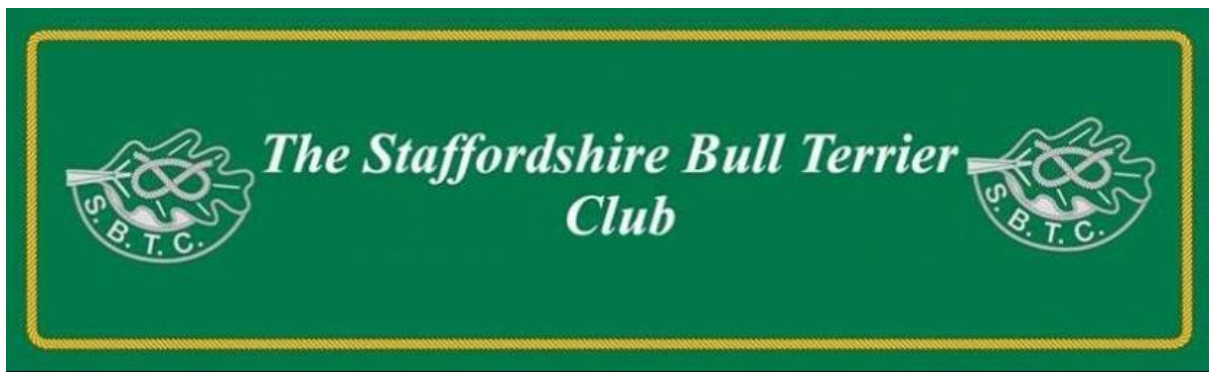


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**Welcome to The SBTC Handling & Ringcraft Club.**

**We meet every Thursday Evening at 8.30pm until 10.00pm at Brookfields Clubhouse,  
Cannock Road, Shareshill, Wolverhampton, WV10 7LZ.**

**Everyone is welcome - £1.00 per person entry fee for Door Raffle Prize Draw. Under 16's  
& dogs are free.**

**We ask that you become a member the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (£6.00 per year  
joint/£4.00 per year single) and you will then automatically be notified of our Shows each  
year and, as a Member, will be eligible to enter our Members Limited Show.**

**This pack will hopefully answer some of your questions, but please feel free to ask any  
Member of the Team or other Club Members – we are always happy to help.**

**Please ensure you clean up after your dog – “poo bags” are available at the Welcome  
Desk and a mop and bucket is also in the room.**

**Enjoy!!**

# Breed Standard

Last updated September 2000



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

Smooth-coated, well balanced, of great strength for his size. Muscular, active and agile.

## Characteristics

Traditionally of indomitable courage and tenacity. Highly intelligent and affectionate especially with children.

## Temperament

Bold, fearless and totally reliable.

## Head and Skull

Short, deep though with broad skull. Very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct stop, short foreface, nose black.

## Eyes

Dark preferred but may bear some relation to coat colour. Round, of medium size, and set to look straight ahead. Eye rims dark.

## **Ears**

Rose or half pricked, not large or heavy. Full, drop or pricked ears highly undesirable.

## **Mouth**

Lips tight and clean. Jaws strong, teeth large, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

## **Neck**

Muscular, rather short, clean in outline gradually widening towards shoulders.

## **Forequarters**

Legs straight and well boned, set rather wide apart, showing no weakness at the pasterns, from which point feet turn out a little. Shoulders well laid back with no looseness at elbow.

## **Body**

Close-coupled, with level topline, wide front, deep brisket, well sprung ribs; muscular and well defined.

## **Hindquarters**

Well muscled, hocks well let down with stifles well bent. Legs parallel when viewed from behind.

## **Feet**

Well padded, strong and of medium size. Nails black in solid coloured dogs.

## **Tail**

Medium length, low-set, tapering to a point and carried rather low. Should not curl much and may be likened to an old-fashioned pump handle.

## **Gait/Movement**

Free, powerful and agile with economy of effort. Legs moving parallel when viewed from front or rear. Discernible drive from hindlegs.

## **Coat**

Smooth, short and close.

## **Colour**

Red, fawn, white, black or blue, or any one of these colours with white. Any shade of brindle or any shade of brindle with white. Black and tan or liver colour highly undesirable.

## **Size**

Desirable height at withers 36-41 cms (14 to 16 ins), these heights being related to the weights.  
Weight: dogs: 13-17 kgs (28-38 lbs); bitches 11-15.4 kgs.

## **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**

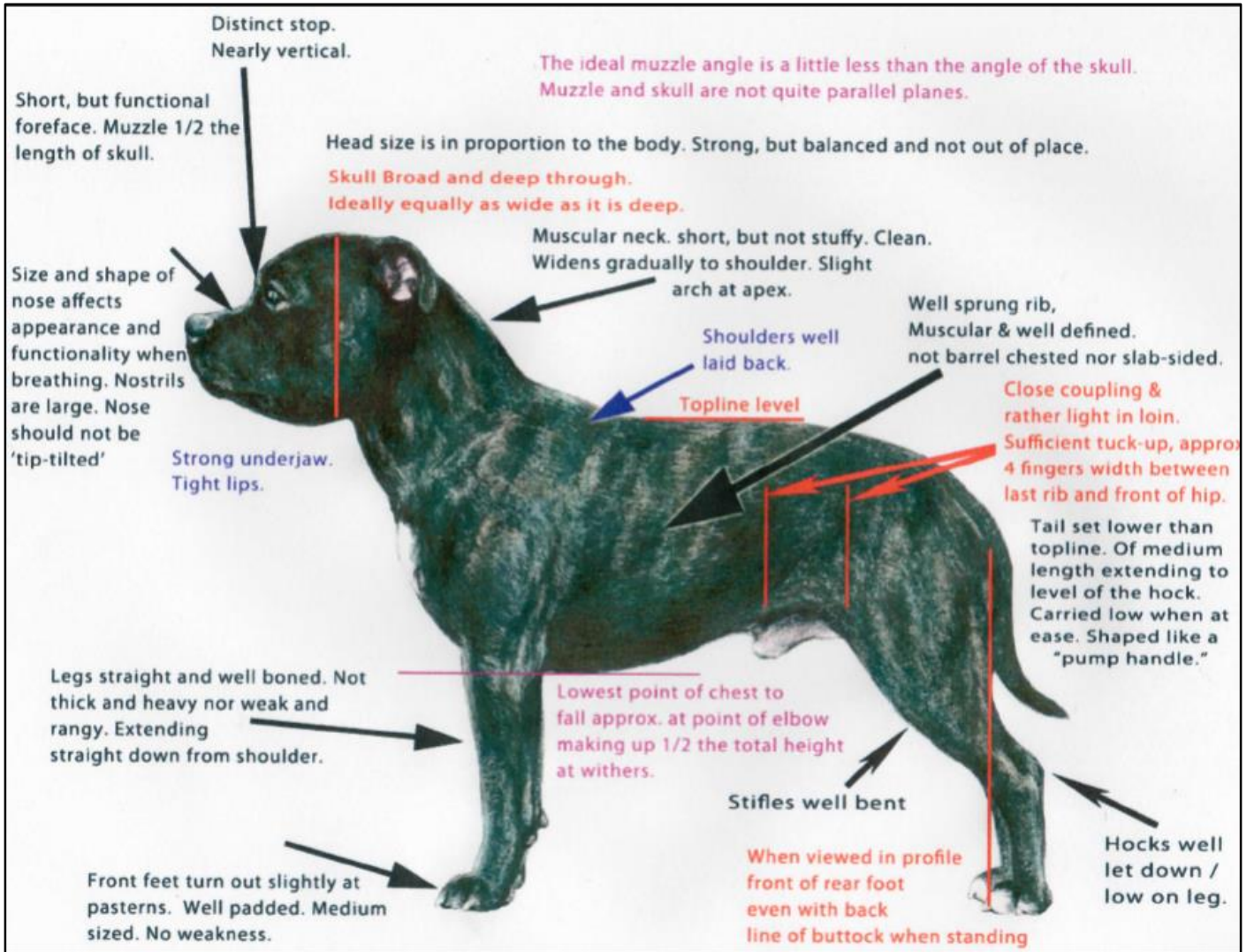
Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

### **\*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.

*The Breed Standard taken from The Kennel Club website: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk>*

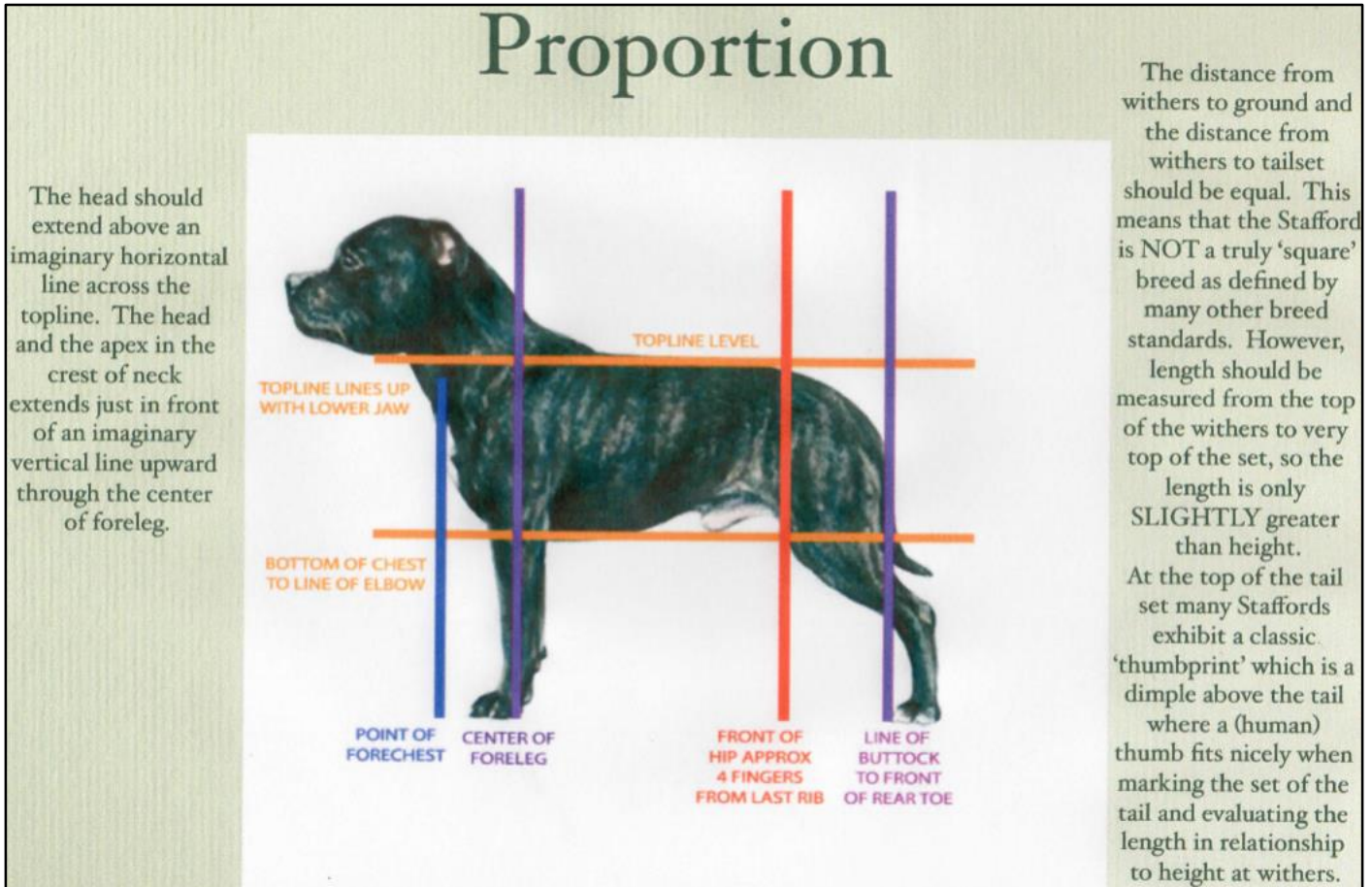
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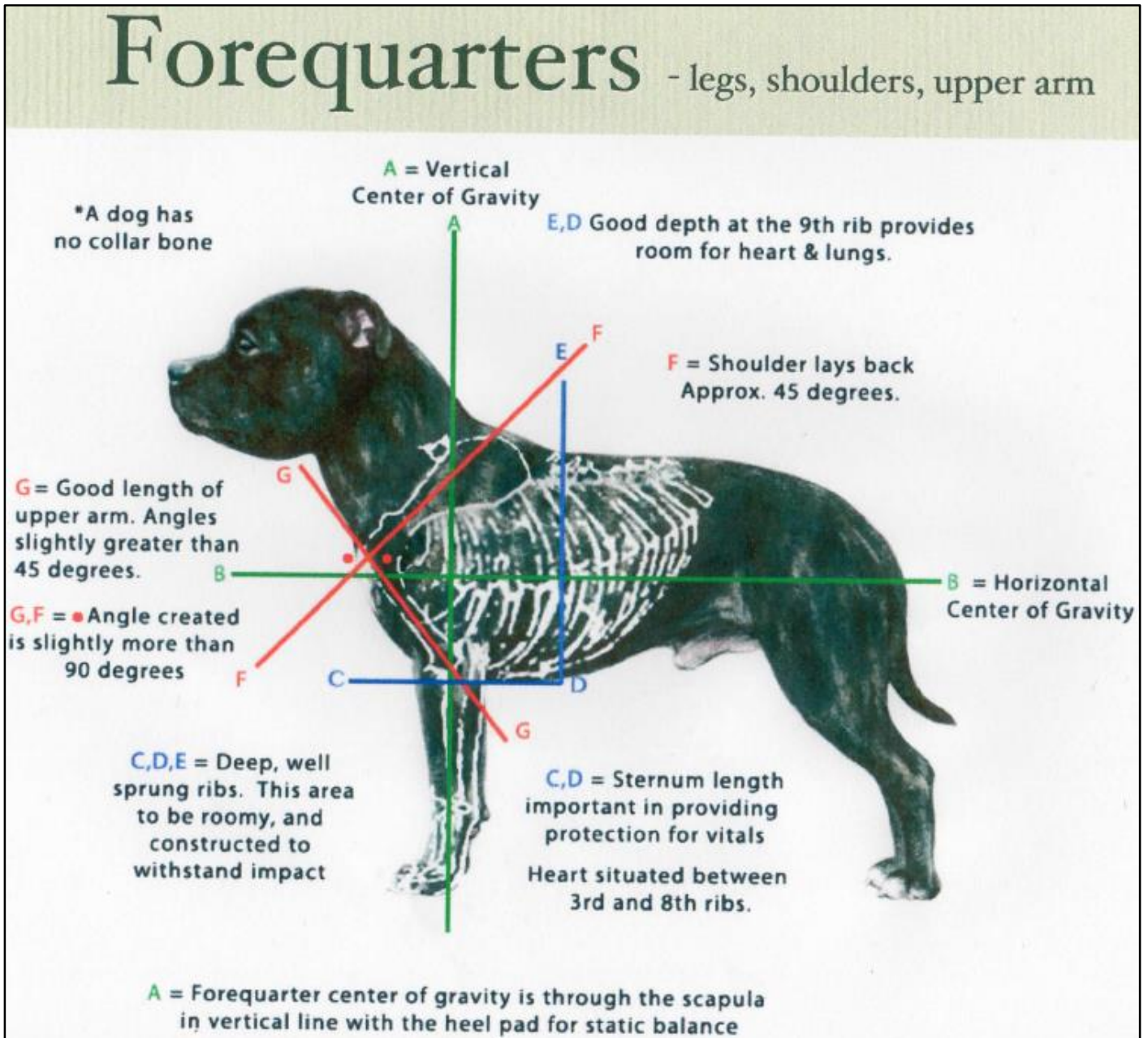


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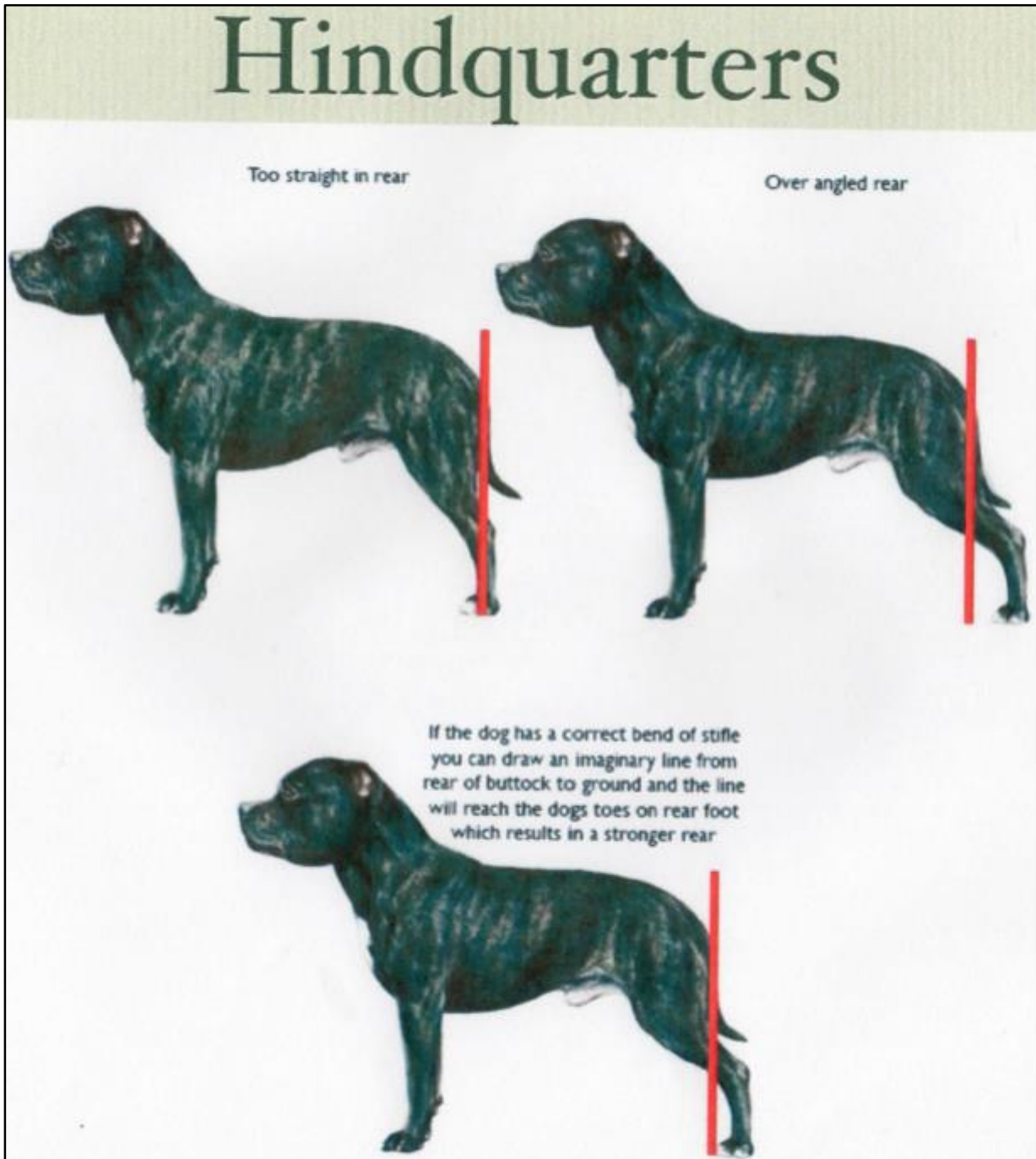
## Breed Standard – Forequarters



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## Breed Standard – Hindquarters



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## Ringcraft Classes

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Ringcraft clubs are usually very sociable, where groups of like-minded people meet on a regular basis and get great enjoyment from training their dogs. The ideal Ringcraft club should have classes, for the beginner, and in particular the puppy before it goes into the show ring, through to classes for more experienced dogs and handlers in order to keep them in the peak of training.

A great deal of time and effort goes into presenting a dog for exhibition at a show and even getting your dog to perform in the ring is a lot harder than it looks. A dog that only wants to slouch in the corner, or ambles around the ring ungracefully will not impress the judge. It is important that you learn how to present your dog in the show ring to show off all its finer points.

This can be very difficult to achieve; the dog has got to want to show off for its owner or handler in the show ring and you must work hard together to build this rapport. The people who run Ringcraft clubs have a great deal of experience in the 'show scene' and will be able to show you all the techniques to get the best out of your dog.

Some Ringcraft clubs not only run training classes for your dogs, but competitions such as Matches and Companion Dog Shows so that members can see how they are progressing.

Ringcraft club classes can also be used as the basis of training you and your dog on how it should be handled and presented even if you have no thoughts of entering the 'show scene'. They are not just for people wanting to show their dogs but for everybody with a dog, and they will teach the basics such as:

- Socialisation with people and other dogs
- Training your dog to walk on a lead nicely without becoming distracted by people or other dogs.

Whilst a great deal of time and effort goes into presenting a dog for exhibition at a show it is, in the end, very rewarding.

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## BASIC HANDLING EXERCISES

In the showing, you will very rarely be asked to move your dog in any way other than “Up and Back” or a “Triangle”. This is so that the judge can see clearly the conformation and movement of your dog when in motion, from all angles.

Here we have presented the basic exercises as well as the slightly more complex ones that may be asked of you in a Match-Meet or at Handling/Ringcraft classes.

Remember, **ALWAYS** start with the dog on your **LEFT** unless asked to **REVERSE** the exercise in which case you start with the dog on your **RIGHT**.

The “footprints” & “pawprints” in the following diagrams show the direction of motion and the position of the dog in relation to you and the judge. If you have any queries, please have a chat with one of the Team as we are always happy to help.

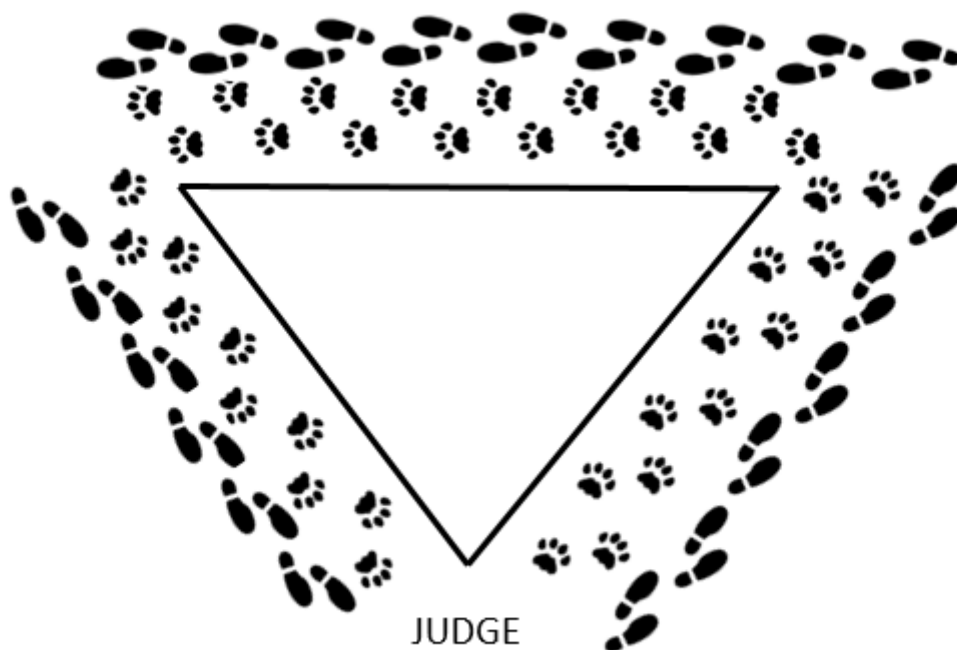
### UP AND BACK



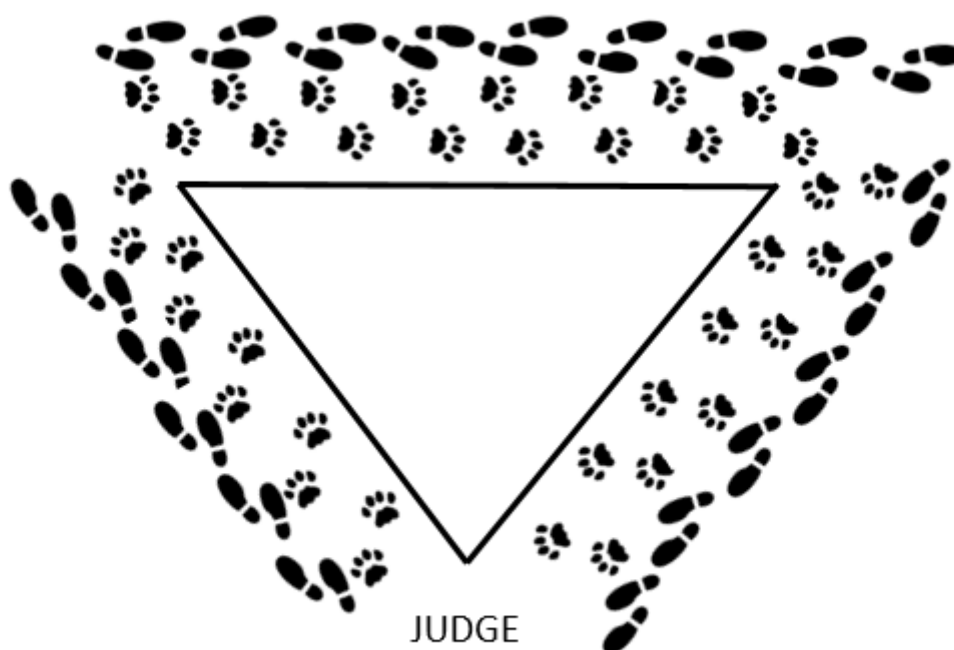
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# BASIC HANDLING EXERCISES

## TRIANGLE

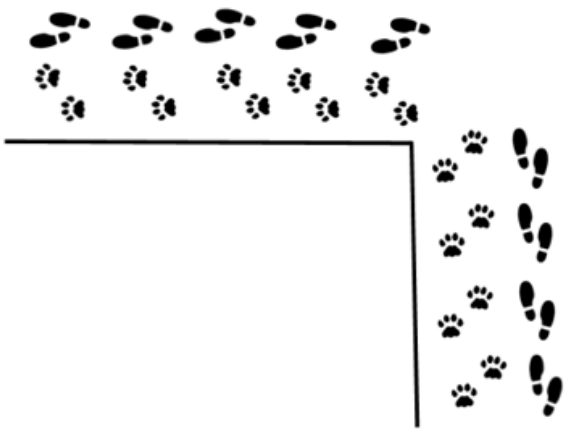


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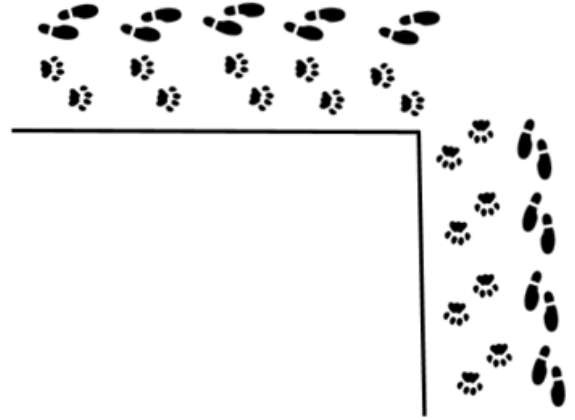


# BASIC HANDLING EXERCISES

## “L”



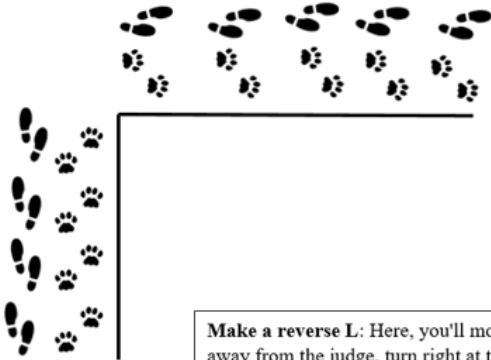
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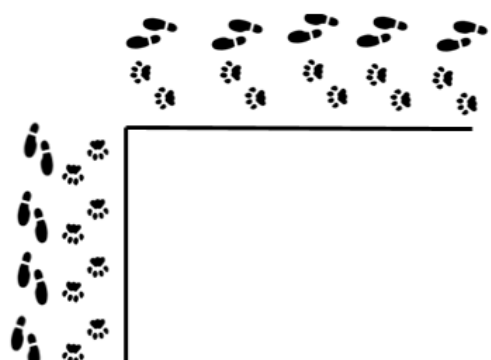
JUDGE  
Return

**Make an L:** Here, you'll move your dog down the runner away from the judge, turn left at the corner and proceed to the next corner in order to give the judge a side view of your dog's movement. At that corner, switch your dog to your right side so it's between you and the judge, then walk it back in the same manner to where you began. Stack your dog in place on the floor.

## Reverse “L”



JUDGE  
Going Away



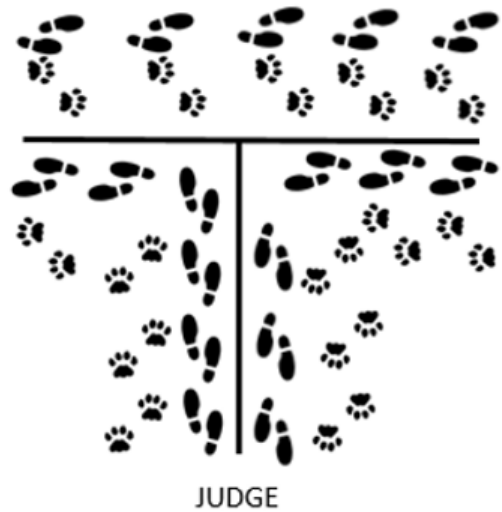
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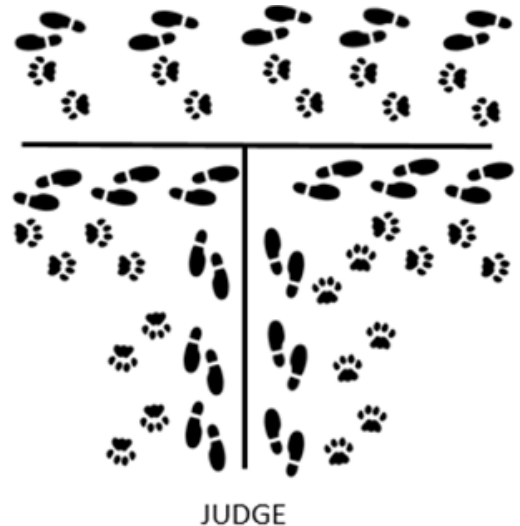
### “T”

**Make a T:** Here, you'll move your dog down the runner away from the judge, turn left at the corner and proceed to the next corner in order to give the judge a side view of your dog's movement. At that corner, switch your dog to your right side so it's between you and the judge, then walk to the opposite corner. At the corner, switch your dog back to your left side, walk back to the centre point, turn left and walk back to the judge in the same manner to where you began. Stack your dog in place on the floor.



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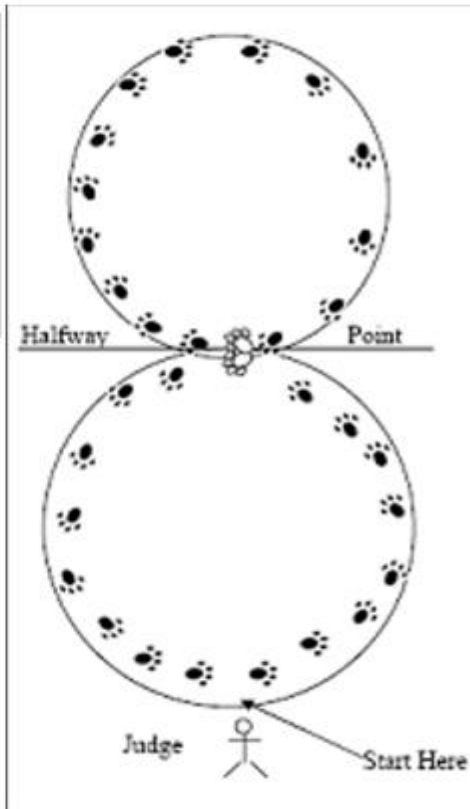


## BASIC HANDLING EXERCISES

### “Figure 8”

#### **The Figure 8 Pattern**

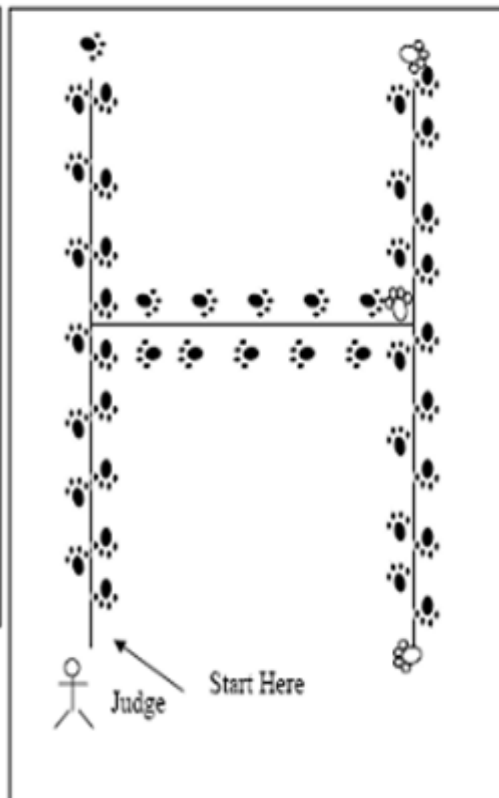
Starting in front of the Judge, create a half circle to the halfway point, switch hands, continuing a half circle to the top of the “8” and completing your upper half. At the halfway point, switch hands again, and complete your bottom circle part of the “8”, continuing to the point of beginning.



### “H”

#### **The “H” Pattern**

Starting in front of the Judge, Go straight away, to the top of the H. Turn the dog to the inside, go half-way down your same track, and turn to make the “H” bar. Switch hands. Turn up to create the upper half of the other side of the “H”. Again, switch hands and turn into your dog, keeping it to the inside, and come down to the bottom of the “H”. Switch hands and continue up to the halfway point. Cut back across the “H” bar to the first step of the “H” and turn down to your judge. All steps should be inside themselves.





# HANDLING TIPS

## TOP TIPS FOR HANDLING

- **Judges Like a Clean Dog**

Although excessive grooming is discouraged in many breeds, no judge really wants to touch a dirty dog. Even if weekly bathing isn't recommended for keeping your dog's coat in proper texture, you can still spot bathe areas like the face legs and undercarriage to keep them fresh. Most breeds should be given a bath the day before the show weekend, and then brushed and spot bathed as needed to keep them in top condition.

- **Reduce Staining on White Fur**

Stains can spoil the look of an otherwise white coat. Staining around the eyes and muzzle, as well as urine staining on the rear legs, can give the judge the impression that the dog is not well-cared for between shows.

- **Nails and Tails**

An untidy tail spoils the balanced look of the dog. Keep it trimmed and tidy. Long nails not only spoil the shape of the paw, it's telling the judge that you haven't been putting much time in on "road-work". Keep long nails clipped at all times.

- **Procedures**

You will be asked to do different patterns -Down & Back, Triangle, Reverse Triangle, 'T', Down & Back in pairs, Self- Stacking, L's, show the bite or teeth, ground or Table presentation.

- **Always Keep One Eye on the Judge**

A smart handler always knows where the judge is standing in the ring and what he's doing. This allows the handler to make sure the judge never sees her dog standing incorrectly and revealing faults.

Keeping an eye on the judge also helps you look more professional. Each dog is allotted about two minutes to be judged, and judges do not want to waste time calling up an exhibitor twice when she's not paying attention.

- **Keep Your Dog Between You and the Judge**

The judge is supposed to be judging your dog, not you, so keep the dog between the two of you at all times. If the judge asks you to walk your dog in the "L" pattern, make sure you switch hands with the lead and walk the dog on the other side of you so the judge can see her instead of your legs blocking his view.

- **Keep Yourself Calm**

Nothing can spoil a show dog's performance more than a nervous handler. If you feel keyed up and anxious, the dog will feel it through your hands and the show lead, and this will shake her confidence. Take slow, deep breaths to steady yourself, and pay attention to everything going on in the ring. If you've prepared your dog properly, there's no need to feel nervous. The judge is the one who points the finger at the winner, and that's something that you ultimately can't control. Just focus on working with your dog as a team.

- **Respect And Manners**

Make regular eye contact with the judge, interact with your dog the whole time and SMILE – look like you are enjoying yourself and you and your dog are a TEAM and NEVER EVER put yourself between the judge and your dog.

- **Dress**

Your apparel and the entire way you present yourself to the judge are very important. Dress formal and professional. NO high heels... NO low cut tops... NO low cut jeans.... NO Short or tight skirts!!

- **Confidence**

Brings you a LONG way!!! Your "look," your posture, your eye contact, your "attitude". LOVE what you are doing and let it show. Smile LOTS.

- **Stay Focused**

Pay attention to what is going on, remember the first and last dog, and be ready for your turn. Do not chit chat with others, Keep your eye on the judge and your dog at all times. Watch what the judge asks the other handlers to do, as she may ask a sneaky question, like: repeat the pattern the last girl did. If you are not paying attention, you will not know what to do.

- **Start Out in the Middle**

When you enter the ring for your class, try not to be the first or last dog in the line-up. Sometimes judges will make all the competitors line up in order as printed in the show catalogue, but if you have a choice, try to be somewhere in the middle.

You want to do this for several reasons:

\* If there's at least one dog ahead of you, this gives you more time to have your dog stacked in perfect position and brushed (if she has a longer coat). The first handler in line doesn't have as much time to fuss over the dog since the judge will examine that dog immediately after their initial assessment of all exhibits.

\* The last handler in line will also have to work quickly to make the dog look perfect because the judge will already be giving all the dogs one final look as the last dog in line returns to her place.

\* If you're in the middle, you have plenty of time to keep your dog looking good before the judge walks around the ring one last time and chooses the winner.

- **Proper Presentation of Your Dog**

Every dog has its BREED REQUIREMENT, for grooming, stacking, moving and attitude. You MUST be able to properly present YOUR breed to the judge.

- **Learn to Move Your Dog at the Correct Speed**

It's a rare dog that has perfect conformation, so most show dogs have a fault somewhere. If your dog's fault is in somewhere in her gait, you need to figure how fast or slow you need to walk her so she moves at her best. Have a friend walk the dog for you as you watch.

- **Rear Movement**

Look at how the dog's legs move when she walks away directly from you. If they are weak and the hocks tend to lean in toward each other, see if moving the dog faster or slower makes them stay more parallel to each other.

- **Front Movement**

Next, look at the front legs as the dog walks toward you. If the feet tend to converge close together, try moving the dog a little slower to see if this corrects the movement.

- **Side Movement**

Finally, look at the dog from the side as she moves. Are her shoulders laid back instead of hunched behind her neck? Do her feet kick out behind her a bit as they should? Does her top line remain smooth instead of bouncing up and down? Practice with her at different speeds to find which one helps her move as correctly as possible.

- **Show the Judge what she wants to see.**

This could be face, fronts, rear. You need to watch and read the judge, and know what she is looking for at certain times.

- **Dog Relationship**

How you treat your dog is extremely important. Talk to your dog. Never hit your dog. Do not raise your voice. Treat your dog like your best friend. You and your dog should be presented as a team.

- **Knowledge of Dogs – only in Handling Competition**

You may be asked questions on dog anatomy, Breed- specific questions about the breed you are showing, or other dogs in the ring, dog faults, and dog show questions about groups.

- **Sportsmanship**

A judge may place you at the end of the line, making it look like you are last, JUST to judge your sportsmanship, facial expressions and attitude —basically judging your reaction. Remember the show results are NOT final, until the ribbon is handed out. KEEP SHOWING your best.

# Beginners guide to...



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# Dog Showing

## Could your dog be a contender for Crufts? Then Dog Showing is for you!

### WHAT IS DOG SHOWING?

Dog showing, or exhibiting as it is known, is the most popular canine activity in this country. At shows, the judge compares each dog against the official Kennel Club Breed Standard which is a blueprint for the perfect characteristics for that breed – covering every aspect of the dog, from head to tail. The dogs which conform most closely to the Breed Standard will be the ones that receive the top places. The health of the dog is of paramount importance when making this decision – a dog must always be Fit for Function: Fit for Life! All pedigree dogs can take part in this unique hobby and you never know, you and your dog could even end up at the world's greatest dog show – Crufts!

### REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE UP DOG SHOWING

- You think your dog is the best in the world – will others agree?
- Enjoy a unique hobby and make lots of new friends.
- Your dog will love being the centre of attention.
- Learn new things about your breed.
- Develop that special bond with your dog.
- Your beloved dog could be Crufts Best in Show one day!

Possibility of  
**QUALIFYING for**  
**CRUFTS!**

### ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Your dog must be registered with the Kennel Club on the Breed Register or if your dog is from abroad it must have an Authority To Compete number before competing at any show.
- Only pedigree dogs can enter shows.
- Exhibitors taking part in any Kennel Club licensed event must familiarise themselves with the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations beforehand. The Show Regulations can be found in the Show Regulations booklet which is available from the Kennel Club Publications Department.
- We recommend that you attend some local dog shows before you start showing your dog, so you can get a feel for it and know what to expect.
- It would also be helpful if you can attend Ringcraft classes for specific training before entering a show.
- There are thousands of different types of Kennel Club licensed shows throughout the UK. They vary from Companion Dog shows, Single Breed shows, Open shows and Championship shows.
- Dogs can start competing at 6 months of age.
- No previous experience is necessary so request a list of **Ringcraft Clubs** today!

### HANDLING YOUR DOG

Attending your first dog show may cause your dog to behave differently than it does in training. Young dogs in particular can be bothered by crowds and if this is the case you can move a little way from other competitors and officials. Just remember it is a new experience for you and your dog and should you have any concerns there are always Stewards/Officials available to speak to.

Try a Ringcraft class  
or Companion Dog Show  
and see if Showing  
is for your dog!

You can find out how to take part in a  
Companion Dog Show by visiting

[www.kennelclub.org.uk/companiondogshow](http://www.kennelclub.org.uk/companiondogshow)

**Get started today!**

To find a list of clubs or training classes near you visit  
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# Dog Showing

## STARTING OUT IN DOG SHOWING

### TYPES OF SHOWS:

#### Companion Dog Shows

Companion Dog shows are fundraising events held throughout the year. The shows are mostly organised in conjunction with fairs, charity open days or similar events to raise money for charitable causes. The shows are very relaxed so they are ideal for people who are new to the show scene and offer the opportunity to practice with your dog in the show ring. Your dog does not have to be Kennel Club registered to enter a Companion Dog show.



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#### Single Breed Shows

As the name suggests, Single Breed shows have classes for just one breed of dog and are organised by a specific Breed Club. Such shows are likely to attract breed specialists who may have been involved in the breeding and showing of that particular breed for a number of years. These shows will provide you with a great opportunity to really learn about your breed from the experts.



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#### Open Shows

Some people prefer to start out on their show career by entering general Open Shows that schedule classes for many different breeds of dog. Such shows are run by general canine societies and are a good testing ground for new exhibitors. The shows are very popular and can attract many hundreds of competitors. At some Premier Open shows you may even be able to qualify for Crufts!

#### Championship Shows

These are the most prestigious shows where you may be able to qualify your dog to be shown at Crufts, and where Kennel Club Challenge Certificates (commonly known as CC's or tickets) are on offer. Challenge Certificates are the very highest award a dog can gain and they are awarded only to the very best dogs.

#### WHAT IS BENCHING?

Benching is a raised pen allocated for each dog to stay in for the duration of the show. It is comfortable for the dogs and offers security to the owner, which is convenient should you be exhibiting other dogs on the same day.

#### ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR FIRST SHOW?

Visit [www.thekennelclub.org.uk/dogshowing](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/dogshowing) or email [breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk) to find all you need to know about entering shows and the next steps to becoming a Crufts Champion!

**Get started today!**

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## New To Dog Showing?

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### **What is Dog Showing?**

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### **Getting Started in Dog Showing**

**It really is very easy to get started in dog showing, all you need to do is:**

- Ensure your dog is registered with the Kennel Club on the Breed Register and is 6 months of age or over. (If you're not sure if your dog is registered or would like more information about how to get your dog registered on the Kennel Club's Breed Register, visit the Registrations section via [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)).
- Enter a show in a class that is suitable for your dog. You can find a list of the Kennel Club licensed Shows in the Kennel Club “Events Diary” which is updated monthly. You can also find details of upcoming shows on online data entry systems.

(The SBTC also have schedules for General Championship Shows, Breed Club Shows and some General Open Shows available at the Welcome Desk. Please take a look and help yourself to any schedules for shows that you wish to enter)

- Health is of paramount importance, so before taking part in dog showing, make sure your dog is Fit For Function: Fit for Life.

## **How can I prepare for a Dog Show?**

**Although you might just like to enter a show and see how you get on, there is some preparation you could do to ensure you and your dog get the best out of the day.**

A great way to find out whether dog showing is for you is to visit a show or multiple shows and see what it's all about. You can find a list of Kennel Club licensed Shows in their Events Diary which is updated monthly. Alternatively, if you would like to visit a Show closer to your home or to see a specific breed, contact the Services Team via [cat@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:cat@thekennelclub.org.uk).

Once you've been to a show, you might have an idea of what characteristics the judge is looking for in each dog. However to find out more specific details and learn more about what is expected at a Dog Show, you could:

- Attend a Ringcraft Class (a class for show training) and learn more about how to present your dog at a Show.
- Look at the Kennel Club Breed Standards which details the characteristics for every breed of dog that can be registered with the Kennel Club.

## **What types of show are best for me?**

To find out about the different types of show and decide which would be most suitable for you and your dog, see the information on types of shows elsewhere in this pack or speak with a member of the Handling Club Team.

## **What classes can I enter?**

The best way to see what classes would be suitable for your dog is to find a show and look at the show schedule. The show schedule includes information about the show and details all the classes that will take place at the show. You can find a suitable class for your dog by reading through the explanation of each class.

Once you've found a class, you will need to complete an entry form. Show Schedules and Entry Forms can be found on the following websites: [www.highampress.co.uk](http://www.highampress.co.uk) and [www.fossedata.co.uk](http://www.fossedata.co.uk).

## **Things to consider**

Health is of paramount importance, so before taking part in dog showing, make sure your dog is Fit For Function: Fit for Life.

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### Classification of Dog Shows

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**There are several levels of dog shows that you can enter but some will be more suited to new exhibitors than others, read on to find out more about each type of show.**

#### Levels of Dog Show

- Limited Shows** A Limited Show is an entry level show which is restricted by either geographically, membership, group, society or breed.
- Open Shows** Open to all levels of pedigree dogs. Open Shows are an excellent place to hone your skills as the atmosphere is slightly more relaxed than Championship Show.
- Premier Open Shows** Open to all levels of pedigree dogs. Premier Open Shows are a larger version of an Open Show but here exhibitors can qualify for Crufts.
- Championship Dog** Championship Shows are open to all exhibitors but there is a higher level of competition as it is here that dogs can both win a Challenge Certificate (also known as CCs, or tickets) and also qualify for Crufts. Once you acquire three CC's your dog will be a Show Champion which is one of the highest accolades in the show world.
- Types of Dog Show** The Kennel Club currently recognises 211 dog breeds which equates to a lot of dog shows. Some clubs or societies will hold a show for just one breed and others will hold a show for multiple breeds. Each level of Show could be a Single Breed, a Group or a General Show.

**Single Breed Show** - Open to a single breed only e.g. 'The Pointer Club Championship Show' and will usually only be a one day show

**Group Show** - Open to one group of dogs for example 'Hounds' or 'Pastoral'. (Staffordshire Bull Terriers fall within the TERRIER GROUP.)

**General Shows** - This type of Show is the biggest, taking place over several days, and will hold classes for all dog groups. An example of this type of show is Windsor Championship Dog Show.

**Companion Dog Shows** - One other alternative to taking part in a Breed Show is to take part in a Companion Dog Show. Companion Dog Shows are fundraising events held throughout the year and the shows are mostly organised in conjunction with fetes, charity open days or similar events to raise money for charitable causes. The shows are very relaxed and fun and give you the opportunity to practice your teamwork and build confidence with your dog in the show ring.



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## Entering A Dog Show

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Once you have decided which show you would like to take part in you will need to contact the secretary of the show and obtain a copy of the schedule (these are free of charge). It is worth finding out whether you can make your entry online as many of the shows offer this facility.

Once you have found your way to the right part of the schedule you will need to select which class, or classes, you would like to enter - the schedule will always offer detailed definitions of each class. It is worth mentioning that you are not limited to just one class, and you can enter as many classes as your dog is eligible for and that you wish to compete in.

Once you have deliberated over the schedule and chosen which class or classes you would like to compete in you must complete the entry form accurately and legibly. Signing the entry form is important as it forms the contract between you and the Show Society. If the dog is jointly owned, both parties should sign the entry form unless one of the parties has the express written permission of the other to sign on their behalf. By signing, you are declaring that your dog is fit and healthy to take part in the show, and that you will abide by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. This is essential to the management of the show and for the sport in general. You will need to send your entry and payment well in advance of the closing date of entry to the show.

### **Dog Showing Do's and Don'ts**

Here is a list of general do's and don'ts for you and your dog at an event:

- Your dog needs to be of a minimum age to be eligible to compete in competitions. Refer to the regulation booklet as this varies depending on the discipline.
- No bitches may be mated within the precincts of a show or competition.
- You should not allow your dog to foul anywhere other than the allotted 'exercise areas' and always clean up after your dog.
- Always leave showgrounds and venues clean and tidy.
- It simply is not acceptable that a dog displays aggression in competition. If your dog growls, or otherwise shows aggression, the judge will immediately exclude the dog from the ring, and from further competition. It is of paramount importance that your dog has an entirely stable temperament when attending any canine event.
- The Kennel Club expects all exhibitors/competitors taking part in its licensed events to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. You should never interfere with another dog in competition, or try to distract a dog, or otherwise impede it from giving its best.

- You should never handle your dog harshly or use punitive correction at a competition. The Kennel Club advocates positive training methods at all times.
- Your dog should be kept on a lead and under control at all times within the showground. Again, safety is paramount, and all responsible dog owners want to enjoy a good day out without problems of loose or unruly dogs.

You should never question the decision of the judge. You have entered the show to get that judge's opinion and if he/she does not place your dog, remember that you may have better luck on another day.

If your dog has an operation which alters its natural conformation you must write to the Kennel Club to seek permission to continue to show your dog. In order to preserve the integrity of its register of pure-bred dogs it needs to know that the dogs being exhibited at shows are the best examples of the breed and have not been surgically altered to improve their chances of winning. If in doubt, ask the Kennel Club.

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# How to complete a paper entry form

**“Registered Name Of Dog”**  
This is the pedigree name of your dog. If you are not sure of your dog’s pedigree name, please contact the breeder or check the Kennel Club Registration Documentation that you should have received when you bought your puppy/dog.

**“Breed”**  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier = “SBT” is absolutely fine.

**“Sex”**  
Dog – D or Bitch - B

**“Full Date of Birth”**  
xx/xx/xx is acceptable

**DON’T FORGET TO SIGN AND DATE THE FORM, INCLUDING THE CORRECT ADDRESS WHERE YOUR DOG IS REGISTERED AS LIVING.** If your dog is registered in the names of two or more people, all co-owners must sign the form.

**TOP TIP: ALWAYS OBTAIN PROOF OF POSTAGE WHEN MAKING “PAPER” ENTRIES AND TAKE THE PROOF WITH YOU ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**

**Sedgefield Agricultural Society**  
**322 Class Unbenched Open Show**  
Held at Robert Brown Showfield, West Park, Sedgefield TS21 2BX

**SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 2017**  
Held under Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations  
**Entries Close Monday 17th July 2017**  
(Postmark)

**ENTRY FEES**

FIRST ENTRIES @ £4.50	Per Dog	£	1
Subsequent Entries @ £1.00		£	1
Not for Competition		£	1
Pre-Printed Catalogue		£	1
Revenue Donations		£	1
VKC Handling (prices complete details enclosed)		£	1
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>		£	1

**ON NO ACCOUNT WILL ENTRIES BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE RELEVANT FEES**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE A SAE FOR YOUR PASSES**

REGISTERED NAME OF DOG (and ATC number, if applicable)	BREED	SEX D or B	Full Date of Birth	BREEDER	SIRE (BLOCK LETTERS)	DAM (BLOCK LETTERS)	To be entered in Classes Numbered

**ONLY UNDOCKED DOGS AND LEGALLY DOCKED DOGS MAY BE ENTERED FOR EXHIBITION AT THIS SHOW.**

**DECLARATION**  
I/We agree to submit to and be bound by Kennel Club Ltd Rules & Regulations in their present form or as they may be amended hereafter to them in relation to all matters with which the Kennel Club is concerned and that this entry is made upon the basis that all current single or joint registered owners of this dog(s) have authorized consent to this entry. I/We also undertake to abide by the Regulations of this Show and not to bring to the Show any dog which has contracted or been knowingly exposed to any infection or contagious disease during the 21 days prior to the Show, or which is suffering from a visible condition which adversely affects its health or welfare or to bring any dog which has been prepared for exhibition contrary to Kennel Club Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition F 2 Annex B. I/We agree without reservation that any Veterinary Surgeon operating on any of my/our dogs in such a way that the operation alters the natural conformation of the dog or part thereof may report such operations to the Kennel Club. I/We declare that where any dog has been made to the natural conformation of the dog(s), the relevant permission to show has been granted by the KC.

I/We further declare that I believe, to the best of my knowledge, that the dog(s) are registered in accordance with Kennel Club Regulations.

Usual Signature of Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTE: Dogs entered in classes of Kennel Club Ltd Show Regulations are liable to disqualification whether or not the owner was notified of the same.

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO SEDGEFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Name of Owner (s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Post Code** \_\_\_\_\_

Entries to be sent to:-  
Mrs A Scott  
8 McLenn Road  
Brixton  
Cleveland TS21 2QV  
Tel: 01287 281941  
Email: paper@799siges.com

Your address will appear in the catalogue unless you tick here

**“Entry Fees”**  
The fees related to entering your dog in its class/classes and any other purchases, such as a catalogue, you wish to make.

**“To be entered in classes numbered”** – on a separate page in the schedule will be the classes available for you to enter your dog into and the number relating to each class

**“Dam”**  
This is the KC Registered name of the mother of your dog. This can be found on the Kennel Club Registration document

**“Sire”**  
This is the KC Registered name of the father of your dog. This can be found on the Kennel Club Registration document

**“Breeder”**  
Name of the person/ persons who bred your dog. This will be on the Kennel Club Registration document.

## Entering Your Dog For A Show – On-Line Entries

There are two main providers of on-line show entries – Fosse Data and Dog Biz:

[www.fossedata.co.uk](http://www.fossedata.co.uk)

and

[www.dog.biz](http://www.dog.biz)

Other on-line providers that a few clubs and societies use are:

[www.cidweb.co.uk](http://www.cidweb.co.uk)

[www.onlineshowentry.com](http://www.onlineshowentry.com)

[www.arenaprint.co.uk](http://www.arenaprint.co.uk)

Breed clubs and show societies that offer the facility of on-line entries will usually use one of these providers but will not use both so if you are searching for a show schedule and it is not on Fosse Data, it is likely to be on Dog Biz, or vice versa.

In order to use the on-line facility, you will need to register with the provider first. You will need to register with each provider separately by following the prompts and completing the information that each provider asks for. Much of the information required is the same as that required for “paper” entries (see the fact sheet in this pack “How to complete an entry form”) and is detailed on the Kennel Club Registration Documents for your dog.

For the majority of GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS (where lots of different breeds are judged), you will be issued with an “Entry Pass” and a “Removal Pass” for your dog as well as any other purchases you have made at the time of entry e.g. Car Park Pass or Catalogue Voucher. These will be available for you to download and print by logging into your account with the appropriate provider (Fosse Data or Dog Biz) about a week to ten days before the date of the show. Make sure you print these passes off and take them with you to the show.

The provider will also make available some “Exhibitor Information” for you to download and print, including the ring number for Staffords, the hall or marquee where Staffords are benched and usually the time that judging is scheduled to start. Please be aware that judging will never start before the published time but may start later due to any unforeseen circumstances, such as traffic delays or late arrival of the judge.

EXAMPLE OF ON-LINE PASSES

Entry Pass

PAIGNTON & DISTRICT FANCIERS ASSOCIATION

5th, 6th, 7th & 8th AUGUST 2017

ADMISSION PASS - 1st Day

No. of Dogs: 1 Show Catalogues: 1

ROBINSON, Mr & Mrs H & ROBINSON-COX, C & COX, S  
35 Woodland Avenue  
Dudley  
West Midlands

DY1 4AX

Entry form no: 21728



9 200000 217281

Paignton Championship Show 2017  
Westpoint, Clyst St. Mary, Exeter EX5 1DJ

**CAR PARK PASS**

**1st Day**

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST 2017

Showground Car park

Please have passes in your car ready for inspection  
Follow the signs for WESTPOINT

Duplication Prohibited

Entry form no: 21728



9 200000 217281

PAIGNTON & DISTRICT FANCIERS ASSOCIATION 2017 1st Day

*Exhibitor's Pass to be given up on removing dogs from the Showground*

1593 Studstaff Sugar And Spice Of Hamason (S.B.T.)  
Class(es): 464 (UGB)

Entry form no: 21728



9 200000 217281

PAIGNTON & DISTRICT FANCIERS ASSOCIATION  
2017

**CATALOGUE  
VOUCHER**

**TERRIER GROUP**

1st Day

CATALOGUE TO BE COLLECTED BEFORE 12.00 noon

ROBINSON, Mr & Mrs H & ROBINSON-COX, C & COX, S

Duplication Prohibited

Entry form no: 21728



9 200000 217281

**Removal Pass**

This pass shows:

- \* The ring/bench number of your dog – 1593
- \* The registered name of your dog – Studstaff Sugar And Spice Of Hamason
- \* The breed of your dog – SBT
- \* The class number/s your dog is entered in – 464
- \* The name of the class/es your dog is entered in – UGB (Under Graduate Bitch)
- \* The entry form number – 21728 (allocated automatically by Fosse Data/Dog Biz at the time you completed your online entry.

If, for any reason, you arrive at a show and you do not have your Passes with you, immediately report to the Show Secretary for further advice.

# EXAMPLE OF EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

## Paignton & District Fanciers' Association Championship 2017 RINGS AND PROBABLE ORDER OF JUDGING

NO DOGS TO BE LEFT IN CARS

ALL JUDGING STARTS AT 9.30 am UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

### First Day - Saturday 5th August

- Ring No. **BIS Ring (A)** 9.00am Adult Handling 25-40 years, 41 years & over, YKC Handlers, Junior Handling Association, Not Before 12.30 Hoyal Canin Puppy Stakes, Sknners Veteran Stakes, Hoyal Canin Champion Stakes, Sknners Veteran Stakes, Hoyal Canin Champion Stakes
- BIS Ring (B)** 9.00am YKC Members, Kerry Blue Terrier, Fox Terrier (Wire), Jack Russell Terrier, AVNSC, AV Import Register, Not Before 1.00pm Bannerdown Special Beginners Stakes, Higham Press Junior Stakes
- 1 Bedlington Terrier, Bull Terrier, Bull Terrier (Miniature)
  - 2 Cairn Terrier, Harrier, Russell Terrier, Dandy Dismont Terrier, Manchester Terrier, Cocker Terrier, Not Before 1.30pm Dimond Memorial Stakes, John Hodson Memorial Stakes, AV Good Citizen Class
  - 4 Skye Terrier, Airedale Terrier, Australian Terrier, Fox Terrier (Smooth), Scillyham Terrier, Welsh Terrier, Norfolk Terrier, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
  - 5 West Highland White Terrier
  - 7/8 Border Terrier
  - 9/10 Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- Tent 1
- 11 Hethevier (Hot Coated)
  - 12 Hethevier (Curly Coated), Spaniel (American Cocker), Hethevier (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling)
  - 18 Spaniel (Cocker)
  - 14 Irish Setter
  - 15 English Setter
  - 16 Hethevier (Labrador)
- Tent 2
- 17 Hethevier (Golden)
  - 18 German Wirehaired Pointer, Hungarian Vizsla, Weimaraner
  - 19 Brittany, Italian Spinone, Large Munsterlander
  - 20 German Shorthaired Pointer, Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla, Bracco Italiano, Irish Red & White Setter
  - 21 Spaniel (Welsh Springer), Gordon Setter, Spanish Water Dog
  - 22 Pointer, Spaniel (Lumber), Spaniel (English Springer), Spaniel (Field), Spaniel (Sussex)

### Second Day - Sunday 6th August

- Ring No. **BIS Ring (A)** 9.00am YKC Handlers, Junior Handling Association, Not Before 12.30 Hoyal Canin Puppy Stakes, Sknners Veteran Stakes, Hoyal Canin Champion Stakes
- BIS Ring (B)** 9.00am Adult Handling 25-40 years, 41 years & over, YKC Members Stakes, Slough, AVNSC, AV Import Register, Not Before 1.00pm Bannerdown Special Beginners Stakes, Higham Press Junior Stakes
- 1/2 Dachshund (Min Smooth Haired), Dachshund (Wire Haired)
  - 3/4 Dachshund (Long Haired), Dachshund (Min Long Haired), Dachshund (Smooth Haired), Not Before 1.30pm Dimond Memorial Stakes, H W Woodall Stakes, AV Good Citizen Class
  - 7/8 Basset Fauve de Bretagne, Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit), Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand), Basset Hound, Ibizan Hound
  - 9/10 Empty
- Tent 1
- 11 16 South West Hound Club Open Show
- Tent 2
- 17 Whippet
  - 18 Afghan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Pharaoh Hound
  - 19 Rhodesian Ridgeback, Doberhound, Hamiltoneidvarn, Portuguese Podengo
  - 20 Bhogin
  - 21 Borzoi, Saluki, Greyhound
  - 22 Empty

### Third Day - Monday 7th August

- Ring No. **BIS Ring (A)** 9.00am YKC Members, YKC Handlers, Junior Handling Association, AVNSC, AV Import Register, Not Before 12.30 Royal Canin Puppy Stakes, Sknners Veteran Stakes, Hoyal Canin Champion Stakes
- BIS Ring (B)** 9.00am Adult Handling 25-40 years, 41 years & over, Lancashire Heeler, Catalan Sheepdog, Androka Mountain Dog, Bouvier Des Flandres, Giant Schnauzer, Icthon Mastiff, Not Before 1.00pm Higham Press Junior Stakes
- 1/2 Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groenendaal), Polish Lowland Sheepdog, Welsh Corgi (Cardigan), Belgian Shepherd Dog (Tervuren), Russian Black Terrier
  - 3/4 Briard, Finnish Lapphund, Australian Cattle Dog, St Bernard
  - 5 Not Before 1.30pm Bannerdown Special Beginner Stakes, Dimond Memorial Stakes, Carrie Allen Memorial Stakes, AV Good Citizen Class
  - 6 Empty
  - 7/8 Gorgi Club Championship Show
  - 9 Hungarian Pul, Dogue de Bordeaux, Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)
  - 10 Shetland Sheepdog
- Tent 1
- 11 Pyrenean Mountain Dog, Samoyed, Norwegian Buhund, Greenland Dog
  - 12 Bullmastiff, German Shepherd Dog, Pyrenean Sheepdog, Neapolitan Mastiff
  - 13 Rottweiler, Great Dane
  - 14 Bernese Mountain Dog, Leonberger, Hovawart, Portuguese Water Dog
  - 15 Bearded Collie
  - 16 Australian Shepherd, Newfoundland
- Tent 2
- 17 Border Collie
  - 18 Collie (Rough), Collie (Smooth), Old English Sheepdog, German Pinscher
  - 19 Dobermann
  - 20 Boxer
  - 21 Alaskan Malamute, Beauceron
  - 22 Siberian Husky

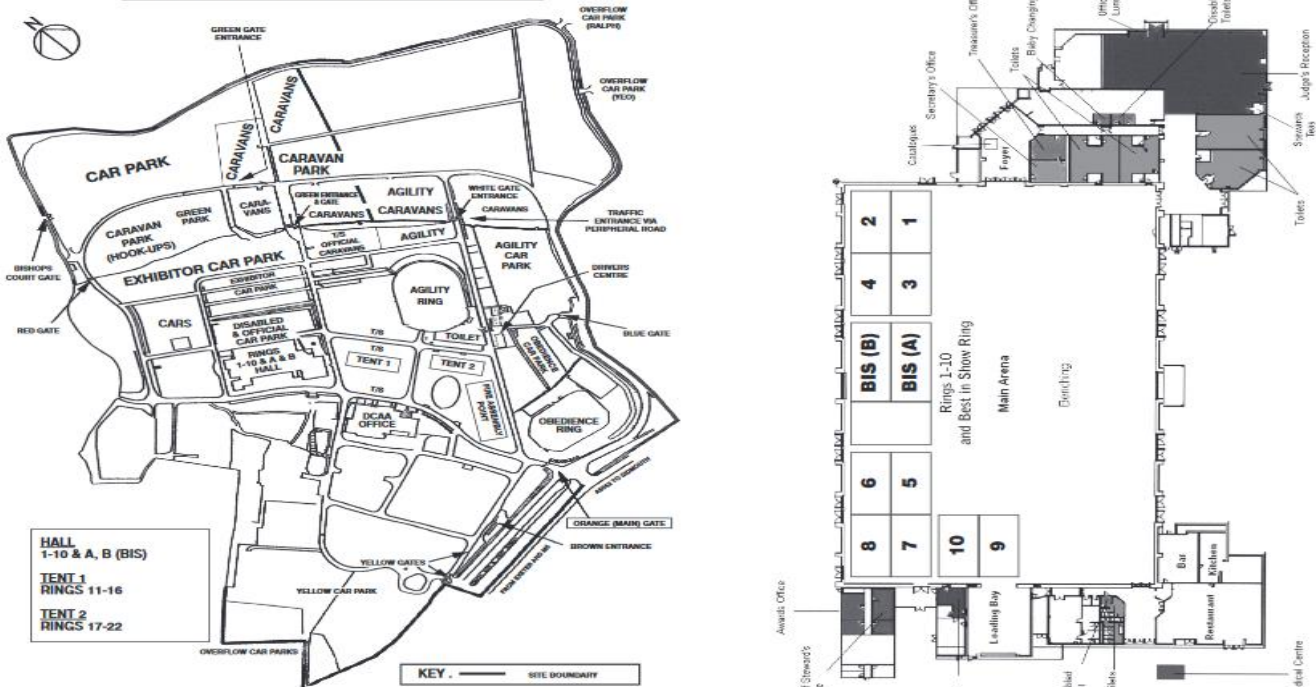
### Fourth Day - Tuesday 8th August

- Ring No. **BIS Ring (A)** 9.00am Adult Handling 25-40 years, 41 years & over, YKC Handler, Junior Handling Association, English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan), Not Before 12.30pm Royal Canin Puppy Stakes, Sknners Veteran Stakes, Royal Canin Champion Stakes
- BIS Ring (B)** 9.00am YKC Members, Tibetan Terrier, AVNSC, AV Import Register, Not Before 1.00pm Bannerdown Special Beginners Stakes, Higham Press Junior Stakes
- 1/2 Chihuahua (Long Coat), Papillon, Japanese Chin
  - 3/4 Bichon Frise, Chihuahua (Smooth Coat), Tibetan Spaniel, Not Before 1.30pm Dimond Memorial Stakes, Arthur Westlake Memorial Stakes, AV Good Citizen Class
  - 5/6 French Bulldog, Pomeranian, Japanese Akita Inu
  - 7/8 Pug
  - 9 Miniature Pinscher, Havanaese, Italian Greyhound
  - 10 Affenpinscher, Griffon Bruxellois, Yorkshire Terrier
- Tent 1
- 11 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
  - 12 Lhasa Apso
  - 13 Poodle (Miniature), Poodle (Toy), Poodle (Standard), Kooikerhondje, Shar Pei
  - 14 King Charles Spaniel, Boston Terrier
  - 15 Bulldog, Cane Corso, Schnauzer, Bolognese, Colon de Tulzer
  - 16 Chow Chow followed by West of England Chow Club Championship Show
- Tent 2
- 17 Dalmatian
  - 18 Akita
  - 19 Shih Tzu
  - 20 Japanese Shiba Inu, Japanese Spitz
  - 21 Miniature Schnauzer
  - 22 Chinese Crested Dog, German Spitz (Klein), German Spitz (Mittel), Keeshond, Pekinges

**N.B. PLEASE NOTE: KC ADVICE REGARDING LEAVING DOGS IN VEHICLES IN HOT WEATHER  
REMEDIAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF ANY DOG FOUND IN A DISTRESSED CONDITION**

Regulation 1(1)(17a)(1)(a) and (b) expressly requires that dogs should be on their benches except when they are being shown, groomed or exercised. "Being shown" refers to the individual dog not the breed as a whole. Show committees need the assistance of exhibitors to discharge their duty in keeping gangways clear. If allowed, this practice not only contravenes the Regulations but may also compromise Health and Safety Regulations which might invalidate insurance cover. The Kennel Club would support a Society if they suspend Judging until gangways were cleared.

## SHOWGROUND PLAN



**So, from studying the Exhibitor Passes and the Exhibitor information we know:**

**Name of the Show Society – found on the Admission/entry pass:**

**Paignton & District Fanciers Association**

**Address of the Show – found on the Car Park Pass:**

**Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1DJ**

**The day/date you are exhibiting – found on the Admission/entry pass:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day = 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**The Bench Number for your dog – found on the Removal Pass:**

**1593**

**The Ring/s you will be exhibiting in – found on page 1 of Exhibitor Information:**

**9/10**

**The location of the ring/s and benching for your dog – found on page 2 of Exhibitor Information:**

**Rings 9 & 10 are located in the Main Arena and the location of the Main Arena in relation to the showground itself can be seen on the Map on page 2 of the Exhibitor Information.**

**The time that judging starts – found at the top of page 1 of the Exhibitor Information:**

**“All judging starts at 9.30am unless otherwise stated”**

**All of the above applies mainly to GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS.**

**General Open Shows, Breed Club Championship, Open and Limit Shows may offer on-line entry but the on-line passes for entry, removal and parking are not provided and neither is benching. So, for these shows, check your schedule carefully as this will have all of the information you need and arrive early to get a parking space, a space for your crate and your dog.**

**Finally, for all shows you are going to, check your journey route and times and leave sufficient time to arrive and familiarise yourself and your dog with the showground, bench & ring and have a great day!! Remember, win or lose, you ALWAYS take the best dog home!!**



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## At A Dog Show

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One of the delights of dog showing is watching the judging, and most exhibitors take a keen interest in what the judge is doing. Following the judging will not only give you an idea as to what the judge is looking for, but by watching other seasoned exhibitors it should give you a much greater insight into how to handle your dog more professionally, how to behave in the ring and to become familiar with the actual mechanics of showing your dog.

At larger multi-breed shows you will also have the chance to see all sorts of other breeds in the show ring. Strolling around the showground provides a good opportunity to talk to other dog owners and learn about other breeds of dog. At larger shows there are also likely to be plenty of trade stands selling all manner of dog paraphernalia, from dog food to coats, leads, grooming equipment and kennels. There may also be book stalls, stands selling clothing and all sorts of arts and crafts for sale.

### **Grooming and preparing your dog for exhibition**

Short-coated breeds do not require too much preparation before they go into the ring but if your breed has a long coat, or is usually presented in a certain style it could take you some time to prepare your dog to perfection. Most grooming and clipping should be completed before you set out for the show but most people give their dogs a quick brush and final trim just before going into the show ring. You will need to make yourself aware of the Kennel Club regulations regarding preparing dogs for exhibition - this information should be included in the schedule.

### **Qualifying for Crufts**

It is surely every exhibitor's dream to qualify their dogs for Crufts - the most famous dog show in the world! To be able to show at Crufts however, your dog must qualify through one of the various qualification routes. For further information on how to qualify for Crufts, see the details in this pack.

### **Checklist**

- Before The Show: Request schedule from Secretary.
- Send your entry form together with your entry fee to the Secretary before the closing date!
- Groom and prepare your dog.
- Prepare a show bag containing your grooming kit, leads, water bowls, poop scoop etc.
- Remember to take your show passes (if appropriate).

## At the Show:

- Arrive at the showground in plenty of time.
- Purchase a catalogue. (You don't have to buy a catalogue but it will confirm your ring number and enable you to record the winners in each class as well as the details of each owner/exhibitor and the Sire & Dam of all dogs entered)
- If at a Championship Show, find your bench and show ring.
- Finish off grooming.
- Keep your eye on the judging and do not miss your class!
- Look around the show - you will find that there is so much to discover and learn.

## Suggested Reading

The following Kennel Club publications may be a further source of useful information:

- [Kennel Club Journal](#) - The Kennel Club's monthly journal providing the complete show diary list.
- [The Kennel Club Year Book](#) - Contains a list of the Members and Associates of the Kennel Club, a list of Breed Clubs and Societies with the complete Rules and Regulations.
- [Regulation Booklets](#) - A range of personal organiser sized booklets on the different canine regulations, which include Agility and Flyball, Field Trials, Heelwork to Music, Obedience, Show and Working Trials.
- [Breed Standards](#) - A detailed description of each Breed Standard is listed within their Groupings.

To order any of the 'Suggested Reading' literature call the Publications Hotline on 020 7518 1016 or order from the Kennel Club Online Shop.

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# What To Expect In The Show Ring

## • Step One: Line Up

You've picked up your arm band/ring number up from your bench or been handed it by the ring steward and your class has just been called.

The first thing you'll do is walk into the ring with the other exhibitors and line up in a row along one side of the ring. Where should you stand? Sometimes a judge will require everyone to line up in catalogue order, according to their ring number. Other times you're left to sort it out for yourself.

In most cases, it's best to start out somewhere in the middle. This gives you time to primp and pose your dog while others are examined individually ahead of you, as well as time to make sure your dog is looking perfect again before the last dog is judged.

Once the ring steward has marked the numbers present, the judge may ask everyone to take their dog around. You will move anti-clockwise with your dog on your left side at a pace that shows off your dog's movement to the best advantage. Everyone will make a complete circuit around the ring and stop where they began. However, this is not usual practice for Staffordshire Bull Terriers. The judge normally undertakes an initial assessment by walking down the line of dogs, assessing them from the front and then returns along the line at the rear, assessing the exhibits from behind.

## • Step Three: Placements

Once every dog has been examined, the judge will usually begin to line up her favourites near the head of the line. She may pull several dogs out and show the handlers where she wants them to stand. If you have a good specimen and your dog is showing well, you might be lucky enough to move into one of the first four spots. Sometimes, the judge may ask everyone to move their dogs around the ring together one more time, and then she'll point to her choices, assigning them one, two, three or four. If you are chosen, move to the corresponding sign near the steward's table, show your arm band for recording purposes and accept your ribbon from the judge.

These basic procedures are repeated for every class you participate in.

## • Best of Breed / Best of Sex

If your dog took won it's class or classes, it will be "unbeaten". It will go on to compete for Best of Breed/ Best of Sex along with the other unbeaten dogs. If your dog is judged to be the best, you'll be awarded the coveted BOB / Best Of Sex ribbon.

If your dog has been declared Best Of Sex, it will then compete with the opposite Best Of Sex to establish Best Of Breed. If your dog wins, it is declared Best Of Breed.

From there, as Best Of Breed, you'll move on to Group competition, and should your dog take first place there, it's on to Best in Show!

## • Final Tip

Like anything, practice makes perfect. Watch the pros for hints on how to make your dog look good in the ring.

## • Step Two: Individual Examination

The judge will conduct an individual examination of each dog, starting at the head of the line. When it's your turn, you will pose or "stack" your dog so it is standing correctly. You'll do this on the floor for a large dog, or on a grooming table provided for smaller breeds. The judge will thoroughly go over your dog with her hands to feel the bone structure/conformation and coat texture, comparing it to the breed standard. Your dog's mouth will be opened and the teeth will be inspected.

Next, the judge will ask you to move your dog in one or more ways.

These might include:

- **Down and back:** You'll walk your dog away from and back to the judge to show how well the front and back legs move.
- **Make an L:** Here, you'll move your dog down the runner away from the judge, turn left at the corner and proceed to the next corner in order to give the judge a side view of your dog's movement. At that corner, switch your dog to your right side so it's between you and the judge, then walk it back in the same manner to where you began. Stack your dog in place on the floor.
- **Make a triangle:** This involves making an L, except rather than retracing your steps back to the judge, you'll return to the judge down the centre diagonal runner.

Once you complete whichever pattern the judge asks for, you'll be asked to move your dog around the ring and back to your place.

**REMEMBER – THE MAT IS FOR YOUR DOG TO WALK ON, NOT YOU.**

## • What to Look for in a Good Handler

In no particular order, a good handler:

- Dresses professionally for the ring
- Exhibits good manners no matter who may or may not be watching
- Handles each dog with kindness and affection both *in* and *out* of the ring
- Is prepared with all the supplies and paperwork necessary for the show
- Keeps the dog's holding pen scrupulously clean



# CLASS DEFINITIONS

Annex A to F Regulations

F (A)

## DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES AT CHAMPIONSHIP, OPEN AND LIMITED SHOWS

1. For the purposes of Kennel Club Show Regulations, the term "Variety Class" also applies to "Stakes Classes".

A Variety Class is one in which more than one breed or variety of a breed can compete. There must be no stipulation that exhibits must be entered for Variety Classes as well as Breed Classes and no minimum number of classes in which a dog must be entered may be fixed.

**2. Wins at Championship Shows in Breed Classes where Challenge Certificates are not on offer shall be counted as wins at Open Shows.**

3. 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 Kennel Club.

4. No class may be provided unless a definition of the class is given in the Schedule.

5. Where a breed is separately classified an Open Class for the breed must be provided at Championship, Open and Limited Shows, and a Best of Breed declared in accordance with the provisions of Regulation F (1)7.b.

6. At Shows judged on the Group system at least one Any Variety Not Separately Classified Class must be scheduled, unless a class for every breed eligible for classification is provided.

**7. No dog is eligible for exhibition at a Limited Show or Match competition which has won a Challenge Certificate** or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club.

8. General Canine Society Limited Shows shall not schedule more than 100 classes.

9. Subject to the following and to any individual Show Regulations, Show Committees may offer such prizes and make such classification and definitions thereof as they think fit except that:

(a) All classes advertised in the Schedule of the Show must be clearly defined in the Schedule, in accordance with the Kennel Club Show Regulations.

(b) If any class be provided with a definition other than those defined below, the word "Special" must precede the name of such class.

(c) The words Grand or Challenge must not be used in the designation of any class or prize for which an entrance fee is charged and for which entry has to be made prior to the day of the Show. The word "Champion" can only be used in the designation of the Champion Variety class as previously defined, and further explained in the Champion class definition in these Regulations.

(d) Sweepstake Classes may only be scheduled in respect of Brace, Team, Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Veteran and Breeders Classes only; entry fees may be given as prize money in such proportion as the Committee of the Show may determine.

In the following definitions:

\* applies to Championship and Open Shows only.

\*\* applies to Limited Shows only.

Where there is no qualification, the Definition applies to all types of Shows. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the date of closing of postal entries shall be counted when entering for any class. Wins in Variety Classes do not count for entry in Breed Classes, but when entering for Variety Classes, wins in both Breed and Variety Classes must be counted. A First Prize does not include a Special Prize of whatever value.

## DEFINITIONS:

MINOR PUPPY	For dogs of 6 and not exceeding 9 calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.
PUPPY	For dogs of 6 and not exceeding 12 calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.
JUNIOR	For dogs of 6 and not exceeding 18 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.
BEGINNERS	<p>* For owner, handler or exhibit not having won a first prize at any Show.</p> <p>** For owner, handler or exhibit not having won a first prize at any Show.</p>
MAIDEN	<p>* For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or a First Prize at an Open or Championship Show (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won a First Prize at any Show (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted whether restricted or not).</p>
NOVICE	<p>* For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or 3 or more First Prizes at Open and Championship Shows (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won 3 or more First Prizes at any Show (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).</p>
TYRO	<p>* For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or 5 or more First Prizes at Open and Championship Shows (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won 5 or more First Prizes at any Show (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).</p>
DEBUTANT	<p>* For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or a First Prize at a Championship Show where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy, Special Puppy classes excepted, whether restricted or not).</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won a First Prize at an Open or Championship Show (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).</p>
UNDERGRADUATE	<p>* For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or 3 or more First Prizes at Championship Shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won 3 or more First Prize at Open or Championship Shows (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy Classes excepted, whether restricted or not).</p>

<b>GRADUATE</b>	<p>* For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or 4 or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Graduate, Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open Classes, whether restricted or not where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won 4 or more First Prizes at Open or Championship Shows in Graduate, Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open Classes, whether restricted or not.</p>
<b>POST GRADUATE</b>	<p>* For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate or 5 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.</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won 5 or more First Prizes at Championship and Open Shows in Post Graduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open Classes, whether restricted or not.</p>
<b>MINOR LIMIT</b>	<p>* For dogs which have not won 2 Challenge Certificates or three or more First Prizes in all at Championship Shows in Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open Classes, confined to the breed, whether restricted or not at Shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won 3 or more First Prizes in all at Open and Championship Shows in minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open Classes, confined to the breed, whether restricted or not.</p>
<b>MID LIMIT</b>	<p>* For dogs which have not become show Champions under Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club 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.</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won 5 or more First Prizes in all at Open and Championship Shows in Mid Limit, Limit and Open Classes, confined to the breed, whether restricted or not.</p>
<b>LIMIT</b>	<p>* For dogs which have not become show Champions under Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club or won 7 or more First Prizes in all, at Championship Shows in Limit or Open Classes, confined to the breed, whether restricted or not at shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.</p> <p>** For dogs which have not won 7 or more First Prizes in all at Open and Championship Shows in Limit and Open Classes, confined to the breed, whether restricted or not.</p>
<b>OPEN</b>	For all dogs of the breed for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the Show.
<b>VETERAN</b>	For dogs of not less than 7 years of age on the first day of the Show.
<b>CHAMPION</b>	For dogs which have been confirmed a Champion, Show Champion or Field Trial Champion. Champion Classes may not be scheduled for individual breeds or varieties of breeds.
<b>RARE BREEDS</b>	Confined to those breeds not granted Challenge Certificates in the current year, with the exception of those breeds whose registration is confined to the Imported Register.

FIELD TRIAL	For dogs which have won an award, Diploma of Merit or Certificate of Merit in actual competition at a Field Trial held under Kennel Club or Irish Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations.
WORKING TRIAL	For dogs which have won an award in competition at a Bloodhound Working Trial and Kennel Club Licensed Working Trials, held under Kennel Club Regulations.
STUD DOG	For stud dogs and at least two progeny of which only the progeny must be entered and exhibited in a breed class at the Show.
BROOD BITCH	For brood bitches and at least 2 progeny of which only the progeny must be entered and exhibited in a breed class at the Show.
PROGENY	For a dog or bitch, accompanied by at least three of its registered progeny. The dog or bitch not necessarily entered in another class however, all progeny having been entered and exhibited in another class. The dog or bitch and the progeny need not be registered in the same ownership.
BRACE	For 2 exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed belonging to the same exhibitor, each exhibit having been entered in some class other than Brace or Team.
TEAM	For 3 or more exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed belonging to the same exhibitor, each exhibit having been entered in some class other than Brace or Team.
BREEDERS	For dogs bred by the exhibitor.
IMPORTED REGISTER	For breeds confined to the Imported Breeds Register and only when an Interim Breed Standard has been published by the Kennel Club. Such breeds may be exhibited in this class only, and are ineligible for any other competition whatsoever.
ANY VARIETY NOT SEPARATELY CLASSIFIED	For breeds of dog for which no separate breed classes are scheduled.
YOUNG KENNEL CLUB (YKC) STAKES	For Any Variety dog or bitch exhibited and handled by a fully paid up member of the Young Kennel Club. The dog should be registered either: a. Solely or jointly in the member's name, or b. In the name of a member of the family and under these circumstances the dog must be resident at the YKC member's address.
GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME CLASS	For dogs that have achieved their GCDs Bronze Award Certificate or above.
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.
ANY VARIETY COMPANION DOG CLUB CLASS	For Any Variety of purebred dog having been entered at a Companion Dog Show held in conjunction with the show at which this class is scheduled.

ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE KENNEL CLUB SHOW "F" REGULATIONS. FOR THE FULL SHOW "F" REGULATIONS PLEASE VISIT [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)

Classes Restricted By AGE			Unrestricted Classes – AGE and/or WINS
Minor Puppy	Junior		Open
Puppy	Yearling	Veteran	
All other classes highlighted above are restricted by WINS			

If you are unsure of classes and their restrictions, please ask a member of the Handling Club Team who will be happy to help.



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### Exhibitors' Show Regulation FAQ's

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We hope these FAQs will help to resolve some of the common queries that are asked about dog showing which we receive from Exhibitors.

**1. Question:** Is there a minimum age that a dog can compete at a dog show?

**Answer:** Only dogs of 6 calendar months of age and over on the first day of the Show are eligible for exhibition at Kennel Club licensed shows. However, societies may accept 'Not for Competition' entries at their discretion for dogs aged 4 calendar months and over. Furthermore, dogs aged four calendar months and over are eligible to enter Match competitions. (Regulation F1.c.)

**2. Question:** My dog is a year old on the first day of a two day show. Can I enter him/her in Puppy?

**Answer:** Yes - A Puppy Class is for dogs of 6 and not exceeding 12 calendar months on the first day of the show.

**3. Question:** Can I enter any shows while my Import application is being processed?

**Answer:** A dog must, at the time of entry for a Show, be registered as required by Kennel Club Rules and Regulations in the exhibitor's name (or registration or transfer applied for). (Regulation F(1)9.f.). Therefore, if at the closing date of entries, the import has been applied for but the Kennel Club document has not been received, the dog may be entered and the name should be followed by the letters N.A.F (Name Applied For).

**4. Question:** Can I enter a show while my Authority to Compete (ATC) is being processed?

**Answer:** You may not enter any competitions in the UK until you have your ATC number, and this number must be quoted on all entry forms.

**5. Question:** Can I enter a show prior to sending in the registration forms?

**Answer:** You are not permitted to enter a show with either NAF or TAF, unless you have physically applied for Name or Transfer.

**6. Question:** Do overseas wins count when calculating eligibility for classes at UK Kennel Club licensed shows?

**Answer:** In the class definitions, a Challenge Certificate (CC) includes any show award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by the Kennel Club.

Therefore a Green Star, CAC and / or CACIB, when considering class eligibility, will be the equivalent of winning a CC. We would further advise that if the dog is a Champion, it will only be eligible to enter the Open Class (unless it is eligible for a 'Special' or age restricted Class e.g. Yearling where eligibility is based solely on age and not on awards). This applies to all UK Kennel Club licensed Shows. The 'First Prizes' sections of the Class definitions refer to those First Prizes gained at UK Kennel Club licensed shows.

- 7. Question:** My dog is a Junior Champion. Does this count when calculating eligibility?  
**Answer:** The Kennel Club does not recognise the title of Junior Champion. However, exhibitors should take into account any award (which we recognise) which counts towards the title of Champion as it will be the equivalent to a Kennel Club Challenge Certificate (CC) (e.g. CACs, CACIBs, Green Stars). If the dog has not been awarded a prize which counts towards the title of Champion then it has no previous CCs.
- 8. Question:** My dog is an overseas Champion. Can it enter an AV Champion Class?  
**Answer:** Yes. Dogs which have gained an overseas Champion title awarded by any governing body recognized by the Kennel Club are eligible to enter AV Champion Classes. However, exhibitors should check the Show Schedule as some definitions, specified by the Show Society, may state otherwise.
- 9. Question:** I have entered Junior, Maiden and Novice at a show coming up this weekend, I've just realised that my dog is overqualified for Maiden and Novice. What can I do?  
**Answer:** The dog cannot enter the classes for which it is overqualified and must be transferred to the open class by the secretary at the show. Therefore it should compete in Junior (for which it is eligible) and Open, in lieu of the two ineligible classes. (Regulation F(1)9.k).
- If you are uncertain whether you have overqualified please note that when estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the date of closing of entries shall be counted when entering for any class. The specific date for calculating awards is also published in each schedule. Please note that wins in Variety Classes do not count for entry in Breed Classes. (Regulation F(1)9.i.).
- 10. Question:** When entering a Show online, do I calculate the awards won up to and including seven days before the online or postal closing date?  
**Answer:** The awards won should be calculated up to and including the seventh day before the postal closing date. The specific date for calculating awards is also published in each schedule.
- 11. Question:** I haven't seen a copy of the critique for a show I entered - what should I do?  
**Answer:** First of all you need to report it to the Kennel Club by writing to the Breed Shows Team (Clarges Street, London Piccadilly, W1J8AB or email [breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk)), who will write to the judge and request a copy of the critique. Once we have received it, we forward a copy onto the exhibitor. If a judge isn't able to provide a critique, the matter may be referred to the Committee for consideration.
- 12. Question:** What is the difference between Any Variety / Stakes Classes?  
**Answer:** A Variety Class is one in which more than one breed or variety of a breed can compete. For the purpose of Kennel Club Show Regulations, the term "Variety Class" also applies to "Stakes Classes". (Regulation F(A)1.)

**13. Question:** My dog is in co-ownership with the scheduled Judge, can I enter it at the Show if I handle the dog on the day?

**Answer:** No. Judges may not exhibit a dog for competition or handle a dog in the ring at a Show at which they are officiating (vide Regulation F(1)30.(9)). (Regulation F(1)21.e).

**14. Question:** I want to enter a Show but the scheduled Judge handled my dog in the ring at a previous Show. Can I enter under the Judge?

**Answer:** A dog may not be entered under a Judge that has handled the dog at a Show within the previous twelve months. This does not apply to a Judge appointed in an emergency. (Regulation F(1)30.a.(11))

**15. Question:** My breed is scheduled at a Show. Can I enter AVNSC?

**Answer:** No. Any Variety Not Separately Classified (AVNSC) Classes are for breeds of dog for which no separate breed classes are scheduled.

**16. Question:** If I miss the first of the two classes that I am entered into, is it ok to go into the second class?

**Answer:** If a dog misses a class(es) it may continue to compete in all subsequent classes for which it was entered. If in any of these classes, the dog becomes eligible to challenge for any other prizes or awards at the show, it can continue to challenge for these awards.

Where a dog misses a class (or classes) a post-show report must be forwarded to the Kennel Club, where the reason(s) for missing class(es) will be investigated. This information will then be considered by the relevant Sub-Committee and if the reason(s) given was not acceptable, it is likely that any awards gained at the show will be disqualified.

**17. Question:** I withdrew my dog from a class and was not subsequently allowed to compete (with the same dog) in the next class. Was this correct?

**Answer:** Generally if a dog has been withdrawn it must not compete further at that show. Exceptions to this include a dog which has become eligible for Best of Group, Best Puppy in Group, Best Puppy in Show and Best in Show, which may withdraw from all other competition other than Breed Classes, Best of Breed or Best Puppy in Breed in order to remain unbeaten. Dogs may also be withdrawn from Any Variety classes when judged before Breed Classes.

**18. Question:** At a Show judged on the Group system, can the winners of AV (Any Variety/Stakes) Classes compete in the Group?

**Answer:** Not unless they have also been declared either Best of Breed or Best AVNSC. The Best of Group and subsequent Group placings must be selected from the Best of Breed winners in each Group provided that they are unbeaten winning dogs and the best unbeaten winning dog from the Any Variety Not Separately Classified classes in each Group or on each day. (Regulation F(1)27.b.(1))

**19. Question:** What should I do if an incident occurs at the show?

**Answer:** Incidents should be reported at the show and forwarded by the Secretary to the Kennel Club in the Post Show Report, for follow up as appropriate. Show reports can be scanned over email to [breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk)

**20. Question:** Can I show a docked dog?

**Answer:** The term 'docked' includes dogs which have their tails shortened for medical reasons. After the relevant dates - these count as having been docked and therefore such dogs are not allowed to be shown at events where the public are admitted on payment of a fee.

Dogs which were docked before 6th April 2007 (28th March for shows held in Wales). If your dog was docked either in the UK or in a foreign country before 6th April 2007 (28th March for shows in Wales) then it may compete at all Kennel Club licensed events. Dogs which were docked on or after 6th April 2007 (28th March for shows held in Wales).

If your dog was docked on or after 6th April 2007 (28th March for shows held in Wales and irrespective of where it was docked) it will not, under the law, be permitted to be shown at any show in England or Wales where the public are admitted on payment of a fee.

However, if your dog was legally docked either in the UK or in another country on or after 6 April 2007 (28 March for shows held in Wales), you will be permitted to compete with it at:

(a) all shows held in Scotland

(b) those shows held in England and Wales where the public do not pay to be admitted.

Shows held in Northern Ireland - The Kennel Club would like to inform exhibitors in Northern Ireland that dogs docked in the country after 1st January 2013 are no longer eligible to be shown at events where the exhibitor pays an entry fee or members of the public pay an admittance fee.

Dogs docked before this date may still be shown under current legislation.

For more information or clarification on the updated legislation, please contact the Northern Ireland Department of Agriculture and Rural Development by visiting <http://www.dardni.gov.uk>, emailing [dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk](mailto:dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk) or alternatively telephone 0300 200 7840.

Shows where the public are admitted on payment of a fee - All shows which charge the public for admission must state this on the show schedule and entry form - but you should check carefully whether or not your dog is eligible before entering.

Permission to show - If your dog has had an operation you are required to write to the Kennel Club to seek permission to continue to show your dog. Applications must be put in writing and accompanied by veterinary documentation, and addressed to The Kennel Club, Breed Shows Team Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB, UK or scanned over email to [breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk) For further information please see question below.

**21. Question:** My dog requires/has had surgery. Do I need to request 'Permission to Show' and if so how do I go about it?

**Answer:** Yes, You need to write to the Breed Shows Team at the Kennel Club (Clarges Street, London, Piccadilly, W1J 8AB or scanned over email to [breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk) ) requesting 'Permission to Show' and outlining your dog's Kennel Club registered name. In addition you will need to include a letter from the Vet confirming the surgery undertaken. This request will then be placed before the Committee for consideration and you will be informed of the outcome shortly thereafter.

Docked Dogs - The owner of any dog, from any country, which was docked on or after 6th April 2007 (28th March 2007 for shows in Wales) must apply to the Kennel Club for permission to show before competing. Applications must be put in writing to The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, London, W1J 8AB, UK or scanned over email to [breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:breedshows@thekennelclub.org.uk).

**22. Question:** Can I show a dog with cropped ears?

**Answer:** No dog with cropped ears is eligible to compete at any Kennel Club





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# Dog Show Awards

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Showing a dog is a competitive hobby and there are awards and prizes for you and your dog to aim for. The following is a list of awards that are on offer for your dog, dependent upon the type of activities and events that your dog takes part in, whether it is a show, a trial or a competition.

### **Junior Warrant**

The Junior Warrant is an award which a dog can achieve through winning certain awards at Open and Championship shows, when the dog is between 6 and 18 months of age. Also a Junior Warrant enables your dog to gain a Stud Book Number. Once achieved you may enter your dog at shows with the title JW.

This award was updated and came into effect from the 1st October 1997. Prior to this date an earlier version of the Junior Warrant scheme with a different point system was in place. Unfortunately dogs that had won the title JW under this previous scheme did not obtain a Stud Book number and sadly we have no records of such awards as they pre-dated our computer systems.

### **Junior Warrant Winner of the Year Competition**

This Competition has its annual Grand Final at Crufts for details and eligibility, please visit [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk) or contact the Awards Department via 01296 318540 ext 269 or email: [awards@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:awards@thekennelclub.org.uk).

### **Show Certificate of Merit**

The Show Certificate of Merit is an award which a dog can achieve through winning certain awards at General and Group Open shows and must obtain a total of 25 points.

The Show Certificate of Merit came into effect on the 1st January 2003. Therefore, only points won after this date can count towards this award. Please send completed forms back to the Awards Department at The Kennel Club, 1-5 Clarges Street, Piccadilly, London W1J 8AB.

If you have any further queries regarding the Show Certificate of Merit or Junior Warrant please contact the Awards Department on 01296 318540 ext 269 or email: [awards@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:awards@thekennelclub.org.uk).

## **Stud Book**

In 1880 the Kennel Club's Committee introduced a system of universal registration of the dog's name, which is continued to this day. The Regulations for entries in the Stud Book (Reg. K.1) detail the criteria required for each discipline. Note: a Stud Book number is achieved when either a dog wins a Stud Book qualifying award at a Championship Breed show or achieves a Junior Warrant.

The Stud Book Bands indicate which band the breeds fall into, and how they are awarded a Stud Book number from Championship shows with Challenge Certificates on offer for the breed concerned, for example:

1. Bloodhounds are in Band A, and will be issued a Stud Book number if they are placed 1st place in an Open Class.
2. Whippets are in Band E (this is because they have higher entries at shows). They would be issued a Stud Book number if they were placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in a Limit or an Open Class.

Stud Book bands are subject to change, and should be checked for any changes each January.

It should be noted that if your dog gains a Stud Book number this will automatically be sent to you within 6-8 weeks from the date of the show.

A Stud Book number qualifies your dog for Crufts for life.

**STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIERS ARE CURRENTLY IN STUD BOOK BAND E – STUD BOOK NUMBERS ARE ISSUED IF PLACED 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> OR 3<sup>RD</sup> IN LIMIT AND/OR OPEN (AS AT 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2017)**

## **Title of Champion**

Dogs can achieve the level of champion in each of the activities; Agility, Bloodhound Trials, Breed, Field Trials, Obedience and Working Trial. The requirements to become a Champion are listed in the Reg. K.2 Kennel Club Year Book. (Also, see “AWARDS FAQ’s” in this pack). Being a Champion is the highest award a dog can gain and they are awarded to the very best of healthy dogs, and a dog must always be Fit for Function: Fit for Life.

## **Irish Kennel Club Green Star status**

Following on from a letter and several phone conversations, clarification is given on the status of the Irish Kennel Club Green Star when calculating eligibility for classes at Kennel Club licensed events.

Under the new Irish Kennel Club qualifications for Champions - each point is equivalent to a Challenge Certificate when calculating eligibility for classes at Kennel Club licensed events. Also a 5 point Green Star awarded under the previous Irish Kennel Club system is equivalent to a Challenge Certificate. For example if a dog has been awarded a 5 point Green Star under the old system and been awarded one point under the new system this dog has the equivalent of two Challenge Certificates.

It should also be noted that when calculating eligibility for classes at Kennel Club licensed shows, a CAC or a CACIB is also the equivalent to a Challenge Certificate. For further details on the Irish Kennel Club Champion qualifications please refer to the Irish Kennel Club ([www.ikc.ie/index.php](http://www.ikc.ie/index.php)).

*Taken from The Kennel Club website: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk>*



## Awards FAQ's

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We hope these FAQ's will help resolve some of the most common queries that are asked on the following topics:

### **Studbook Numbers**

#### **Q. How does my dog get a Studbook number?**

**A.** A Stud Book number is achieved when either a dog wins a Stud Book qualifying award at a Championship show or a dog obtains a Junior Warrant. It also qualifies a dog for Crufts for life.

Stud Book numbers can also be achieved at Field Trials. To find out the qualifying awards you will need to check which Stud Book Band your dog is in.

#### **Q. I do not know what Stud Book Band my dog is in?**

**A.** You can view or download and print the Stud Book Bands at [www.thekennelclub.or.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.or.uk), or contact the Kennel Club Awards Department via email or telephone. Please note the Stud Book bands may change and therefore it is advisable to enquire if your breed has changed bands in January.

#### **Q. Can my dog qualify for a Stud Book number at a show where CCs are not on offer for my breed?**

**A.** No. It is important to note that to qualify for a Stud Book number through a class award, CCs must be on offer for your particular breed at the show.

#### **Q. If my dog wins a class that qualifies me for a Studbook number what do I do?**

**A.** If your dog wins a qualifying class, then a Studbook Certificate is automatically generated after we have put the awards on, so you do not need to do anything but wait for your certificate to arrive in the post.

### **Q. How long will it take for my Stud Book Certificate to come through?**

A. It can take anything from between 2 - 6 weeks from the date of the show depending on the time of year and the volume of catalogues and awards we are processing.

## **Champion**

### **Q. How is a dog made into a Champion?**

A. A dog is awarded the title Champion if it has won 3 Challenge Certificates at championship shows where CCs were on offer, under 3 different judges and one of the Challenge Certificates was awarded when the dog was more than 12 months of age. You will automatically be sent a Champion certificate, and this can take between 2 - 6 weeks from the date of the show.

### **Q. Do I have to send anything to the Kennel Club to prove my dog is a Champion to get my certificate?**

A. Once a dog has been made into a Champion you do not need to do anything. The certificate will be sent to you automatically between 2-6 weeks after the date of the show.

### **Q. Can I use the title of Champion when applying for shows before I receive my certificate from the Kennel Club?**

A. Yes, providing you are 100% sure that the dog has definitely obtained Champion status.

## **Sending Awards Certificates**

### **Q. How long will it take for my Challenge Certificate to come through?**

A. It can take anything from between 2 - 6 weeks from the date of the show depending on the time of year and the volume of catalogues and awards we are processing.

### **Q. Do I receive a certificate if my dog wins a Reserve Challenge Certificate?**

A. Sorry - no. We only issue Challenge Certificates, Stud Book numbers, Champion certificates and Breeders Diplomas.

### **Q. Can I have a list of my dogs awards sent to me?**

A. Yes you can. However, at the moment we only computerise the Stud Book qualifying awards so therefore we can only send you a list of awards providing your dog has a Stud Book number. If you would like a list of your dog's awards then please send a cheque for £5.00 (as of January 2010) to the Awards Department giving your dog's registered name and number.

### **Q. My dog has won a Challenge Certificate and is in joint ownership. Can both owners get copies of the certificates?**

A. Yes. If you contact the Awards Department they will be able to send a duplicate certificate. This also applies for Stud Book Number certificates.

**Q. Can I get a duplicate copy of my dog's Challenge Certificate?**

**A.** Duplicate copies of Challenge Certificates are available by sending a cheque for £5.00 to the Awards Department giving your dog's registered name and number and the details of the show. This also applies to certificates for Stud Book Number certificates.

**Q. Can I obtain a list of CC winners and RCC winners in a particular breed?**

**A.** Yes you can. Please contact the Awards Department for this and we will send it out free of charge.

## **Foreign Titles**

**Q. How do I add a foreign title to my dog's record?**

**A.** To add a foreign title you need to send photocopies of the certificates to the Awards Department who will add the title to your dog's record and then confirm the addition in writing. Please note that we will only recognise Irish Champion titles and foreign titles from the dog's home country, providing the Kennel Club has a reciprocal agreement.

**Q. Does the Kennel Club recognise FCI International Champion titles?**

**A.** No. This title is not recognised by the Kennel Club.

**Q. My dog is now a Champion in a few different countries. Can I still use these titles when applying for shows?**

**A.** Even though the Kennel Club does not add foreign champion titles to a dog's records, you can still use the title on your entry form when applying for shows.

If you have any further questions regarding Awards please contact the Awards Department on 01296 318540 ext 269 or email: [awards@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:awards@thekennelclub.org.uk).

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# Qualification for Crufts 2018

## CRUFTS 2018 QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY OF DOGS

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS A DOG MUST HAVE FOR ENTRY AT CRUFTS 2018.

### **a. ENTRY IN BREED CLASSES AT CRUFTS 2018, WHERE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES ARE OFFERED.**

A dog is eligible for entry in breed classes where Challenge Certificates are offered if it has qualified in any of the following ways under the Rules and Regulations of the Kennel Club.

- (1) If it is a champion, show champion, field trial champion, working trial champion, obedience champion or agility champion under the Rules of the Kennel Club.
- (2) If it is entered in the Kennel Club Stud Book, or qualifies for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.
- (3) If it is entered in the Kennel Club Stud Book, or qualifies for entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 through field trials or working trials.
- (4) If it has won any of the following prizes in a breed class (as defined in Kennel Club Regulations for the Definitions of Classes at Championship Shows) at a championship show, including Crufts, where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed between 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

- i. First, Second or Third in Minor Puppy class**
- ii. First, Second or Third in Puppy class**
- iii. First, Second or Third in Junior class**
- iv. First, Second or Third in Yearling class**
- v. First, Second or Third in Post Graduate class**
- vi. First, Second or Third in Limit class**
- vii. First, Second or Third in Open class**
- viii. First, Second or Third in Veteran class**

(5) If it has won a first prize in **any** breed class at Crufts 2017. **(NB This is in addition to those dogs which have qualified in classes listed under (4) above).**

(6) If a Beagle, has won a First Prize at a Hound Show between 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 held under the Rules and Regulations of the Masters of Harriers and Beagles Association.

(7) If it has been declared Best of Breed at a premier open show, provided there were more than three breed classes (**more than five classes for Stud Book Band E breeds – eg Staffordshire Bull Terriers**) scheduled for the breed between 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

(8) If it has won Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show or Best Puppy in Show at a general or group open show between 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.

## **b. ADDITIONAL ENTRY INTO BREED CLASSES AT CRUFTS 2018 WHERE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES ARE OFFERED.**

If it has won any of the following prizes at general and group championship shows, scheduled between 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, in non-CC classes for breeds normally allocated Challenge Certificates (**provided there are more than three breed classes or more than five classes for Stud Book Band E breeds. The LKA in December 2017 and Boston in January 2018 are examples of such shows**).

**i. Best of Breed**

**ii. Best Puppy in Breed**

**iii. First, Second or Third in Minor Puppy Class**

**iv. First, Second or Third in Puppy Class**

**v. First, Second or Third in Junior Class**

**vi. First, Second or Third in Post Graduate Class**

**vii. First, Second or Third in Limit Class**

**viii. First, Second or Third in Open Class**

### **NOTES ON QUALIFICATIONS**

1. A breed class is a class confined to one breed.
2. Awards as above qualify a dog for entry at Crufts 2018 only if the class in which the award was gained was not made 'Special' in any way, i.e. by age, colour, height, weight, coat, to members of a society, to breeders etc. Wins in sweepstake classes do not qualify, nor do wins in any classes other than those stated above.
3. In any class scheduled at Crufts 2018 for which an age limit appears in the definition the age is calculated to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
4. No entries will be accepted 'Not for Competition'.
5. Dogs qualifying after 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 can only be entered online.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JAN 2018

(P.O. POSTMARKED)

ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE ON MONDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> JAN 2018

## Staffordshire Bull Terrier - 2017 provisional

### January

8 BOSTON (C) Joe Ashe (all-rounder)  
19 MANCHESTER (C) Bill Browne-Cole/Vera Westwood  
22 NWSBTC (L) Sian Hammond  
29 EMSBTC (L) Debbie Saunt

### February

5 SBT (L) Michelle Southall  
11 EASBTC (O) Steve Fairhurst  
12 PSBTC (L) Isodoro Martinez  
19 DSBTC (O) Nigel Davies  
25 NISBTC (O) Fran Schofield  
26 NESBTC (L) Karen Waltham

### March

4 MB&CSBTC (L) Mike Ritchie  
5 NCSBTC (L) Lee Page  
9 CRUFTS (C) Dean Cund/ Bob Blackley  
19 N&DSBTC (L) Tina Walker  
19 SCSBTS (L) Melanie Corcoran  
25 WSBTC (O) Stephen Page  
25 NofSSBTC (O) Vicki Butler

### April

1 NAT TERRIER (C) Paul Stanway/Elaine Norton  
2 NWSBTC (C) Jimmy Devine/Terry Cooper  
9 SWSBTC (O) Teri Owen/Gail Ross  
22 NISBTC (C) Audrey Hubery  
23 EMSBTC (O) Craig Kerry  
28 WELKS (C) Gillian Skelly

### May

4 BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL (C) Harry Coble  
7 MB&CSBTC (O) Keith Goodwin  
20 SSBTC (C) Bill Blacker/Tony Moore  
21 SKC (C) Frank McCann  
26 WSBTC (C) Maria Morris/Craig Dillon  
26 BATH (C) Nigel Merrick

### June

3 SCCA (C) John Dare  
4 MSBTC (O) Gary Nicholson  
10 THREE COUNTIES (C) Mark Marshall  
11 NESBTC (O) Jim Coffey  
17 BORDER UNION (C) Shirley Gray  
23 BLACKPOOL (C) Frank Kane  
25 SCSBTS (O) Rini Van Wijk  
25 NCSBTC (O) Nigel Hunt

### Merseyside

MB&C

EA

No cc's in 2017

### July

1 WINDSOR (C) Gary Hinsley  
8 SBTC (O) Steve Simpson  
9 East of ENGLAND (C) David Manito  
15 PSBTC (C) Steve Bradder/Peter Rhodes  
16 N&DSBTC (C) Frank Reader / Jenny Smith  
22 LEEDS (C) Eddie Williams

### August

5 PAIGNTON (C) Mick Clarke  
13 BOURNEMOUTH (C) John Farley  
19 WKC (C) Mansell Frayne  
20 SWSBTC (O) Nigel Davies/Terri Owen  
26 NoSSBTC (C) Rob Jenkins/Steve Bradder  
27 SKC (C) Carol Ridley

### September

2 CITY of BIRMINGHAM (C) Archie Bryden  
9 RICHMOND (C) Cornelia Burgunthal  
15 DARLINGTON (C) John Scanlan  
16 NCSBTC (C) Eric Galvin/Norman Berry  
17 NESBTC (C) Tec Norton/Helen Wall  
23 BELFAST (C) Bunny Cockayne  
24 MB&CSBTC (O) Carol Kimber  
30 DRIFFIELD (C) Frank Marlow

### October

1 PSBTC (O) Simon Thomas  
8 SWKA (C) Craig Scanlan  
14 WSBTC (O) Julie Gray  
15 NWSBTC (O) Paul Sutcliffe  
21 DSBTC (C) G Mark Davies/Dave Lee  
22 SCSBTS (C) Sarah Hemstock/Martin Murphy  
27 MIDLAND COUNTIES (C) Gwen Small  
28 EASBTC (O) Jo Ann Essex  
28 SSBTC (O) Jen Johnstone  
28 NISBTC (O) Julie Gray

### November

11 SBTC (C) Laurie Ford/Maureen Ward  
12 EMSBTC (C) Harry Robinson/Laureen Williams  
25 NofSSBTC (L) Claire Crossman  
26 SWSBTC (C) Julie Kemp Hale/Bill Blacker

### December

2 N&DSBTC (O) Claire Winwood  
10 LKA (C) Imogen Gough -no CC's but will have non CC classes

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## STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER

### January

7 BOSTON (C) no CC's Wayne Jackson  
18 MANCHESTER (C) Karon Jackson/Mr P Briasco  
18 MB&C SBTC (O) Ian Biddlestone (back to back)  
21 NWSBTC (L) Teri Owen

### February

3 SBT (L) Paul Harvey  
10 EASBTC (O) Michelle Murphy  
11 PSBTC (L) Claire Crossman  
18 DSBTC (O) Amelie Chaine  
24 NISBTC (O) Simon Thomas

### March

4 NCSBTC (O) Lee Page  
9 CRUFTS (C) Pat McGlynn/Paul Stanway  
17 WSBTC (O) Lorraine Rollin  
18 SCSBTS (L) Roisin Stewart  
24 NofSSBTC (O) Lorraine Rollin

### April

7 NAT TERRIER (C) John Finney/ G Mark Davies  
8 NWSBTC (C) A Wetton/Bev Harrison  
15WSBTC (O) Terri Morrell  
21 NISBTC (C) John Ryder  
22 EMSBTC (O) TBA  
28 WELKS (C) BA Beaufoy

### May

6 MSBTC (C) Gill McDermott/Dayna Lemke  
7 MB&CSBTC (C) Elaine Pearson/Steve Thomas  
11 BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL (C) Karen Johnson  
18 SKC (C) Helen E Reaney  
19 SSBTC (O) Kerry Fulford  
25 BATH (C) Terry Woods  
27 EASBTC (C) Fred Jones/Jo Blacker

### June

2 SCCA (C) Jack Coates  
3 NESBTC (O) John Parker  
7THREE COUNTIES (C) Neill Evans  
17 BORDER UNION (C) Leanne Marshallsay  
? SCSBTS (O) Brian Speed  
23 NCSBTC (O)  
24 BLACKPOOL (C) Martin Phillips  
29WINDSOR (C) Liz Stanway

Potteries

Scottish

Western

No cc's in 2018

## SHOWPLANNER 2018 (Provisional v.8)

### July

6 East of ENGLAND (C) Nick Hale (TBC)  
7 SBTC (O) Bill Asker  
28 N&DSBTC (C) Jayne Winrow/Kev Tittley  
29 LEEDS (C) Harry Carter

### August

4 PAIGNTON (C) Mike Bradley  
13 BOURNEMOUTH (C) Jeff Ford  
18 WKC (C) Larry Lunn  
19 SWSBTC (O) Isidora Martinez  
25 SKC (C) Jaci McLauchlan  
26 NofSSBTC (C) Tony Moore/Billy Meek  
31 CITY of BIRMINGHAM (C) Ron Chell  
30 MSBTC (O) TBC

### September

1 EASBTC (O) Jason Pigott  
8 RICHMOND (C) TBC  
14 DARLINGTON (C) Alison Hinsley  
15 NESBTC (C) Dave Lee/Craig Frazer  
16 NCSBTC (C) Pat Harkin/Elaine Pearson  
23 DRIFFIELD (C) Linda Lee  
29 BELFAST (C) TBC  
30 MB&CSBTC (O) Martin Johnson

### October

5 SWKA (C) Bob Blackley  
7 PSBTC (O) Debbie Saunt  
13 WSBTC (O) Johan Sandstrom  
23 NWSBTC (O) Brian Speed  
20 DSBTC (C) Alan Hedges/Karon Jackson  
21 SCSBTS (C) Carol Ridley/Kevin Jones  
21 NISBTC (O) John McConaughie  
27 MIDLAND COUNTIES (C) Andy Dodsworth

### November

3 SSBTC (O) Claire Winwood  
10 EMSBTC (C) Frank Gough/Maria Morris  
11 SBTC (C) Paul Martin/Lee Rhodes  
24 NofSSBTC (O) Angie Isles  
25WSBTC (C) Maureen Ward/ Paul Martin

### December

1 N&DSBTC (O) Stephen Page  
16 LKA (C) Michelle Southall -no CC's but will have non- CC classes

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East Anglian SBTC	<a href="http://www.eastangliansbtclub.co.uk">www.eastangliansbtclub.co.uk</a>	Lesley McFadyen		01205 871762	<a href="mailto:esbtclub@gmail.com">esbtclub@gmail.com</a>
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## Useful Information Sources.

There are various publications and social media sites that are useful for dog-owners, dog exhibitors or, more specifically, Stafford enthusiasts. Below are just a selection of sources that may be of interest to you, depending upon what your interests are.

Name of Source	Issued	Format	Free of charge	Main audience	Copies held at SBTC Handling Club
<b>The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club</b> <a href="http://www.thesbtc.org.uk">www.thesbtc.org.uk</a>	N/A	FaceBook & Website	Yes	SBT enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Breed Records Supplement</b> Available to purchase from the Kennel Club	Quarterly	Booklet	No	General Dog Owners	Yes
<b>Dogs Monthly</b>	Monthly	Magazine	No	General Dog Owners	Yes
<b>Dogs Today</b>	Monthly	Magazine	No	General Dog Owners	Yes
<b>East Anglian Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Kennel Gazette</b> Available to Associate or Affiliate Members of the Kennel Club	Monthly	Magazine	No	General Dog Owners	Yes
<b>M B &amp; C S B T C</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Merseyside SBTC</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Northern Counties Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Northern Staffordshire Bull Terrier Rescue</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>North West Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Notts &amp; Derby District Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Our Dogs</b>	Weekly	Paper & On-Line	No	Dog Shows & Exhibitors	Yes
<b>Photos and Results by The SBT Annual</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Quality Staffordshire Bull Terrier puppy and Stud Register</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A

<b>SBT Breed Specialist Appointments UK</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>SBT Health</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Scottish Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Sedgley &amp; Gornal SBT Ringcraft Club</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Simply.Staffords</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>South East Essex SBT Ringcraft Club</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Staffordshire Bull Terrier Critiques</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Staffordshire Bull Terrier Debates and Topics</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Staffordshire Bull Terrier Shows</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>The East Midlands Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club Group</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>The North Eastern Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club – UK</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>The North of Scotland Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>The Potteries Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	SBT Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>The Stafford Knot</b> <a href="http://www.thestaffordknot.com">www.thestaffordknot.com</a>	N/A	FaceBook & Website	Yes	SBT enthusiasts	N/A
<b>The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Interpretation &amp; Illustration of the Written Breed Standard</b> Can be purchased via The Stafford Knot	N/A	Book	No	SBT Enthusiasts	No
<b>West Midland Terrier Society</b>	N/A	FaceBook	Yes	Terrier Breed Enthusiasts	N/A
<b>Your Dog</b>	Monthly	Magazine	No	General Dog Owners	Yes



## Companion Dog Shows

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The Companion Dog Show is the formal name by which charity dog shows licensed by the Kennel Club are known.

They are fun, informal events that all dogs can take part in and are usually held as part of a village fete, charity open day or as a fundraising event in their own right. Quite simply they are great days out for the whole family - including your dog! If you want to find out more please follow the link on this page [Taking Part in a Companion Dog Show](#).

Note: Companion Dog Shows used to be known as Exemption Dog Shows (as they were exempt from normal competition rules) and some people still refer them as such.

## Taking Part in a Companion Dog Show

Companion Dog Shows are fundraising events held throughout the year and the shows are mostly organised in conjunction with fetes, charity open days or other similar events to raise money for a charitable cause of the show organiser's own choice. The shows are very relaxed so they are ideal for all dog owners at all levels to enjoy a fun day out with their companion.

### Tips on preparing for the show:

- Due to the growing popularity of Companion Dog Shows, it is important that you get to events in plenty of time to register your dog for the classes you wish to compete in.
- Take such as a brush or other relevant grooming equipment, as well as some of your dog's favourite treats.
- Please also remember to bring plenty of poo bags and clean up after your dog at the show.
- Take a bowl and some water for your dog. If it looks as if it is going to be a very hot day then you might also want to take a towel soaked in cold water for your dog to lie on, which will help keep him cool while you are waiting to go into the ring.

### Competitors taking part in a Companion Dog Show

On arrival at the show, visit the entries table where you can select the classes you would like to enter. If you need help with making your entry, or deciding which classes to enter then just ask, as the people organising the show will be more than happy to help you.

When you enter the show you will be given a ring number which you need to take into the ring with you. We recommend you take a safety pin, or what is called a 'ring clip', to secure the ring number to your clothes as you will need both hands free to handle your dog.

Listen to the ring steward as he or she will announce when each class is due to be judged.

Follow the steward's instructions as they will tell you where to stand with your dog. If you have a breed of dog which is judged on a table then some stewards like to have these breeds at the front of the class. But do not worry, as the steward will guide you and you will not be in trouble if you stand in the wrong place!

Remember to make sure that both you and your dog enjoy the day. Companion Dog Shows are often the first taste of competition for many people and once you are hooked you may decide that you want to go on to greater things.

## **Top 10 Tips on showing your dog at Companion Dog Shows**

- Team Effort - Train together and play together so that you build up a real partnership with your dog.
- Back to School - Find out from the Kennel Club about Ringcraft classes in your area where you can learn how to present and train your dog for the show ring.
- Look and Learn - Talk to the experienced people at the Ringcraft classes - they will be more than happy to help a newcomer. Watch how they present their dog to show off its finer points.
- Be Prepared - Try to visit one or two shows without your dog so that you have an idea of what is required.
- All Mapped Out - Plan your journey to the show well in advance and make sure that you arrive at the show in good time.
- Go Walkabout - Make sure that your dog has a chance to stretch his legs before you go into the ring.
- Keep Watch - Keep an eye on the judging - you can familiarise yourself with what the judge is looking for and what he or she will ask you to do.
- Mind Your Manners - Always be polite and considerate to your fellow exhibitors.
- Have Fun - Win or lose remember to praise your dog - he will no doubt have given his best for you. Owners like to win rosettes but praise and a cuddle from you will mean far more to your dog than a rosette does!

Taken from The Kennel Club website: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk>

### GENERAL APPEARANCE

Smooth coated, well balanced, of great strength for his size. Muscular, active and agile.

### CHARACTERISTICS

Traditionally of indomitable courage and tenacity. Highly intelligent and affectionate especially with children.

### TEMPERAMENT

Bold, fearless and totally reliable.

### GAIT/MOVEMENT

Free, powerful and agile with economy of effort. Legs moving parallel when viewed from front or rear. Discernible drive from hindlegs.

### COLOUR

Red, fawn, white, black or blue, or any one of these colours with white. Any shade of brindle or any shade of brindle with white. Black and tan or liver colour highly undesirable.

### NOTE

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

### TAIL

Medium length, low set, tapering to a point and carried rather low. Should not curl much and may be likened to an old fashioned pump handle.

### FEET

Well padded, strong and of medium size. Nails black in solid coloured dogs.

### HEAD AND SKULL

Short, deep through with broad skull. Very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct stop, short foreface, nose black.

### NECK

Muscular, rather short, clean in outline gradually widening towards shoulders.

### BODY

Close coupled, with level topline, wide front, deep brisket, well sprung ribs, muscular and well defined.

### HINDQUARTERS

Well muscled, hocks well let down with stifles well bent. Legs parallel when viewed from behind.

### EARS

Rose or half pricked, not large or heavy. Full, drop or pricked ears highly undesirable.

### EYES

Dark preferred but may bear some relation to coat colour. Round of medium size and set to look straight ahead. Eye rims dark.

### MOUTH

Lips tight and clean. Jaws strong, teeth large, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

### COAT

Smooth, short and close.

### FOREQUARTERS

Legs straight and well boned, set rather wide apart, showing no weakness at the pasterns, from which point feet turn out a little. Shoulders well laid back with no looseness at elbow.

### SIZE

#### WEIGHT:

Dogs 28 lbs to 38 lbs.

Bitches 24 lbs to 34 lbs.

#### Desirable HEIGHT (at withers):

14 to 16 inches, these heights being related to the weights.

### 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.

**S.A. Champion  
Rikarrystock Demolition Man**

BREEDER: Terence Henderson  
OWNER: Frans Miller

