

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

**SATURDAY 11th MAY, 2024**

Club Championship Show in partnership with  
Birmingham National Ch. Show, Staffordshire/  
Judge:- Mrs. Jean Lawless

**SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER, 2024**

Championship Show, Roade Village Hall, Northants,  
Judge: Mr. David Matthews

### Directions to venue

The hall is situated in Station Road, Whitacre Heath **NOT** Nether Whitacre. Leave M42 at Junction 9. At this roundabout take the A4097 Kingsbury Road to the next roundabout. Turn right (3<sup>rd</sup> exit) signed Whitacre Heath. Continue on this road for 2 miles, passing The Swan Inn on the left and The Railway Inn on the right. The Village Hall is then almost immediately on the left.

### CATERING

**Breakfast Baps will be available until 12 noon**

**Cakes will be available until close of day.**



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# THE SCHIPPERKE CLUB

Schedule of 21 class Unbenched Single Breed

## OPEN SHOW

Held under Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations

at **NETHER WHITACRE VILLAGE HALL,**  
Station Road, Whitacre Heath, Nr. Coleshill,  
Warwickshire. B46 2EH

on **SUNDAY 31st MARCH, 2024**

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

**JUDGE: MR. LEE COX**

**Show opens 8.45 a.m.**

**Judging at 9.30 a.m**

### 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).

### Hon. Veterinary Surgeon

Riversmeet Vets Centre, 27 Lichfield Street, Tamworth, Staffs. B79 7QE Tel. No. (01827) 63841

**All costs to be paid at the time of treatment**

*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".*

**Entries by POST and EMAIL Close: THURSDAY 7th MARCH, 2024 (Postmark)**

**Entries received by POST after SATURDAY 9th MARCH, 2024 will be returned**

**NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AT CRUFTS**

Entries and Fees to Show Secretary

**Mrs. K. Brooks,**

**52 The Ridgeway, Flitwick, Bedfordshire. MK45 1DJ**

**Tel. No. (01525) 718300**

**email: petkargsd@yahoo.co.uk**

*If a competitor, or anyone in their household, has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must follow Government advice and should consider whether it is appropriate that they attend the event.*

# THE SCHIPPERKE CLUB

**President:** Mr I Millar

**Vice Presidents:** Mrs. J. Mance, Mr. D. Peck, Mrs. L. Thorne, Mrs. L. Wilson

**Chairman:** Mrs. Diane Forknall

**Hon. Secretary:** Mrs. Melanie Reed-Peck

**Treasurer:** Mrs. Linda Fellows

**First Aid:** Mr. P Brooks/Miss J. Philpott

**Show Manager:** Mrs. Karen Brooks

**Trophy Steward:** Mrs. Jan Mance

**Health & Safety/Covid Officer:** Mrs. Melanie Reed-Peck/Mrs. Karen Brooks

## COMMITTEE

Mrs. K. Brooks, Mr. P. Brooks (Vice Chair), Mrs. K. Bugg (Ast. Sec),  
Mr. M. Donaldson (Co-opted), Miss E. Finch, Mrs. C. Massey, Mr. D. Matthews,  
Miss J. Philpott (Shop Keeper), Mrs. L. Wearing.

## **PAYMENT FOR ENTRIES BY PAYPAL**

**(FRIENDS & FAMILY) TO [lindaschipclub@gmail.com](mailto:lindaschipclub@gmail.com)**

## **OR BY BANK TRANSFER TO**

**THE SCHIPPERKE CLUB**

**NAT WEST BANK**

**BRANCH 60-12-35 ACCOUNT 65205723**

***PLEASE MARK YOUR ENTRY FORMS ACCORDINGLY  
OR BY CHEQUE OR POSTAL ORDER***

## **MEMBERSHIPS 2024**

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIPS  
FOR 2024. PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE RENEWAL  
FORM FOR ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP**

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**THE AGM WILL BE HELD AFTER LUNCH BREAK**

**NOT BEFORE 1.00 p.m.**

20. followed by advertisement in the Canine Press wherever possible.
20. Dog Fouling and Grooming: Any owner exhibitor handler or 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 show within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event, including car parks and approaches. Any organization holding a Kennel Club Licensed event is required to provide an adequate number of receptacles for the disposal of such fouling.
21. Exhibitors passes will not be sent out. Please send a SAE. If you wish for acknowledgement of entries.
22. Responsibility. The Committee will not be responsible for the loss, detention of, or damage to any dog or other property whether arising from accident, or other cause whatever, or from any act of omission of itself, its officers, agents, servants or other, or damage done by the exhibitors to any person or property.
23. Right to refuse entries. Exhibitors/Competitors are reminded that show societies have the right under Kennel Club Regulation to refuse any entry.
24. Should the Judge be prevented from fulfilling their engagement the committee reserve to themselves 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
25. Exhibitors are held responsible for any loss or damage done by their dogs whilst within the precincts of the showground.
26. 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.
27. The Society will not be responsible for accidents to persons or dogs at the Show.
28. Should the Show be cancelled for whatever reason, entry fees will not be returned.
29. 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 Kennel Club licensed show within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches.
30. The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at 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).

## 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 understand 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 re-iterate 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 to shows generally need to be vigilant and alert. Furthermore the society provide robust notification informing exhibitors of where to report to should they see anything suspicious or of concern, and the evacuation procedures in place.

In view of the above, should you see anything suspicious or of concern, please alert the Show Manager, and/or the Show Secretary immediately. If it is a package or bag you are concerned about, please do NOT attempt to move it or examine it yourself.

Should it be necessary for the hall to be evacuated, please remember that evacuation should be carried out as speedily but as safely as possible, as in the case of a fire. It is important that you do not block the exit routes with cages or bags. Please follow any instructions given to you by the Show Management regarding evacuation procedures.

## PRIVACY & DATA PROTECTION

Data Protection – Your privacy is important and personal data is held in accordance with our Privacy Notice which is available upon request from the Secretary.

## USE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT SHOW

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 also other grooming devices. Electrical equipment should not be brought to shows unless absolutely necessary. In rare instances where it might be required, it should PAT tested and permission sort from the secretary or the show manager before it is used. The Kennel Club has also been informed of recent instances of exhibitors commandeering certain areas or avenue 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.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The show will open at 8.45 a.m.
2. Dogs will be received at any time but it is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that dogs are available for judging when required.
3. **Judging will commence at 9.30 a.m.**
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 including Veteran Class under 10 years of age £7.00. Vintage over 10 years of age Free  
Subsequent entries with same dog £2.00 per class. Not for Competition - £3.00 per dog. Catalogues pre-paid only £3.50, non available on the day.
6. Prize Money. No prize money will be paid 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 received a first prize in a class as 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 may, at the discretion of the judge be awarded Best Puppy in Show respectively. Similarly, if 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. Consequently, selection of Best Puppy in Show must follow the selection of Best in Show respectively.
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 the Reserve Best of Sex to the exhibit declared Best Opposite Sex and the Reserve Best of Sex to the exhibit declared Best in Show. The dogs declared Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show must not compete in any subsequent competition.  
**Best Veteran in Show** Best veteran in show is taken from any veteran competed at the show and is unbeaten by any other veteran exhibited at the same 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 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 Kennel Club Show Regulations 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.
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 General Committee for action under 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 licenced 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 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. The use of pinch collars, electronic shock collars, or prong collars, is not permitted at any show licensed by the 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 Kennel Club registered.
19. No modifications will be made to this schedule except by permission of the Board of the Kennel Club, which will be

## ~ CLASSIFICATION ~

Judge:- MR. L. COX

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| 1. MINOR PUPPY DOG                                  | 11. MINOR PUPPY BITCH                                  |
| 2. PUPPY DOG  | 12. PUPPY BITCH  |
| 3. JUNIOR DOG                                       | 13. JUNIOR BITCH                                       |
| 4. SPECIAL YEARLING DOG                             | 14. SPECIAL YEARLING BITCH                             |
| 5. POST GRADUATE DOG                                | 15. POST GRADUATE BITCH                                |
| 6. LIMIT DOG  | 16. LIMIT BITCH  |
| 7. OPEN DOG   | 17. OPEN BITCH   |
| 8. A.O.C. OPEN DOG<br>(Any colour other than Black) | 18. A.O.C. OPEN BITCH<br>(Any colour other than Black) |
| 9. VETERAN DOG<br>(under 10 years of age)           | 19. VETERAN BITCH<br>(under 10 years of age)           |
| 10. VINTAGE DOG<br>(over 10 years of age)           | 20. VINTAGE BITCH<br>(over 10 years of age)            |

### BEST IN SHOW AND BEST PUPPY IN SHOW WILL NOW BE JUDGED

21. NOT FOR COMPETITION

#### ENTRY FEES

**FIRST ENTRY INCLUDING** Veteran Class under 10 years of age £7.00

**VINTAGE Class** – over 10 years of age - **Free**

All subsequent entries with the same dog £2.00

NOT FOR COMPETITION - £3.00

**SPECTATOR DOGS ARE WELCOME. ANY DOGS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE SHOW INCLUDING THE CAR PARK £1. PLEASE SEE THE SECRETARY ON THE DAY TO SIGN THE KENNEL CLUB FORM. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ENTER YOUR DOGS NFC**

**REMEMBER YOU MAY BRING YOUR 4-6-MONTH-OLD PUPPIES TO THE SHOW PROVIDED THEY ARE ENTERED 'NOT FOR COMPETITION' AND THEIR DETAILS APPEAR ON THE ENTRY FORM**

**MEMBERSHIP** – Joint £12.00 Single £10.00 Junior £1.00  
(please remember to complete the renewal form)

**PRE-PAID CATALOGUES ONLY – £3.50**  
**NO CATALOGUES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY**

**PLEASE ENTER NOT FOR COMPETITION INCLUDING YOUR**

**4-6 MONTH PUPPIES WITH THEIR DETAILS.**

## TROPHIES

### WILL BE ON OFFER SHOULD OUR TROPHY STEWARD BE PRESENT

Trophies will be available to fully paid up members only

<u>Name of Trophy</u>	<u>Awarded to</u>
Franhowil Salver	Best in Show
The Schipperke Club Trophy	Res. Best in Show
Schipperke Plaque	Best Opposite Sex
The Biddy Imp Trophy	Best Puppy in Show
Aelo Trophy	Best Minor Puppy in Show
Franhowil Advocaar with Aelo Trophy	Best Coloured in Show
The Bramber Trophy	Best Veteran in Show
Nordic Quest Shield	J.H. (6-11years)
Ch Franhowil Gold Dust Shield	J.H. (12-16years)
<b><u>Dog Classes</u></b>	
Greta Trophy	Minor Puppy Dog
Foxland Shield	Puppy Dog
Northview Tankard	Junior Dog
Gloss Memorial Trophy	Special Yearling Dog
Kassalmak Trophy	Post Graduate Dog
The Deerhill Trophy	Limit Dog
Franhowil Precious Den at Deakie	Open Dog
Richard Smith Tankard	Coloured Open Dog
David Brough Memorial Cup	Veteran under 10yrs Dog
Mini Trophy	Veteran over 10yrs Dog
Rainworth Challenge Cup	Best Dog
Franhowil Golden Mirage of Deakie	Reserve Best Dog
<b><u>Bitch Classes</u></b>	
Skipsgreen Trophy	Minor Puppy Bitch
Bramber Mug	Puppy Bitch
Moss Rose Bowl	Junior Bitch
Post Graduate Cup	Special Yearling Bitch
Bonview Trophy	Post Graduate Bitch
Comfort Trophy	Limit Bitch
The Ryeman Cup	Open Bitch
Keyna's Trophy	Coloured Open Bitch
Byquy Babyface at Deakie	Veteran under 10yrs Bitch
The Skippy Cup	Veteran over 10yrs Bitch
Ch Spooks Stand	Best Bitch
Franhowil Golden Mirage of Deakie	Reserve Best Bitch

#### **Trophy Steward** on behalf of the committee:

Mrs Jan Mance

23 Nostell Way, Bridlington, East Yorkshire YO16 6FY

Tel: (01262) 375420 or 07531 161795

## DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

(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 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.: **Thursday 29th February, 2024.**

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) If an exhibit is entered incorrectly in a Minor Puppy Class, Puppy Class or Junior Class, which is over age but under 12 calendar months of age, 18 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 JUNIOR** For dogs of six and not exceeding twelve calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.  
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.

**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 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 and 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.

**OPEN ANY OTHER COLOUR** For dogs of any colour than black

**SPECIAL VETERAN** For all dogs of not less than seven years of age on the day of the Show.

**SPECIAL VINTAGE** For all dogs of 10 + years of age on the 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. Dogs must be 4 calendar month of age on the day of the show. Details to be given on the entry form.

### **Dogs in Vehicles on Hot Days**

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk if left in high temperatures and even on hot 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.



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

1. These Regulations must be observed when a dog is prepared for exhibition and/or exhibited at any Kennel Club Licensed event. Objections may be referred to the Board for disciplinary action under these Show Regulations and/or for disciplinary action under 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 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 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 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 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 & the individual must produce evidence of identity at the time of lodging the complaint.

**DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS**

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**Soft Crates:** The Kennel Club has asked that we draw attention to the potential health and safety implications concerning the use of soft crates as in its view, they do not offer sufficient protection to dogs. They have asked that we point out that dogs should not be left unattended in soft crates. There have been instances where dogs have escaped from soft crates which have not been securely fastened to benches, or that have been left at ringside.

We therefore ask that if you use soft crates, you do not leave the dogs unattended, either in the hall, or in an open car in the car park.