

# North Of England Dalmatian Club

(Formed 1903)

Patron: LORD KIRKHAM KCVO

President: Mrs D E Dinsdale

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## BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

(To be held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)

Held at

**Staffordshire County Showground,  
Sandylands Centre, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD**

on

**Sunday 5th April 2026**

Show Opens: 8.00 am Judging Commences: 9.00 am



**Judge: Mrs C C Pickup (Roadcoach)**

### **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).

### **Veterinary Emergency Service:**

Park House Veterinary Centre, 108 Lichfield Rd, Stafford ST17 4ER. Tel: 01785 252846

(Exhibitor/Owner to attend the practice, consultations subject to an out of hours surcharge, payable at the time of treatment.)

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**Postal Entries Close: Friday 6th March 2026**

**Online Entries Close: 12 noon on Friday 20th March 2026**

**at [www.highampress.co.uk](http://www.highampress.co.uk)**

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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."

Postal Entries & Fees to Show Secretary:

Mrs R Lamb, 16 Cedarwood, Middleton St. George, Co. Durham DL2 1LL

Tel: 01325 333943 / 07425 156616 Email: [dalpetro@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dalpetro@tiscali.co.uk)

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

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

*President*

Mrs D E Dinsdale

*Chairman*

Mrs R Lamb

*Vice-Chairman*

Mr A Smirthwaite

*Vice-Presidents*

Mrs M Cuthbertson, Mrs D E Dinsdale, Mrs F C T Hartley, Mr E M Paterson,  
Mrs C C Pickup, Dr J Stevenson

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Mr M Cooper, Miss C L Page, Mrs H Patrick,  
Mr M Thorne, Mrs E Vockings

*Show Manager*

Mr A Smirthwaite

*Show Secretary*

Mr R Lamb

*Health, Fire & Safety Officer*

Mr A Smirthwaite

## FORTHCOMING SHOWS

**Summer Open Show**

**Sunday 26th July 2026**

Venue: Leeds Championship Dog Show, Harewood House, Harewood Estate,  
Harewood, nr Leeds LS17 9LQ  
Judge: Mrs S Noble (Ruebedu)

**Championship Show**

**Sunday 15th November 2026**

Venue: Staffordshire County Showground, Margaret Everton Pavilion,  
Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD  
Judge: Mr S J Kazana (Dalzana)

**Special Beginner Competition**

**Sunday 15th November 2026**

Venue: Staffordshire County Showground, Margaret Everton Pavilion,  
Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD  
Judge: Announced on the day

**Spring Open Show**

**Sunday 4th April 2027**

Venue: Staffordshire County Showground, Sandylands Centre, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD  
Judge: Mrs J Alexander (Offordale)

**Championship Show**

**Sunday 4th April 2027**

Venue: Staffordshire County Showground, Sandylands Centre, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD  
Judge: Mr M Dunnachie (Dvojica)

# CLASSIFICATION

**Judge: Mrs C C Pickup (Roadcoach)**

*Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Dog*

- 1 Special Junior Veteran Dog
- 2 Special Veteran Dog (10+ years)
- 3 Baby Puppy Dog or Bitch
- 4 Minor Puppy Dog
- 5 Puppy Dog
- 6 Junior Dog
- 7 Yearling Dog
- 8 Novice Dog
- 9 Graduate Dog
- 10 Post Graduate Dog
- 11 Mid Limit Dog
- 12 Limit Dog
- 13 Open Dog
- 14 Champion Dog
- 15 Special Beginners Dog

*Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Bitch*

- 16 Special Junior Veteran Bitch
- 17 Special Veteran Bitch (10+ years)
- 18 Minor Puppy Bitch
- 19 Puppy Bitch
- 20 Junior Bitch
- 21 Yearling Bitch
- 22 Novice Bitch
- 23 Graduate Bitch
- 24 Post Graduate Bitch
- 25 Mid Limit Bitch
- 26 Limit Bitch
- 27 Open Bitch
- 28 Champion Bitch
- 29 Special Beginners Bitch

**BEST IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, BEST VETERAN IN SHOW  
& BEST SPECIAL BEGINNER IN SHOW will now be judged**

## **PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL:**

Best in Show, donated by Mrs D E Dinsdale.

## **DIPLOMAS:**

Best in Show, Best Opposite Sex, Best Puppy, Best Veteran.

## **ROSETTES:**

1st to V. H. C. in each class, Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Opp. Sex to Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show, Best Opposite Sex to Best Puppy in Show. Best Baby Puppy in Show, Best Veteran in Show, Best Opposite Sex Veteran in Show, Best Black Dog/Bitch, Best Liver Dog/Bitch, Best Puppy Dog/Bitch, Best Veteran Dog/Bitch, C.C. Dog & Bitch, Reserve C.C. Dog & Bitch, Best Special Beginner in Show.

## **DONATIONS:**

Donations of Raffle Prizes or Rosettes would be gratefully appreciated by the committee and acknowledged in the catalogue.

**ENTRY FEES:** £18.00 for first entry each dog, £3.00 each subsequent entry with same dog, £5.00 Baby Puppy, £4.50 Not for Competition.

Rosette Sponsorship £3.50 per class. Catalogues pre-paid £3.00 (£3.50 on the day).

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

£12.00 single, £6.00 each additional joint family or partnership member. Junior Membership £1.00; Overseas Membership £20.00. Application forms from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs P Goodswen. All cheques to be made payable to "North Of England Dalmatian Club".

## JUDGE: Mrs Christina C Pickup (Roadcoach)

I have been involved with Dalmatians for over 50 years. My first Dalmatian was a rescue, followed by my first show dog from Mrs Monica Davidson's famous Konavlje line and subsequently by Konavlje the Golden Girl, the foundation of the U.K. Roadcoach line in 1982. I bred occasionally and selectively over 34 years producing special favourites Ch. Roadcoach Rose Red and Ch. Roadcoach Reve en Rose as well as other much loved Dalmatian family members. I always bred for excellent temperament and sound conformation and kept in touch with 'puppy' owners over the years. In 2023 I was lucky enough to add April, who became Ch. Dotlun English Rose at Roadcoach from Hazel Chance and Paula Dodds to our family and she entertains us everyday.

I am lifetime Vice President of the North of England (NEDC), member of the British Dalmatian Club (BDC), Scottish Dalmatian Club and the Dalmatian Club of America.

I have been extremely honoured to judge Dalmatians at Championship show level in all UK Breed Clubs and some general championship shows including Crufts; and abroad including several breed Specialties and the DCA National in the USA; many other National Specialties including Australia and New Zealand as well as Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Belgium, France, Finland and Russia.

I am delighted to have been elected by our members to judge, thank you, and I look forward to today's show with great pleasure. Thank you to all exhibitors, I will enjoy meeting your Dalties, and remember you always take the 'Best Dalmatian' home!

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## 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. **Friday 27th February 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 Regulation F(1)19.

(2) Transfer

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

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

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

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

**SPECIAL JUNIOR VETERAN** For dogs over seven years, but under ten years of age on the first day of the show.

**SPECIAL VETERAN** For dogs of not less than ten years of age on the first day of the show.

**BABY PUPPY** A baby puppy is a dog of four and less than six calendar months of age on the first day of the show.

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

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

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

**YEARLING** For dogs of twelve and not exceeding twenty-four calendar months on the first day of the show.

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

**GRADUATE** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate/CACIB/CAC/Green Star or four 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.

**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.

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

won five or more First Prizes in all at Championship Shows in Mid Limit, Limit or Open Classes confined to the breed, whether restricted or not, at shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.

**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 breed for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the show.

**CHAMPION** For dogs which have been confirmed a Champion or Show Champion under Royal Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club.

**SPECIAL BEGINNERS** For owner, handler or exhibit not having won a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate, or for those breeds not allocated Championship Status, Best of Sex or Reserve Best of Sex at a Championship 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.

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The show will open at 8.00 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 9.00 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: 1st entry £18.00 per dog. £3.00 for subsequent entries with same dog. Baby Puppy £5.00. Not for Competition £4.50. Catalogues £3.00 (limited number on the day at £3.50). Membership Fees: £12.00 single plus £6.00 for each additional joint, family or partnership member. Junior membership £1.00. Overseas membership £20.00. Entries may be made online at [www.highampress.co.uk](http://www.highampress.co.uk). No passes will be sent.
6. 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. 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. 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 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 when 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

periods 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 dogs 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 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(s) 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. Exhibitors with children must ensure that they are kept under control at all times and will be held personally responsible for any damage caused by them whilst in the showground.
22. Please ensure your dog is kept on a lead and under control at all times, even whilst in the exercise area.
23. The Committee of this show cannot be held responsible for products advertised or sold by stand holders at this show, and remind exhibitors that such products may not meet the requirements of the Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.
24. 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.

## **Regulations For The Preparation of Dogs For Exhibition F (Annex B)**

1. These Regulations must be observed when a dog is prepared for exhibition and/or exhibited at any Royal Kennel Club licensed event. Objections may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under these Show Regulations and/or for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rule A11.
  - (a) A dog found to have been exhibited in breach of these Regulations will automatically be disqualified from exhibition at the show and from any award gained thereat.
  - (b) Unless the exhibitor provides a satisfactory explanation for the dog being exhibited in breach of these Regulations then he/she may be subject to further penalties of either a fine or as listed under Rule A11.
2.
  - (a) No substance which alters the natural colour, texture or body of the coat may be present in the dog's coat for any purpose at any time during the show. No substance which alters the natural colour of any external part of the dog may be present on the dog for any purpose at any time during the show.
  - (b) Any other substance (other than water) which may be used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition must not be allowed to remain in the coat or on any other part of the dog at the time of exhibition.
3. No act or operation which alters the natural conformation of a dog or any part thereof may be performed except-
  - (a) Operations certified to the satisfaction of the Board.
  - (b) The removal of dew claws of any breed.
  - (c) Operations to prevent breeding provided that such operations are notified to The Royal Kennel Club before neutered dogs are shown.Nor must anything be done calculated to in the opinion of the Board to deceive.
4. The Board without previous notice may order an examination of any dog or dogs at any show. Any examination thus ordered will be made by a person having executive authority who shall have a written directive from The Royal Kennel Club in their possession. Samples may be taken for further examination and analysis.
5. An individual has the right to lodge an objection to a dog only if he/she is the owner or handler of a dog competing in the same breed or class. An objection may, however, be lodged by an official of the show or by anyone so deputed by The Royal Kennel Club. It will be the responsibility of the individual who lodges the objection or the official (as appropriate), to substantiate the grounds for the objection. The Royal Kennel Club will substantiate the grounds for an objection made on its behalf.
6. Any objection by an individual related to an infringement of these Regulations must be made in writing to the show secretary at his/her office before the close of the show and the individual must produce evidence of identity at the time of lodging the complaint.

**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 a Royal Kennel Club licensed Show within the licensed venue and 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).

**Attraction of Exhibits F(1) 16h.:** The attracting of exhibits by any method from outside the ring is prohibited. It is the duty of the Judge, Steward or Show Management noticing such attraction to ask that it cease.

### **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.

## PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

**It is a condition of those attending this event that no filming or other forms of recording may be undertaken or any images reproduced without prior approval of the owner/exhibitors.**

No filming or photography is permitted in breed judging ring(s) whilst judging is actually taking place. However judge(s) may allow it to happen at the end of the classes or after Main Awards or Challenge Certificate is awarded. Filming and flash photography is allowed from outside the ring(s) at all times provided the above criteria is met and unless the operation of the camera is affecting exhibits.

## CUPS AND TROPHIES (SPRING SHOW)

The following Cups and Trophies are confined to fully paid up members of the Club and are not to be won outright. They may be held for twelve months, unless required for another show, when the Committee may request the return at an earlier date.

Winners of any trophy are responsible for returning it/them for the next show.

**Note:** In the event of a Trophy needing repair/maintenance, the winner may not be able to take the Trophy on the day of the show, but this will be made available at the earliest opportunity.

Lucy Gatheral Trophy	Best in Show
Konavlje Plaque	Reserve Best in Show
Weaponess White Rose Trophy	Best Opposite Sex
NOEDC Trophy	Dog CC
NOEDC Trophy	Bitch CC
Tumbriel Trophy	Best Puppy in Show
Kalsidoni Trophy	Best Opposite Sex Puppy
Marzelina Trophy	Best Veteran in Show

**Cup Steward:** Mrs E Vockings

**UNFORTUNATELY CUPS CANNOT BE TAKEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY**

## LOCATION

*Positioned in the heart of England, the Showground is easily accessible by road.*

### By Road

From the South

- M5, M6. Exit M6 motorway at junction 14. Follow A518 and signposts for Stafford Showground.
- M1, M6. Exit at junction 14 and follow signs for Stafford Showground and A518.

From the North

- The M6 is a major route for those travelling from the north. Exit at junction 14, as above.
- M1, via Derby A38, A50, A518. (The Showground is located on the A518).

### By Air

- Airports - Birmingham International Airport is about 45 minutes from the Showground and both Manchester and East Midland Airports can be reached in little more than an hour.



### Accommodation

- A wide selection of accommodation is available within easy reach of the Showground. Stafford town centre is just 3 miles away offering a range from simple B&B to four star hotels. For a detailed list please contact Stafford Tourist Information Centre (Tel. 01785 619619). It is recommended that exhibitors ensure that their chosen establishment will accommodate dogs prior to booking.

### DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog. If your dog is found to be at risk, forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

### DOGS MUST NOT BE LEFT IN VEHICLES

The Car Park is patrolled and in accordance with the guidelines recommended by The Royal Kennel Club, remedial action will be taken in the event of any dogs found to be in a distressed condition.

