

*The Southern
English Springer
Spaniel Society*



80th Anniversary of the Society

SCHEDULE

of 26 Class Unbenched

51st BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

(held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)

at **THE DOBERMANN CLUB TRAINING & SHOWGROUND**
Hertford Road, Digswell, Herts AL6 0BU

on

SUNDAY, 12th JULY 2026

Show Opens: 8.00 am

Judging: Dogs 9.00 am; Bitches to follow

Judge: Kate Keely (Alhambian/Shipden)

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."

Hon. Veterinary Surgeon (on call): Queen Mother Hospital for Animals
Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts AL9 7TA. Tel: 01707 666399
N.B. Exhibitors are responsible for paying any veterinary fees incurred at the time of treatment

**On-line entries can be made up until midnight on Sunday, 28th June 2026
at www.fossedata.co.uk**

PLEASE NOTE: POSTAL ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS SHOW

Acting Secretary: Mr Paul Osbourne,
Dog and Duck Farm Bungalow, Hundred Foot Bank, Littleport, Ely CB6 1UH
Tel: 01366 378497

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

The Southern English Springer Spaniel Society

Proudly present their 51st Championship Show which is planned for your pleasure

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE

President: Mrs Jenny Miller (Feortig)

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Ms F. Glendinning, Mrs P. Knibbs, Mrs W. Walker, Mrs E. Whitley, Mrs K. Woodward

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Committee:

Mesdames D. Fenton, L. Fugle, J. Harris, M. Hydon, M. Proctor, L. Scott, R. Twilley,
P. Wallis, J. Weyman; Miss P. Toublic

The Officers of this Society can enter but do not handle at this show

• FEES •

Entry Fees: Members: First Entry per dog £14.00

Each subsequent entry with same dog £1.50

Non-Members: First entry per dog £16.00

Each subsequent entry with same dog £2.00

Not for Competition: £1.00 per dog (*over 3 calendar months*)

Catalogues: £4.00 pre-paid with entries (*Limited availability on the day*)

Membership 2026: £11.00 Single; £13.00 Joint; Junior £1.00; Europe £22.00;

Rest of the world £25.00 (**January - December**)

Buffet Lunch: £6.00 per person (*payment with entries or on the day by card/cash*)

Ham, Sliced Roast Chicken or Turkey, Cheese, or Vegetarian Quiche

PLEASE NOTE: In the case of joint ownership, every owner must be a member for Members entry fees to apply.

This show is unbenched, judging will be held in one ring with Dogs starting not before 9.00 am. The judging of bitches to follow their conclusion.

We would remind all exhibitors that cages should be kept well away from gangways and the ringside. **AT SESSS EVENTS, THE CAGING OF DOGS AND THEIR SAFETY THEREIN IS ENTIRELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR.**

As required by the Royal Kennel Club, may we remind exhibitors that they are responsible for clearing up any fouling made by dog in their charge, anywhere within the confines of the venue. Anyone failing to clear up will be reported to the Committee who may enforce the right to refuse entries from that exhibitor for future shows.

Adults are requested to keep children under control throughout the duration of the show. The Society will hold the responsible adult liable for the actions and damage caused by children in their charge.

• ABOUT YOUR JUDGE •

Kate Keely (Alhambian/Shipden)

I was born into dogs, my grandmother and father acquired the families first ESS in 1937. Later in the 50s the Shipden prefix registered by my parents Colin and Carolyn Muirhead, and I was added as an owner to the prefix when I came along in 1960.

I grew up with a large kennel of ESS and Cockers. The Springers were successful with Champions and Show Champions plus 2 BOBs at Crufts. My first ever CC was won with an English Springer that I owned/handled, when I was 11 years old in 1970.

As a teenager I branched in Field Spaniels and titled a home bred dog, I also owned and titled Sussex Spaniels.

In 1984 I married Australian Springer breeder Michael Keely and moved to NSW, Australia.

Using our new joint prefix of Alhambra Michael and I bred and showed some highly influential ESS. Between them they achieved 19 ESS Ch Specialty

BIS wins with 4 home bred Grand Champions and 2 Supreme Champions. We titled ESS, Sussex, Cockers, American Cockers and Border Terriers and BIS winning Westies.

We won in excess of 50 Championship BIS with our dogs. We also bred or owned/co owned 5 Champion Cockers.

We imported the first Sussex Spaniel into Australia and imported several top Springers including English Ch/Aus Ch Bomaris Envoy to Shipden IMP UK, (who was our foundation for Alhambra), Ch Nobhill Walk on Top at Melverly IMP UK/Sweden, and Nwy Ch/Aus Ch Lajbans Why Whisper IMP NWY. All were Specialty BIS winners. We owned the top winning bitch Ch Wongan Dynasty and from her and Envoy bred the 2 Grand Champions Alhambra Oliver Reed and Alhambra Oscar Wilde and pups from this union are behind most of the winning ESS in Australia plus many in Scandinavia and the UK. Oliver Reed won BIS at the NSW specialty in the breed record entry for Australasia.

Our last three Specialty BIS winners were Supreme Ch Alhambra Keith Richards and the top ESS bitch of 2011, Supreme Ch Alhambra Victoria Wood, who are grandchildren of our last import Ch Shipden Michael Bentine (Imp UK), plus Michael Bentine's daughter Ch Alhambra Lily Savage.

In 2015 it became necessary for us to move back to the UK and to Shipden, to take care of my elderly father. We brought back a few dogs with us. Our joint prefix is now Alhambian as the RKC wouldn't allow Alhambra unfortunately. We also now have the prefix Shipden in our joint names. We are currently campaigning our imported Cockers Eng Sh CH Oakbeach Dare to Dream Big with Alhambian and Oakbeach Crash Boom Bang into Alhambian both imported from Sweden plus the English Springer Khaleesi Des Les Tres Llacunes with Alhambian who is imported from Spain.

Michael and I are both FCI (Australian scheme) approved judges for all Gundogs. In addition I judge the Hound Group. Michael also awards ESS CCs in the UK.

I began judging in 1975, and have judged English Springers at CH level in the UK since 1982. I was 21 when I first awarded CCs and am one of the youngest (in any breed) in the UK to do this.

I have judged in the UK, Australia and NZ, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Czech Republic and the USA.

I was honoured to judge English Springers was at Crufts 2019.



• CLASSIFICATION •

Judge: Kate Keely (Alhambian/Shipden)

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. Mid Limit Dog
9. Limit Dog
10. Open Dog
11. Veteran Dog
12. Special Beginners Dog
13. President Special Open Stakes Dog

The Dog Challenge will now be judged

BEST IN SHOW will now be judged followed by BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Bitch

14. Minor Puppy Bitch
15. Puppy Bitch
16. Junior Bitch
17. Yearling Bitch
18. Novice Bitch
19. Graduate Bitch
20. Post Graduate Bitch
21. Mid Limit Bitch
22. Limit Bitch
23. Open Bitch
24. Veteran Bitch
25. Special Beginners Bitch
26. President Special Open Stakes Bitch

The Bitch Challenge will now be judged

Please Note:

Best Veteran will be selected from the winners of the two Veteran classes only

ROSETTES

BEST IN SHOW • RESERVE BEST IN SHOW • BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW • RESERVE BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

BEST DOG • BEST BITCH • RESERVE BEST DOG • RESERVE BEST BITCH

BEST PUPPY DOG • BEST PUPPY BITCH

BEST VETERAN • BEST BLACK & WHITE

FIRST to THIRD in every Class

The **LATE MARGARET WRIGHT'S AWARD** *sponsored by Beverley Nicholson*, will be presented to the **Best Black & White** exhibit on its performance at the Breed Club (Open and Championship) and General Championship Shows during 2025

The **LATE CAROLYN MUIRHEAD VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD** *sponsored by Kate Keely* will be presented to the **Best Veteran** on its performance at the Breed Club (Open and Championship) and General Championship Shows during 2025

***Further 'Specials', all donations and sponsorships will be printed in the catalogue.
All donations gratefully received.***

CUPS & TROPHIES

A complete list of trophies to be won will be printed in the catalogue.

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 **COMPLIMENTARY TEA/COFFEE** 

Complimentary Tea/Coffee and biscuits,
plus a **Treat** for your dog will be available upon your arrival

 *The Southern English Springer Spaniel Society* 

Will be offering a

Cold Buffet-Style Lunch & Dessert

Main Course

will be a selection of

Ham, Sliced Roast Chicken or Turkey, Cheese or
Vegetarian Quiche

with assorted salads & a selection of desserts

The cost is £6.00 per head

Payment can be made with your show entry, or on the day, (Cash or Card)



Please pre-order your lunch, as we will not be able to take any orders on the day

Please send your requirements to Maddie Proctor
by close of entry **Email: maddie.proctor@sky.com** including the following:

- Your Name
- The number of lunches required
- Your choice of main course: Ham / Sliced Roast Chicken / Sliced Roast Turkey / Cheese or Vegetarian Quiche
- Any other information or details. i.e. Food allergies etc.

Or alternatively there is an order form on the website.



BACON ROLLS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY UNTIL 10.30 AM

Hot and Cold drinks and a selection of snacks will also be on sale throughout the day

ANNIVERSARY GIFT

There will be a gift to celebrate our 80th Anniversary Year (1946 – 2026) encompassing The London And Home Counties English Springer Spaniel Society/Southern English Springer Spaniel Society. These will be restricted to one per Exhibitor (Single/Joint) for one show which you have entered either Championship or Open.

DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

(N.B. The word 'dog' includes both sexes)

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, 21st June 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 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.

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 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.

SPECIAL BEGINNERS For owner, handler or exhibit never having won a Challenge Certificate.

PRESIDENT SPECIAL OPEN STAKES For all dogs of the breed which have not won a challenge certificate and are owned by a member.

ADVISORY NOTICE

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 8.00 am.
 2. Dogs will be received at any time after the opening of the show but it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that dogs are available for judging when required.
 3. Judging to commence not before 9.00 am with Dogs; Bitches to follow.
 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:** First Entry per dog £14.00; each subsequent entry with same dog £1.50. **Non-Members:** First entry per dog £16.00; each subsequent entry with same dog £2.00. **Not for Competition:** £1.00 per dog. **Catalogues:** £4.00 pre-paid with entries (*Limited number available on the day*). **Membership:** £11.00 Single; £13.00 Joint; £1.00 Junior; £22.00 Europe; £25.00 Rest of World. **Buffet Lunch:** £6.00 per person (pre-paid with entries or cash/card on the day).
 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:** 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 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 of 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 RKC 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. The Committee of the Southern English Springer Spaniel Society intend to refuse entries for future shows from exhibitors found to have left dogs in cars and in a distressed condition. Remedial action will be taken immediately.
22. No animal other than exhibits are allowed within the precincts of the show during its continuance without the proper authority.
23. PASSES WILL NOT BE SENT.
24. The Show will be held under Royal Kennel Club Rules and Show Regulations. Every exhibitor making an entry or entries at this show shall be deemed to have agreed to abide by these Rules and Regulations and it is on this understanding only that entries are received.
25. 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.
26. Gangways must be kept clear and any obstruction or dog boxes left in gangways will be removed by authorised officials.
27. Should the Judge be prevented from fulfilling their engagement the committee reserve to themselves the right of appointing another judge to fulfill their duties. Exhibitors are at liberty to withdraw from competition but no entry fees can be returned.
28. 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 from any cause whatsoever, nor for any act or omission of themselves, their officers, servants, agents or others, and it is on this understanding only that entries are received.
29. The Committee of the Show can accept no responsibility for products advertised or sold by standholders at the Show and wish to remind exhibitors that grooming products on sale may not meet the requirements of the Regulations for the Preparation of Dogs for Exhibition. (R.K.C.S.R.[F]).
30. The Committee is empowered to exclude or remove any dog which is not in a fit state for exhibition either from disease, vice or any other cause and, if such exclusion takes place either before or after judging, the entry fee will be forfeited.
31. 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. Adequate receptacles for the disposable of such fouling will be provided.
32. 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).
33. A dog may be disqualified by the board from any award, whether an objection has been lodged or not, if proved amongst other things to have been a) registered or recorded as having been bred by the scheduled Judge, this shall not apply to a judge appointed in an emergency; b) exhibited without payment of the appropriate entry fees.
34. Every exhibitor shall ensure that whilst the dog is being exhibited, its handler shall display the correct ring number.
35. Soft Crates: The Royal Kennel Club has drawn attention to the potential health and safety implications concerning the use of soft crates at shows as, in its view, they do not offer sufficient protection to dogs. Soft crates left unattended at the ringside are a potential hazard particularly when occupied by large breeds, and it has been known for dogs to become distressed and move soft crates along the floor and also escape. Soft crates should only be used when there is sufficient room available and when they can be safely secured.
36. Each exhibitor is responsible for providing their own crate or cage identification detailing, as a minimum, that exhibit number, this should be displayed at all times. The original exhibit number as provided by the Show Society **must not** be used for this purpose.
37. Dogs entered in breach of Royal Kennel Club Show Regulations are liable to disqualification whether or not the owner was aware of the breach.
38. Children under the age of 11 are the responsibility of and must be accompanied at all times by a Parent or Guardian.

• PLEASE NOTE •

The Royal Kennel Club Board has approved a recommendation which requires exhibitors to display the exhibit/bench number on their crate, cage or container at all times. This is particularly important when cages etc. are not on benches, and at unbenched Shows.

Each exhibitor is responsible for providing their own crate or cage identification and should note that the original exhibit/bench number card, as provided by the Show Society, must not be used for this purpose.

At benched Shows soft crates may only be put on benches if they are the appropriate size for both the dog and the bench, and the crate can be securely attached to the

USE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT SHOWS

The Royal Kennel Club is becoming increasingly concerned at the amount of electrical equipment being used by exhibitors at shows, including hair dryers and hair straighteners and other grooming devices. Electrical equipment should not be brought to shows unless absolutely necessary. In rare instances where it might be required, it should be PAT tested and permission sought from the Secretary of the Show before it is used. The Royal Kennel Club has also been informed of recent instances of exhibitors commandeering certain areas of a venue in order to have access to powerpoints so as to use electrical grooming equipment. This is totally unacceptable and particularly unfair on the breeds whose allocated areas have been cramped because of this selfish behaviour.

SECURITY AT SHOWS

In light of recent events the Royal Kennel Club would like to issue a reminder to all Societies of the importance of security at dog shows. The Royal Kennel Club understands that due to the nature of dog shows and the quantity of paraphernalia exhibitors bring it would be extremely difficult for show organisers to take on the issue of security alone, therefore we would reiterate the advice being given by the Police and security services, that everyone in the UK should remain vigilant and this applies to those organising and taking part in dog shows. The importance of exhibitors feeling that they and their dogs are safe when attending a show cannot be underestimated. We would therefore remind you of the importance of the need for show organisers and exhibitors to remain mindful of potential dangers and that all visitors generally need to be vigilant and alert. Furthermore the society should provide robust notification informing exhibitors of where to report to should they see anything suspicious or of concern, and of the evacuation procedures in place.

REGULATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF DOGS FOR EXHIBITION F (Annex B)

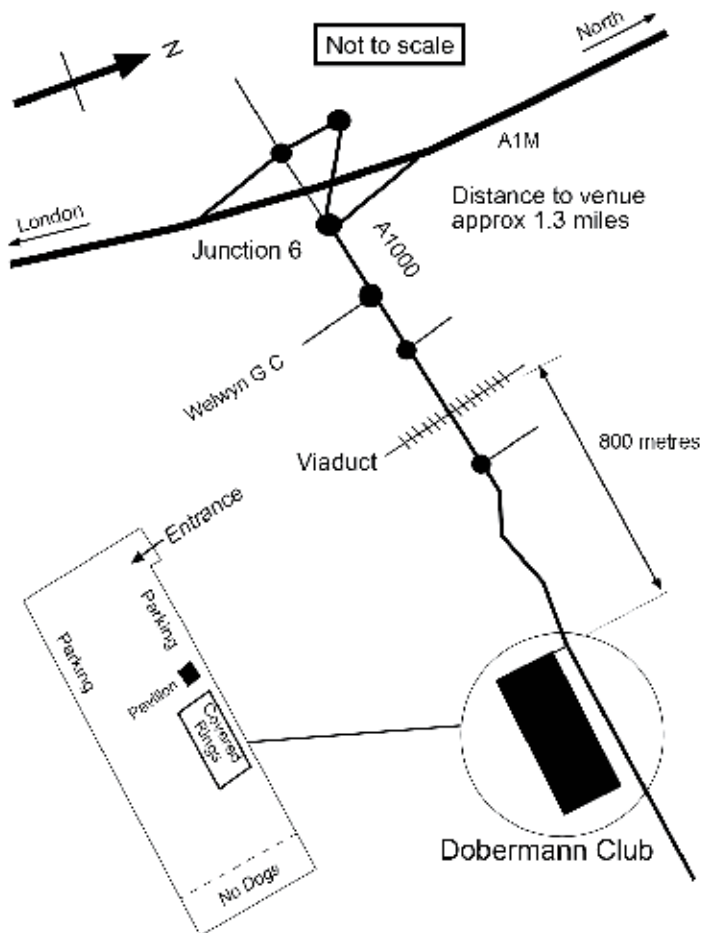
1. These Regulations must be observed when a dog is prepared for exhibition and/or exhibited at any Royal Kennel Club Licensed event. Objections may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under these Show Regulations and/or for disciplinary action under Royal Kennel Club Rule A I I .
 - a) 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 A I I .
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 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.

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.

DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE

Leave the A1M at Junction 6 to join roundabout on the A1000 heading towards Welwyn Garden City. At next roundabout go straight ahead following sign to Digswell. Straight over the next mini roundabout entering into road calming scheme. Straight over mini roundabout, then under rail viaduct. Straight over next roundabout looking for venue entrance on right hand side approx 800m from viaduct.



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