THE BEAGLE CLUB

(FOUNDED 1890)

SCHEDULE OF UNBENCHED

SINGLE BREED OPEN SHOW

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

at

The Village Hall, The Green, Steventon, Oxon OX13 6RR

on

Saturday 21st November 2026

Show Opens: 9.00 am Judging Commences: 9.30 am

POSTAL ENTRIES CLOSE: Saturday 31st October 2026
Online entries may be made up to 12 noon on
Saturday 7th November 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

HON. VETERINARY SURGEONS ON CALL:

Brook Veterinary Surgery, Station Approach, High Street, Steventon, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX13 6RU. Tel: 01235 831800

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".

POSTAL ENTRIES TO BE MADE TO:

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

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

THE BEAGLE CLUB

PRESIDENT: Mr P F Roderick (Barterhound) **PATRON:** Mrs B B Roderick (Barterhound)

VICE-PRESIDENTS:
Miss P Clayton (Barvae), Miss J Forbes (Kentoast), Mr K Hills (Donay),
Mr T Jones (Eardley), Mrs S Kimber (Coachbarn), Mrs C Lewis (Fallowfield),
Miss J L Norris (Sirron), Mr A Parker (Chapscroft), Mr D Player (Lyndex), Miss P Sutton (Rossut)

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Vacant

HON TREASURER: Mrs D Randles (Janfrey)

COMMITTEE:
Miss D Bridgeman (Kingswin), Miss S Hardisty (Blunderhall),
Mr S Milner (Dialynne), Mr M Murphy (Rhosyndu), Mrs V Murphy (Rhosyndu),
Mrs K Simkin (Simeldaka), Mrs J Peak (Bayard)

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

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR
BEST IN SHOW, RESERVE BEST IN SHOW
BEST PUPPY IN SHOW
BEST VETERAN/VINTAGE IN SHOW

Eardley Hall Kennels kindly donate a dog bed to the overall winner of the Dog and Bitch Veteran/Vintage Classes

SAUSAGES will be awarded to all exhibits in the VETERAN/VINTAGE CLASSES
Kindly donated by Mrs S Taylor in memory of Mrs Dolly Macro.

ROSETTES
Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show, Best Opposite Sex, Best Puppy in Show
Best Veteran/Vintage in Show, Best Dog, Best Bitch, Res Best Dog,
Res Best Bitch, Best Baby Puppy in Show, Best Puppy Dog, Best Puppy Bitch.

CLASS ROSETTES
1st to VHC in all classes

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.

CLASSIFICATION

Judge: Mr John Beard (Kellitcreed)

1 Baby Puppy Dog	14 Baby Puppy Bitch
2 Minor Puppy Dog	15 Minor Puppy Bitch
3 Puppy Dog	16 Puppy Bitch
4 Junior Dog	17 Junior Bitch
5 Yearling Dog	18 Yearling Bitch
6 Novice Dog	19 Novice Bitch
7 Graduate Dog	20 Graduate Bitch
8 Post Graduate Dog	21 Post Graduate Bitch
9 Mid Limit Dog	22 Mid Limit Bitch
10 Limit Dog	23 Limit Bitch
11 Open Dog	24 Open Bitch
12 Veteran Dog	25 Veteran Bitch
13 Vintage Dog	26 Vintage Bitch

JUNIOR HANDLING CLASSES (entries to be taken on the day)
Judge: TBA

Best Dog, Reserve Best Dog and Best Puppy Dog will be awarded after Class 13
Best Bitch, Reserve Best Bitch and Best Puppy Bitch will be awarded after Class 26
Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show will be awarded after Class 26
Best Baby Puppy in Show will be awarded after Class 14

ENTRY FEES

Members first entry	£7.00 per dog
Subsequent entries same dog	£1.50
Non-Members first entry	£8.00 per dog
Subsequent entries same dog	£2.00
Baby Puppy	£0.01p per dog
Dogs Entered “NOT FOR COMPETITION”	£1.00 per dog
Junior Handling	£1.50 (Taken on the day)
Pre-ordered Lunch	£7.50
Catalogues pre-paid only	£2.50

Exhibitors are requested to enter and pay online wherever possible.

REFRESHMENTS

Tea, Coffee and light refreshments will be available throughout the day

Free Bacon Rolls for all exhibitors on a first come first served basis, kindly donated by Peter and Barbara Roderick.

Lunch - Lasagne & Salad - must be pre-ordered with entries as not available on the day. £7.50 each.

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

The Beagle Club website – www.thebeagleclub.org

Our Judge - Mr John Beard (Kellitcreed)

I'll start with saying I absolutely live and breathe our sport, there's nothing else I'd rather be doing so as you can imagine I am more than delighted and feel very privileged to be judging some lovely hounds at the Beagle Club Open Show.

I have owned and loved beagles for over 15 years now and have been lucky enough to make up home bred UK champions in the breed, amongst other achievements in Australian Shepherds and Bracco Italiano.

I was never allowed a dog of my own when I was younger, having come from a family that liked animals but didn't have the same interest in them as I, or maybe the same obsession might be the better word, so I became more and more invested as time went on and thanks to a neighbour whose summer house was next to our fence where she would raise her English Setter litters, of course she had no peace, I'd always be hanging over the fence talking her head off and asking so many questions, and not much has changed. She told me about a ringcraft class, at the bottom of the road so that led me to showing my first dog as a child in 2004 at National Terrier and the harsh realisation of losing her, a long story and maybe a little funny too, but that's for another time.

I'm very invested in dog showing / handling / creating beautiful healthy animals as close to the relevant breed standard as possible and now have realised my passion for judging, which I do not take lightly. I am very excited to be given the important job to judge at the Club show. Thank you to the Beagle Club for the appointment, and forward thanks to all those who will be there with their hounds.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The show will open at 9.00 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 will commence at 9.30 am.
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 £7.00 per dog; subsequent classes with the same dog: £1.50. Non-Members £8.00 per dog; subsequent classes with the same dog: £2.00. Baby Puppy £0.01p per dog. Junior Handling £1.50 (Taken on the day). Not For Competition £1.00. Catalogues £2.50 pre-paid only. Pre-ordered Lunch £7.50. Current Membership rates are: Single £10.00 - Joint £12.00 - Junior (16 years) £3.00 - Overseas £50.00 for a period of four years, from 1st January 2026. 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 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 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 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 Limited Rules & Regulations and it is on this understanding only that entries are accepted. All postal entries must be made on or before Saturday 31st October 2026 upon the entry form enclosed. Online entries may be made up until 12 noon on Saturday 7th November 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 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).

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 24th October 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 twenty-four 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.

MID LIMIT: For dogs which have not become show Champions under 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 five or more First Prizes in all at Championship Shows in Mid Limit, Limit or Open Classes confined to the breed, whether restricted or not, at shows 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.

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2027

21st March 2027	**Open Show and AGM** New Venue: Calf Heath Village Hall, Wolverhampton WV10 7DW Judge: Dr Ian Gabriel
5th June 2027	**Championship Show** at Royal Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh Park, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire Judges: TBA (Dogs) - Mr G Robertson (Bitches) - Referee TBA

Further details regarding all events will be regularly updated on the Beagle Club website and through the club Facebook page.

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