



National Australian  
Shepherd Association



# AUSSIES of the CARIBBEAN

30th Anniversary Show Weekend

3 Shows in One Weekend.

Friday 19th June 2026 (Open Show): Terrie Cousins-Brown (Dorianblue)

Saturday 20th June 2026 (Champ Show): Judy Harrington (Propwash)

Sunday 21st June 2026 (Champ Show): Joyce Siddall (Catalina)

## **WELCOME TO THE AUSSIES OF THE CARIBBEAN TRILOGY**

We are in our 30th year and with that in mind and the pearl being the symbol of 30 wonderful years, it seemed only fitting to go with the Pirates of the Caribbean theme and of course make it a weekend to remember. We will have many fun activities happening over the course of the weekend, so put on your peg leg, pull polly out of her cage 'n' raise the anchor an' set sail for a swash buckling weekend.

### **MOORINGS**

We have a massive harbour (campsite) to moor up your ships, whether it be a galleon or a rowing boat we have you covered. Fee is £15 per night, you can arrive from 3pm Thursday 18th June until 11am Monday 22nd June. Limited hook up is available at £10 per night, this is to be booked through Melanie.

### **FRIDAY 19th JUNE OPEN SHOW**

#### **AUSSIES OF THE CARIBBEAN PART 1. HUNT FOR THE BLACK PEARL**

Open show judge: Terrie Cousins-Brown (Dorianblue), show opens 10am judging commences 11am. Points from this show can be used towards Versatile Aussie Award.

### **TREASURE HUNT AND PIZZA PLUNDER**

No pirate weekend is complete without a treasure hunt, this will commence on completion of the open show. Entry is **FREE** but you must enter online via our website [www.nationalaustralianshepherdna.com](http://www.nationalaustralianshepherdna.com). crew of up to 4 pirates per team, entries close Monday 1st June 2026.

The evening is topped off with a pizza plunder. £10 per pirate, book with entries, any dietary requirements contact Melanie.

### **SATURDAY 20th JUNE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

#### **AUSSIES OF THE CARIBBEAN PART 2. SECRETS OF THE BLACK PEARL**

Championship show judge: Mrs Judy Harrington (Propwash) USA

Obedience judge: Dawn Cox

Agility judge: Steve Rose

Points from this show will go towards Versatile Aussie Award, results will be announced on the evening.

Captain's Buffet Lunch £5.00 per head to be served in the lunch break. Book with entries.

### **PIRATE ASHLEY'S CARIBBEAN BBQ AND QUIZ NIGHT**

It wouldn't be a NASA knees-up without the annual quiz, make sail to the Tortuga Tavern with ya crew for a grand barbeque an' a night o' quizzing!

BBQ £25 per pirate. £12 under 12s ya scallywags. Book with entries, contact Melanie for any dietary requirements.

Quiz be £5 per crew o' four, the clever lot win the pot, the sorry souls take the spoon.

### **SUNDAY 21st JUNE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

#### **AUSSIES OF THE CARIBBEAN PART 3. CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL**

Championship show judge: Joyce Siddall ( Catalina) USA

SAC judge: Suzanne Gittins

### **CREW'S BREAKFAST IN THE TORTUGA TAVERN**

Before our final venture, fill yer belly with a hearty crew's breakfast - £5.50 per head. One sitting only when the clock strikes 9 bells (9am). Book with entries.

# NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION

**President** – Angie Challenger

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**CARAVAN WARDEN:** Bill Short

**PROP DESIGNER:** Adrian Knott

**COMMITTEE:** Vicki Stopford

**Treasure Hunt:** Free to enter, teams of 4 persons, MUST pre-enter via NASA website [www.australianshepherdnasa.com](http://www.australianshepherdnasa.com). Closes Monday 1st June 2026 - held on Friday evening

**Pizza Plunder:** This ain't no scurvy sea biscuit, £10.00 per pirate - held on Friday at the evening tide

**Captain's Buffet Lunch:** £5.00 per pirate. Pre-order only - held on Saturday noon watch

**Pirate Ashley's Caribbean BBQ:** £25.00 per pirate, £12 under 12s scallywags - held Saturday under the black flag

**Crew's First Rations:** £5.50 per pirate - Held Sunday first light

**Camping:** £15.00 per night from Thursday 3pm - Monday 11am (limited hook-up available)

All Cheques and Postal Orders payable to "National Australian Shepherd Association"

## CAR PARK AND ADMISSION FREE

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

- 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 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.
  - 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.
- 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.
  - 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.
- No act or operation which alters the natural conformation of a dog or any part thereof may be performed except:-
  - Operations certified to the satisfaction of the Board.
  - The removal of dew claws of any breed.
  - 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

# NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION

## 18TH UNBENCHED SINGLE BREED OPEN SHOW

(To be held under Royal Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Regulations)



TO BE HELD ON THE

## 19TH JUNE 2026

At Brailes Village Hall, Castle Hill Lane, Upper Brailes, Banbury, OX15 5AS

### JUDGE: TERRIE COUSINS-BROWN (DORIANBLUE)

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 to be detrimental to the soundness, health and well-being of the dog."

### Postal Entries Close: 22nd May 2026

ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE AT 12 NOON ON 1ST  
JUNE 2026 AT [WWW.HIGHAMPRESS.CO.UK](http://WWW.HIGHAMPRESS.CO.UK)

Postal entries and fees to be sent to Mrs Melanie Raymond, Parkway Kennels,  
Old Damson Lane, Solihull, B92 9ED.  
Tel: 07929 252 016 Email: [melraymond@gmx.com](mailto:melraymond@gmx.com)

Show opens: 10am  
Judging Starts: 11am

(Junior Handlers)

This is an outdoor event.  
Veterinary Surgeon on call:  
Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital,  
Banbury Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5SY.  
Tel: 01608 642 547

#### JURISDICTION & 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 F6).

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

## ENTRY FEES

**Members:** £6.50 first entry per dog

Members subsequent entries with same dog £2.50

*NB: In the case of a dog owned in partnership BOTH partners must at the time of entry be a member of NASA.*

**Non-Members:** £7.50 first entry per dog

Non-Members subsequent entries with same dog £2.50

**Not for Competition:** £1.00 per dog

*(dogs to be 3 calendar months of age and over and must be R.K.C. registered.*

*Details must be given on the entry form)*

**Spectator Dogs:** Accepted on the day with a donation

**ALL MONIES RAISED FROM NFC & SPECTATOR ENTRIES WILL BE DONATED TO CANINE GENETIC CENTRE**

**Junior Handling:** £2.00 per class - Entrants name and age must be given on the entry form.

Only dogs entered in classes 1-24 may be handled in Junior Handling Classes.

**Catalogues:** £4.50 pre-paid only

**Class Sponsorship:** £5.00 per class (Contact Melanie Raymond)

**ENTRIES IN BREED CLASSES AT THIS SHOW CAN GO TOWARDS THE VERSATILE AWARDS**

## TROPHIES AND AWARDS

The following trophies are on offer subject to availability and to paid up members/partnerships

<b>TROPHY</b>	<b>Presented for</b>	<b>Presented by</b>
BILYARA TROPHY	Best Dog	Mr & Mrs Angier
LYVEDEN TROPHY	Best Bitch	Mr & Mrs Challenger
NASA BIS SHIELD	Best in Show	NASA
NASA BPIS SHIELD	Best Puppy in Show	NASA
ELEMARK SHIELD	Best Veteran in Show	Mr & Mrs Richards
GARECHO TROPHY	Best Junior Handler	Mr G White

## ROSETTES

1st - VHC in classes 1 - 26

Best Dog, Reserve Best Dog, Best Bitch, Reserve Best Bitch

Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Special Beginner in Show

Best Puppy in Show, Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy Bitch

Best Veteran, Best Veteran Dog, Best Veteran Bitch, Best Junior Handler

## ROSETTES BY CROWN JULES

## CLASS PRIZES

WINNERS GET TO LOOT CAPTAIN BARBOSSA'S TREASURE CHEST

**CATERING:** Refreshments will be available in Tortuga Tavern throughout the weekend, please support your society. Don't forget Friday sundown Pizza Plunder, Saturday Buffet and BBQ, and sun up Sunday is Crew's First Rations.

## DONATIONS

**The Committee would be most grateful for any monetary donations towards rosettes or for donations of raffle prizes on the day.**

3x3 pop up tents/gazebo's will be permitted around the ring in designated areas weather permitting, these will be on a first come basis available from Thursday afternoon, any valuables left in tents overnight are at your own risk. Any tents deemed unsafe will be asked to be removed. The Committee reserve the rights to ask for tents to be taken down if they believe they are a danger to the public.

\*dogs must be kept on leads at all times as requested by the venue\*

## Judge's Introduction - Terrie Cousins-Brown (Dorianblue)



My family have had Old English Sheepdogs since 1959 and I started showing at 6yrs of age in junior handling. I currently own Polish Lowland Sheepdogs and Briards.

I have been involved with PLS since 1986, 40 years which have flown by. I have bred/owned multiple champions in the UK and abroad and I am an honorary member of the Polish Kennel Club.

I judge the pastoral group at championship show level and first judged Australian Shepherds in 2011.

I've been a sheepdog and herding breed lover all of my life and I am deeply honoured to be invited to judge such a special show. I look forward very much to spending a day in your company, surrounded by beautiful your Aussies.

### **THE VERSATILE AUSSIE & VERSATILE VETERAN AWARD CRITERIA**

**Breed class points can be collected at Friday's Open Show and Saturday's Championship Show only.**

Obedience and Agility points collected at this show only, open to both dogs and bitches. Each dog must compete in a minimum of 1 breed class as per show schedule. Each dog must also compete in at least 1 working class for which it is eligible, either in Obedience and/or Jumping.

Points to be obtained for placings in the classes: 1st Place 8 points, 2nd Place 7 points, 3rd Place 6 points, 4th Place 5 points, 5th Place 4 points, other placings as given 2 points, clear round in Jumping 2 points, competing in the class but being unplaced 1 point.

- In Obedience ALL the exercises must be completed and a mark obtained.
- In Jumping classes, the course must be completed even if eliminated and obtain a course time.
- In Breed classes dog and handler must be in the ring for the duration of the class entered (if marked absent from the class, this will not count).

**\*\*TRAINING ROUNDS DO NOT COUNT\*\***

The same person **MUST** handle the dog in all the disciplines entered to obtain points (moving the dog by a runner in breed would be permitted).

Points from 1 breed class and 1 working discipline will be put forward onto the score board, if more than one working discipline class is entered the points from the second and subsequent classes would only be taken into consideration in the event of a tie or ties, the highest points from one class would be the initial points used on the score board. A maximum of 2 obedience and 2 jumping classes would be taken into overall consideration. If the result was still tied the scores in obedience and times in jumping classes would be counted, ie the lowest points lost in Obedience class would be the higher placed dog, and the fastest times in Jumping would be the higher placed dog. Usual RKC rules for entry into classes apply as per show schedule.

Entry is automatic when entering at least 1 breed and at least 1 working class. Dogs 7 years and over entering at least 1 breed class and 1 working class will automatically be entered in Versatile Veteran.

# CLASSIFICATION

**Judge: Terrie Cousins-Brown (Dorianblue)**

**Judging commences after Junior Handling**

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Puppy Dog         | 7 Special Open Dog (Red Merle)  |
| 2 Junior Dog        | 8 Special Open Dog (Blue Merle) |
| 3 Post Graduate Dog | 9 Special Open Dog (Black)      |
| 4 Limit Dog         | 10 Special Open Dog (Red)       |
| 5 Open Dog          | 11 Special Open Working Dog     |
| 6 Veteran Dog       | 12 Special Beginners Dog        |

**BEST DOG, RESERVE BEST DOG**

**BEST PUPPY DOG & BEST VETERAN DOG WILL NOW BE AWARDED**

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 13 Puppy Bitch         | 19 Special Open Bitch (Red Merle)  |
| 14 Junior Bitch        | 20 Special Open Bitch (Blue Merle) |
| 15 Post Graduate Bitch | 21 Special Open Bitch (Black)      |
| 16 Limit Bitch         | 22 Special Open Bitch (Red)        |
| 17 Open Bitch          | 23 Special Open Working Bitch      |
| 18 Veteran Bitch       | 24 Special Beginners Bitch         |

**BEST BITCH, RESERVE BEST BITCH, BEST PUPPY BITCH & BEST VETERAN BITCH WILL NOW BE AWARDED**

followed by

**BEST SPECIAL BEGINNER IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW,  
BEST VETERAN IN SHOW, BEST IN SHOW & RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**

## JUNIOR HANDLING

**Judge: Terrie Cousins-Brown (Dorianblue)**

Judging commences at 11.00am

- 25 Junior Handling Class 6-11 Years      26 Junior Handling Class 12-16 Years

**BEST JUNIOR HANDLER WILL NOW BE AWARDED**

**ENTRIES IN BREED CLASS CAN GO TOWARDS VERSATILE AWARD**

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**NASA WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
THOSE FOR THEIR GENEROUS  
SPONSORSHIP OF THE  
JUNE OPEN SHOW**

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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 15th May 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.

**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 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.

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

**Special Open Red Merle:** For all Red Merle dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Black:** For all Black dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Blue Merle:** For all Blue Merle dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Red:** For all Red dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Working:** For dogs which have won prizes in competition at a RKC licensed Open Obedience Show, Open Agility, Open Working Trial, Heelwork to Music and Rally.

**Special Beginners:** For owners, handlers 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.

**Junior Handling (6-11 years):** For handlers of 6 and not exceeding 11 years of age.

**Junior Handling (12-16 years):** For handlers of 12 and not exceeding 16 years of age.

**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. Not for Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged three calendar months and over. Dogs must be Royal Kennel Club registered with their full details recorded on the entry form.

# RULES & REGULATIONS

1. **Opening of show:** The show will open at 10.00am.
2. **Arrival of Dogs:** 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 Time:** Judging will commence at 11am with Junior Handling.
4. **Removal of Dogs:** 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:** Members £6.50 per dog for the first class, Non-Members £7.50 per dog for the first class. All subsequent entries with the same dog £2.50. Junior Handling classes £2.00 each. Not for Competition £1.00 per dog. Catalogues £4.50 pre-paid only. You may enter online at [www.highampress.co.uk](http://www.highampress.co.uk).
6. **Prize Money:** There is no prize money on offer at this show.
7. **Refusal of Entries:** The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
8. **Puppies:** Puppies under four calendar months of age on the first day of the show are not eligible for exhibition.
9. **Mating of Bitches:** 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 being 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. Not for Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 3 calendar months of age on the first day of the show.
19. **Regulations:** 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. **Dog Fouling:** Any owner, competitor 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 car and caravan parks and approaches. Adequate receptacles for the disposal of such fouling will be provided.
23. **Owners' Responsibility:** All entry fees are accepted on the basis that at all times the exhibit or other property of the exhibitor is at the owner's risk and the Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage that the exhibit or other property of the exhibitor may sustain arising from any cause whatsoever.

#### **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.

#### **Use of Electrical Equipment at Shows**

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

Electrical equipment should not be brought to shows unless absolutely necessary. In rare instances where it might be required, it should be PAT tested and permission sought from the secretary of the show before it is used. The Royal Kennel Club has also been informed of recent instances of exhibitors commandeering certain areas of a venue in order to have access to power points so as to use electrical grooming equipment. This is totally unacceptable and particularly unfair on the breeds whose allocated areas have been cramped because of this selfish behaviour.

#### **Security at shows**

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

The importance of exhibitors feeling that they and their dogs are safe when attending a show cannot be underestimated. We would therefore remind you of the importance of the need for show organisers and exhibitors to remain mindful of potential dangers and that all visitors generally need to be vigilant and alert. Furthermore the society should provide robust notification informing exhibitors of where to report to should they see anything suspicious or of concern, and of the evacuation procedures in place.

#### **Photography & Video Rights**

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# NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION

## 20TH UNBENCHED BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

(To be held under Royal Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Regulations)



At Brailles Village Hall, Castle Hill Lane, Upper Brailles, Banbury, OX15 5AS

**JUDGE: JUDY HARRINGTON (PROPWASH)**

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 to be detrimental to the soundness, health and well-being of the dog."

**WITH LIMITED OBEDIENCE JUDGED BY DAWN COX**

(to be held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations G and licensed by The Royal Kennel Club Ltd)

**AND LIMITED AGILITY JUDGED BY STEVE ROSE**

(to be held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations H & H[1] and licensed by The Royal Kennel Club Ltd)

**Postal Entries Close: 22nd May 2026**

**ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE AT 12 NOON ON 1ST JUNE 2026  
AT WWW.HIGHAMPRESS.CO.UK**

Postal entries and fees to be sent to Mrs Melanie Raymond, Parkway Kennels,  
Old Damson Lane, Solihull, B92 9ED.

Tel: 07929 252 016 Email: melraymond@gmx.com

**Show opens: 9am**

**Judging Starts: 10am**

(Junior Handlers)

**This is an outdoor event.**

**Veterinary Surgeon on call:**

Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital,  
Banbury Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5SY.  
Tel: 01608 642 547

#### JURISDICTION & 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).

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

**\*\* ENTRY FEES \*\***

<b>MEMBERS</b>	£17.00 first entry with each dog ( <b>NB: In the case of a dog owned in partnership each partner must at the time of entry be a member of N.A.S.A.</b> )
<b>NON-MEMBERS</b>	£19.00 first entry with each dog
<b>ALL SUBSEQUENT ENTRIES</b>	£2.50 per class with the same dog
<b>BABY PUPPY CLASSES</b>	£5.00 per dog
<b>AGILITY &amp; OBEDIENCE</b>	£5.50 first entry with each dog. Subsequent entries with same dog £2.50. ( <i>Agility &amp; Obedience classes are separate from breed classes, therefore are charged as a first entry even if entered in a breed class.</i> )
<b>NOT FOR COMPETITION</b>	£2.00. Dogs to be 3 calendar months of age and over and must be R.K.C. registered. Details must be given on the entry form.
<b>SPECTATOR DOGS</b>	Accepted on the day with a donation ALL MONIES RAISED FROM NFC AND SPECTATOR DOG ENTRIES WILL BE DONATED TO CANINE GENETICS CENTRE.
<b>JUNIOR HANDLING</b>	£4.00 per class. Entrants name and age must be given on the entry form. NO ENTRIES TAKEN ON THE DAY. Only dogs entered in classes 2-15 & 17-30 may be handled in the Junior Handling classes.
<b>CATALOGUES</b>	£5.00 pre-paid with entry only
<b>CAMPING</b>	£15.00 per night from Thursday 3pm until Monday 11am (limited hook-up available).
<b>TREASURE HUNT</b>	Free to enter, teams of 4 persons, MUST pre-enter via NASA website <a href="http://www.australianshepherdnasa.com">www.australianshepherdnasa.com</a> . Closes Monday 1st June 2026 - held on Friday evening
<b>PIZZA PLUNDER</b>	This ain't no scurvy sea biscuit, £10.00 per pirate - held on Friday at the evening tide
<b>CAPTAIN'S BUFFET LUNCH</b>	£5.00 per pirate. Pre-order only - held on Saturday noon watch
<b>PIRATE ASHLEY'S CARIBBEAN BBQ</b>	£25.00 per pirate, £12 under 12s scallywags - held Saturday under the black flag
<b>CREW'S FIRST RATIONS</b>	£5.50 per pirate - Held Sunday first light

**CAR PARK AND ADMISSION FREE**

**NOTICE: Catalogue Adverts**

***£10.00 per advert***

## THE VERSATILE AUSSIE & VERSATILE VETERAN AWARD CRITERIA

**Breed class points can be collected at Friday's Open Show and Saturday's Championship Show only.**

Obedience and Agility points collected at this show only, open to both dogs and bitches. Each dog must compete in a minimum of 1 breed class as per show schedule. Each dog must also compete in at least 1 working class for which it is eligible, either in Obedience and/or Jumping.

Points to be obtained for placings in the classes: 1st Place 8 points, 2nd Place 7 points, 3rd Place 6 points, 4th Place 5 points, 5th Place 4 points, other placings as given 2 points, clear round in Jumping 2 points, competing in the class but being unplaced 1 point.

- In Obedience ALL the exercises must be completed and a mark obtained.
- In Jumping classes, the course must be completed even if eliminated and obtain a course time.
- In Breed classes dog and handler must be in the ring for the duration of the class entered (if marked absent from the class, this will not count).

**\*\*TRAINING ROUNDS DO NOT COUNT\*\***

The same person **MUST** handle the dog in all the disciplines entered to obtain points (moving the dog by a runner in breed would be permitted).

Points from 1 breed class and 1 working discipline will be put forward onto the score board, if more than one working discipline class is entered the points from the second and subsequent classes would only be taken into consideration in the event of a tie or ties, the highest points from one class would be the initial points used on the score board. A maximum of 2 obedience and 2 jumping classes would be taken into overall consideration. If the result was still tied the scores in obedience and times in jumping classes would be counted, ie the lowest points lost in Obedience class would be the higher placed dog, and the fastest times in Jumping would be the higher placed dog. Usual RKC rules for entry into classes apply as per show schedule.

Entry is automatic when entering at least 1 breed and at least 1 working class. Dogs 7 years and over entering at least 1 breed class and 1 working class will automatically be entered in Versatile Veteran.

### SPECIAL ROSETTES BY CROWN JULES

Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show,  
Best Baby Puppy in Show, Best Puppy in Show,  
Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy Bitch,  
Best Veteran in Show,  
Best Junior in Show, Best Junior Handler in Show,  
Best Special Beginner in Show  
will all receive special rosettes

1st - 6th in classes 33 - 41, Versatile Aussie 1st - 6th, Versatile Veteran 1st - 6th

VERSATILE AUSSIE AWARD Sponsored by NASA  
VERSATILE VETERAN AWARD Sponsored by NASA

**DCC, RDCC, BCC, RBCC, Veteran Dog & Veteran Bitch** will receive special rosettes

### CLASS PRIZES

Custom Vet Beds or walk the plank, the fate be in the Black Pearl

A full list of sponsors will be in the catalogue

If anyone would like to sponsor the classes at £15 a class we would be most grateful. Classes are available to sponsor by contacting Melanie Raymond.

**1st to 5th will receive Rosettes**

**CATERING:** Refreshments will be available in Tortuga Tavern throughout the weekend, please support your society. Don't forget Friday sundown Pizza Plunder, Saturday Buffet and BBQ, and sun up Sunday is Crew's First Rations.

## **BASKET RAFFLE**

Always popular is our basket raffle, The raffle will be drawn on Sunday before BIS. If you wish to donate a basket please contact the show manager Melanie Raymond via Facebook or 07929252016.

Please support our raffle, these events cost a lot to run and the raffle over the years has gone a long way to helping fund the shows.

## **PHOTOGRAPHER**

Alan Walker is our resident photographer who will be at the venue all weekend. He is also available for private shoots, contact him directly via FB or his email alanwalker9@btinternet.com

### **WHY NOT BECOME A MEMBER?**

**Join online at [www.australianshepherdnasa.com](http://www.australianshepherdnasa.com)**

**or contact the Membership Secretary:**

**Miss Catherine Fuller - Email: [inoby@btinternet.com](mailto:inoby@btinternet.com)**

Single membership £12.50

Joint membership £16.00

Junior membership (8-18 years) £2.50

### **• DONATIONS •**

**The Committee would be most grateful for any monetary donations towards rosettes or for donations of raffle prizes on the day.**

## Judge's Introduction - Judy A Harrington (Propwash)



Judy has been appreciating quality animals for many years now! A 4H Hereford Calf, Morgan Horses, a Blue Dutch Rabbit - RI State Fair 1st place and, of course for many decades now, her dogs. Her foundation breed was Great Danes under the Justamere prefix and currently Propwash Australian Shepherds co-breeding with Leslie Frank. In addition to Danes and Aussies, she has also owned a Sheltie, Afghan, Whippet and Briard.

Having exhibited horses in hand and under saddle, it was no surprise that she wanted to exhibit her own Great Danes. At the time a very competitive ring with high numbers and many professional handlers, she did just fine! That transitioned into a much loved career as an all breed professional handler and membership in the PHA and AKC handler program. The opportunity to represent clients whose dogs to this day, remain outstanding examples of their breed. The shared knowledge of these breeders and owners brought an understanding of breed purpose and pedigree value.

Membership in all breed clubs and specialty clubs over the years as an active member has added another level of understanding of the current challenges of our sport. The Great Dane Club of America, The Great Dane Club of New England (Honorary Member), Springfield KC, Providence County KC and The United States Australian Shepherd Club of America and an Officer or Board Member of all previously or currently. She is currently serving as the AKC Delegate for the USASA.

Judging nationally and internationally has taken her to the UK, Finland, Australia, Italy, Sweden, France and Germany. In the US she has been invited to judge the prestigious Westminster KC several times including the Working Group in 2021 as well as the AKC National shows in CA and FL. Among the highest breed honors she has enjoyed is an invitation to judge National Specialties and Top 20 Competitions which always brings the top quality to the event.

In 2020 Judy began her AKC judging career and currently has approved breeds in 5 Groups and looks forward to future assignments and finding that special entry that walks into the ring that you know has a brilliant future ahead of it.

**~ CLASSIFICATION AND ORDER OF JUDGING ~**

**JUDGE: Judy Harrington (Propwash) (USA)**

*Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Dog*

- 1 Baby Puppy Dog
- 2 Minor Puppy Dog
- 3 Puppy Dog
- 4 Junior Dog
- 5 Yearling Dog
- 6 Post Graduate Dog
- 7 Limit Dog
- 8 Open Dog
- 9 Veteran Dog
- 10 Special Open Dog (Red Merle)
- 11 Special Open Dog (Blue Merle)
- 12 Special Open Dog (Black)
- 13 Special Open Dog (Red)
- 14 Special Open Working Dog
- 15 Special Beginners Dog

*Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Bitch*

- 16 Baby Puppy Bitch
- 17 Minor Puppy Bitch
- 18 Puppy Bitch
- 19 Junior Bitch
- 20 Yearling Bitch
- 21 Post Graduate Bitch
- 22 Limit Bitch
- 23 Open Bitch
- 24 Veteran Bitch
- 25 Special Open Bitch (Red Merle)
- 26 Special Open Bitch (Blue Merle)
- 27 Special Open Bitch (Black)
- 28 Special Open Bitch (Red)
- 29 Special Open Working Bitch
- 30 Special Beginners Bitch

**JUNIOR HANDLING (10.00am)**

**Judge: Judy Harrington (Propwash) (USA)**

- 31 Junior handlers of 6 to 11 years
- 32 Junior handlers of 12 to 16 years

**BEST JUNIOR HANDLER WILL NOW BE AWARDED**

**Best Junior in Show (to be declared between classes 4 and 19)**

**Best Baby Puppy will be judged after Baby Puppy Bitch class**

**Special Beginners will come from class 15 & 30**

**Best Veteran in Show can come from any class**

**DOG C.C. - RESERVE DOG C.C. - BEST PUPPY DOG - BEST VETERAN DOG  
(to be judged after class 15)**

**BITCH C.C. - RESERVE BITCH C.C. - BEST PUPPY BITCH - BEST VETERAN BITCH  
(to be judged after class 30)**

followed by BEST SPECIAL BEGINNER IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW, BEST VETERAN IN SHOW, BEST IN SHOW and RESERVE BEST IN SHOW.

**NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION IS A CRUFTS QUALIFYING SHOW**

3x3 pop up tents/gazebo's will be permitted around the ring in designated areas weather permitting, these will be on a first come basis available from Thursday afternoon, any valuables left in tents overnight are at your own risk. Any tents deemed unsafe will be asked to be removed. The Committee reserve the rights to ask for tents to be taken down if they believe they are a danger to the public.

\*dogs must be kept on leads at all times as requested by the venue\*

**LIMITED OBEDIENCE**  
**(RESTRICTED TO DOGS OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION)**

**Judge: Dawn Cox**

Judging Commences at 11.00am

<b>CLASS</b> (All classes sponsored by Laura Wiley)	<b>RING</b>
33 MULTI-CHOICE DOG OR BITCH Pre-Beginner and Beginner	A
34 MULTI-CHOICE DOG OR BITCH Novice and Class A	A
35 MULTI-CHOICE DOG OR BITCH Class B and C	A
36 SPECIAL OPEN DOG OR BITCH Pre-Beginners and Beginners	A
37 SPECIAL OPEN DOG OR BITCH Novice & Class A	A
38 SPECIAL OPEN DOG OR BITCH Class B and C	A

All Obedience competitors to book in by 12.00pm.  
Order of judging: There will be no set running order at this show

**LIMITED AGILITY**  
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**Judge: Steve Rose**

Judges Briefing 11.00am - Judging Commences 11.15am

<b>CLASS</b> (All classes sponsored by Catherine Fuller)	<b>RING</b>
39 Special Combined 1-7 Steeplechase A	B
40 Special Combined 1-7 Steeplechase B	B
41 Special Combined 1-7 Steeplechase C	B

**BREED RESULTS ONLY** CAN BE TAKEN FROM EITHER THIS SHOW OR FRIDAY'S OPEN SHOW, YOUR HIGHEST PLACE WILL GO TOWARDS FINAL SCORE FOR VERSATILE AUSSIE

## 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 15th May 2026**. 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. 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.

**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 of age on the first day of the show.

**Special Beginners:** For owners, handlers 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.

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

**Limit:** For dogs which have not become show Champions under Royal Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club or won 3 or more 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.

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

**Special Open Red Merle:** For all Red Merle dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Blue Merle:** For all Blue Merle dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Black:** For all Black dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Red:** For all Red dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Working:** For dogs which have won prizes in competition at a RKC licensed Open Obedience Show, Open Agility, Open Working Trial, Heelwork to Music and Rally.

**Junior Handling (6-11 years):** For handlers of 6 and not exceeding 11 years of age.

**Junior Handling (12-16 years):** For handlers of 12 and not exceeding 16 years of age.

**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. **Opening of show:** The show will open at 9.00 am.
  2. **Arrival of Dogs:** 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 Time:** Judging will commence at 10.00 am with Junior Handlers.
  4. **Removal of Dogs:** 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:** Members £17.00 per dog for the first class, Non-Members £19.00 per dog for the first class. All subsequent entries with the same dog £2.50. Baby Puppy classes £5.00 per dog. Junior Handling classes £4.00 each. Not for Competition £2.00 per dog. Agility & Obedience £5.50 first entry per dog, subsequent entries with same dog £2.50. You may enter online at [www.highampress.co.uk](http://www.highampress.co.uk).
  6. **Prize Money:** Class prizes, can win up to the value of £50.00.
  7. **Refusal of Entries:** The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
  8. **Puppies:** Puppies under four calendar months of age on the first day of the show are not eligible for exhibition.
  9. **Mating of Bitches:** 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.

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19. **Regulations:** 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.
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22. **Dog Fouling:** Any owner, competitor 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 car and caravan parks and approaches. Adequate receptacles for the disposal of such fouling will be provided.
23. **Owners' Responsibility:** All entry fees are accepted on the basis that at all times the exhibit or other property of the exhibitor is at the owner's risk and the Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage that the exhibit or other property of the exhibitor may sustain arising from any cause whatsoever.

### **Use of Electrical Equipment at Shows**

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

Electrical equipment should not be brought to shows unless absolutely necessary. In rare instances where it might be required, it should be PAT tested and permission sought from the secretary of the show before it is used. The Royal Kennel Club has also been informed of recent instances of exhibitors commandeering certain areas of a venue in order to have access to power points so as to use electrical grooming equipment. This is totally unacceptable and particularly unfair on the breeds whose allocated areas have been cramped because of this selfish behaviour.

### **Security at shows**

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

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No photography or filming is permitted in breed judging rings whilst judging is actually taking place. However judges may allow it to happen at the end of classes or after the Best in Show is awarded. Filming and flash photography is allowed from outside the rings at all times unless the operation of the camera is actually affecting exhibits. However, if a powerful flash unit is used or it is clear that exhibits are being affected, a ring steward or the judge is empowered to stop the person concerned. Cinematograph or television equipment may only be used at the show if a permit has been issued by the Organisers.

### **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.

## OBEDIENCE RULES & REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations are to be read in conjunction with The Royal Kennel Club Obedience Show regulations G under which this show is licensed. It is the responsibility of everyone entering this show to make themselves familiar with The Royal Kennel Club G Regulations, available from The Royal Kennel Club.

1. Dogs entered at Royal Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows must be registered at The Royal Kennel Club in accordance with Royal Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B.
2. All dogs registered and 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.
3. Only dogs of 6 calendar months of age and over are eligible for competition at Royal Kennel Club licensed Obedience Shows.
4. A dog must not compete in the same class more than once, including special classes.
5. Entry is limited to dogs owned by members of the National Australian Shepherd Association.
6. Organisers of Limited Obedience shows may set a capping level on the entries to be accepted in any standard or special class, and may decline entries received after the capping level has been reached. There will be no capped classes at this show.
7. Dogs which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Obedience Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club are not eligible for entry at this show.
8. Not for competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged twelve weeks and over. Dogs must be Royal Kennel Club registered with their full details recorded on the entry form.
9. There will be no running orders at this show
10. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
11. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 25 days before the start of the competition i.e 26th May 2026 shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next class at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary or the show processor at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog should then be moved into the appropriate class(es). The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower class. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next class the competitor should be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
12. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the show, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the show date.
13. In classes without a full running order dogs will be received until one hour after the commencement of judging (12pm) after which no dogs may be received except under unforeseen and exceptional circumstances and by special permission of the Show Management.
14. For the duration of the show all dogs, including those in the exercise area, must be on a lead except when competing or practising prior to competition.
15. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
16. The dog should be led into the ring for judging with a smooth collar or, half check collar, with lead attached (unless otherwise directed) and should be at the handlers side.
17. **ANIMALS ALLOWED IN EVENT:** No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board. However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show for a fee of £1, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

18. Following discussion between the Chief Steward and the show management and/or veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the show if it is:
  - a. A bitch which is in season.
  - b. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
  - c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
  - d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
  - e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing. The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the show Incident Book and submitted to The Royal Kennel Club.
19. 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.
20. Dogs will be disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge.
21. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the show.
22. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
23. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
24. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to The Royal Kennel Club.
25. 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.
26. WELFARE OF DOGS: A competitor 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 knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any Obedience show licensed by The Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the show.
27. Food and/or toys shall not be carried or given to a dog under test except in introductory, and Pre-Beginner classes where silent toy and food rewards may be used between and after exercises and in a special class if specified in the class definition. Competitors must not distract other dogs when rewarding their dog with food, toy or play. (Refer to Obedience Code of Conduct)
28. Competitors may enter 3 classes for which they are eligible for at this show.
29. Entry is limited to dogs owned by members of the National Australian Shepherd Association.
30. Dogs which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Obedience Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club are **NOT** eligible for entry at this show, Conformation Champions **ARE** eligible to enter.

## OBEDIENCE DEFINITIONS

1. Dogs are ineligible to compete at Limited Shows which have won an Obedience Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Obedience Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club. Obedience Champions are only eligible to compete in Class C at Open and Championship Shows.
2. A dog must be entered in the lowest scheduled class for which it is eligible and may also be entered in another class if desired. Exemptions from this regulation are:-  
A dog only entered in a special class (or classes) provided such a class (or classes) are defined in the schedule. Such entries must be made in line with the show's closing date for entries.
3. Societies may schedule classes other than those defined below. The eligibility for "special" classes must be defined by the society and included in the schedule. The word "special" must be included in the title of the class.
4. Progression may be on wins or progression points and the handler may select their preferred means of progression on a class by class basis. A class will be won by the dog that has lost the least number of points in the test, unless otherwise stated for special classes.

**PRE-BEGINNERS:-** To compete in pre-beginners, a handler or dog must not have won two 1st places in either pre-beginners or beginners not gained a 3rd place or above in any other obedience class. (Introductory class excepted.) and have not elected to progress on points from Pre-Beginners.

**BEGINNERS:-** To compete in beginners, a handler or dog must not have won a total of two or more first places in Beginners class or one first place in any other Obedience class. (Introductory class and pre-beginners excepted) and have not elected to progress on points from Beginners.

**NOVICE:-** For dogs which have not won two 1st prizes in obedience classes. (Introductory class and pre-beginners excepted) and where the handler has not elected to progress on points from Novice.

**CLASS A:-** For dogs which have not won three 1st places in Class A, B and open class C in total, and where the handler has not elected to progress on points from Class A.

**CLASS B:-** For dogs which have not won three 1st places in Class B and open class C in total and handler has not elected to progress on points from Class B.

**OPEN CLASS C:-** At limited shows, open to all dogs who have not won an Obedience Challenge Certificate or an Obedience Reserve Challenge Certificate, or any other award contributing towards the award of an Obedience Champion.

**MULTI-CHOICE CLASS:** Open to all dogs and handlers.

**SPECIAL OPEN CLASS:** Open to all dogs and handlers. The competitor will do the heelwork at the appropriate level (see description of the exercises below), followed by two other exercises of their choice. The competitor will inform the judge of their choice prior to the commencement of the round.

Awards will be given for dogs competing in three award categories. The lowest class for which a dog is eligible must be noted on the master and judge's score sheet prior to competing:

- (1) Pre-Beginners and Beginners
- (2) Novice and Class A
- (3) Class B and Class C

The detailed tests will be, (Order determined by the judge):

**Heelwork (30 marks)** Pre-Beginners/Beginners: Heel free or heel on lead, handler's choice. Heelwork per the Beginners class rules. Extra commands are permitted throughout the exercise.

Novice/A: Heel free, permitted turns per class A. There will be one change of pace of the judge's choice, which will be done from a halt. Extra commands permitted for Novice dogs.

B/C: Heel free, permitted turns and changes of pace per class C. There will be no ASSD element.

**Recall (15 marks)** Pre-Beginners/Beginners: Standard Novice recall with a present and a finish. Extra commands are permitted throughout the exercise.

Novice/A: Standard A recall with a halt at the end. Extra commands permitted for Novice dogs.

B/C: Recall to follow sendaway and will be a pick up from the back marker. If the handler has not chosen sendaway as their other exercise, then the dog to be placed at the back marker.

**Retrieve (15 marks)** Pre-Beginners/Beginners: Retrieve of handler's own dumbbell with a present and a finish. Extra commands are permitted throughout the exercise.

Novice/A: Retrieve of handler's own dumbbell with a present and a finish. Extra commands permitted for Novice dogs.

B/C: Retrieve of judge's article. Once the dog has been sent, the handler to turn 90 degrees to the left or right for the present.

**Distance Control (15 marks)** Pre-Beginners/Beginners: Handler to leave the dog in a position of their choice and go three paces away. Handler then commands the dog to take up three positions of their choice. On the steward's command, handler to return to the dog's side, at which point the end of exercise is called. Extra commands are permitted throughout the exercise.

Novice/A: Handler to leave the dog in a position of their choice and go six paces away. Handler then commands the dog to take up three positions of their choice. On the steward's command, handler to return to the dog's side, at which point the end of exercise is called. For Novice dogs, extra commands are permitted throughout the exercise.

B/C: Handler to leave the dog in a position of judge's choice and go ten paces away. Handler then commands the dog to six positions of judge's choice. On the steward's command, handler to return to the dog's side, at which point the end of exercise is called.

**Sendaway (15 marks)** Pre-beginner/Beginner: Handler may place a mat at the back marker and dog is sent six paces from the front markers. Dog to be dropped at the back marker on handler's command, at which point the exercise ends. Extra commands are permitted throughout the exercise.

Novice/A: Handler may place a mat at the back marker and dog is sent ten paces from the front markers. Dog to be dropped at the back marker on handler's command, at which point the exercise ends. Extra commands are permitted throughout the exercise.

B/C: Dog to be sent from a spot specified by the judge and dropped at the back marker. If recall has not been chosen as the other exercise, the steward will call the end of the exercise, otherwise the handler is stewarded forward for the pick up.

## AGILITY RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Dogs entered at Royal Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows must be registered at The Royal Kennel Club in accordance with Royal Kennel Club Regulations for Classification and Registration B, or else registration or transfer of registration must have been applied for. The registration number/authority to compete (ATC) number will be required for each entry.
2. All dogs registered and resident outside the UK must be issued with a Royal Kennel Club Authority to Compete (ATC) number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without a Royal Kennel Club Registration number or an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
3. Entry Fee: £5.50 first entry with each dog. Subsequent entries with same dog £2.50, NFC £2.00.
4. No prize money is on offer at this show.
5. Postal entries and fees to be sent to Mrs Melanie Raymond, Parkway Kennels, Old Damson Lane, Solihull B92 9ED. Online entries may be made at [www.highampress.co.uk](http://www.highampress.co.uk).
6. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
7. Only dogs of 18 calendar months of age and over on the day of competition are eligible for competition at Royal Kennel Club licensed Agility Shows.
8. A dog must not compete more than once in a class, including special classes.
9. Organisers of Limited Agility shows may set a capping level on the entries to be accepted in any standard class, and may decline entries received after the capping level has been reached. Entries into special classes may be limited to any number. There are No Capped classes at this show.
10. Not For Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged twelve weeks and over. Dogs must be Royal Kennel Club registered with their details recorded on the entry form.
11. A bitch which is in season is allowed to attend a show providing it is kept away from the competition areas. Except those dogs that are attending the show to compete in quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of Royal Kennel Club Prestige Events, other than events held under YKC rules, who are allowed to compete in these classes only. Qualified handlers are asked to remove their dog from the competition area as soon as they have competed in the Prestige Event.
12. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
13. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the show.
14. Dogs must not wear any type of slip, half-slip collar or lead when under test. A single flat, close fitting, leather or webbing collar is permitted, providing the only attachment is a plain identification panel as an integral part of the collar ie. not attached by a ring.
15. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to appoint another judge.
16. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
17. Royal Kennel Club standard marking regulations apply for all standard classes.
18. The height limit for dogs in Standard Classes are:
  - a. Large Dog classes - For dogs measuring over 500mm at the withers.
  - b. Intermediate Dog classes - For dogs measuring over 430mm and measuring 500mm or under at the withers.
  - c. Medium Dog classes - For dogs measuring over 350mm and measuring 430mm or under at the withers.
  - d. Small Dog classes - For dogs measuring 350mm or under at the withers.
19. In all special classes dogs can jump any jump height (either small, medium, intermediate or large) providing it isn't higher than their measured height.
20. Judges in Standard Classes at a Limited Agility Show may not judge a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership; or handle a dog at the show at which they are judging. Dogs maybe disqualified if proved to have been handled in the class by the scheduled judge's spouse or immediate family, or resident at the same address as the scheduled judge in a standard class at a limited show.
21. Special classes may be limited by numbers or class entries, overall numbers of entries, specific breeds, residence of competitors, membership of societies or organisations or any other manner at the discretion of the organisers which must be clearly stated on the schedule.
22. Dogs which have won an Agility Certificate or obtained any award that counts towards the title of Agility Champion under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club are not eligible for entry in special classes at Limited Agility Shows or in Agility Matches.

23. Removal of dogs from Competition: Following discussion between the show management and/or a veterinary surgeon, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Show if it is:-
  - a. A bitch which is in season. (apart from dogs attending the show to compete in quarter finals, semi-finals and finals of Royal Kennel Club Prestige Events, other than events held under YKC rules).
  - b. Suffering from any infectious diseases or contagious disease.
  - c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent.
  - d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal.
  - e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing. The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition/show Incident Book and submitted to The Royal Kennel Club.
24. Removal of competitors:

No equipment shall be moved without permission of the judge. Any concerns regarding the course shall be discussed with the judge/show management. Any unauthorised movement of equipment may result in removal of the competitor from the show. All such removals should be reported to The Royal Kennel Club in the Incident Book.
25. Dog Agility is a competitive and physically strenuous activity. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to ensure their dog is 'fit for function' and that they themselves are fit to take part. By signing the entry form you confirm that to the best of your knowledge your dog is fit and able to take part in Agility classes on the day of the show.
26. In estimating the number of awards won, all wins up to and including 18 days before the start of the competition, i.e. 2nd June 2026, shall be counted when entering for any class. For these purposes a competition shall be defined as all classes covered within the same schedule. In the event that a dog becomes eligible for the next grade at a particular show, after the entry for that show has been sent, it is the competitor's responsibility to notify the show secretary at least 14 days before the date of the show. The dog will then be moved into the appropriate class(es) for the next grade. The dog must be moved into the corresponding number of classes as were entered at the lower grade. If there are fewer or no classes available for the next grade the competitor will be offered a refund of the relevant entry fees.
27. Should circumstances so dictate the Society, in consultation with the Judges, may alter arrangements as necessary. Such changes and the circumstances surrounding them will be reported to The Royal Kennel Club.
28. In the event that the show is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. If the show processor has the provisions to do so, competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the show, but in any event the society will refund fees within 3 months of the show date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within 1 month of the show date.
29. Except for mobility aids or silent toys, nothing shall be carried in the hand while the dog is under test and food shall not be carried in the hand or given to a dog whilst in the ring. Competitors are prohibited from wearing bags or leads whilst under test.
30. No dogs' crates or boxes should be left near or between rings. Societies may, if they wish, designate areas where dogs' crates and boxes may be left in the vicinity of the rings.
31. No smoking or vaping is allowed within the ring area.
32. The handler must set their dog up to start within the ring. Dog and handler must enter the ring together and under no circumstances may a dog be left outside the ring off lead and recalled or sent to the handler in the ring.
33. Should the judge deem a re-run is required, any result and/or faults gained in the previous run must be discounted.
34. Separate entry forms must be completed by each owner and must be signed by the owner or his authorised agent in accordance with provisions specified thereon. Entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees.
35. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease – No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete. Competitors infringing the Regulation will be liable to be fined and/or dealt with under Royal Kennel Club Rule A11.
36. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their class and running order. Competitors must run as close to their running order as possible. Failure to do so may be reported to The Royal Kennel Club.
37. 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.

38. Animals in Event - No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the Board. However, at the discretion of the show society, a dog brought to the show by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the dog show, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.
39. A pay on the day class will be held if time permits.
40. A practice ring may be available to dogs entered for competition at the show, if space allows. This ring must be supervised by a responsible adult with agility knowledge.
41. Welfare of Dogs - An exhibitor (or competitor) 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 knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. A breach of this Regulation may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any Agility show licensed by The Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue and within the precincts of the show.

## **AGILITY DEFINITIONS**

### **SPECIAL CLASSES**

**All classes are non-progression special classes and dogs are not required to be measured prior to competing.**

**Grade 1** Open to owners, handlers or dogs which have not gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 1 at Kennel Club Licenced Agility Shows, at least one of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping) class. N.B Owners, handlers or dogs previously qualified out of Grade 1 are not eligible for this class.

**Grade 2** Open to dogs which are not eligible for Grade 1 or have elected to progress on points from Grade 1 and are not eligible for Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7.

**Grade 3** Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of two first places at Grade 2 at Royal Kennel Club Licenced Agility Shows, one of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping ) class, or have elected to progress on points from Grade 2 and are not eligible for Grades 2, 4, 5, 6 or 7.

**Grade 4** Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of three first places at Grade 3 at Royal Kennel Club Licenced Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping ) classes, or have elected to progress on points from Grade 3 and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 5, 6 or 7.

**Grade 5** Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of four first places at Grade 4 at Royal Kennel Club Licenced Agility Shows, two of which must have been gained in an agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for Grades 2, 3, 4, 6 or 7.

**Grade 6** Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of four first places at grade 5 at Royal Kennel Club licensed agility shows, two of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for grades 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7.

**Grade 7** Open to dogs which have gained a minimum of five first places at grade 6 at Royal Kennel Club licensed agility shows, three of which must have been gained in agility (not jumping) classes, and are not eligible for grades 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

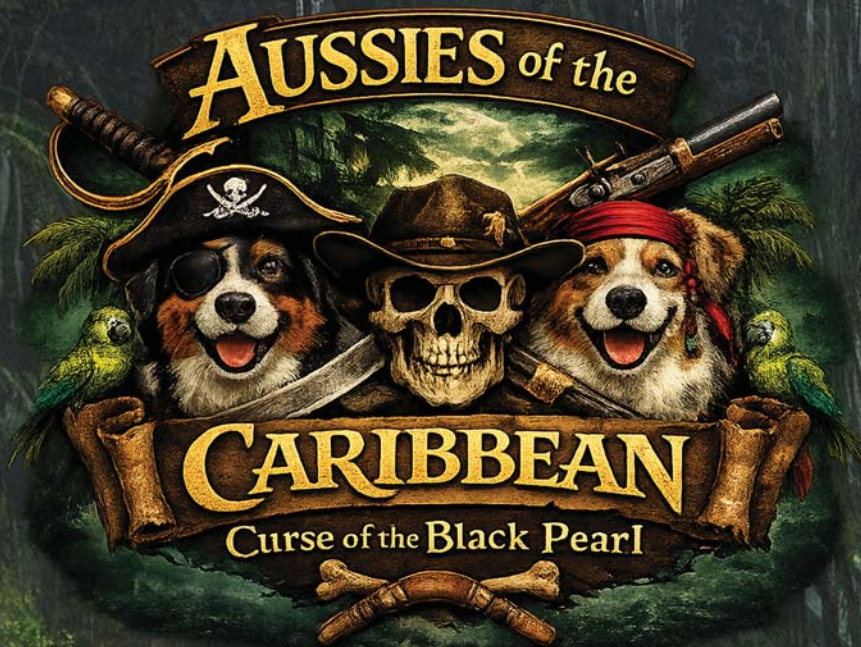
Wins, places and clear rounds in special classes will not count towards agility warrant points or grade progression at Royal Kennel Club shows.

**Special Steeplechase:** This is a combined class, open to all grades (Grades 1-7), Dogs can jump any height but must not jump higher than their measured height. A fast flowing jumping course that will contain jumps and tunnels only, with one set of combined results for all heights.

# NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION

## 21st UNBENCHED BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

(To be held under Royal Kennel Club Ltd Rules and Regulations)



TO BE HELD ON THE

# 21st JUNE 2026

At Brailes Village Hall, Castle Hill Lane, Upper Brailes, Banbury, OX15 5AS

## JUDGE: JOYCE SIDDALL ((CATALINA))

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 to be detrimental to the soundness, health and well-being of the dog."

### Postal Entries Close: 22nd May 2026

**ONLINE ENTRIES CLOSE AT 12 NOON ON 1ST  
JUNE 2026 AT [WWW.HIGHAMPRESS.CO.UK](http://WWW.HIGHAMPRESS.CO.UK)**

Postal entries and fees to be sent to Mrs Melanie Raymond, Parkway Kennels,  
Old Damson Lane, Solihull, B92 9ED.  
Tel: 07929 252 016 Email: melraymond@gmx.com

Show opens: 9am  
Judging Starts: 10am  
(Junior Handlers)

This is an outdoor event.

Veterinary Surgeon on call:  
Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital,  
Banbury Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5SY.  
Tel: 01608 642 647

#### JURISDICTION & 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).

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

**\*\* ENTRY FEES \*\***

<b>MEMBERS</b>	£17.00 first entry with each dog ( <b>NB: In the case of a dog owned in partnership each partner must at the time of entry be a member of N.A.S.A.)</b>
<b>NON-MEMBERS</b>	£19.00 first entry with each dog
<b>ALL SUBSEQUENT ENTRIES</b>	£2.50 per class with the same dog
<b>BABY PUPPY CLASSES</b>	£5.00 per dog
<b>SPECIAL AWARD CLASSES</b>	£2.50 per class with same dog
<b>NOT FOR COMPETITION</b>	£2.00. Dogs to be 3 calendar months of age and over and must be R.K.C. registered. Details must be given on the entry form.
<b>SPECTATOR DOGS</b>	Accepted on the day with a donation ALL MONIES RAISED FROM NFC AND SPECTATOR DOG ENTRIES WILL BE DONATED TO CANINE GENETICS CENTRE.
<b>JUNIOR HANDLING</b>	£4.00 per class. Entrants name and age must be given on the entry form. <b>NO ENTRIES TAKEN ON THE DAY.</b> Only dogs entered in classes 2-15 & 17-30 may be handled in the Junior Handling classes.
<b>CATALOGUES</b>	£5.00 pre-paid with entry only
<b>CAMPING</b>	£15.00 per night from Thursday 3pm until Monday 11am (limited hook-up available)
<b>TREASURE HUNT</b>	Free to enter, teams of 4 persons, <b>MUST</b> pre-enter via NASA website <a href="http://www.australianshepherdNASA.com">www.australianshepherdNASA.com</a> . Closes Monday 1st June 2026 - held on Friday evening
<b>PIZZA PLUNDER</b>	This ain't no scurvy sea biscuit, £10.00 per pirate - held on Friday at the evening tide
<b>CAPTAIN'S BUFFET LUNCH</b>	£5.00 per pirate. Pre-order only - held on Saturday noon watch
<b>PIRATE ASHLEY'S CARIBBEAN BBQ</b>	£25.00 per pirate, £12 under 12s scallywags - held Saturday under the black flag
<b>CREW'S FIRST RATIONS</b>	£5.50 per pirate - Held Sunday first light

**BASKET RAFFLE**

Always popular is our basket raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday before BIS. If you wish to donate a basket please contact the show manager Melanie Raymond via Facebook or 07929252016.

Please support our raffle, these events cost a lot to run and the raffle over the years has gone a long way to helping fund the shows.

**PHOTOGRAPHER**

Alan Walker is our resident photographer who will be at the venue all weekend. His pictures will be available to purchase. He is also available for private shoots, contact him directly via FB or his email [alanwalker9@btinternet.com](mailto:alanwalker9@btinternet.com).

**NOTICE: Catalogue Adverts**

***£10.00 per advert***

**• DONATIONS •**

**The Committee would be most grateful for any monetary donations towards rosettes or for donations of raffle prizes on the day.**

### **SPECIAL ROSETTES BY CROWN JULES**

Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show  
Best Baby Puppy in Show,  
Best Puppy in Show, Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy Bitch  
Best Veteran in Show  
Best Junior in Show, Best Junior Handler in Show  
Best Special Beginner in Show  
will all receive special rosettes

**DCC, RDCC, BCC, RBCC, Veteran Dog & Veteran Bitch**  
will receive special rosettes.

### **CLASS PRIZES**

This year all class winners will get custom made leads or walk the plank, the fate be  
in the dead man's chest

A full list of sponsors will be in the catalogue

If anyone would like to sponsor the classes at £15 a class we would be most  
grateful. Classes are available to sponsor by contacting Melanie Raymond.

### **1st to 5th will receive Rosettes**

Special Award Classes prize money:  
1st £5.00; 2nd £4.00; 3rd £3.00; 4th £2.00; 5th £1.00

**CATERING:** Refreshments will be available in Tortuga Tavern throughout the  
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## Judge's Introduction - Joyce Siddall (Catalina)



Ms. Joyce Siddall of Englewood CO, is an Australian Shepherd owner/breeder/handler/judge. Joyce's love of the breed began in 1980 when she bought a little blue merle dog named Bear. Graduating from CSU with an Equine Science degree, she was a Reproduction Specialist and bred and showed Quarter and Paint Horses for many years and became more involved with Australian Shepherds.

Joyce established Catalina Australian Shepherds in the early 1990s and has produced multiple Best In Show winning dogs, and many dogs that have excelled in conformation, agility, rally, obedience, and have partnered well in Junior Showmanship.

Joyce is very active in multiple dog clubs. Currently she is the President of the Front Range Australian Shepherd Association, a licensed AKC club. She is also the health chair for Arapahoe Kennel Club. She served as the Secretary for the United States Australian Shepherd Association for many years and continues to serve on the USASA board as a director. She is also the USASA Member Club Chair, helping the USASA Member Clubs with their specialty show applications and insurance.

Joyce is a Senior Breeder Judge with the Australian Shepherd Club of America and an AKC judge. She currently judges 60 AKC breeds - 27 in the Herding Group and the entire Working Group.

## ~ CLASSIFICATION AND ORDER OF JUDGING ~

**JUDGE: Joyce Siddall (Catalina) (USA)**

*Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Dog*

- 1 Baby Puppy Dog
- 2 Minor Puppy Dog
- 3 Puppy Dog
- 4 Junior Dog
- 5 Yearling Dog
- 6 Post Graduate Dog
- 7 Limit Dog
- 8 Open Dog
- 9 Veteran Dog
- 10 Special Open Dog (Red Merle)
- 11 Special Open Dog (Blue Merle)
- 12 Special Open Dog (Black)
- 13 Special Open Dog (Red)
- 14 Special Open Working Dog
- 15 Special Beginners Dog

*Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Bitch*

- 16 Baby Puppy Bitch
- 17 Minor Puppy Bitch
- 18 Puppy Bitch
- 19 Junior Bitch
- 20 Yearling Bitch
- 21 Post Graduate Bitch
- 22 Limit Bitch
- 23 Open Bitch
- 24 Veteran Bitch
- 25 Special Open Bitch (Red Merle)
- 26 Special Open Bitch (Blue Merle)
- 27 Special Open Bitch (Black)
- 28 Special Open Bitch (Red)
- 29 Special Open Working Bitch
- 30 Special Beginners Bitch

### **SPECIAL AWARD CLASSES**

**(to be judged during the lunch break)**

**Judge: Suzanne Gittins**

- 31 Special Award Junior Dog or Bitch
- 32 Special Award Open Dog
- 33 Special Award Open Bitch

### **JUNIOR HANDLING (10.00am)**

**Judge: Joyce Siddall (Catalina) (USA)**

- 34 Junior Handling Class 6-11 Years
- 35 Junior Handling Class 12-16 Years

**BEST JUNIOR HANDLER WILL NOW BE AWARDED**

**Best Baby Puppy will be judged after Baby Puppy Bitch class**

**Best Junior in Show (to be declared between classes 4 and 19)**

**Special Beginners will come from class 15 & 30**

**Best Veteran in Show can come from any class**

**DOG C.C. - RESERVE DOG C.C. - BEST PUPPY DOG - BEST VETERAN DOG  
(to be judged after class 15)**

**BITCH C.C. - RESERVE BITCH C.C. - BEST PUPPY BITCH - BEST VETERAN BITCH  
(to be judged after class 30)**

followed by BEST SPECIAL BEGINNER IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY IN SHOW, BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW, BEST VETERAN IN SHOW, BEST IN SHOW and RESERVE BEST IN SHOW.

**NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD ASSOCIATION IS A CRUFTS QUALIFYING SHOW**

3x3 pop up tents/gazebo's will be permitted around the ring in designated areas weather permitting, these will be on a first come basis available from Thursday afternoon, any valuables left in tents overnight are at your own risk. Any tents deemed unsafe will be asked to be removed. The Committee reserve the rights to ask for tents to be taken down if they believe they are a danger to the public.

\*dogs must be kept on leads at all times as requested by the venue\*

## 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 15th May 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.

**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 of age on the first day of the show.

**Special Beginners:** For owners, handlers 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.

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

**Limit:** For dogs which have not become show Champions under Royal Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club or won 3 or more 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.

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

**Special Open Red Merle:** For all Red Merle dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Black:** For all Black dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Blue Merle:** For all Blue Merle dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Red:** For all Red dogs of the breed, with or without white and/or copper trim, for which the class is provided and are eligible for entry at the show.

**Special Open Working:** For dogs which have won prizes in competition at a RKC licensed Open Obedience Show, Open Agility, Open Working Trial, Heelwork to Music and Rally.

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

**Special Award Open:** For all dogs of the breed for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the show.

**Junior Handling (6-11 years):** For handlers of 6 and not exceeding 11 years of age.

**Junior Handling (12-16 years):** For handlers of 12 and not exceeding 16 years of age.

**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. **Opening of show:** The show will open at 9.00 am.
  2. **Arrival of Dogs:** 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 Time:** Judging will commence at 10.00 am with Junior Handlers.
  4. **Removal of Dogs:** 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:** Members £17.00 per dog for the first class, Non-Members £19.00 per dog for the first class. All subsequent entries with the same dog £2.50. Junior Handling classes £4.00 each. Not for Competition £2.00 per dog, Baby Puppy classes £5.00 per dog. Special Award classes £2.50 each. You may enter online at [www.highampress.co.uk](http://www.highampress.co.uk).
  6. **Prize Money:** Special Award Classes 1st £5.00; 2nd £4.00; 3rd £3.00; 4th £2.00; 5th £1.00.
  7. **Refusal of Entries:** The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
  8. **Puppies:** Puppies under four calendar months of age on the first day of the show are not eligible for exhibition.
  9. **Mating of Bitches:** 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.
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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. Not for Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 3 calendar months of age on the first day of the show.
  19. **Regulations:** 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. **Dog Fouling:** Any owner, competitor 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 car and caravan parks and approaches. Adequate receptacles for the disposal of such fouling will be provided.
23. **Owners' Responsibility:** All entry fees are accepted on the basis that at all times the exhibit or other property of the exhibitor is at the owner's risk and the Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage that the exhibit or other property of the exhibitor may sustain arising from any cause whatsoever.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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### **PLEASE KEEP THE VENUE CLEAN – USE THE BAGS PROVIDED**

#### **GROOMING AREA**

A grooming area will be set aside for tables and cages etc

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#### **Use of Electrical Equipment at Shows**

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

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

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

#### **Security at shows**

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

The importance of exhibitors feeling that they and their dogs are safe when attending a show cannot be underestimated. We would therefore remind you of the importance of the need for show organisers and exhibitors to remain mindful of potential dangers and that all visitors generally need to be vigilant and alert. Furthermore the society should provide robust notification informing exhibitors of where to report to should they see anything suspicious or of concern, and of the evacuation procedures in place.

#### **Photography & Video Rights**

The organisers would like to bring the regulation on photography and filming to the attention of exhibitors, trade stands, press and visitors. It is a condition of all those attending the event that no filming or other form of recording may be taken or made at the venue without the express written permission of the organisers. The taking of photographs in the venue for sale or reward is strictly prohibited except with the written permission of the organisers. Press accredited photographers are provided with permission to take photographs ONLY for use in newspapers, magazines and internet sites – this is for news purposes only. There is no objection to the general public taking photographs or video film of general views of the show, provided that these are for private use only. Specific dogs may be photographed only with the approval of the exhibitor.

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