

Schedule of 18 Class Unbenched BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

(held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)

(established 1988)

Held in conjunction with Manchester General Championship Show

Last Crufts 2027 qualifying show

at Staffordshire County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD

on Sunday 17th January 2027

Show opens: 7.00am
Judging commences after Manchester Bullmastiffs have finished

Judge: Mr Ian Garthwaite (Stelsaph)

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).

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Entries may be made online up to 12 noon on Sunday 3rd January 2027 at www.highampress.co.uk
PLEASE NOTE: POSTAL ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS SHOW

Hon. Secretary/Show Manager: Mr G Shirt
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Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may be entered for exhibition at this show



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****IMPORTANT NOTE — EXHIBITORS PASS SYSTEM****

For **Online** entries only

You will receive your exhibitors passes at the appropriate time through your personal on-line account -
Not through the post
Approximately one week before the show your exhibitors passes will be in your account.
Take these steps: Log in to your account and choose the option '**Show Entries**'. Click on your Show Entry Summary. You will see two tabs, one for exhibitor passes and one for ring numbers if appropriate.
Be aware that the exhibitors passes are not sent to you by email but will be in your account ready to be printed off by you and used at the show in the normal way.
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• ROSETTES •





BEST IN SHOW
BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW
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CLASSIFICATION

Judge: Mr Ian Garthwaite (Stelsaph)

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate-Dog

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

Dog CC, Reserve Dog CC &
Best Puppy Dog will now be judged

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate-Bitch

10 Baby Puppy Bitch
11 Minor Puppy Bitch
12 Puppy Bitch
13 Junior Bitch
14 Yearling Bitch
15 Post Graduate Bitch
16 Limit Bitch
17 Open Bitch
18 Veteran Bitch

Bitch CC, Reserve Bitch CC &
Best Puppy Bitch will now be judged

BEST IN SHOW ~ BEST OPPOSITE SEX ~ BEST BABY PUPPY IN SHOW
BEST PUPPY IN SHOW ~ BEST OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY
BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW ~ BEST VETERAN IN SHOW
will now be judged

Best Veteran in Show will be selected from any Veterans entered in any breed classes.

• JUDGE'S PROFILE •

Mr Ian Garthwaite
Stelsaph Bullmastiffs

My involvement with Bullmastiffs began in 1997, when my wife's cousin bred a litter. Our first Bullmastiff was a dog named Zac, who sadly developed lymphosarcoma at just 20 months of age. Following numerous veterinary visits and consultations at Cambridge University, we were faced with the heartbreaking decision to say our final goodbyes. Despite this difficult beginning, Zac's brave and gentle character shone through and our love for the breed began.

During those early days showing Zac, we attended the Bull Breed shows at Sheffield Sports Centre, the Northern Club shows and many more, you could say we were hooked by the showing bug!!!

We welcomed into our home a bitch puppy from the Naukeen kennel called Saphie, while collecting her, Mr Blount told us about a promising dog puppy sired by one of his own dogs. I was particular fond on owning another male so went to see him and fell in love with him, we introduced Saphie to her new playmate, Buster.

Buster did us proud, he went on to become a successful show dog, providing us with many enjoyable and memorable days in the show ring. His achievements included several second place awards in his class at Crufts, as well as gaining his Stud Book Number after winning an award in a Limit class at a championship show. Libby, Moorbull Hello Again at Harbull, also enjoyed success in the ring, winning a Reserve Challenge Certificate (RCC).

Whatever happened in the show ring we were proud of our dogs for being the beautiful characters they were.

For over 20 years I have been an active member of the Northern Bullmastiff Club committee. During this time, I have had the pleasure of stewarding at our club shows, as well as the privilege of judging, I have also judged at a variety of shows throughout the country.

I have completed all of the Royal Kennel Club's judging requirements and certification courses offered by Bullmastiff clubs around the country, further developing my knowledge and understanding of the breed.

For many years, we exhibited under the Harbull affix, in 2021 we changed our affix to Stelsaph.

This appointment marks my first opportunity to award Challenge Certificates, and I feel both honoured and privileged to have been entrusted with this responsibility. I would like to thank the club for its confidence in me and look forward to judging the Bullmastiffs on this very special occasion and wish you all an enjoyable day.

Ian Garthwaite
Stelsaph Bullmastiffs

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The show will open at 7.00am.
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 after Manchester Bullmastiffs have finished.
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: Five or more dogs £55.00. Members first entry £15.00 per dog. Non-Members first entry £18.00 per dog. Subsequent entries £2.00 per class with the same dog. Veteran Class 0.01p per dog. Baby Puppy Class £4.00 per dog. Not for Competition £3.00 per dog. Catalogues Members free of charge; Non-Members £4.50 pre-paid with entries; £5.00 on the day *(limited availability).* Adverts Full page £5.00. Membership £15.00 Single; £20.00 Joint (due 1st January).
   ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY 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 and Baby Puppies must not be entered in any other classes at a show.
11. **Best Veteran in Show (if scheduled).**
    A Veteran is a dog of 7 years or more on the first day of the show.
    All levels of breed club shows
    Best Veteran in Breed or Best Veteran in Show at a single breed show: A Best Veteran is declared from any Veterans entered in any breed classes.
12. **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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. All exhibitors must be familiar with Royal Kennel Club Regulation F (Annex B) - Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition.
16. 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.
17. 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.

18. 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.
19. 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.
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. Any owner, competitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog is required to remove as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) at any Royal Kennel Club licensed show within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches. Please clean up after your dogs. Please use only the exercise areas provided and bin bags on site.
23. The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at Royal Kennel Club licensed events must at all times ensure that the dog is kept under proper control whilst at the licensed venue, including its environs, car and caravan parks and approaches. This Regulation applies before (at any time during the set up period at the venue), during the event and afterwards (at any time during the breakdown of the event).
24. Every exhibitor shall ensure that whilst the dog is being exhibited, its handler shall display the correct ring number.
25. Dogs entered in breach of Royal Kennel Club Show Regulations are liable to disqualification whether or not the owner was aware of the breach.
26. Children under the age of 11 are the responsibility of and must be accompanied at all times by a Parent or Guardian.
27. Should the Judge be prevented from fulfilling their engagement. The Committee reserve the right of appointing another Judge to fulfil their duties. Exhibitors are at liberty to withdraw from competition but no entry fees can be returned.

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.

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WELFARE OF DOGS

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

Regulations For The Preparation of Dogs For Exhibition F (Annex 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. Any individual has the right to lodge an objection to a dog, an objection may also 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.

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.



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 closing date shall be counted when entering for any class i.e. **Sunday 27th December 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.

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 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.

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.



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