

HEADS OF THE VALLEYS GSD CLUB



Schedule of 21 Class Unbenched BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

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

on

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST 2026

at

**ICI Rifle Field, Bryniau Road,
Pant, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 2SF**

OUTDOOR SHOW WITH LARGE RING - NO WET WEATHER ACCOMMODATION

Judge: Albert Balmer (Alberdale)

Postal entries close: Saturday 18th July 2026

**Entries may be made online up to 12 noon on Friday 24th July 2026
at www.highampress.co.uk**

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

ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO:

Schedules, entry forms and online entry available at www.highampress.co.uk

OR

**Schedules & entry forms available from and all postal entries/email entries
with fees to be sent to Secretary:**

Miss Lynne Harvey, 187 Badminton Road, Downend, Bristol BS16 6NW

Tel: 07779408682 **Email:** lynnejoyharvey@outlook.com

**For postal/emailed entries, please make all cheques & P.Os payable to
Heads of the Valleys German Shepherd Dog Club or payment by BACS into
the following account: Heads of the Valleys German Shepherd Dog Club
Sort Code: 20-56-56 Account Number: 80560545**

For online entries, payment to be made through www.highampress.co.uk

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”.

Show opens: 9.00am

Judging commences 9.30am

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).

Show Manager: John Cullen **First Aider:** Claire Thomas

Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: Medivet, Aberdare Road, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1AT
Tel: 01685 385117

**PLEASE NOTE: OUTSIDE ATTRACTION - KC RULE F(1) 16g
WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

Heads of the Valleys GSD Club

Honorary President & Chairman: John Cullen

Honorary Vice-Chairman: Pauline Cullen

Secretary: Miss Lynne Harvey

Treasurer: Mr Mike Davies

Rosettes

1st to 4th in each class

Specials for Best in Show, Dog CC, Bitch CC, Dog RCC, Bitch RCC,
Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy Bitch, Best Puppy in Show,
Best LC Dog, Best LC Bitch, Best LC in Show,
Best Veteran & Junior Handling class winner

Special Awards to all class winners

CC Dog, CC Bitch, Best of Breed, Best Puppy, Best Veteran & Best Long Coat

NOTE: Gazebos and tents at the ringside only by permission of the club

**ANY EXHIBITOR REQUIRING THE SERVICES OF THE VETERINARY SURGEON
WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FEES INCURRED**

**PLEASE KEEP THE VENUE CLEAN AND TIDY. DO USE THE EXERCISE AREA - DO NOT
ALLOW DOGS OFF THEIR LEADS**

DOGS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN VEHICLES IN HOT WEATHER

CLASSIFICATION

Judge: Albert Balmer (Alberdale)

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Dog

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

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Bitch

- 11 Minor Puppy Bitch
- 12 Puppy Bitch
- 13 Junior Bitch
- 14 Yearling Bitch
- 15 Special Long Coat Yearling Bitch
- 16 Post Graduate Bitch
- 17 Limit Bitch
- 18 Special Long Coat Open Bitch
- 19 Open Bitch
- 20 Veteran Bitch

*DOG CC, RESERVE DOG CC,
BEST PUPPY DOG,
BEST LONG COAT DOG*

*BITCH CC, RESERVE BITCH CC,
BEST PUPPY BITCH,
BEST LONG COAT BITCH*

*BEST IN SHOW, BEST PUPPY,
BEST VETERAN, BEST LONG COAT*

Junior Handling Class

Judge: TBC ENTRY: £2.00 per dog

(Will be judged during the lunch break)

- 21 Junior handlers of 6 to 16 years

Best Puppy Dog will be judged from classes 1 & 2 after the Dog Challenge.

Best Puppy Bitch will be judged from classes 11 & 12 after the Bitch Challenge.

Best Puppy in Show will be judged after Best of Breed.

Best Veteran in Show will be judged after Best Puppy in Show Challenge.

Best Long Coat will be judged after Best Veteran.

Entry Fees:

Non-Members:	£20.00 first entry per dog
Members:	£15.00 first entry per dog All subsequent entries with the same dog £5.00
Not for Competition:	£1.00 per dog
Junior Handling:	£2.00 per dog
Catalogues:	£3.50 (£5.00 on the day)
Full Page B/W Advert in catalogue:	£10.00
Membership Fees:	Single £10.00; Joint £15.00; Students £6.00; Junior (under 16) £6.00.

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. **Saturday 11th July 2026**. Wins in Variety classes do not count for entry in Breed classes but when entering in Variety classes, wins in both Breed and Variety classes must be counted. First prizes awarded in any classes defined as Special do not count towards eligibility.

If an exhibitor reports before the judging of a class or classes that a dog has been entered which is ineligible, the exhibitor may choose one of the following options:-

(1) Withdrawal

The dog may be withdrawn from competition subject to the conditions of Regulation F(1)19.

(2) Transfer

- a) If a dog is ineligible for a class or classes as regards its colour, sex, weight or height the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent class or classes for the correct colour, sex, weight or height and, in the event of there being no equivalent class, Minor Puppy and Puppy excepted to the Open class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
- b) For an exhibit entered incorrectly in a Minor Puppy Class, Puppy Class or Junior Class, which is over age but under twelve calendar months of age, eighteen calendar months of age or 24 calendar months of age respectively, the Show Secretary shall transfer the exhibit to the Puppy Class, Junior Class or Yearling Class respectively for the correct colour, sex, weight or height and in the event of there being no Puppy, Junior or Yearling Class to the Open Class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
- c) For any reason other than the above, the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the Open Class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
- d) If an exhibit arrives late and misses a class, even if it is the only class in which the dog is entered, the dog may not be transferred to any other class.

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 LONG COAT YEARLING: For Long Coat 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.

SPECIAL LONG COAT OPEN For all Long Coat dogs 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.

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 9.00am.
 2. Dogs will be received at any time but it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that exhibits are available for judging when required.
 3. Judging will commence at 9.30am.
 4. Exhibits may be removed from the show after their judging has been completed. The show will close half an hour after all judging has been completed.
 5. Entry Fees: Members first entry per dog £15.00. Non-Members first entry per dog £20.00. All subsequent entries with the same dog £5.00. Not for Competition £1.00 per dog. Junior Handling £2.00 per handler. Catalogues £3.50 (£5.00 on the day). Membership Fees: Single £10.00; Joint £15.00; Students £6.00; Junior (under 16) £6.00. **You may also enter 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 FORCED 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.

F(1)16.g The attracting of the attention of exhibits by any method from outside the ring is prohibited. It is the duty of the judge, steward or show management noticing such attraction to ask that it cease.

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE In accordance with Royal Kennel Club guidelines, exhibitors must display exhibit number/owner identification on their crate, cage or container at all times.

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.



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