

# THE BASSET HOUND CLUB



## SCHEDULE of 26 Class Unbenched CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

*(held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules & Regulations)*

at **STAFFORD COUNTY SHOWGROUND**  
Weston Road, Stafford ST18 0BD

**\* \* \* In conjunction with the Hound Show \* \* \***

**SUNDAY, 19th JULY 2026**

*Show Opens: 9.00 am*

*Judging commences with Dogs: Not before 10.00 am; Bitches to follow*

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### Judges:

**Dogs: Heather Storton (Dereheath)**

**Bitches: Tina Watkins (Blackvein)**

**Referee: Gavin Robertson (Soletrader)**

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**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 site):** Dr. Antonia Leech. BVMSci (Hons), fCMgr, ACMI, MRCVS.  
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**Postal entries close: FRIDAY, 5th JUNE 2026 (Postmark)**

*On-line entries can be made up until midnight on Tuesday, 30th June 2026*

*at: [www.fossedata.co.uk](http://www.fossedata.co.uk)*

*Postal entries and fees to be sent to: Fosse Data Systems Ltd.  
4 Mitchell Court, Castle Mound Way, Rugby, Warwickshire CV23 0UY.  
Tel: 01788 860960. Email: [info@fossedata.co.uk](mailto:info@fossedata.co.uk)*

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

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## Officers and Committee

**President:** Mrs L. Cartledge                      **Vice Presidents:** Mrs J. Scott Goldstone, Mr N. Luxmoore-Ball  
**Chairman:** Mrs D. Ellrich    **Vice Chairman:** Mrs K. Freudenreich  
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**Show Manager:** Mr A. Hards    **Fire & Safety Officer:** Mr A. Hards  
**Committee:** *Messrs* A. Hards; *Mesdames* McLean, Melbourne, Strudwick; *Ms* Ellrich, Pearson

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## • FEES •

**Members:** First Entry per dog £17.00  
Each subsequent entry with the same dog £2.00

**Non-Members:** First Entry per dog £19.00  
Each subsequent entry with the same dog £2.00

**Baby Puppy Classes:** £7.00 first entry per dog

**Veteran:** £7.00 first entry per dog

**Not for Competition:** £2.00 per dog (*Over 3 calendar months of age, details on entry form*)

**Catalogues:** £4.00 pre-paid with entries; £5.00 on the day *Members who are unable to attend the show can obtain a catalogue by pre-paying. Please ensure your request and payment is received by the Secretary prior to the closing of entries.*

**Advertisements:** Full Page £5.00; Half Page £3.00 (*If anyone wishes to advertise in the catalogue please send copy and remittance with entries.*)

**Membership:** Single £9.00; Joint £10.00

**Rosette Donations:** Gratefully received and acknowledged in the Catalogue.

**Welfare Donations:** Gratefully received and acknowledged in the Catalogue.

*If you are not already a Member of the Basset Hound Club we will be pleased to welcome you. Annual subscriptions (January to December) as above. Ask the Secretary for an explanatory leaflet and application form.*

*Cheques/Postal Orders payable to: **The Basset Hound Club***

**BANK CHARGES** All Bank Charges incurred by the Club on incorrectly completed or dishonoured cheques will be passed on to the exhibitor concerned.

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## ***PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THIS VENUE CLEAN***

*We cannot stress too strongly that exhibitors should make every effort to clean up after their dogs*

**A RAMP WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BE USED AT EXHIBITORS' OWN RISK**

## **PLEASE NOTE**

The Committee wishes to remind parents that they are responsible for their childrens behaviour.

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**NO PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE RING UNTIL AFTER THE DOGS  
HAVE BEEN PLACED AND THE PRIZE CARDS GIVEN OUT**

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## • CATERING •

Complimentary sandwiches will be provided during the lunchbreak

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**A RAFFLE WILL BE HELD AT THE SHOW**



## **JUDGES' PROFILES**



### ***Dogs: Heather Storton (Dereheath)***

My husband and I obtained our first Basset from Veronica Ross (Verwood) in the late 70s. We then added one or two more Hounds into the household until a good friend suggested we should start showing. Acquiring the Dereheath prefix, the first Champion we made up was Ch Siouxline Doyle of Dereheath, closely followed by Ch Dereheath Cuddles. Over the next 30 years we bred 18 British Champions, 1 German Champion and 4 Irish Champions. Bassets of our kennel have won in excess of 140 CCs. Most notable among these Hounds were our Group winning males 'Minty' winning 32 CCs and 'Marcus' winning 25 CCs, with Stephen Archer's bitch, Ch Dereheath Groovy Movie at Roamanbay winning 18 CCs.

We were fortunate in winning numerous other awards including Top Breeder, Top Dog, Top Sire, Top Puppy and Best of Breed at Crufts on four occasions. Latterly, together with Paul Isted and Di Melbourne, we bred 3 Champions under the Diheath prefix. Throughout all these years we appreciated all the help, advice and support we received from friends and other breeders.

In more recent years we 'downsized' and bred a few litters of Miniature Wirehaired Dachshunds, which included two CC winning Hounds. While we no longer breed or show, we still enjoy attending some local shows and can often be found round the Basset or Dachshund rings. We now only have 4 older Mini Wires at home who keep us on our toes.

My first CC judging appointment was with the Basset Hound Club in 2005, and I have judged in the USA, Europe and Australia. I am delighted and honored to be asked to judge for the Basset Hound Club again this year and very much look forward to the appointment.

### ***Bitches: Tina Watkins (Blackvein)***

Although I had owned Terriers for over 20 years, in 1990 I acquired my first Basset Hound, Siouxline Christian of Blackvein, from Mrs Sue Ergis. He was an exceptional dog who lived for nearly 15 years and changed my life. He integrated seamlessly into our household, marking the beginning of my long appreciation and passion for this remarkable breed. Shortly after his arrival, I began showing him, and found myself hooked, as so many enthusiasts have before me.

I was fortunate to meet Ann Roberts (Islwyn), who became a close friend and an exceptional mentor, generously sharing her extensive knowledge of the breed with me. From her, Islwyn Crusader of Blackvein and Islwyn Proper Little Madam at Blackvein joined my life, leading to the first Blackvein litter. I campaigned both Ch Islwyn Sophistication of Blackvein and her granddaughter, Ch Blackvein Havoc, to their titles. "Havoc" remains the last Welsh-bred Champion to be recognized since 2002.

Being very much involved in the breed, I am Secretary of the Basset Hound Club of Wales and since 2012 have been the Basset Hound Breed Health Coordinator, a role I approach with dedication and appreciation for the support I have received. I was honoured to have received the inaugural International Canine Health Award for Breed Health Coordinator of the Year.

I first awarded Challenge Certificates in 2008 and am so honoured and delighted to have been asked to judge the at Basset Hound Club Championship Show. I look forward to the day immensely.

# • CLASSIFICATION •

## *Judges:*

**Dogs:** Heather Storton (Dereheath)

**Bitches:** Tina Watkins (Blackvein)

**Referee:** Gavin Robertson (Soletreader)

1. Baby Puppy Dog

2. Baby Puppy Bitch

*Best Baby Puppy in Show will now be judged, followed by*

*Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Dog*

*Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Bitch*

3. Veteran Dog

14. Veteran Bitch

4. Minor Puppy Dog

15. Minor Puppy Bitch

5. Puppy Dog

16. Puppy Bitch

6. Junior Dog

17. Junior Bitch

7. Yearling Dog

18. Yearling Bitch

8. Graduate Dog

19. Graduate Bitch

9. Post Graduate Dog

20. Post Graduate Bitch

10. Limit Dog

21. Limit Bitch

11. Open Dog

22. Open Bitch

12. Breeders Dog

23. Breeders Bitch

13. Special Beginners Dog

24. Special Beginners Bitch

## **BEST IN SHOW ~ RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**

### **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW ~ BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**

*Best Veteran in show will be selected from all unbeaten veterans regardless of class*

25. Brace

26. Progeny

## • ROSETTES •

**Best in Show • Reserve Best in Show**

**Best Opposite Sex in Show**

**Best Baby Puppy in Show**

**Best Puppy in Show • Best Opposite Sex Puppy in Show**

**Best Veteran in Show • Best Opposite Sex Veteran in Show**

**Best Special Beginner in Show**

**Dog CC • Reserve Dog CC • Bitch CC • Reserve Bitch CC**

**1st place in all classes**

## • SPECIALS •

**Best in Show • Reserve Best in Show**

**Best Opposite Sex in Show**

**Best Puppy in Show • Best Veteran in Show**

## • CAGES •

**A DEDICATED AREA WILL BE PROVIDED**

## 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 date of closing of entries shall be counted when entering for any class i.e. **Friday, 29th May 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.

**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 twentyfour 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.

**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 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.

**BRACE** For two exhibits (either sex or mixed) of one breed belonging to the same exhibitor, each exhibit having been entered in some class other than Brace or Team.

**BREEDERS** For dogs bred by the exhibitor.

**PROGENY** For a dog or bitch accompanied by at least 3 of its registered progeny, having been entered and exhibited in another class. The Dog or Bitch and the progeny need not be registered in the same ownership.

**SPECIAL BEGINNERS** For dogs, owners and handlers not having won a Challenge Certificate.

### 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.

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## RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The Show will open at 9.00 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 will commence with Dogs: Not before 10.00 am; 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 £17.00; each subsequent entry with the same dog £2.00. Non-Members: First Entry per dog £19.00; each subsequent entry with the same dog £2.00. Baby Puppy Classes: £7.00 per entry. Veteran: £7.00 first entry per dog. Not for Competition: £2.00 per dog. Catalogues: £4.00 pre-paid with entries, £5.00 on the day. Advertisements: £5.00 Full page; £3.00 Half page. Membership Subscription: £10.00 Joint; £9.00 Single.

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.** 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 Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations.

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 the 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. Any owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog is requested to remove as soon as possible any fouling caused by their dog(s) at any Royal Kennel Club licensed event within the 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.
22. Should the Judge be prevented from fulfilling his/her engagement the committee reserve to themselves the right of appointing another judge to fulfill his/her duties. Exhibitors are at liberty to withdraw from competition but no entrance fee can be returned.
23. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time whilst at the licensed venue including its environs, car park and caravan parks and approaches.
24. 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).
25. Every exhibitor shall ensure that whilst the dog is being exhibited, its handler shall display the correct ring number.



## **SOCIAL EVENT**

*It is proposed to hold some form of social event on the evening of Saturday 18th July.*

*Details of this will be published on the BHC website as well as the Facebook page*

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### **• CAR PARKING IS FREE •**

### **• CARAVANS/MOTOR HOMES •**

The Hound Show are providing a caravan park from Wednesday, 15th July 2026 to Monday, 20th July 2026.

Bookings need to be made direct with the Hound Show through their online entry system.

### ***HEALTH AND SAFETY DECLARATION***

*Exhibitors and spectators are reminded that, just as the Basset Hound Club has a responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all those attending their event, exhibitors show at their own risk if conditions are not ideal and have a duty and responsibility for their own safety. They are therefore expected to take great care to avoid guide ropes, uneven surfaces and other hazards, which are inevitable and integral elements of a dog show. Those bringing and using portable items of equipment such as folding chairs, trolleys, cages, and grooming tables also have a responsibility to ensure that their tools, equipment and collapsible furniture is used and erected safely and does not constitute a hazard to others. Exhibitors are also reminded that they should wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the prevailing conditions on the site.*

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