



GSD CLUB OF KENT SCHEDULE OF UNBENCHED 21 CLASS BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

(Held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)

**at Ellistown Football Club, Ellistown,
Coalville, Leicestershire LE67 1GD**

on Sunday 19th April 2026

Judge: Heather MacDonald SV (Conbhairean)

Show opens at 9.00am

Judging commences at 9.30am

All judges at this show agree to abide by the following statement: "In assessing dogs, judges must penalise any features or exaggerations which they consider would be detrimental to the soundness, health and well-being of the dog."

Jurisdiction and responsibilities

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

Hon Veterinary Surgeon (on call): Medivet, 643 Melton Road,
Thurmaston, Leicester LE4 8EB Tel: 0116 260 9565

Postal Entries Close: Sunday 29th March 2026
Entries may be made online up to 12 noon on Sunday 5th April 2026
at www.highampress.co.uk

Postal Entries & Fees which MUST be pre-paid to be sent to:
Higham Press Ltd., New Street, Higham, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6BP.
Tel: 01773 832390 Email: admin@highampress.co.uk

Enquiries to: Helen Bibby Tel: 07951 290254 Email: helenbibby56@gmail.com

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

GSD CLUB OF KENT

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

President: Wendy Stephens

Vice-President: Wayne Vessey

Chairman: Dennis Bibby

Vice-Chairman: Malcolm Robinson

Secretary: Helen Bibby

Treasurer: Sally Gunner

Committee:

Heulwan Brown, Stephen Cox, Jackie McGough, Steffan Thomas

ENTRY FEES

First entry per dog: £20.00; all subsequent entries with the same dog: £10.00

Open & Special Long Coat Open Classes per dog: 1p

Junior Handling Classes per dog: £4.00

Not for Competition: £4.00

Catalogues: £4.00 pre-paid (*£5.00 on the day*)

Breed Downloads £3.50 each

Only available to exhibitors entering online via www.highampress.co.uk. This year we are giving exhibitors who enter online the opportunity to download a breed catalogue to their smartphone or tablet. Available from 7am on the day of the show.

Car Park: £5.00

Overnight Camping: £15.00

both payable on the day of the show

PRIZES

We will be offering some unusual and exciting prizes for this show which will include rosettes from Pakistan, medallions from Columbia and head statues from Venezuela.

A full list of prizes will be announced on Facebook closer to the show date.

Sponsorship Donations are appreciated

Livestream by Martin Kelly GSD GLOBAL MEDIA

Videos taken of Class winners 1st - 3rd

GSD BREED COUNCIL SURVEY

We are pleased to announce "GSD Breed Council Surveys" will also take place during the day carried out by Mr John Ward (Belezra). This is your chance to have a BC Survey which is still a requirement for entry at our "British Sieger" in the Adult Class for dogs over 24 months of age. Surveys can be taken from the age of 18 months of age onwards as long as they meet all the requirements including DNA and Hip and Elbow Scores/Grades. For survey application forms please contact John Ward by email. Once a request is received, he will return via email, please complete and email back completed forms at the same time as booking your survey. Should you require DNA forms please request these at the same time, it is important to remember DNA results are also used for GSDL BRG Regional Shows required from the age of 18 months. Email address: john@johndavidw1.plus.com

PHOTOGRAPHER

We are delighted that Giuseppe Adamo (adaf@to) from Italy is coming to our show to give us all the opportunity to have a portfolio of our dogs.

Adaf@to is a world renowned GSD Specialist Photographer who travels throughout Europe

You will have one standing, one headshot and one taken with the owner of each dog

The cost is €80 per dog, there is a £5 per dog booking fee to pay with your entry.

We will be booking time slots to make this easier and so you all will have time.

Stephen Cox will be with Giuseppe to help pose the dogs if needed, we all want the best pictures possible.

Here is an example of his work



CLASSIFICATION

Judge: Heather MacDonald SV (Conbhairean)

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate—Dog

- 1 Baby Puppy Dog
- 2 Minor Puppy Dog
- 3 Puppy Dog
- 4 Junior Dog
- 5 Special Long Coat Junior Dog
- 6 Yearling Dog
- 7 Limit Dog
- 8 Open Dog
- 9 Special Long Coat Open Dog

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate—Bitch

- 10 Baby Puppy Bitch
- 11 Minor Puppy Bitch
- 12 Puppy Bitch
- 13 Junior Bitch
- 14 Special Long Coat Junior Bitch
- 15 Yearling Bitch
- 16 Limit Bitch
- 17 Open Bitch
- 18 Special Long Coat Open Bitch
- 19 Veteran Dog or Bitch

JUNIOR HANDLING

Judge: Jade Binden

To be judged during the lunch break, sponsored by The German Shepherd Dog Breed Council.

- 20 Junior handlers of 6 to 11 years
- 21 Junior handlers of 12 to 16 years

GSD BREED COUNCIL 2026 JUNIOR HANDLING COMPETITION

**★ JUNIOR HANDLERS COMPETITION ★
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT CRUFTS 2027**

The competition will run from 1/1/26 - 31/12/26

Age groups are 6-11 years and 12-16 years

Points can be gained from juniors competing in any Royal Kennel Club Championship or Open Show, both breed and all breed.

All Junior Handling classes, including YKC will be counted. Points scored from all Junior Handling classes will be awarded on numbers.

One bonus point per breed class at any show the juniors handle in will be awarded.

A FEW RULES FOR THE COMPETITION

- Only points can be awarded if handling a GSD at any RKC show.
- All juniors must handle a dog in a minimum of 1 Junior Handling class at a GSD club to take part in the competition.
- Any junior handler who is 11 on 1/1/26 but becomes 12 during 2026 will still compete until the end of the year in class 20 for handlers of 6-11 years.
- Any junior handler who is 16 on 1/1/26 but becomes 17 during 2026 will still compete until the end of the year in class 21 for handlers of 12-16 years.
- Judges must always place the juniors.
- From March onwards we will release a points table update each month. Could juniors or parents please let us know of points gained if we miss them as we don't attend all shows.

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The show will open at 9.00am.
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 9.30am.
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. **Fees:** First entry per dog £20.00; all subsequent entries with the same dog £10.00. Open & Special Long Coat Open Classes per dog 1p. Junior Handling per dog £4.00. Not for Competition per dog £4.00. Catalogues: £4.00 pre-paid (£5.00 on the day). Breed Downloads £3.50 each. Dog Photography Booking fee £5.00 per dog. Car Park £5.00 pay on the day. Overnight Camping £10.00 pay on the day. **Entries can be made online at www.highampress.co.uk.**
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 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 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.

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.

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.

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. **Sunday 22nd March 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.

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.

SPECIAL LONG COAT JUNIOR: For all Long Coat dogs of six and not exceeding eighteen calendar months of age on the first day of the show.

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

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.

SPECIAL LONG COAT OPEN: For all Long Coat dogs of the breed 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.

JUNIOR HANDLING: For handlers of ages 6-11years and 12-16 years.

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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