

# **THE AKITA ASSOCIATION**

## **SCHEDULE OF 18 CLASS**

**SINGLE BREED** – (Unbenched)

(Held under Kennel Club Limited Rules & Show Regulations)

## **CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

Wednesbury Leisure Centre, High Bullen, Wednesbury WS10 7HP

**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

**Judge: JULIE NICHOLLS (Shyliar)**

**SHOW OPENS: 9.30 am**

**JUDGING: 10.30 am**

(Show will close half hour after judging has been completed)

The Judges at this Show agree to abide by the following statement: "In assessing dogs, the judges must penalise any features or exaggerations which they consider to be detrimental to the soundness, health & well being of the dogs."

### **Jurisdiction and responsibilities**

The Officers and Committee members of the society holding the licence are deemed responsible for organizing and conducting the show safely and in accordance with the Rules and Regulation 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 organization of the show and that this is a binding undertaking (vide Kennel Club General Show Regulations F4 and F5).

**HON VETERINARY SURGEON: (On Call) :**

Blacks Vet Group, Hillcroft, 50a Hall Street, Dudley, West. Mids. DY2 7BT Tel. 01384 252509

**Entries & Fees to: The Show Manager :**

**MRS ROBERTA WRIGHT**

**70 Guinea Hall Lane**

**Banks, SOUTHPORT**

**Lancs PR9 8BT**

**Tel. 01704 225676**

**ENTRIES CLOSE : MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

## **OFFICERS & COMMITTEE**

President: Dr Peter Bedford  
Show Manager: Mrs R Wright  
Treasurer: Karen Rowley

Chairman: Mrs R Wright  
Secretary: Mrs S Belchambers

### **COMMITTEE:**

#### **Mesdames:**

Armstrong, Belchambers, Connord, Duffield, Louvet, Pike, Rowley, Rowley, Wright

#### **Messrs:**

Bostock,

## **SHOW INFORMATION**

**Cheque's to be made payable to: THE AKITA ASSOCIATION**

**Entry fees may be paid by BAC's**

**Bank Details @ Natwest Bank**

**A/C Name: The Akita Association**

**Sort Code: 01-01-94 A/C No. 20605668**

**(For a Ref. FULL NAME MUST BE GIVEN)**

### **ENTRY FEES:**

#### **NON MEMBERS**

**£20.00 First Entry per Dog, subsequent classes with same dog £3.50 per class  
Not for Competition : £2.00 per dog**

#### **MEMBERS**

**£18.00 First Entry per Dog, subsequent classes with same dog £3.00 per class  
Not for Competition : Free of Charge**

### **CATALOGUES:**

**Payment with Entries £4.00 ( £4.50 on day of the Show )**

### **ROSETTES**

**First to VHC in ALL classes.**

### **DONATIONS**

**Donations for Rosettes at £5.00 per class**

**Will be greatly received and acknowledged in the show Catalogue**

### **CUPS & TROPHIES**

**Full List will be published in the Catalogue : On offer to MEMBERS ONLY.**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

**To: JANET ARMSTRONG**

**£12.00 SINGLE ~ £15.00 JOINT ~ £20.00 MULTI**

## **CLASSIFICATION**

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate : Dog  
Kennel Club Challenge Certificate : Bitch

***Judge: JULIE NICHOLLS***

1.	MINOR PUPPY	Dog	10.	MINOR PUPPY	Bitch
2.	PUPPY	Dog	11.	PUPPY	Bitch
3.	JUNIOR	Dog	12.	JUNIOR	Bitch
4.	YEARLING	Dog	13.	YEARLING	Bitch
5.	NOVICE	Dog	14.	NOVICE	Bitch
6.	POST GRADUATE	Dog	15.	POST GRADUATE	Bitch
7.	LIMIT	Dog	16.	LIMIT	Bitch
8.	OPEN	Dog	17.	OPEN	Bitch
9.	VETERAN	Dog	18.	VETERAN	Bitch

**BEST IN SHOW and BEST PUPPY IN SHOW will now be judged**

### **EXHIBITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

The Committee reminded that they are responsible for the actions and any damage done by their children within the environs of the Show

### **DOG FOULING:**

Any owner, Exhibitor, Handler or other person in charge of a dog is requested to remove immediately, any fouling caused by their dog(s) and also any grooming waste within the environs of the event, including the car park and approaches.

**ADEQUATE RECEPTACLES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SAME WILL BE PROVIDED.**

The Society will ensure to the best of its ability that the event is run to Covid Safe guidelines. It is your responsibility to ensure you comply with national and local restrictions including advice given about non-essential travel in and out of locally affected regions (which must not be ignored) – in the interests of the safety of all participants this may give rise to a short notice refusal of entry at the society's discretion. The Kennel Club will respect the society's exercise of its discretion. If a competitor, or anyone in their household has Covid-19 related symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 they must isolate in line with Government advice. The competitor must not attend the event.

## DEFINITIONS OF CLASSES

In the following definitions, a Challenge Certificate includes any Show award that counts toward 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 entries shall be counted when entering for any class: ie. **18<sup>th</sup> September 2023** 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 Regulations 9 (j) and 20. **{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 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 class 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 6 and not exceeding 9 calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.

**PUPPY:** For dogs of 6 and not exceeding 12 calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.

**JUNIOR:** For dogs of 6 and not exceeding 18 calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.

**YEARLING:** For dogs of 12 and not exceeding 24 calendar months of age on the first day of the Show.

**NOVICE:** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate /CACIB/CAC/Green Stars or 3 or more First prizes at Open and Championship Shows (Minor Puppy, Special Minor Puppy, Puppy and Special Puppy classes excepted whether restricted or not).

**POST GRADUATE:** For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate/CACIB/CAC/Green Stars or 5 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 dogs of the breeds for which the class is provided and eligible for entry at the Show.

**VETERAN:** For dogs of not less than 7 years of age on the First day of the Show.

### ADVISORY NOTE:

**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.

**ENTRIES CLOSE: MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 (postmark)**

## RULES and REGULATIONS

- The Show will open at 9.30 am**
- Dogs will be received at any time but it is the exhibitors responsibility to ensure that exhibits are available for judging when required.
- Judging will commence at 10.30 am**
- 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.  
The Show will close half and hour after all judging has been completed.
- ENTRY FEES: NON MEMBERS :** £25.00 1st Entry per Dog ; all subsequent entries with same dog £3.50. N.F.C. £2.00 per dog. **MEMBERS:** £20.00 1st Entry per Dog; all subsequent entries with the same dog £3.00. N.F.C. *No Charge* ; **Prepaid Catalogue:** £4.00. (£4.50 on day of Show).  
**Membership: Single £12.00; Joint £15.00; Multi £20.00**

6. **PRIZE MONEY:** See list of Specials
7. The Committee reserve the right to refuse entries.
8. Puppies under six calendar months of age on 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 6 and not exceeding 12 calendar months of age on the first day of the show. Where the Best of Breed or Best in Show is a puppy it should also automatically be 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 should also automatically 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 but only if they have received a first prize in a class at the same show. 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 10 minutes 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 practices could 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 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.

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.

  - 1) 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.
  - 2) If your vehicle is not air-conditioned seriously consider whether travelling to the show is a good idea at all.
  - 3) The vehicle should be as fully ventilated as possible, and plenty of stops should be taken, with lots of water available to drink.
  - 4) Ensure your dog is not sitting in full sunlight. There should be plenty of free flowing air around the dog.
  - 5) When at the show never leave your dog in the vehicle
  - 6) Keep the dog in the shade - take your own shade, eg. a large umbrella and always have plenty of water available to drink so your dog stays well hydrated.
  - 7) 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. Not for Competition entries will be accepted. Details of each dog so entered must be recorded on the entry for and must be Kennel Club registered.
18. No modifications will be made to this Schedule except by permission the Board which will be followed by Advertise in the Canine Press wherever possible.
19. Dog Fouling: 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 Kennel Club licenced Show within the licenced venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks & approaches. Adequate receptacles for the disposal of such fouling will be provided.
20. Any Bank Charges incurred through incorrectly completed or dishonoured cheques will be passed on to the exhibitor concerned. Any exhibitor failing to pay entry fee and/or Bank charges will be dealt with by the Committee of the kennel Club.

21. The Committee will not be responsible for claims for injury or compensation occasioned by or arising from the holding of the Show or reason of act of default of any person.
22. If in the opinion of the Secretary, Show Manager or any Judge, any dog is considered not in a fit state for exhibition owing to disease, savage disposition or any other cause, the dog may be excluded or removed from the show on the instruction of the Show Management.
23. All entries must be accompanied by the full amount of entrance fee. Entries will not be refunded under any circumstances.
24. Should any judge be prevented from fulfilling his/her engagement the committee reserve the right to themselves to appoint a replacement. Exhibitors are at liberty to withdraw from competition but no entry fees can be returned.
25. An announcement prior to the date of closing of entries in 'Our Dogs' of any alteration or addition to the Schedule of these Regulations shall be deemed sufficient notice thereof.

## ***DIRECTIONS TO THE VENUE***

***Exit Junction 9 on M6***

***Top of slip road take exit towards Wednesbury A461***

***Follow the A461, at roundabout take 1<sup>st</sup> exit into  
Wood Green Road.***

***At roundabout take 1<sup>st</sup> exit in High Bullen.***

***At next roundabout take 4<sup>th</sup> exit into Dudley Street,***

***Venue is on the left. WS10 7HP***

***Tel. 01215 560060***

## DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and **AT RISK** if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on Days considered as slightly warm.

If your dog is found to be at risk forcible entry to your vehicle may be necessary without liability for any damage caused.

## SOFT CRATES

The Kennel has asked that we draw your 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 the 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.

## IDENTIFICATION OF DOGS

It is now a Kennel Club requirement that exhibitors 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 open 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.

This requirement follows a meeting of the Show Executive Sub-Committee's Benching Working Party, where it was agreed that it is important to be able to contact exhibitors and identify dogs where a dog may be in distress or where the crate might be blocking a passageway.

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

1. These Regulations must be observed when a dog is prepared for exhibition for 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 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 11.
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 preparation of the 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 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 or his/her office before the close of the Show and the individual must produce evidence of identity at the time of lodging the complaint.



