

NATIONAL WHIPPET ASSOCIATION



President: Mrs J Thompson

SCHEDULE OF 30 CLASS UNBENCHED BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

(held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)

**at The Kennel Club Building (West Hall), Stoneleigh Park,
Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ**

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026

Show Opens: 8.30am

Judging Commences: Bitches 9.30am; Dogs 10.00am

Judges:

Dogs: Liz Winstone (Monelli)

Bitches: Jan Doherty (Littlebriton)

Referee: Helen Wayman (Scarletfair)

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).

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

Postal entries close: Monday 6th April 2026

**Online entries may be made up to 12 noon on Monday 20th April 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.



Visit our website for news, show results and more!
www.nationalwhippetassociation.com

• NOTICE OF AGM •

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026

To be held in the lunch break

All fully paid-up members may attend.

Items for the Agenda must be made in writing by

Monday 6th April 2026

The Hon. Secretary Miss K Manners

Email: nationalwhippet@gmail.com

Future Shows

Championship Show

Saturday 8th August 2026

in partnership with Bournemouth Canine Society

Dogs: Michael White (Baldrey)

Bitches: Jackie White (Baldrey)

Referee: Rachel Smith (Citycroft)

Open Show

Sunday 6th September 2026

In partnership with South Eastern Hound Club

Judge: Will Croxford (Whittimere)



BVA/RKC/ISDS Eye Testing

At the National Whippet Association
Championship Show

Monday 4th May 2026

Venue: The West Hall, The Kennel Club
Building, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

Priority given to exhibitors. Open to all breeds
after 4th April.

Eye Panellist:

Sue Manning BVSc(Hons) DVOphtal MRCVS

For further information, please contact Sue by e-mail on:
suemanningeyevet@hotmail.com



OFFICERS and COMMITTEE

President: Mrs J Thompson

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Hon. Members:

Mrs A Charman, Mrs R Flatt, Mr M Howgate, Mrs C Osborne,
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Hon. Veterinary Surgeon (on call):

Avonvale Veterinary Centre, 41 Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7HZ

• ENTRY FEES •

- Members: £12.00 first entry per dog
- Non-Members: £16.00 first entry per dog
- All subsequent entries: £3.00 with the same dog
- Baby Puppy Class: £8.00 per dog
- Not for Competition: £2.00 per dog (**Dogs MUST be over 3 calendar months of age**)
- Catalogues: £3.00 pre-paid with entries
(catalogues not collected by 12 noon will be sold)
- Membership: £6.00 Single; £8.00 Joint (*Due 1st January*)
- Trade Stands: Please apply to the Hon. Secretary
- Donations: Donations for the Sarah Pirie Whippet Heart Fund will be very gratefully received and acknowledged in the catalogue

Please make cheques payable to:

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• **CLASSIFICATION** •

Dog Judge: Liz Winstone (Monelli)

Bitch Judge: Jan Doherty (Littlebriton)

Referee: Helen Wayman (Scarletfair)

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate-Dog

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate-Bitch

1 Baby Puppy Dog

2 Baby Puppy Bitch

Best Baby Puppy will now be awarded

3 Special Veteran Dog (7-10 yrs)

17 Special Veteran Bitch (7-10 yrs)

4 Special Veteran Dog (10+ years)

18 Special Veteran Bitch (10+ years)

5 Minor Puppy Dog

19 Minor Puppy Bitch

6 Puppy Dog

20 Puppy Bitch

7 Junior Dog

21 Junior Bitch

8 Yearling Dog

22 Yearling Bitch

9 Novice Dog

23 Novice Bitch

10 Graduate Dog

24 Graduate Bitch

11 Special Beginners Dog

25 Special Beginners Bitch

12 Post Graduate Dog

26 Post Graduate Bitch

13 Mid Limit Dog

27 Mid Limit Bitch

14 Limit Dog

28 Limit Bitch

15 Open Dog

29 Open Bitch

16 Special Open Racing/Lure Coursing Dog

30 Special Open Racing/Lure Coursing Bitch

Best Baby Puppy will be awarded immediately after the completion of the Baby Puppy Classes 1 & 2.

**Best in Show ~ Best Puppy in Show ~ Best Special Beginner in Show
Best Veteran in Show ~ Best Racing/Lure Coursing in Show
will now be judged**

Best Veteran in Show will be selected from the winners of the Special Veteran classes only.

• **ROSETTES** •

will be awarded for:

Best in Show • Reserve Best in Show • Best Veteran in Show
Best Baby Puppy • Best Puppy in Show • Reserve Best Puppy in Show
Best Dog • Reserve Best Dog • Best Puppy Dog
Best Bitch • Reserve Best Bitch • Best Puppy Bitch
Best Veteran Dog • Best Veteran Bitch • Best Special Beginner in Show
Best Racing/Lure Coursing in Show • 1st - VHC in each class

• **PRIZE MONEY** •

Best in Show £30.00 • Reserve Best in Show £20.00
Best Puppy in Show £15.00 • Best Veteran in Show £15.00
Best Special Beginner in Show £15.00 • Best Racing/Lure Coursing in Show £15.00
Classes: 1st £5.00; 2nd £4.00; 3rd £3.00; Res: £2.00; VHC £1.00

• **SPECIALS** •

Duvets will be awarded to:

Best in Show • Reserve Best in Show
Best Puppy in Show • Best Veteran in Show
Best Special Beginner in Show • Best Racing/Lure Coursing in Show

• RULES & REGULATIONS •

1. The show will open at 8.30am.
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 commences: Bitches 9.30am; Dogs 10.00am.
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:** £12.00 first entry per dog; **Non-Members:** £16.00 first entry per dog; £3.00 each subsequent entry same dog. Baby Puppy Class £8.00 per dog. Not for Competition: £2.00 per dog. Catalogues pre-paid: £3.00 (catalogues not collected by 12 noon will be sold). Membership Fees: £6.00 Single; £8.00 Joint. Entries can be made online at www.highampress.co.uk.
6. The amount of prize money on offer at this show is: BIS £30.00; RBIS £20.00; BPIS £15.00; BVIS £15.00; Best Special Beginner in Show £15.00; Best Racing/Lure Coursing in Show £15.00. Class winners: 1st £5.00; 2nd £4.00; 3rd £3.00; Reserve £2.00; VHC £1.00.
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 The 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 the schedule except by permission of the Board of The Royal Kennel Club, which will be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press wherever possible.
20. An exhibitor or competitor should ensure that contact details for any handler are available and must be provided upon request in any investigation of a breach of this regulation by such handler.
21. CANCELLATION OR ABANDONMENT. Entry fees will not be refunded in any circumstances where any Act of God or any other unforeseen reason causes the cancellation or abandonment of the show.
22. The Committee will be most anxious for the care and safety of all dogs entered for exhibition and for any property entrusted to it, but it must be clearly understood by exhibitors and any other persons that the Committee will not be responsible for the entire loss or partial loss, or detention of, or damage to any person for any cause whatsoever, nor for any act of omission of themselves, their officers, servants, agents or others and it is on this understanding that entries are received.
23. The Committee of the show can accept no responsibility for products advertised or sold by trade stand holders at the show and remind exhibitors that grooming products on sale may not meet the requirements of the Regulation for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition (K.C.S.R. F(B)).

REGULATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DOGS FOR EXHIBITION F(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 30th March 2026**. Wins in Variety classes do not count for entry in breed classes but when entering in Variety classes, wins in both Breed and Variety classes must be counted. First prizes awarded in any classes defined as Special do not count towards eligibility. If an exhibitor reports before the judging of a class or classes that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the exhibitor may choose one of the following options:-

(1) Withdrawal

The dog may be withdrawn from competition subject to the conditions of 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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

OPEN For all dogs of the breed for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the show.

SPECIAL OPEN RACING/LURE COURSING For Whippets over 12 months of age on the first day of the show who have **COMPETED** (Trials not accepted) twice or more in Racing or Lure Coursing during their lifetime with a recognised club prior to close of entry. Name of club to be stated on the entry form. Recognised club passports to be checked by the NWA Secretary on the day of the show, proof of eligibility may be checked with the club if required.

SPECIAL VETERAN 7-10 YEARS For dogs of not less than seven and no older than 10 years of age on the first day of the show.

SPECIAL VETERAN 10+ YEARS For dogs older than 10 years of age on the first day of the show.

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

It would be appreciated if parents/guardians would keep children under control at all times during the Show.



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