

Western Staffordshire Bull Terrier Society

PRESIDENT: Mr A Mitchell

CHAIRMAN: Mr Martin Grimwood



Schedule of 14 Class Unbenchanted Single Breed OPEN SHOW

(Held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)

at

Mark Village Hall, Vole Road, Mark, Highbridge TA9 4NY

on

Saturday 7th February 2026

**~ JUDGE ~
Justin Watson (Sparkstaff)**

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

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

SHOW OPENS: 9.30am

JUDGING COMMENCES: 10.00am

Jurisdiction and responsibilities

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

Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: Black Rock Vets, 11 Victoria St, Burnham on Sea TA8 1AL
Tel: 01278 786602

Entries Close: Saturday 24th January 2026
Entries may be made online up to 12 noon on Friday 30th January 2026
at www.highampress.co.uk

Make all cheques & PO's payable to "Western Staffordshire Bull Terrier Society"
& send with your entry to:

Higham Press Ltd., New Street, Higham, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6BP. Tel: 01773 832390
or enter online at www.highampress.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE: Exhibitors are advised to obtain proof of posting when sending in their entries, this would help if entries go astray.

Enquiries to: Lorraine Sandford
Email: lorraineawarner@outlook.com

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

WESTERN STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER SOCIETY

Officers

President: Alan Mitchell

Chairman: Martin Grimwood

Vice-Chairman: Andy Land

Secretary: Lisa Emery

Show Secretary: Lorraine Sandford

Treasurer: Martin Grimwood

Assistant Secretary: Vacant

Show Manager: Carly Bingham

Membership Secretary: Sam Vause

Committee: Carly Bingham, Lorraine Sandford, Nick Sandford, Sam Vause

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## EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:

In accordance with Royal Kennel Club guidelines, Exhibitors must display exhibit number/owner identification on their crate, cage or container at all times.

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Show Information

ENTRY FEES:

Members: £5.50 first entry per dog

Non-Members: £6.50 first entry per dog

All subsequent entries with the same dog: FREE

Veterans: £1.00

Not for Competition Dogs: £1.00 per dog

Membership: £7.00 Single; £9.00 Joint; Overseas £10.00

Class sponsorship: £5.00

CATALOGUES: Pre-paid with entries £3.00 (few available on the day)

ADVERTS: Full Page inc. Photo £12.00/Full Page no Photo £10.00/Half Page £5.00

DOG CAGES: Please note that an area will be reserved for Dog Cages

SOFT CRATES

The Royal Kennel Club has asked that we draw attention to the potential health and safety implications concerning the use of soft crates as in its view, they do not offer sufficient protection to dogs. They have asked that we point out that dogs should not be left unattended in soft crates. There have been instances where dogs have escaped from soft crates which have not been securely fastened to benches, or that have been left at ringside. We therefore ask that if you use soft crates, you do not leave your dogs unattended, either in the hall, or in an open car in the car park.

CLASSIFICATION

Judge: Justin Watson (Sparkstaff)

Judging starts at 10.00 am

1 Minor Puppy Dog	8 Minor Puppy Bitch
2 Puppy Dog	9 Puppy Bitch
3 Junior Dog	10 Junior Bitch
4 Post Graduate Dog	11 Post Graduate Bitch
5 Limit Dog	12 Limit Bitch
6 Open Dog	13 Open Bitch
7 Veteran Dog	14 Veteran Bitch

BEST IN SHOW followed by **BEST PUPPY** will be judged after class 14.

The show will close half an hour after BIS & BPIS have been judged.

Judge's introduction

Justin Watson (Sparkstaff)



I would like to sincerely thank the Western Staffordshire Bull Terrier Society for the honour of inviting me to judge their Open Show. This will be my first single breed Open Show appointment, having previously judged six Canine Society shows. I have owned Staffordshire Bull Terriers for most of my adult life, having begun with a Stafford I was given by a customer who was facing eviction, and I was instantly hooked on the breed. I have been actively exhibiting for the past five years under my kennel name, Sparkstaff. I am currently campaigning three dogs, one of which, Dringshaw Masterpiece At Sparkstaff, has achieved two CCs and one BOB. I am also an active committee member and Vice Chairman of the Northern Counties Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club. I look forward to judging on February 7th and can assure exhibitors that I will judge fairly, with integrity, and solely to the breed standard.

Justin Watson (Sparkstaff)

ROSETTES ON OFFER AT THIS SHOW

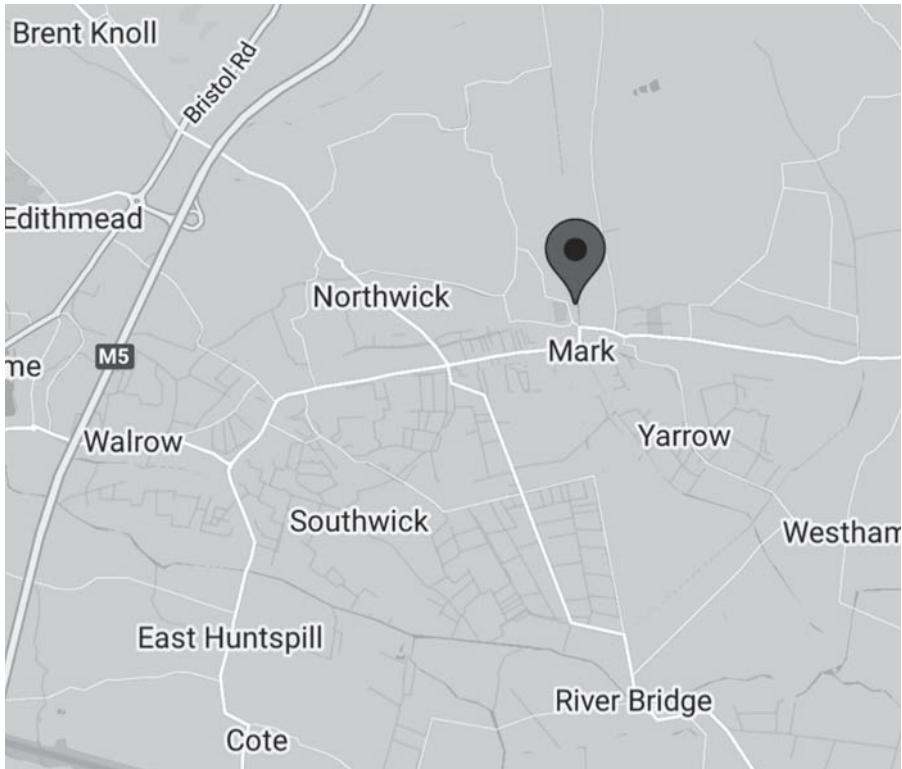


First - Reserve

Best in Show prize donated by Casails Glass Designs

Class sponsorship gratefully received.

All sponsorship and donations will be acknowledged in the catalogue.



DIRECTIONS TO VENUE

Exit the M5 at junction 22 and take the exit to Highbridge/Burnham on Sea, at Edithmead Roundabout, take the third exit onto Bristol Road/A38, exit the roundabout onto Bristol Road/A38, turn right onto Harp Road, turn left onto Mark Causeway/B3139, turn left onto Vole Road and then Mark Village Hall will be on your right-hand side.

DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

In the following definitions, a Challenge Certificate includes any show award that counts towards the title of Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club. Wins at Championship Shows in breed classes where Challenge Certificates are not on offer shall be counted as wins at Open Shows. In the case of a dog owned in partnership and entered in Members' classes or competing for Members' Specials each partner must at the time of entry be a member of the Society. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including the seventh day before the first closing date shall be counted when entering for any class i.e. **Saturday 17th January 2026**. Wins in Variety classes do not count for entry in breed classes but when entering in Variety classes, wins in both Breed and Variety classes must be counted. First prizes awarded in any classes defined as Special do not count towards eligibility.

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

(1) *Withdrawal*

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

(2) *Transfer*

- a) If a dog is ineligible for a class or classes as regards its colour, sex, weight or height the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent class or classes for the correct colour, sex, weight or height and, in the event of there being no equivalent class, Minor Puppy and Puppy excepted, to the Open class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
- b) For an exhibit entered incorrectly in a Minor Puppy class, Puppy class or Junior class, which is over age but under twelve calendar months of age, eighteen calendar months of age or twenty four calendar months of age respectively, the Show Secretary shall transfer the exhibit to the Puppy class, Junior class or Yearling class respectively for the correct colour, sex, weight or height and in the event of there being no Puppy, Junior or Yearling class to the Open class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
- c) For any reason other than the above, the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the Open class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
- d) If an exhibit arrives late and misses a class, even if it is the only class in which the dog is entered, the dog may not be transferred to any other class.

Minor Puppy: For dogs of six and not exceeding nine calendar months of age on the first day of the show.

Puppy: For dogs of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the show.

Junior: For dogs of six and not exceeding eighteen calendar months of age on the first day of the show.

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

Limit: For dogs which have not become show Champions under The Royal Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club, or won 3 or more CC/CACIB/CAC/Green Stars, 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.

Open: For all dogs of the breeds for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the show.

Veteran: For dogs of not less than seven years of age on the first day of the show.

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

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The show will open at 9.30 am.
2. Dogs will be received at any time but it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that exhibits are available for judging when required.
3. Judging will commence at 10.00 am.
4. Exhibits may be removed from the show after their judging has been completed. The show will close half an hour after all judging has been completed.
5. **Entry Fees:** Non-Members first entry £6.50 per dog. Members first entry £5.50 per dog. All subsequent entries with the same dog FREE. Not for Competition £1.00. Veterans £1.00. Class Sponsorship £5.00. Membership fees: £7.00 Single, £9.00 Joint, £10.00 Overseas. Adverts: Full Page including photo (A5) £12.00; full page no photo £10.00; half page (A6) £5.00. Catalogues £3.00 pre-paid (few available on the day). You may enter online at www.highampress.co.uk.
6. **Prize Money:** There is no prize money on offer at this show.
7. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
8. Puppies under four calendar months of age on the first day of the show are not eligible for exhibition.
9. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the show is forbidden.
10. **Best Puppy in Show (if scheduled).** Where a Best Puppy in Show competition is scheduled the Best Puppy in Show is a puppy which has competed and is unbeaten by any other puppy exhibited at the same show. A puppy is a dog of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the Show. The selection of Best in Show may follow the selection of Best Puppy in Show and Best Veteran in Show (if scheduled) respectively. Where the Best in Show is a puppy it may, at the discretion of the judge, be awarded Best Puppy in Show respectively. Where the Reserve Best in Show is a puppy which has only been beaten by an adult dog it may, at the discretion of the judge be Best Puppy in Show respectively. A Baby Puppy is a dog of four and less than six calendar months of age on the first day of the show. Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show. Any Variety Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show. Best Baby Puppy in Breed may be declared in each breed from the dogs entered in the Baby Puppy breed classes. There must be no progression to further competition.
11. **Best in Show.** Best in Show must be selected from the exhibits declared Best of Sex. If a Reserve Best in Show is to be selected, the eligible dogs are those declared Best Opposite Sex and the Reserve Best of Sex to the exhibit declared Best in Show.
12. Exhibits will not be admitted to Best in Show competition after a period of ten minutes has elapsed since the announcement that exhibits are required for judging, unless they have been unavoidably delayed by previous judging not completed on time, and then only with the special permission of the Show Management.
13. Exhibitors must not pick up dogs by their tails and leads when lifting them nor handle a dog in a manner which causes its feet not to touch the ground when on the move. This is not acceptable. Exhibitors should note that such practice would constitute harsh handling and reports of such practice will be referred to the Committee under Royal Kennel Club Show Regulation F11.
14. All exhibitors must be familiar with Royal Kennel Club Regulation F (Annex B) - Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.
15. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Royal Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
16. **DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS** Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and The Royal Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts travelling to and whilst at Royal Kennel Club licensed events.
 - When travelling to a show please take a moment to consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route, and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.
 - If your vehicle is not air-conditioned seriously consider whether travelling to the show is a good idea at all.
 - The vehicle should be as fully ventilated as possible, and plenty of stops should be taken, with lots of water available to drink.
 - Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
 - When at the show, never leave your dog in the vehicle.
 - Keep the dog in the shade - take your own shade for example a large umbrella and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog stays well hydrated.
 - Avoid your dog taking part in unnecessary exertion, or from standing in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time. Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated, and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare.

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

17. Anyone whose dog is entered at a Royal Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. Breach of Royal Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under The Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any show licensed by The Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the show.
18. **Not For Competition:** Not For Competition entries will be accepted. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Royal Kennel Club registered.
19. No modifications will be made to this schedule except by permission of the Board of The Royal Kennel Club, which will be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press wherever possible.
20. An exhibitor or competitor should ensure that contact details for any handler are available and must be provided upon request in any investigation of a breach of this regulation by such handler.
21. **CANCELLATION OR ABANDONMENT.** Entry fees will not be refunded in any circumstances where any Act of God or any other unforeseen reason causes the cancellation or abandonment of the show.
22. The show will be held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations. Every exhibitor making an entry or entries at this show shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by these Rules and Regulations and it is on this understanding only those entries are received.
23. The Committee of this show cannot be held responsible for products advertised or sold by stand holders at the show, and remind exhibitors that such products may not meet the requirements of the Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.
24. Exhibitors/handlers are responsible for clearing up and removing any loose hair or fouling from dogs in their charge, or any other litter, whether from the car park, the exercise area or from any other part of the venue.
25. Parents/Guardians please note, well behaved children are welcome but those in charge of children will be held fully responsible for their actions and any damage caused within the environs of the show.
26. Owners, handlers, exhibitors or any other person in charge of a dog at a Royal Kennel Club licensed event must ensure at all times that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the licensed venue including its environs, car parks and approaches.
27. A dog may be disqualified by the Board from any award, whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been registered or recorded as having been bred by the scheduled judge. This shall not apply to a judge appointed in an emergency.
28. Passes will not be sent.
29. Exhibitors are required to display exhibit/owner identification on their crate, cage or container at all times when attending shows.

Dog Fouling F13(a)

Any owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) at any Royal Kennel Club licensed show within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event including the car and caravan parks and approaches. The Society will arrange for the dispersal of suitable receptacles to assist compliance with regulation F13(a).

Forthcoming Shows

Championship Show
August 2026 (OUTSIDE)

Open Show
February 2027

Both shows to be held at
Mark Village Hall, Vole Road, Mark, Highbridge TA9 4NY

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