



Irish Wolfhound Society

SCHEDULE of 21 Class Unbenched **41st CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

(Held under Royal Kennel Club Limited Rules and Regulations)

at

THE MAIN HALL, THE CONNEXION,
Leamington Road, Ryton on Dunsmore, Coventry CV8 3FL

on

SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER 2026

Show opens: 8.30 am

Judging commences: 9.30 am

Judge: Jean Timmins (Cornovi)

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).

Hon. Veterinary Surgeon (on call): Medivet

1 Guy Street, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 4RX. Tel: 01926 423161

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."

Postal entries close: SATURDAY, 29th AUGUST 2026 (Postmark)

***On-line Entries can be made-up until midnight on Monday, 7th September 2026
at www.fossedata.co.uk***

Postal entries and fees, which must be pre-paid, to be sent to the Show Secretary:

Mrs Ann Donaldson, 7 Garden Village, Upper Tean, Stoke on Trent, Staffs ST10 4JG.

Tel: 07484 176370. Email: ann.donaldson77@btinternet.com

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

President: Mrs Pam Sumner **Chair:** Mrs Louise Pinkney

Vice Presidents: Mrs Hilary Jupp, Elizabeth Murray, Mrs Zena Thorn-Andrews, Mrs Marie Walsh, Mr Peter Williams

Jean Timmins (Cornovi)

My involvement with Irish Wolfhounds began in 1983 with my first Hound, from whom I bred my first litter. I was fortunate that the breeders from whom I purchased remained a valued source of guidance and support.

I do not breed frequently but have been fortunate to achieve Champion titles with four of my Hounds and enjoy the showing side of our hobby.

I began judging the breed in the 1990s and was honoured to be approved to award Challenge Certificates in 2011. Since then, I have had the privilege of judging both at home and internationally, including in the United States and across Europe.

In addition, I have been actively involved with the UK Irish Wolfhound Rescue Trust, serving initially as Secretary and currently as a Trustee, and I am presently Chair of the UK Irish Wolfhound Health Group.



• CLASSIFICATION •

Judge: Jean Timmins (Cornovi)

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Dog

1. Minor Puppy Dog
2. Puppy Dog
3. Junior Dog
4. Yearling Dog
5. Novice Dog
6. Post Graduate Dog
7. Limit Dog
8. Open Dog
9. Veteran Dog
10. Champion Dog

Royal Kennel Club Challenge Certificate - Bitch

11. Minor Puppy Bitch
12. Puppy Bitch
13. Junior Bitch
14. Yearling Bitch
15. Novice Bitch
16. Post Graduate Bitch
17. Limit Bitch
18. Open Bitch
19. Veteran Bitch
20. Champion Bitch

21. Brace

BEST IN SHOW ~ BEST PUPPY IN SHOW ~ BEST VETERAN IN SHOW

Will be judged after class 20

Best Veteran in Show will be selected from the winners of the Veteran classes only

There will be no Challenges at this show

• ENTRY FEES •

Members First Entry: £18.00 per dog
Each subsequent entry: £2.00 each with the same dog

Non-Members First Entry: £21.00 per dog
Each subsequent entry: £4.00 each with the same dog

Brace £2.00 per brace

Not for Competition FREE (over 3 calendar months of age - details on entry form)

Catalogues £4.50 Printed, pre-paid with entries (£5.00 on the day)

Membership £12.00 Single; £18.00 Joint; £15.00 overseas (Due 1st January)

Rosette Donation Gratefully received and acknowledged in the catalogue

DOGS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE SHOW BEFORE 8.00 am

Irish Wolfhound Society Magazine 2026

To advertise in our next magazine, please email your advert to Elizabeth Murray no later than
31st October 2026.

Please pay by bank transfer to the Treasurer Mrs Fiona Dawson. Email: fdwsn1962@gmail.com
Irish Wolfhound Society bank details: HSBC UK : Sort Code 40-04-12 : Account 01364995

Costs to advertise are:

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Elizabeth Murray by email: eliziwh45@gmail.com



Irish Wolfhound Society

offer

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• PRIZE MONEY & SPECIALS •

Peter and Joan Williams kindly donate a gift to be won outright by the Best in Show

Elizabeth Murray kindly donates £10.00 for Best Veteran in Show

Anthony Murray kindly donates £10.00 for Best Puppy in Show

Sandy Surrell and Kathleen Coleman kindly donate £10.00 for Best Opposite Sex in Show

Dennis and Diane Redfern kindly donate the Special Named Rosettes for each Veteran entrant

**MAY WE RESPECTIVELY REMIND EVERYONE THAT THIS SHOW IS HELD
IN HALF THE MAIN HALL. ON NO ACCOUNT WILL CRATES/PENS/DOG
BEDS/EXHIBITORS OR EXERCISING OF DOGS BE ALLOWED IN THE
OTHER HALF OF THE HALL WHICH IS A PROHIBITED AREA.**

Our next two shows will both be held on

SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY 2027

at The Sports Connexion, Coventry CV8 3FL

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Judge: Mrs Debbie Tebbutt (Caredig)

OPEN SHOW

Judge: Dr Maura Lyons (Malinke)

Please be aware that our September 2027 show will now be held in July in conjunction with the Hound Association at Stafford Showground.

Any queries please contact the Show Secretary Mrs Ann Donaldson

Tel: 07484 176370. Email: ann.donaldson77@btinternet.com

• TROPHIES •

The Irish Wolfhound Society are now holding two Championship Shows each year. Therefore Trophies will only be awarded at the January show. So exhibitors will return them the following January.

IRISH WOLFHOUND SOCIETY

ROYAL KENNEL CLUB LUNCHEON

Our Breed Celebration lunch. will be held at the Royal Kennel Club, 10 Clarges Street, Mayfair, London, W1J 8AB on Wednesday 19th May 2027 (date TBC)

The visit will include:

A talk by a member of their knowledgeable heritage team and a tour of the art gallery including a visit to the Royal Kennel Clubs inimitable library, giving you a chance to see rare archive material about Irish Wolfhounds.

Pre- lunch drink at the bar before a 3 course set lunch and a glass of wine, followed by tea/coffee and petit fours.

Dress code: Gentlemen, suit or jacket trousers and tie.

Ladies, dress or smart trouser suit.

Tickets £65.00 per person.

Contact the Secretary joan@mail.ip-technology.com for more details

• RULES and REGULATIONS •

1. The Show will open at 8.30 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 9.30 am.
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. Fees: Members: £18.00 First entry per dog; £2.00 each subsequent entry with the same dog; Non-Members: £21.00 First entry per dog; £4.00 each subsequent entry with the same dog; Brace: £2.00 per brace. Not for Competition: FREE (*over 3 calendar months of age*). Catalogues: £4.50 Printed, pre-paid with entries (£5.00 on the day). Membership: £12.00 Single; £18.00 Joint; £15.00 Overseas. Rosette Donations gratefully received.
6. Prize money is on offer: BPIS £10.00; BVIS £10.00; BOS £10.00.
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.** 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 of the Royal Kennel Club 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 this 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, 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 Royal Kennel Club licensed show within the licensed venue and within the environs of that event including car and caravan parks and approaches.

22. Every exhibitor shall ensure that whilst the dog is being exhibited, its handler shall display the correct ring number.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.

• 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 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. **Saturday, 22nd August 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.

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 twenty-four months of age on the first day of the Show.

NOVICE For dogs which have not won a Challenge Certificate/CACIB/CAC/Green Star or three 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 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.

CHAMPION For dogs which have been confirmed a Champion or Show Champion under Royal Kennel Club Regulations or under the rules of any governing body recognised by The Royal Kennel Club.

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.

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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