



THE BEAGLE CLUB

(FOUNDED 1890)

SCHEDULE OF UNBENCHED

131st BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

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

In conjunction with City of Birmingham Championship Show

at **The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park,
Nr. Coventry, Kenilworth CV8 2LZ**

on **Friday 4th September 2026**

Show opens: upon completion of Beagle breed classes for CoB Championship Show

Judging commences: 30 minutes after completion of CoB Beagle breed classes

POSTAL ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 14th August 2026

**Online entries may be made up to 12 noon on
Friday 21st August 2026 at www.highampress.co.uk**

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:

Mr S Jepson, Eardley Hall Cottage, Cross Lane, Bignall End ST7 8ND
Tel: 07710 985278

VETERINARY SURGEON:

In attendance for the duration of the show
Susanne Seffer MRCVS



POSTAL ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO:

Nikki Peterson, Easton House, Trent Lane, Newton on Trent, Lincolnshire LN1 2BF

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".

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

THE BEAGLE CLUB

PATRON: Mrs B Roderick (Barterhound)

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: Single £10.00 - Joint £12.00 - Junior (16 yrs) £3.00

OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP: £50.00 for a period of four years

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES A FREE COPY OF CLUB PUBLICATIONS

Rosettes 1st – VHC in each class

Special Rosettes for:

Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show,
Best Veteran in Show, Best Special Working in Show & Best Opposite Sex in Show
Best Dog, Reserve Best Dog, Best Puppy Dog and Best Veteran Dog
Best Bitch, Reserve Best Bitch, Best Puppy Bitch and Best Veteran Bitch

Sausages will be awarded to all exhibits in the Veteran and Vintage Classes
kindly donated by Mrs S Taylor in memory of Dolly Macro

Eardley Hall Kennels donate a dog bed
to overall winners of Best Veteran Dog & Best Veteran Bitch

Forthcoming Events for 2026

Open Show 14th November 2026
at Steventon Village Hall, Nr Oxford
Judge: Mr John Beard

Watch for news on the Club Website - www.thebeagleclub.org, our Facebook page or the breed notes in Our Dogs.

CLASSIFICATION

Judge: Frank Borg (Malta)

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Dog

- 1 Baby Puppy Dog
- 2 Minor Puppy Dog
- 3 Puppy Dog
- 4 Junior Dog
- 5 Yearling Dog
- 6 Novice Dog
- 7 Post Graduate Dog
- 8 Limit Dog
- 9 Open Dog
- 10 Veteran Dog
- 11 Vintage Dog
- 12 Special Working Dog

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Bitch

- 13 Baby Puppy Bitch
- 14 Minor Puppy Bitch
- 15 Puppy Bitch
- 16 Junior Bitch
- 17 Yearling Bitch
- 18 Novice Bitch
- 19 Post Graduate Bitch
- 20 Limit Bitch
- 21 Open Bitch
- 22 Veteran Bitch
- 23 Vintage Bitch
- 24 Special Working Bitch

Best Baby Puppy will be judged after Best Baby Puppy Bitch

Best Dog, Reserve Best Dog and Best Puppy Dog will be awarded after Class 12

Best Bitch, Reserve Best Bitch and Best Puppy Bitch will be awarded after Class 24

Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show will be awarded after Class 24

ENTRY FEES

Members first entry	£17.00 per dog
Subsequent entries same dog	£ 3.00
Members Baby Puppy	£ 0.01 per dog
Non-Members first entry	£19.50 per dog
Subsequent entries same dog	£ 4.00
Non-Members Baby Puppy	£ 0.01 per dog
Dogs Entered "NOT FOR COMPETITION"	£ 2.00 per dog
Catalogues – pre-paid only	£ 3.00
Breed Downloads	£ 3.00

Only available to exhibitors entering online via www.highampress.co.uk. This year we are giving exhibitors who enter online the opportunity to download a breed catalogue to their smartphone or tablet. Available from 7am on the day of the show. ONLY £3.00 PER DOWNLOAD.

Exhibitors are requested to enter and pay online wherever possible.

You may enter online at www.highampress.co.uk

The Beagle Club website – www.thebeagleclub.org

Our Championship Show Judge for 2026



Frank Borg (Malta)

Frank Borg is involved in the world of dogs in so many ways. He got his first Cocker Spaniel in 1979, started showing in 1980. Since then he has imported, bred and shown many Cocker Spaniels to great success. In 2003, Frank imported his first Beagle from England, re-introducing the breed again in Malta and has had great success in breeding and exhibiting this breed. Since then, the breed has gained huge popularity in Malta.

Frank's first judging appointment in England was in 1993. Since then, he has judged several breeds at Championship Shows on multiple occasions, and all breeds at Open Show level throughout the seven Groups, including Groups and Best In Show on countless occasions, mainly Gundogs and Hounds in Great Britain, Germany, Poland and Pakistan.

Frank was approved by the Royal Kennel Club (U.K) to award Challenge Certificates in Cocker Spaniels in 2007 making him the first Maltese judge ever to be passed to give tickets in England. Since then he has been approved by the Royal Kennel Club (U.K) to award CCs in Beagles, American Cockers, all Dachshunds, Irish Setters, German Shepherd Dogs & Pharaoh Hounds. Frank has judged these breeds at Championship Show levels in Great Britain on many occasions, with other appointments at CC level confirmed in these breeds and also pending 4 breeds in the Gundog Group to be approved this year. Judged at multiple Championship Shows across the U.K. Many other judging appointments confirmed for the coming years in England, New Zealand, Denmark, Romania and Poland.

At administration level, Frank Borg joined the Committee of the Malta Canine Society in 1981, immediately starting a revolution to modernise and organise the Society. Elected Secretary in 1992, an office he still holds to this day, making him the longest standing committee member in any canine related Society in Malta. Frank is also the founder member and chairman of The Maltese National Canine Federation, which enjoys a Reciprocal Agreement with The Royal Kennel Club (U.K).

Frank represented Malta at the Conference for Commonwealth Kennel Clubs in London in the years 2000 and 2004, and at the International Political Canine Forum in 2004 and 2009, and at the Kennel Club International Congress in London in 2017.

In 2002, Frank became the first Maltese to be elected a member of the Royal Kennel Club (U.K), and considering how restricted membership was with the R.K.C at that time shows that Frank's contribution to the world of dogs was well noted.

Served for 28 years as a Police dog handler with the Malta Police Force, now retired from the force. After retiring, Frank served as a senior property advisor with one of the leading Estate Agencies in Malta. Now fully retired, he spends his time mainly in the administration of the two Canine organizations in Malta he is involved with, and of course judging dogs abroad.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The show will open upon completion of Beagle breed classes for CoB Championship Show.
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 30 minutes after completion of City of Birmingham Beagle breed classes.
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 @ £17.00 per dog; subsequent classes with the same dog: £3.00. Members Baby Puppy @ 1p per dog. Non-Members @ £19.50 per dog; subsequent classes with the same dog: £4.00. Non-Members Baby Puppy @ 1p. Not For Competition @ £2.00 per dog. Current Membership rates are: Single £10.00 - Joint £12.00 - Junior (16 years) £3.00 - Overseas £50.00 for a period of four years. Entries may 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. Every exhibitor making an entry or entries at this show shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by The Royal Kennel Club Rules & Regulations and it is on this understanding only that entries are accepted. All postal entries must be made on or before Friday 14th August 2026 upon the entry form enclosed. Online entries may be made up until 12 noon on Friday 21st August 2026. The entry fees must accompany the entry form or the entry will not be accepted. Cheques are made payable to "The Beagle Club" and should a cheque for entry fees be returned by the Bank, the exhibitor is liable for bank charges incurred. In the event that an entry has not been received by the Secretary, the entry must be accepted on the day of the show, subject to conditions of Regulation F(1)8. Such claims will have to be substantiated to The Royal Kennel Club which will request documentary evidence, subsequent to the show.
23. The committee is empowered to exclude or remove any dog which is not in a fit state for exhibition, either from illness, disease, vice, natural or other causes and if such exclusion takes place either before or after judging, the entry fee will be forfeited.
24. The judges will be instructed and empowered to withhold any prizes in any class if in their opinion the dog or dogs exhibited do not possess sufficient merit. The judge's decision shall be final in all cases. Should the judge be prevented from fulfilling his or her engagement, the Committee reserve the right to appoint another judge or judges in his/her place. Exhibitors may withdraw from competition, but no entry fees can be returned.
25. 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 or partial loss, or detention of, or damage to any dog or person for any cause whatsoever, nor for any act of omission of themselves, their officers, servants, agents and others, and it is on this understanding only that entries are received.
26. All Rules & Regulations or definitions and instructions of the nature of the Rules & Regulations printed in this schedule shall be deemed to be Regulations of the Committee and shall have the same effect as if they formed part of these Regulations. Should any question arise not provided for in these Regulations the decision of the Committee shall be final, subject only to appeal to The Royal Kennel Club.
27. Passes will not be sent.
28. The Committee of the show can accept no responsibility for 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 (K.C.S.R.F(B)).

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.

CLEANLINESS

Please be a responsible Beagle owner at all times and clean up any mess that your hound makes. Do not leave any litter in the show area. Refuse sacks and cleaning equipment will be provided - PLEASE USE THEM.

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 7th August 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).

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.

VINTAGE: For dogs of not less than ten years of age on the first day of the show.

SPECIAL WORKING: For Beagles which have hunted with a recognised pack, or have held a working certificate recognised by The Royal Kennel Club from a registered Beagle Society i.e. The Beagle Club, or for those hounds who have ever attended and participated in The Beagle Club Working Section events.

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 the day from any breed.

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

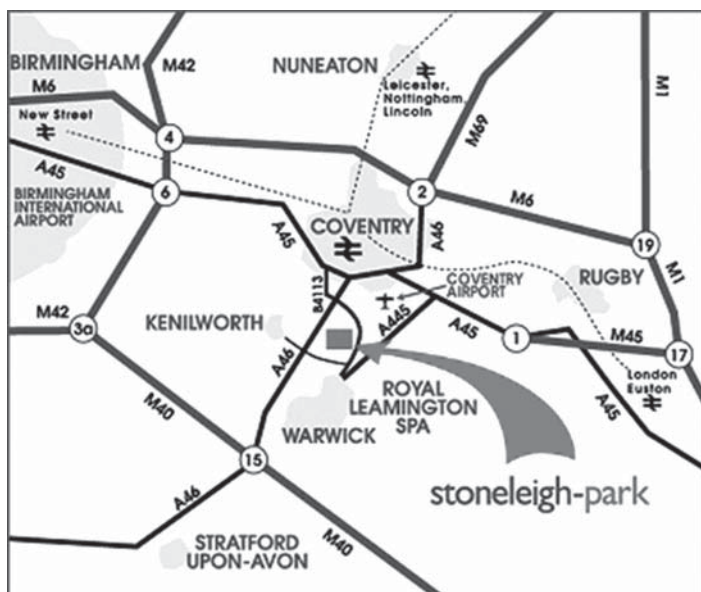
1. These Regulations must be observed when a dog is prepared for exhibition and/or exhibited at any Royal Kennel Club licensed event. Objections may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under these Show Regulations and/or for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rule A11.
 - (a) A 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.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE

Stoneleigh Park, Nr. Coventry, Warwickshire, CV8 2LZ

For SATNAV please use postcode CV8 2LG

The entrance to Stoneleigh Park is on the B4113 Stoneleigh Road, between Coventry and Leamington Spa. This is accessed via the A46 or A45 by following signs for 'Stoneleigh', 'Stoneleigh Park' or 'National Agricultural Centre (NAC)'.



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