

THE MIDLAND BASSET HOUND CLUB



President: Vacant

Website: www.mbhc.org.uk

SCHEDULE OF 18 CLASS UNBENCHED

48th BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

(Held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations)



at

County Showground, Stafford ST18 0BD

on

Saturday 18th July 2026

Show Opens: 11.00 a.m.

Judging not before 11.30 a.m.

Judge: Mr Michael Gadsby (Afterglow)

Northampton Raw Dog Food kindly sponsor this show

www.northamptonrawdoggfood.co.uk Tel: 01604 859021

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

Jurisdiction and responsibilities

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

Postal entries close: Monday 15th June 2026

**Entries may be made online up to 12 noon on Monday 29th June 2026
at www.highampress.co.uk**

Postal entries and fees to be sent to:

**HIGHAM PRESS LTD., New Street, Higham,
Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6BP**

Tel: 01773 832390 Email: admin@highampress.co.uk

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

Midland Basset Hound Club

Officers & Committee

President: Vacant

Vice-President: Mrs P M Wells

Chairman: Mr P Freer

Vice-Chairman: Mrs C A Whitehead

Secretary: Mrs C A Whitehead

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Treasurer: Mr D Robinson

Show Manager: Mr Steve Gray

Tel: 07771891881 Email: steve@homeandgardenumbria.com

Health & Safety Officer: Mr S Gray

Committee: Mrs M Rodgers, Mrs L Challands, Mrs K Lane, Mr S Gray, Mr G A Taor, Mrs L Colvin

New Committee Members Welcome

Veterinary Surgeon (on call):

Dr Antonia Leech BVMSci (Hons) fCMAgr, ACMI, MRCVs from: Newton Clarke Veterinary Surgeons,
Swan House, Lower Acreman Street, Sherborne DT9 3EX
(All costs incurred to be paid by the exhibitor/owner at time of treatment)

Entry Fees

Members: First entry per dog £17.50; Subsequent entries with same dog £2.00
Non-Members: First entry per dog £22.50; Subsequent entries with same dog £2.00
Not for Competition: £2.00 per dog

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All wins up to and including Monday 8th June 2026 must be counted when entering for any class
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Membership

Single: £8.00 Joint: £10.00 Junior: £1:50

Catalogues

Pre-Paid Catalogues: £4.00
(Catalogues £4.50 on the day)

Dog fouling and grooming waste (animal)

Any owner, handler, exhibitor or other person, at any Royal Kennel Club licensed show, in charge of a dog is required to immediately remove any fouling caused by their dog(s) and/or any grooming waste within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event, including car and caravan parks and approaches.
The chalking, powdering or spraying (with the exception of water) of exhibits within the precincts of the show is forbidden.

CLASSIFICATION

Judge: Mr Michael Gadsby (Afterglow)

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Dog

- 1 Veteran 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 Special Beginners Dog

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Bitch

- 10 Veteran Bitch
- 11 Minor Puppy Bitch
- 12 Puppy Bitch
- 13 Junior Bitch
- 14 Yearling Bitch
- 15 Post Graduate Bitch
- 16 Limit Bitch
- 17 Open Bitch
- 18 Special Beginners Bitch

DOGS JUDGED FIRST FOLLOWED BY BITCHES

**A ramp will be available for use by exhibitors at this show.
The use of which is optional and no exhibit will be
penalised for not using the ramp available.**

The officers and committee of the club will not be exhibiting at this show

Rosettes

1st in all classes,

Dog CC, Reserve Dog CC, Best Puppy Dog, Best Veteran Dog,
Bitch CC, Reserve Bitch CC, Best Puppy Bitch, Best Veteran Bitch,
Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Opposite Sex,
Best Puppy in Show, Best Veteran in Show

**We are pleased to offer a special sash in the following categories
kindly sponsored by Birdbrook Rosettes**

Best Overseas Basset Hound (outside United Kingdom)

Best Moving Basset Hound

Best Male Head

Best Female Head

We are delighted to announce that prizes for Best in Show,
Reserve Best in Show, Best Puppy, and Best Veteran have been kindly
supplied by our new show sponsors, Northampton Raw Dog Food.

We extend our sincere thanks for their support and commitment.

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

1. These Regulations must be observed when a dog is prepared for exhibition and/or exhibited at any Royal Kennel Club licensed event. Objections may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under these Show Regulations and/or for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rule A11.
 - (a) A dog found to have been exhibited in breach of these Regulations will automatically be disqualified from exhibition at the show and from any award gained thereat.
 - (b) Unless the exhibitor provides a satisfactory explanation for the dog being exhibited in breach of these Regulations then he/she may be subject to further penalties of either a fine or as listed under Rule A11.
2.
 - (a) No substance which alters the natural colour, texture or body of the coat may be present in the dog's coat for any purpose at any time during the Show. No substance which alters the natural colour of any external part of the dog may be present on the dog for any purpose at any time during the show.
 - (b) Any other substance (other than water) which may be used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition must not be allowed to remain in the coat or on any other part of the dog at the time of exhibition.
3. No act or operation which alters the natural conformation of a dog or any part thereof may be performed except:-
 - (a) Operations certified to the satisfaction of the Board.
 - (b) The removal of dew claws of any breed.
 - (c) Operations to prevent breeding provided that such operations are notified to The Royal Kennel Club before neutered dogs are shown.

Nor must anything be done calculated to in the opinion of the Board to deceive.
4. The Board without previous notice may order an examination of any dog or dogs at any show. Any examination thus ordered will be made by a person having executive authority who shall have a written directive from The Royal Kennel Club in their possession. Samples may be taken for further examination and analysis.
5. An individual has the right to lodge an objection to a dog only if he/she is the owner or handler of a dog competing in the same breed or class. An objection may, however, be lodged by an official of the show or by anyone so deputed by The Royal Kennel Club. It will be the responsibility of the individual who lodges the objection or the official (as appropriate), to substantiate the grounds for the objection. The Royal Kennel Club will substantiate the grounds for an objection made on its behalf.
6. Any objection by an individual related to an infringement of these Regulations must be made in writing to the show secretary at his/her office before the close of the show and the individual must produce evidence of identity at the time of lodging the complaint.

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. **Monday 8th June 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 24 calendar months of age respectively, the Show Secretary shall transfer the exhibit to the Puppy Class, Junior Class or Yearling Class respectively for the correct colour, sex, weight or height and in the event of there being no Puppy, Junior or Yearling Class to the Open Class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
 - c) For any reason other than the above, the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the Open Class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
 - d) If an exhibit arrives late and misses a class, even if it is the only class in which the dog is entered, the dog may not be transferred to any other class.

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.

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

LIMIT: For dogs which have not become show Champions under The Royal Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club, or won 3 or more CC/CACIB/CAC/Green Stars or won 7 or more First Prizes in all at Championship Shows in Limit or Open Classes confined to the Breed, whether restricted or not at shows where Challenge Certificates were offered for the breed.

OPEN: For all dogs of the 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 BEGINNERS: For owner, handler or exhibit not having won a Challenge Certificate or Reserve Challenge Certificate, or for those breeds not allocated Championship Status, Best of Sex or Reserve Best of Sex at a Championship Show.

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

RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The show will open at 11.00 am.
 2. Dogs will be received at any time but it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that exhibits are available for judging when required.
 3. Judging will not commence before 11.30 am unless otherwise advertised in the dog press.
 4. Exhibits may be removed from the show after their judging has been completed. The show will close half an hour after all judging has been completed.
 5. **Entry Fees: Members:** First entry £17.50 per dog; £2.00 each subsequent entry with the same dog. **Non-Members:** First entry £22.50 per dog; £2.00 each subsequent entry with the same dog. Dogs Not for Competition £2.00 each (full details must be given on entry form). Catalogues £4.00 in advance; £4.50 on the day. Entries can be made online at www.highampress.co.uk.
 6. There is no prize money on offer at this show.
 7. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
 8. Puppies under four calendar months of age on the first day of the show are not eligible for exhibition.
 9. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the show is forbidden.
 10. **Best Puppy in Show (if scheduled).** Where a Best Puppy in Show competition is scheduled the Best Puppy in Show is a puppy which has competed and is unbeaten by any other puppy exhibited at the same show. A puppy is a dog of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the Show. The selection of Best in Show may follow the selection of Best Puppy in Show and Best Veteran in Show (if scheduled) respectively. Where the Best in Show is a puppy it may, at the discretion of the judge, be awarded Best Puppy in Show. Where the Reserve Best in Show is a puppy which has only been beaten by an adult dog it may, at the discretion of the judge, be Best Puppy in Show. A Baby Puppy is a dog of four and less than six calendar months of age on the first day of the show. Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show. Any Variety Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show. Best Baby Puppy in Breed may be declared in each breed from the dogs entered in the Baby Puppy breed classes. There must be no progression to further competition.
 11. **Best in Show.** Best in Show must be selected from the exhibits declared Best of Sex. If a Reserve Best in Show is to be selected, the eligible dogs are those declared Best Opposite Sex and Reserve Best of Sex to the exhibit declared Best in Show.
 12. Exhibits will not be admitted to Best in Show competition after a period of ten minutes has elapsed since the announcement that exhibits are required for judging, unless they have been unavoidably delayed by previous judging not completed on time, and then only with the special permission of the Show Management.
 13. Exhibitors must not pick up dogs by their tails and leads when lifting them nor handle a dog in a manner which causes its feet not to touch the ground when on the move. This is not acceptable. Exhibitors should note that such practice would constitute harsh handling and reports of such practice will be referred to the Committee under Royal Kennel Club Show Regulation F11.
 14. All exhibitors must be familiar with Royal Kennel Club Regulation F (Annex B) - Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.
 15. All dogs resident outside the UK must be issued with a Royal Kennel Club Authority to Compete number before entry to the show/event can be made. All overseas entries without an Authority to Compete number will be returned to the exhibitor/competitor.
 16. **DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS.** Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and The Royal Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts travelling to and whilst at Royal Kennel Club licensed events.
 - When travelling to a show please take a moment to consider whether the route to the show is on a busy holiday route, and leave earlier to avoid increased time in traffic jams.
 - If your vehicle is not air-conditioned seriously consider whether travelling to the show is a good idea at all.
 - The vehicle should be as fully ventilated as possible, and plenty of stops should be taken, with lots of water available to drink.
 - Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
 - When at the show, never leave your dog in the vehicle.
 - Keep the dog in the shade - take your own shade for example a large umbrella and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog stays well hydrated.
 - Avoid your dog taking part in unnecessary exertion, or from standing in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time. Remember, if you feel hot your dog is very likely to feel much hotter and dehydrated, and this could lead to dire results. Please look after your dog's welfare.
- WARNING: IF YOUR DOG IS FOUND TO BE AT RISK FORCIBLE ENTRY TO YOUR VEHICLE MAY BE NECESSARY WITHOUT LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED.**
17. Anyone whose dog is entered at a Royal Kennel Club licensed event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met, and should not put a dog's health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise. Breach of Royal Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under The Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any show licensed by The Royal Kennel Club. This shall apply at the venue or within the precincts of the show.

18. Not for Competition entries will be accepted. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Royal Kennel Club registered. Not for Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged 3 calendar months of age on the first day of the show.
19. No modifications will be made to this schedule except by permission of the Board of The Royal Kennel Club, which will be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press wherever possible.
20. An exhibitor or competitor should ensure that contact details for any handler are available and must be provided upon request in any investigation of a breach of this regulation by such handler.
21. CANCELLATION OR ABANDONMENT. Entry fees will not be refunded in any circumstances where any Act of God or any other unforeseen reason causes the cancellation or abandonment of the show.
22. Should any judge be prevented from fulfilling their engagement, the Committee reserves to themselves the right of appointing other judges to fulfil their duties. Exhibitors are at liberty to withdraw from competition but no entry fees can be refunded.
23. 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 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.
24. The Committee will do its utmost to ensure the safety of the dogs brought for exhibition but it must be clearly understood by exhibitors and all other persons at the show that the Committee will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dogs or property, or personal injury whether arising from accident or any other cause whatsoever.
25. An announcement prior to the date of closing of entries in Our Dogs of any alteration or addition made by the Committee to the schedule or in these rules shall be sufficient notice thereof.
26. All children must be kept under control and parents will be held responsible for any damage caused and charges incurred.
27. Please do not obstruct gangways with cages, pens, grooming tables, trolleys and dogs. Storage space will be made available for trolleys/ cages.
28. If in the opinion of the Show Secretary, Show Manager or Judge any dog is considered not in a fit state for exhibition owing to a disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, the dog may be excluded or removed from the show, the dog must not be brought into the show at any time under any circumstances.
29. No animal other than an exhibit duly entered at the show will be allowed within the precincts of the show during its continuance.
30. The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at a Royal Kennel Club licensed event must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the licensed venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches. This regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event)
31. A dog may be disqualified by the Board from any award, whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been a) registered or recorded as having been bred by the scheduled judge, this shall not apply to a judge appointed in an emergency; b) exhibited without payment of the appropriate entry fees.
32. Every exhibitor shall ensure that whilst the dog is being exhibited, its handler shall display the correct ring number.
33. The entrance fee of a dog entered but not sent to the show will be forfeited. If a dog is not at the ringside when required for judging, the committee will not be responsible for its absence from the show ring.
34. The Officers and Committee of the show can accept no responsibility for the products advertised or sold by stand holders at the show and remind exhibitors that grooming products on sale may not meet the requirements of the Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.
35. Exhibitors are advised that the Officers and Committee of the show can accept no responsibility for cash sent through the post.
36. Bank Charges – Exhibitors whose cheques are returned by their bank for any reason will be liable to settle the amounts due plus bank charges of £35.00 plus an administration fee of £10.00. Any unpaid amount will be reported to The Royal Kennel Club.

Health and Safety Declaration

Exhibitors and spectators are reminded that just as The Midland Basset Hound Club has a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all those attending their event, all those present have a duty and responsibility for their own safety. They are therefore expected to take the greatest care to avoid accidents with ring furniture (posts, tables, mats), uneven surfaces and other hazards, which are an inevitable and integral element of a dog show. Those bringing and using portable items of equipment such as folding chairs, trolleys, cages and grooming tables also have a responsibility to ensure that their tools, equipment and collapsible furniture is used and erected safely and does not constitute a hazard to others. Exhibitors are also reminded that they should wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the prevailing conditions on the site. Exhibitors show at their own risk if conditions are not ideal.

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.

Directions to the Venue

County Showground, Stafford ST18 0BD

LOCATION

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

By Road

From the South

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

From the North

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

By Air

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

Accommodation

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

