dogs for exhibition must not be allowed to remain in the coat or on any other part of the dog at the time of exhibition. Therefore chalking, powdering or spraying (with the exception of water) of exhibits within the precincts of the show is forbidden.

USE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT SHOWS

The Royal Kennel Club is becoming increasingly concerned at the amount of electrical equipment being used by exhibitors at shows, including hair dryers and hair straighteners and other grooming devices.

Electrical equipment should not be brought to shows unless absolutely necessary. In rare instances where it might be required, it should be PAT tested and permission sought from the secretary of the show before it is used.

The Royal Kennel Club has also been informed of recent instances of exhibitors commandeering certain areas of a venue in order to have access to power points so as to use electrical grooming equipment. This is totally unacceptable and particularly unfair on the breeds whose allocated areas have been cramped because of this selfish behaviour.

REGULATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DOGS FOR EXHIBITION F(B)

- 1 These regulations must be observed when a dog is prepared for exhibition and/or exhibited at any Royal Kennel Club Licensed event. Objections may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under these Show Regulations and/or disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rule A11.
 - (a) a dog found to have been exhibited in breach of these Regulations will automatically be disqualified from exhibition at the show and from any award gained thereat.
 - (b) Unless the exhibitor provides a satisfactory explanation for the dog being exhibited in breach of these Regulations then he/she may be subject to further penalties of either a fine or as listed under Rule A11.
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 - (a) No substance which alters the natural colour, texture or body of the coat may be present in the dog's coat for any purpose at any time during the show. No substance which alters the natural colour of any external part of the dog may be present on the dog for any purpose at any time during the show.
 - (b) Any other substance (other than water) which may be used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition must not be allowed to remain in the coat at the time of exhibition.
- 3 No act or operation which alters the natural conformation of a dog or any part thereof may be performed except:
 - (a) Operations certified to the satisfaction of the Board.
 - (b) The removal of dew claws of any breed.
 - (c) Operations to prevent breeding provided that such operations are notified to the Royal Kennel Club before neutered dogs are shown.Nor must anything be done calculated in the opinion of the Board to deceive.
- 4 The Board without previous notice may order an examination of any dog or dogs at any show. Any examination thus ordered will be made by a person having executive authority who shall have a written directive from the KC in their possession. Samples may be taken for further examination and analysis.
- 5 An individual has the right to lodge an objection to a dog only if he/she is the owner or handler of a dog competing in the same breed or class. An objection may however, be lodged by an official of the show or any anyone so deputed by the Royal Kennel Club. It will be the responsibility of the individual who lodges the objection or the official (as appropriate) to substantiate the grounds for the objection. The Royal Kennel Club will substantiate the grounds for an objection made on its behalf.
- 6 Any objection by an individual related to an infringement of these Regulations must be made in writing to the Show Secretary at his/her office before the close of the Show & the individual must produce evidence of identity at the time of lodging the complaint.

EXERCISE AREA

An exercise area will be provided. Exhibitors/Handlers are required to clear up any fouling by the dogs in their charge.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Show will Open at 9.00am.
2. Dogs will be received at any time but it is the exhibitors responsibility to ensure that exhibits are available for judging when required.
3. Judging starts at 10.00am.
4. Exhibits may be removed from the show after all their judging has been completed, the show will close half an hour after all judging has been completed.
5. Entry Fees: First Entry £10.00/Dog, Enter 2 dogs and get 3rd dog entry free, Subsequent Entries £2.00/Same Dog, Veteran £4.00/Dog, Baby Puppy £5.00/Dog, NFC £5.00/Dog. On-Line at www.haveadogday.co.uk.
6. There will be no prize money on offer at this show.
7. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
8. Puppies under four calendar months of age on the first day of the show are not eligible for exhibition.
9. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the show are strictly forbidden.
10. Where a Best Puppy in Show competition is scheduled the Best Puppy in Show is a puppy which has competed and is unbeaten by any other puppy exhibited at the same show. A puppy is a dog of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the Show. The selection of Best in Show may follow the selection of Best Puppy in Show and Best Veteran in Show (if scheduled) respectively. Where the Best in Show is a puppy it may, at the discretion of the judge, be awarded Best Puppy in Show respectively. Where the Reserve Best in Show is a puppy which has only been beaten by an adult dog it may, at the discretion of the judge be Best Puppy in Show respectively. A Baby Puppy is a dog of four and less than six calendar months of age on the first day of the show. Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show. Any Variety Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show. Best Baby Puppy in Breed may be declared in each breed from the dogs entered in the Baby Puppy breed classes. There must be no progression to further competition.
11. Best in Show must be selected from the exhibits declared Best of Sex. If a Reserve Best in Show is to be selected, the eligible dogs are those declared Best Opposite Sex and Reserve Best of Sex to the exhibit declared Best in Show.
12. Exhibits will not be admitted to Best in Show competition after a period of ten minutes has elapsed since the announcement that exhibits are required for judging, unless they have been unavoidably delayed by previous judging not completed on time, and then only with the special permission of the Show Management.
13. Exhibitors must not pick up dogs by their tails and leads when lifting them nor handle a dog in a manner which causes its feet not touch the ground when on the move. This is not acceptable. Exhibitors should note that such practice would constitute harsh handling and reports of such practice will be referred to the Committee under Royal Kennel Club Show Regulation F11.
14. All exhibitors must be familiar with Royal Kennel Club Regulation F (Annex B) - Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.
15. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Royal Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
16. DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS - See previous page.
17. Anyone whose dog is entered at a Royal Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. Breach of Royal Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under the Royal Kennel Club

Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any show licensed by the Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the show.

18. Not for Competition entries will be accepted. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Royal Kennel Club registered. Not for Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 3 calendar months of age on the first day of the show .
19. No modifications will be made to the schedule except by permission of the Board of the Royal Kennel Club, which will be followed by advertisement in the Canine press wherever possible.
20. An exhibitor or competitor should ensure that contact details for any handler are available and must be provided upon request in any investigation of a breach of this regulation by such handler.
21. A Safety Officer will be in attendance throughout the show. Exhibitors and spectators are reminded that just as Dane of the Year has a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all those attending their event, all those present have a duty and responsibility for their own safety. They are therefore expected to take the greatest care to avoid guy ropes, uneven surfaces and other hazards which are inevitable and integral elements of a dog show. Those bringing and using portable items of equipment such as folding chairs, trolleys, cages and grooming tables also have a responsibility to ensure that their tools, equipment and collapsible furniture is used and erected safely and does not constitute a hazard to others. Exhibitors are also reminded that they should wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the prevailing conditions on the site. Exhibitors show at their own risk if conditions are not ideal; if they consider conditions are not ideal or are unsafe, they may withdraw their dogs from classes.
22. Entry fees will not be refunded under any circumstance unless the Club decides otherwise.

SECURITY AT SHOWS

In light of recent events the Royal Kennel Club would like to issue a reminder to all Societies of the importance of security at dog shows.

The Royal Kennel Club understands that due to the nature of dog shows and the quantity of paraphernalia exhibitors bring it would be extremely difficult for show organisers to take on the issue of security alone, therefore we would reiterate the advice being given by the Police and security services, that everyone in the UK should remain vigilant and this applies to those organising and taking part in dog shows.

The importance of exhibitors feeling that they and their dogs are safe when attending a show cannot be underestimated. We would therefore remind you of the importance of the need for show organisers and exhibitors to remain mindful of potential dangers and that all visitors generally need to be vigilant and alert.

Furthermore the society should provide robust notification informing exhibitors of where to report to should they see anything suspicious or of concern, and of the evacuation procedures in place.



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