

NORTHERN ITALIAN SPINONI ASSOCIATION



Schedule of 18 Class Unbenched **SINGLE BREED OPEN SHOW**

(held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)

Held in conjunction with City of Birmingham Championship Show
at **Stoneleigh Park, nr Coventry, Warwickshire CV8 2LZ**
on **Sunday 6th September 2026**

Show opens: 7.30 am

Judging to follow City of Birmingham Championship Show breed judging

Judge: James Newton (Patamoke)

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."

Veterinary Surgeon in attendance for the duration of the show: Susanne Seffer MRCVS

Postal entries close: Sunday 16th August 2026

**Online entries can be made up to 12 noon on Sunday 23rd August 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

Enquiries to Hon. Secretary: Olwen McGregor

Tel: 07814 825156
Email: ollymcg@aol.com

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

• CLASSIFICATION •

Judge: James Newton (Patamoke)

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| 1 Veteran Dog | 9 Veteran Bitch |
| 2 Puppy Dog | 10 Puppy Bitch |
| 3 Junior Dog | 11 Junior Bitch |
| 4 Yearling Dog | 12 Yearling Bitch |
| 5 Post Graduate Dog | 13 Post Graduate Bitch |
| 6 Limit Dog | 14 Limit Bitch |
| 7 Open Dog | 15 Open Bitch |
| 8 Special Working Dog | 16 Special Working Bitch |

**Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show and Best Veteran in Show
will now be judged**

Best Veteran in Show will be selected from the winners of classes 1 & 9

Junior Handling Classes

(FREE entries to be taken on the day)

- 17 Junior Handling age 6 - 11 years
18 Junior Handling age 12 - 16 years

• FEES •

Members first entry: £6.00 per dog

Non-Members first entry: £8.00 per dog

Subsequent entries: £1.50 with the same dog

Not for Competition: £1.00 per dog

(over 4 months - please provide details on entry form)

Catalogues: £3.00 pre-paid with entries

(£4.00 on the day - limited number available)

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.

Membership: Single £10.00, Joint £15.00, Life £100.00

Rosette Donations: *gratefully received*

UNENTERED DOGS: There is NO PROVISION FOR UNENTERED DOGS at this show. Dogs may be entered NOT FOR COMPETITION. Entry to be made on the entry form in the usual way, giving full details of each dog.

Spectator dogs are welcome at a fee of £5 payable on the day, provided they are aged 4 months or over.



• ROSETTES •

BEST IN SHOW • RESERVE BEST IN SHOW
BEST PUPPY IN SHOW • BEST VETERAN IN SHOW
BEST OPPOSITE SEX
SPECIAL WORKING DOG • SPECIAL WORKING BITCH
1st - 4th in each class



Trophies on offer for Best in Show, Best Puppy in Show & Best Veteran in Show
Thanks to Cathy Gill & Keith Taylor for their kind sponsorship of Main Rosettes & Gifts
for the Special Working Class.

About our Judge

I started showing dogs in 2008, initially, as a handler due to not being able to have a show dog of my own. I have handled dogs across a range of breeds to major awards at Championship Show level. I now co-own Gordon Setters & Chesapeake Bay Retrievers and have been incredibly fortunate to have shared a great deal of success in both breeds, to include: CCs/RCCs, Championship Show Group Placings and x2 BOB at Crufts 2024.

I began my journey as judge in 2013, I find learning about conformation and movement relating to a breed's original function truly fascinating. I am now currently passed to award CCs in 11 breeds across 2 groups and I have judged overseas in Germany and Sweden. I am now also JEP Level 2 in 40+ breeds across 6 groups, only ever wanting to judge breeds I am genuinely interested in.

Many thanks to the NISA committee for inviting me to judge at their forthcoming open show. I am always thrilled to be invited to judge at any level but I do really consider judging at club shows to be a great privilege and I'm really looking forward to the day!

James Newton (Patamoke)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The show will open at 7.30am.
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 to follow City of Birmingham Championship Show breed judging.
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: £6.00 first entry per dog. Non-Members: £8.00 first entry per dog. All subsequent entries with the same dog: £1.50. Not for Competition £1.00 per dog. Catalogues: £3.00 pre-paid (£4.00 on the day, limited number available). Breed Downloads: £3.00. Membership: Single £10.00; Joint £15.00; Life £100.00. **You may 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 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 respectively. Where the Reserve Best in Show is a puppy which has only been beaten by an adult dog it may, at the discretion of the judge be Best Puppy in Show respectively. A Baby Puppy is a dog of four and less than six calendar months of age on the first day of the show. Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show. Any Variety Baby Puppy classes may be scheduled at any breed club show. Best Baby Puppy in Breed may be declared in each breed from the dogs entered in the Baby Puppy breed classes. There must be no progression to further competition.
11. **Best in Show.** Best in Show must be selected from the exhibits declared Best of Sex. If a Reserve Best in Show is to be selected, the eligible dogs are those declared Best Opposite Sex and the Reserve Best of Sex to the exhibit declared Best in Show.
12. Exhibits will not be admitted to Best in Show competition after a period of ten minutes has elapsed since the announcement that exhibits are required for judging, unless they have been unavoidably delayed by previous judging not being completed on time, and then only with the special permission of the Show Management.
13. Exhibitors must not pick up dogs by their tails and leads when lifting them nor handle a dog in a manner which causes its feet not 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.

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.

Officers of the committee will not handle dogs in the show.

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. **Sunday 9th August 2026**. Wins in Variety classes do not count for entry in Breed classes but when entering for Variety classes, wins in both Breed and Variety classes must be counted. First prizes awarded in any classes defined as Special do not count towards eligibility.

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

(1) Withdrawal

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

(2) Transfer

- a) If a dog is ineligible for a class or classes as regards its colour, sex, weight or height the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent class or classes for the correct colour, sex, weight or height and, in the event of there being no equivalent class, Minor Puppy and Puppy excepted to the Open class for the correct colour, sex, weight or height.
- b) For an exhibit entered incorrectly in a Minor Puppy Class, Puppy Class or Junior Class, which is over age but under twelve calendar months of age, eighteen calendar months of age or 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.

VETERAN For dogs of not less than seven years 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.

SPECIAL WORKING: For dogs that have won an award/place at a Field Trial or Working Gundog test. Or dogs actively working on shoots at least once a month.

JUNIOR HANDLING 6-11 YEARS: For Junior Handlers 6-11 years of age.

JUNIOR HANDLING 12-16 YEARS: For Junior Handlers 12-16 years of age.

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

