

## Advisory Notes

- I. Should any judge be prevented from fulfilling their engagement, the Committee reserves to themselves the right of appointing other judges to fulfil their duties. Exhibitors are at liberty to withdraw from competition but no entry fees can be refunded.
- II. Any owner, competitor 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 Kennel Club licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches. Adequate receptacles for the disposal of such fouling will be provided.
- III. The Committee will do its utmost to ensure the safety of the dogs brought for exhibition but it must be clearly understood by exhibitors and all other persons at the Show that the Committee will not be responsible for the loss or damage to any dogs or property, or personal injury whether arising from accident or any other cause whatsoever.
- IV. An announcement prior to the date of closing of entries in Our Dogs of any alteration of addition made by the Committee to the schedule or in these Regulations shall be sufficient notice thereof.
- V. All children must be kept under control and parents will be held responsible for any damage caused and charges incurred.
- VI. Please do not obstruct gangways with cages, pens, grooming tables, trolleys and dogs. Storage space will be made available for trolleys/ cages.
- VII. If in the opinion of the Show Secretary, Show Manager or Judge any dog is considered not in a fit state for exhibition owing to a disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, the dog may be excluded or removed from the show the dog must not be brought into the Show at any time under any circumstances.
- VIII. No animal other than an exhibit duly entered at the show will be allowed within the precincts of the show during its continuance.
- IX. The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at a Kennel Club licensed event 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)
- X. 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.
- XI. Every exhibitor shall ensure that whilst the dog is being exhibited, its handler shall display the correct ring number.

## Security at Shows

In light of recent events the Kennel Club would like to issue a reminder to all Societies of the importance of security at dog shows. The 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.

**ABCSDS, [http://abcstds.co.uk/Dog\\_Shows.htm](http://abcstds.co.uk/Dog_Shows.htm)  
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# **THE ULSTER COCKER SPANIEL CLUB**

SCHEDULE OF 16 CLASS UNBENCHED

## **OPEN SINGLE BREED SHOW**

Held under Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations

**Venue: KILBRIDE PARISH CHURCH HALL  
DOAGH, BT39 0QA**

**Date of Show: 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Only undocked dogs and legally docked dogs may be entered for exhibition at this show. A dog which had its tail docked on or after 1st January 2013 cannot be shown at events where the exhibitor pays a fee or members of the public pay an admittance fee.

**JUDGE: MRS LIZ HALLGARTH**

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 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 Kennel Club General Show Regulations F4 and 5).

*All judges at this show agree to abide by the following statement: "In assessing dogs, judges must penalize any features or exaggerations which they consider would be detrimental to the soundness, health and wellbeing of the dog".*

**ENTRIES CLOSE: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (Postmark)**

**Entries to be made to:** Mrs M Hughes  
9 Magowan Park,  
Annahilt, Hillsborough  
Co. Down, BT26 6AF  
Tel: 028 9263 8603

**Hon. Vet. Surgeon:** Mr B Palmer, Vets4Pets, Pets at Home, Sprucefield  
Lisburn, BT27 5UN. Tel: 028 9262 8088

**Show Manager:** Mr R Brown  
**Assistant Show Managers:** Mr F Hughes & Mr T Comiskey  
**Fire Safety:** Mr T Comiskey

## **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 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 date of closing of postal entries shall be counted when entering for any class i.e. (31<sup>st</sup> January 2020). 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. A first prize does not include a Special Prize of whatever value.

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 breed, colour, sex, weight or height the Show Secretary shall transfer it to the equivalent class or classes for the correct breed, colour, sex, weight or height or, in the event of there being no equivalent class, Minor Puppy and Puppy excepted, to the Open class for the correct breed, 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 breed, 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 breed, 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 breed, 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.

**SPECIAL YEARLING** For dogs of six and not exceeding twenty-four calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.

**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.

**LIMIT** For dogs which have not become show Champions under the Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by the 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.

**FIELD TRIAL** For dogs which have won prizes, Diplomas of Merit or Certificates of Merit in actual competition at a Field Trial held under Kennel Club or Irish Kennel Club Field Trial Regulations.

**NOT FOR COMPETITION** Details of each dog must be recorded on the entry form as KC registered

## **CLASSIFICATION**

### **COCKER SPANIELS**

**JUDGE: Mrs Liz Hallgarth, Chapel Manor**

1. Veteran Dog or Bitch

2. Field Trial Dog or Bitch

3. Minor Puppy Dog

10. Minor Puppy Bitch

4. Puppy Dog

11. Puppy Bitch

5. Junior Dog

12. Junior Bitch

6. Special Yearling Dog

13. Special Yearling Bitch

7. Graduate Dog

14. Graduate Bitch

8. Limit Dog

15. Limit Bitch

9. Open Dog

16. Open Bitch

## **BEST IN SHOW**

## **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**

## **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**

**Not for Competition:**

The Club will be holding a PUPPY WALK for puppies aged 4-6 months

### Rules and Regulations

1. The show will open at 11 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 12 noon
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: First entry from each exhibitor: £10.00  
Each subsequent entry (same exhibitor): £ 2.00  
Not for competition (Puppy Walk): £ 1.00
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 six 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 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. Where the Best in Show is a puppy it should automatically 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 should also automatically be Best Puppy in Show. Consequently, selection of Best Puppy in Show must follow the selection of Best in Show.
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 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 Kennel Club Show Regulation F11.
14. All exhibitors must be familiar with 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 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.

### Rules and Regulations continued

16. **DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS:** Anyone whose dog is entered at a 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 Kennel Club Regulations in this respect may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather and the Kennel Club offers the following guidance to help guide you through the do's and don'ts travelling to and whilst at KC 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.**

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18. Not for Competition entries will be accepted. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry form and must be Kennel Club registered.
19. No modifications will be made to the schedule except by permission of the Board of the Kennel Club, which will be followed by advertisement in the Canine Press wherever possible.

### Use of Electrical Equipment at Shows

The 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 Kennel Club has also been informed of recent instances of exhibitors commandeering certain areas of a venue in order to have access to power points 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.