

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 The 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.

EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE

It is most important to put your correct postal address on the entry forms.

Address should include:

House number (not just house name)

Postal Town

Correct Postcode

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.

ADDRESS WITHHELD FOR PUBLICATION

Please note the points below:

1. Tick the box near your name and address on the front of the entry form if you do **NOT** want your **ADDRESS** to appear in the catalogue. Your name will still be printed above your dog records as normal.
2. Your address is still needed for the sending out of schedules and exhibitors passes. So you must still enter your address in the normal way.
3. If you have ticked the box your address will **NOT** be printed in any catalogues compiled by Higham Press. If in the future you would like your address to be printed then you must **WRITE** directly to Higham Press, New Street, Higham, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 6BP, or email admin@highampress.co.uk. Telephone requests will **NOT** be accepted.

CHEQUES

The Society name must be written in full or your cheque will be returned.

The banks are now scanning cheques as you pay them in. Cheques that are not written using black ink, or don't have the society name written in full, will be rejected. Failure to follow the above criteria means your entry will be returned.

Your address will appear in the catalogue. Tick to object to publication. See our Privacy Notice for more information. The Privacy Notice sets out how we keep your data safely and compliantly



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.