



RULES, CONDITIONS & SCHEDULE

for

PETERBOROUGH BEAGLE SHOW

to be held at

**THE EAST OF ENGLAND SHOWGROUND
PETERBOROUGH
as part of
THE FESTIVAL OF HOUNDS**

on

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY 2026

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RULES FOR PETERBOROUGH BEAGLE SHOW

- 1) All Hounds shown must belong to a registered or recognised pack of Beagles, hunting a registered Country in Great Britain or in Ireland, or Hunts where the Master or a Representative is a member of the Association and registered in the Stud Book. Unentered Hounds are eligible for admission thereto in accordance with Stud Book Rules 1, 2 & 3. An Unentered Hound is one that was whelped between 1st December 2024 and 30th November 2025.
- 2) The Committee of the Association shall draw up the Prize List and Conditions of Showing, appoint Judges, provide Cups and Staff Gratuities, and make such other arrangements as may from time to time be necessary.
- 3) All Hounds must have been bred by the Hunt by which they are shown, except in Class 6 (Stallion Hounds) where draft Hounds may be shown.
- 4) Huntsmen or Kennel Huntsmen who show Hounds in four classes or more will receive a gratuity of £40 to be collected from the Secretary after the last class in which they are involved and on return of the armband. Those who show Hounds in less than four classes will receive a gratuity of £10 on return of the armband.
- 5) Beagles shall not exceed sixteen inches in height except in Class 2a, where Hounds will not be measured. Prize Winners in Class 2a will not be eligible for the Championship and will not be included in the Points Class.
- 6) No Hound having won a Champion Cup shall be shown again for the same Cup. No entry having won a Cup or First Prize shall be shown again (in its entirety) for the same Cup or Prize, except in Class 7 where previous winners may be shown.
- 7) Members in arrears with their annual subscription, entering Hounds for the Peterborough Show, shall only be allowed to show such Hounds on payment of subscriptions with double entry fees, to be paid before 8.30 am on the day of Show.
- 8) Appendix B and C Hounds shall be ineligible in all Beagle Classes.
- 9) Masters of Beagles coming up for election at the May Committee Meeting and being duly elected at that meeting shall be allowed to enter and show Hounds provided that the Conditions of Entry shall have been complied with.

CONDITIONS FOR PETERBOROUGH BEAGLE SHOW
PURSUANT TO RULE 2 ABOVE

- a) All Hounds must be either the property of Members of the Association or of Hunts of which the Master or a Representative is a Member of the Association. At least one Master from each representative pack shall be a Vice President of the Show.
- b) Late entered Hounds cannot be shown until they are entered in the Stud Book.
- c) Hounds born after 1st December 2024 are eligible for Unentered Classes. Unentered Hounds and Prize Winners of Class 2a shall not be eligible for Champion Cups.
- d) Packs may enter as many Hounds as they wish in each class but are restricted to showing not more than two entries out of the number they have entered in each class. In Couples and Two-Couple Classes, one entry means two or four Hounds respectively.
- e) Five hounds may be entered in Two-Couple Classes, one to be withdrawn on the day of the Show, notifying the Hound Show Office not later than 8.30 am.
- f) Substitute entries may be made **no later than 6pm on Sunday, 21st June 2026.** **Thereafter no substitutions may be made for any reason whatsoever.**
- g) Beagles to be on the Show Ground not later than **8.00 am** in time to be measured before the Show commences at **9.30 am**.
- h) Masters and Hunt Staff showing Hounds must wear their hunt uniforms. Those holding hounds if not wearing uniform are requested to wear a clean white coat, shirt and tie, dark trousers, dark shoes and a bowler hat.
- i) Armbands must be worn on the left arm by those showing Hounds. Rosettes to be put on the right arm.
- j) **Overnight stays of either hounds or their handlers on the showground before or after the show are not available. It may be possible to help find accommodation for hounds elsewhere. In the first instance please approach the Show Secretary before submitting an entry.**
- k) The Entry Fee for Beagle Packs is £80.00. Each pack may enter as many classes as they wish. The Entry Fee for packs showing 6 hounds or less in total during the day is £50.00. 1st and 2nd prize winners in the previous year may compete, provided that such a Hound competes in a Class of the current year.
- l) All packs showing more than 6 hounds will be allocated a temporary kennel provided at the Show. Secondary Kennels are available at a cost of £100.00 and must be booked in advance. Forward parking will be reserved for Beagle packs in the Hound Box Park in a secure area inside the showground. Exhibitors will be responsible for the welfare of Hounds within their respective Hound boxes/kennels.

- m) No motor vehicles or trailers will be allowed to enter the Hound enclosure before or after the Show.
- n) Meat must not be used in the ring when showing Hounds. Anyone using anything other than biscuit shall be asked to remove the Hounds from the ring for that Class.
- o) Hounds should not be sent for exhibition at the Show if they are suffering from an infectious or contagious disease, nor if they have been in contact with animals suffering from such diseases within 4 weeks prior to the date of the Show.
- p) Hounds will be checked for microchips in accordance with the Association's rules. Hounds without identification will not be allowed to show.
- q) The Committee reserve the right to cancel or amalgamate any class at short notice if the number of eligible entries in any class should drop below three.

Additional Notes.

- i. Hunt Staff will be given a £20.00 cash contribution for lunch (2 x £10), this to be collected from the Declaration Clerk on the morning of the Show.
- ii. Washroom facilities for staff are available in the Foxhounds WC area.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2026

SCHEDULE OF PRIZES OFFERED FOR

BEAGLES

(Not to exceed sixteen inches, except in Class 2a.)

DOG HOUNDS

Class 1: UNENTERED DOG HOUND

THE HOARE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best single Unentered Dog Hound.

Class 2: ENTERED DOG HOUND

THE PER ARDUA CHALLENGE CUP, presented by the Royal Air Force Beagling Association will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best single Entered Dog Hound.

Class 2a: ENTERED DOG HOUND (No height restriction)

THE SUSAN ANDREWS MEMORIAL TROPHY will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best single Entered Dog Hound.

Entries for this class will NOT be measured and may therefore exceed 16" at the shoulder.

Hounds may not be entered in both Class 2 and Class 2a, or any Open Class.

First and Second-Placed Hounds in this Class are not eligible to compete in Class 8, the Dog Hound Championship and will not be included in the Points Class.

Class 3: RESTRICTED ENTERED DOG HOUND

Class 4: DOG HOUND COUPLE

THE RYEDALE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best Couple of Dog Hounds of any age.

Class 5: DOG HOUND TWO COUPLE

THE FRED ROBINSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best Two Couple of Dog Hounds of any age.

Class 6: STALLION HOUND

THE JOHN PAWLE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best single Dog Hound not less than a second season hunter certified to be the sire of live puppies.

Class 7: VETERAN DOG HOUND

A PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP, presented by the Hon. Mrs. N. C. Hermon-Worsley, will be awarded To the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best single Dog Hound to have completed not less than six seasons' hunting.

Class 8: DOG HOUND CHAMPIONSHIP

(No entry required)

THE ESCOMBE CHAMPIONSHIP PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best Dog Hound exhibited in any of the Entered classes except Class 2a.

1st & 2nd prize-winners (excluding previous Champions) may compete in the Championship.

At least one Hound may come forward from 1st & 2nd prize-winning entries in the Couple and Two Couple Classes. A Master may bring forward more than one Hound from these entries, at his own discretion. A prize winner in the previous year may compete, provided that such a Hound competes in a Class of the current year.

(Unentered Hounds and Winners of Class 2a are ineligible).

BITCH HOUNDS

(Not to exceed 16 inches)

Class 9: UNENTERED BITCH HOUND

THE MRS MCKEEVER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best single Unentered Bitch Hound.

Class 10: ENTERED BITCH HOUND

A PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP presented by Major G B Leake, MC TD, will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best single Entered Bitch Hound.

Class 11: RESTRICTED ENTERED BITCH HOUND

THE RICHARD BRAMLEY TROPHY will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best Single Entered Bitch Hound coming from a pack that has not won a first prize or Championship Cup in a Bitch Hound Class at the Peterborough Harrier & Beagle Show since 2023 (3 years).

Class 12: BITCH HOUND COUPLE

A PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP, presented by the Army Beagling Association, will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best Couple of Bitch Hounds of any age.

Class 13: BITCH HOUND TWO COUPLE

THE BRIGADIER GIBSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best Two Couple of Bitch Hounds of any age.

Class 14: BROOD BITCH

THE NORTHUMBERLAND PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP presented by Colonel L Y Gibson CBE TD C de G DL, will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best registered Bitch being not less than a second season hunter, certified to have been the dam of live puppies.

Class 15: POINTS CLASS

(No entry required)

THE MARY McLAREN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the Pack gaining the most 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in Classes 1,2,4,5,6,7,9,10,12,13, and 14. This will be assessed on point basis, one point being awarded for each 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in each class. The pack with the greatest number of points will be judged the winner. In the event of a tie, the Trophy will go to the tied pack which has the most 1st places.
(The winners of Class 2a, 3 and 11 are not included in the Points Class).

Class 16: BITCH HOUND CHAMPIONSHIP

(No entry required)

A PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP will be awarded to the Owner or Master, being the Exhibitor, of the best Bitch Hound exhibited in any of the Entered classes.

1st & 2nd prize-winners (excluding previous Champions) may compete in the Championship. At least one Hound may come forward from 1st & 2nd prize-winning entries in the Couple and Two Couple Classes. A Master may bring forward more than one Hound from these entries, at his own discretion. A prize winner in the previous year may compete, provided that such a Hound competes in a Class of the current year.
(Unentered Hounds are ineligible).

Class 17: BEST BEAGLE IN SHOW

(No entry required)

A PERPETUAL CHALLENGE SALVER, presented by the Barclay Family, will be awarded to the best Beagle of either sex, competed for by the winners of Classes 8 & 16.

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