



FOUR COUNTIES BEAGLE CLUB

SCHEDULE OF 22 CLASS UNBENCHED BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

(Held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)

In conjunction with Darlington Championship Show

at

**Ripon Racecourse, Boroughbridge Road,
Ripon, North Yorkshire HG4 1UG**

on

Saturday 19th September 2026



Judge: Val Davies (Barrvale)

Show Opens 7.30am

Judging commences 10.00am

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).

Lawson's Animal Feeds kindly sponsor our show

Hon. Veterinary Surgeon:

Forest House Veterinary Surgery, 29 York Pl, Knaresborough HG5 0AD

Tel: 01423 862121

****ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY****

**Entries may be made online up to 12 noon on Saturday 5th September 2026
at www.highampress.co.uk**

Enquiries to:

Brian Foster, 5 Durham Road, Aycliffe Village, Co. Durham DL5 6LJ

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

FOUR COUNTIES BEAGLE CLUB

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Jen Davies

Secretary: Mr Brian Foster

Treasurer: Mr Phil Jones

Committee:

Julie Alexander, Lynn Bailey, Joy Clark, Dennis Clegg, Rachael Clegg, Vicky Clegg, Jen Davies, Hannah Gooderham, Claire Jones, Zoe Macdonald, Kristen Theobald

Hon. Life Member:

Mrs G Jobson

**There will be a raffle so please bring some cash,
all donations gratefully accepted**

• FEES •

ENTRY FEES:

Members: £12.00 first entry per dog
£2.00 each subsequent entry with the same dog

Non-Members: £15.00 first entry per dog
£2.00 each subsequent entry with same dog

Baby Puppy Classes: £2.00 per dog

NOT FOR COMPETITION: £2.00 per dog

CATALOGUES: £4.00 (pre-paid only)

MEMBERSHIP: Single £3.50
Joint £5.00

**If there are exhibitors not entered at Darlington they will need to pay for a car
park pass at a cost of £6.00 pre-paid or £8.00 on the day.
Spectators parking £10.00.**

CLASSIFICATION

Judge: Val Davies (Barrvale)

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Dog

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

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Bitch

- 12 Baby Puppy Bitch
- 13 Minor Puppy Bitch
- 14 Puppy Bitch
- 15 Junior Bitch
- 16 Yearling Bitch
- 17 Novice Bitch
- 18 Graduate Bitch
- 19 Post Graduate Bitch
- 20 Limit Bitch
- 21 Open Bitch
- 22 Veteran Bitch

OUR JUDGE



In 1978 I bought my first Beagle as a pet, attended a couple of exemption shows and the showing bug bit. Then came my first show Beagle from the Dufosse Kennel in 1979, when bred from, she produced my first two Champions. The path was set and over the years I have been fortunate enough to make up 8 Champions. I first awarded CCs in 1995. Judging highlights include judging in Germany and Denmark, and being asked to judge at Crufts in 2019 was a huge honour. A greater honour was having 298 entries, a huge number to judge and I must thank exhibitors for their confidence in me.

Val Davies (Barrvale)

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 29th 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 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.

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.

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 breeds 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 7.30 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 commences 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, subsequent entries with same dog £2.00. Non-Members: £15.00 first entry per dog, subsequent entries with same dog £2.00. Baby Puppy Classes: £2.00 per dog. NFC: £2.00 per dog. Catalogue: £4.00 (pre-paid only). Online entry only at www.highampress.co.uk.
 6. Prize money: 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 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.

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.

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.

Children under the age of 11 are the responsibility of, and must be accompanied at all times, by a Parent or Guardian.

ADDRESS WITHHELD FOR PUBLICATION

If you have ticked the box in your account your address will **NOT** be printed in any catalogues compiled by Higham Press.

DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on days considered as slightly warm. Please take care of your dog.

If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

WELFARE OF DOGS

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 Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Right to Refuse Entries: Exhibitors/Competitors are reminded that show societies have the right under Royal Kennel Club Regulation to refuse any entry.



Royal Kennel Club

Our pledge to sportsmanship, civility, fairness and respect

These qualities make our activities rewarding for participants, spectators, and the dogs at the heart of it all. They help create a respectful culture that welcomes the diverse community united by a love of dogs, and they reflect the spirit in which we come together. By affirming these qualities, we strengthen the integrity of our activities and the inclusive ethos that defines the Royal Kennel Club.

We pledge to:

PUT DOGS FIRST

We place the welfare of dogs above all else.

We will always:

- ❖ Prioritise the long-term health and preservation of all breeds.
- ❖ Make decisions that reflect a deep commitment to responsible breeding and ownership.
- ❖ Share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of our breeding stock.

ACT WITH INTEGRITY

Our actions reflect positively on the world of dogs, the Royal Kennel Club and ourselves.

We will always:

- ❖ Understand and abide by all Royal Kennel Club codes, rules and regulations.
- ❖ Appreciate, encourage and support all who associate with and participate in licensed events by fostering an environment of sportsmanship, civility, fairness, respect and inclusion.
- ❖ Decline to exploit any positions of authority or recognition for personal advantage.
- ❖ Decline to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dog.
- ❖ Refuse to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- ❖ Judge only on the merits of the dogs and consider no other factors.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

We recognise we are role models in the canine world.

We will always:

- ❖ Strive to lead by example through humility, kindness and ethical conduct.
- ❖ Actively support education and mentorship of newcomers, helping them learn the rules, values and our traditions in a respectful way.
- ❖ Uphold our responsibilities to pedigree dogs and refuse to let personal gain or self-interest influence our decisions or behaviour.
- ❖ Accept constructive criticism whether judge or exhibitor.

SHOW RESPECT

We treat others with sportsmanship, civility, fairness and respect.

We will always:

- ❖ Be committed to fair play, honesty and courtesy in competition, approaching both winning and losing with grace and dignity.
- ❖ Treat fellow exhibitors, judges, officials, volunteers, spectators and Royal Kennel Club staff with dignity and respect, regardless of experience, background or differences of opinion.
- ❖ Contribute to a positive atmosphere at events by avoiding negative gossip, disparagement, or unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- ❖ Extend attributes of sportsmanship, civility, fairness and respect through all digital and social media platforms.

PROTECT OUR LEGACY

We protect the legacy of pedigree dogs for future generations.

We will always:

- ❖ Respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of pedigree dogs but with a future mindset to improve and protect the breeds.
- ❖ Appreciate those who have gone before us and realise we are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the position for future generations.
- ❖ Welcome and show respect to all dog owners, including those with non-pedigree dogs, recognising that every dog contributes to the richness of our shared canine community.



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