



**SCHEDULE OF UNBENCHED 28 CLASS**  
**BREED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**  
(Held under Kennel Club Limited Rules & Show Regulations)  
**at FOREST OAK FARM, LYDNEY, GLOS GL15 4LN**  
**on Sunday 24th March 2024**

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

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 wellbeing of the dog".*

Show Opens 9.00 am No indoor access before 9.00 am

Judging commences 10:00 am

Show closes half an hour after all judging has been completed

**Judges: Dogs – Ms Ruth Waller (Fireglow)**  
**Bitches-Mrs Arlene Tester (Avilt)**  
**Referee – Mrs Jan Rees (Typica)**

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 F5).

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Hon. Veterinary Surgeons on call: Severnside Veterinary Group, 1 Tuthill, Lydney, Glos GL15 5PA  
Tel: 01594 842185

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**POSTAL ENTRIES CLOSE: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, online entries accepted until midnight**  
**11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at [www.onlineshowentry.com](http://www.onlineshowentry.com)**

Please use the online entry where possible, paper entries with fees to

**The Secretary – Mrs. S. Evans,**  
**22 Twyncarn Road, Pontywaun, Crosskeys. Gwent NP11 7DU**

Tel: 01495 271966

Show Day only Tel: 07810 457223

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# WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL CLUB OF SOUTH WALES

<b>Patron:</b>	Mr. Mansel Young
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<b>Fire &amp; Safety Officer:</b>	Mr. C. Sutherland

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## ENTRY FEES

Members:	£15.00 first entry per dog £3.00 each subsequent entry with same dog
Non-Members:	£17.00 first entry per dog £3.50 each subsequent entry with same dog
Not for Competition:	FREE
Catalogues	£4.00 prepaid with entry (limited number on the day)
Membership:	Single £4.00, Joint £6.00, Junior (under 18) 50p

Please note: Club Membership is due 1st January each year

## **TROPHIES**

Welsh Crystal to be won outright for Best in Show

Welsh Crystal to be won outright for Best Dog

Welsh Crystal to be won outright for Best Bitch

Also Awards for Best Puppy and Best Veteran,

and Free Photograph for each class winner,

all presented by WSSCSW

Sashes for – Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show,

Best Puppy in Show, And Best Veteran,

kindly donated by Mrs Jan Reynolds (Benoveor)

Rosettes for Best In Show, Reserve Best In Show, Best Opposite Sex, Best

Dog, Best Bitch, Best Veteran, Best Puppy In Show, Best Puppy Dog, Best

Puppy Bitch, also, Best Baby Puppy

# **CLASSIFICATION**

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Dog

Kennel Club Challenge Certificate – Bitch

**Referee – Mrs Jan Rees (Typica)**

## **DOGS**

**Judge: Ms Ruth Waller (Fireglow)**

1. Veteran Dog
2. Special Working Dog
3. Special Baby Puppy Dog
4. Minor Puppy Dog
5. Puppy Dog
6. Junior Dog
7. Yearling Dog
8. Novice Dog
9. Post Graduate Dog
10. Limit Dog
11. Open Dog
12. Special Beginners Dog
13. Mr. Danny Pritchard Special Memorial Stakes – Dog Bred by Exhibitor
14. Good Citizen Dog Scheme – Dog

## **BITCHES**

**Judge: Mrs Arlene Tester (Avilt)**

15. Veteran Bitch
16. Special Working Bitch
17. Special Baby Puppy Bitch
18. Minor Puppy Bitch
19. Puppy Bitch
20. Junior Bitch
21. Yearling Bitch
22. Novice Bitch
23. Post Graduate Bitch
24. Limit Bitch
25. Open Bitch
26. Special Beginners Bitch
27. Mrs. Mary Payne Special Memorial Stakes – Bitch Bred by Exhibitor
28. Good Citizen Dog Scheme -Bitch

Winners of Special Baby Puppy classes are not eligible to compete in the  
Challenge, but will challenge for Best Baby Puppy  
Best Veteran to be judged from the Veteran Classes

**BEST IN SHOW** to be judged after Class 28

## **YOUR JUDGES**

### **Ruth Waller “Fireglow” (Dogs)**

My interest in Welsh Springers began in the late 1970s when my first Welshie arrived. I joined my local dog training club and very quickly became their Secretary. I have been involved with the club ever since and still enjoy my involvement there - we offer Obedience and Ringcraft classes as well as the Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Tests.

I served on the committee of the South Eastern Welsh Springer Spaniel Club from 1992 for 25 years covering various roles, also regularly stewarding at their club shows. I was delighted to be made a Vice President in 2018.

All of my dogs have been shown and/or had some working training, with one working for many years on a couple of shoots. With my current Welshie, as well as showing her, I'm taking part in competitive Obedience training and Adult Handling at shows, it's great fun!

My first Welsh Springer Spaniel judging appointment came along in 1994 and I have given CCs in the breed since 2007, including judging the breed overseas in Australia, Sweden and Finland; additionally I have judged other gundog breeds at Open shows.

It is always a privilege to judge this lovely breed and I am delighted to be invited to judge dogs for the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of South Wales March 2024 Championship Show.

## **Arlene Tester (Avilt) Bitches**

I have been owned by our beautiful native breed for 40 years and at present live with two but have had as many as seven at once in the past. I am passionate about the breed, their health, and the history of the breed.

I was lucky to be able to see many of our great breeders of the past when I first started to show my dogs, such people as Cliff Payne, Harold Newman and of course Noel and Dodo Hunton-Morgans. Noel and Dodo did so much for the breed, they brought uniformity and with it many great dogs, including my favourite Sh Ch Dalati Sarian, what a super bitch she was, and it was a delight to see her win the Gundog Group at Crufts.

I have served on committees for many years, and I have been the secretary for the Welsh Springer Spaniel Joint Health Group as well as Breed Health Co-ordinator for a number of years. I have also taken photographs at shows and currently do this for the SEWSSC. I have shown and done some working with my dogs in the past and I do enjoy seeing the breed doing the job that it was always bred to do.

I have judged the breed for many years and my last appointment was to judge Dogs at the NEWSSC Championship Show in 2018, but it is some time since I last judged Bitches and I am looking forward to doing so again.

It is always an honour to judge at a breed club show, but to judge at this show is very special, being the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of South Wales, the home country of our wonderful breed.

**Arlene Tester**

## 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 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 postal entries shall be counted when entering for any class i.e. **25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**. 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. 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 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) — 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 twenty-four 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 twenty-four 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 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 Stars or five or more First Prizes at Championship Shows in Postgraduate, Minor Limit, Mid Limit, Limit and Open classes, whether restricted or not at shows 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 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 breed 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. Only dogs from Veteran Classes will be eligible for the Best Veteran in Show Award.

**SPECIAL BEGINNERS** — for owner, handler or exhibit not having won a Challenge Certificate in the breed.

**SPECIAL WORKING** — For dogs which have been awarded 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> in any Open Working or Assessment Test. 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> or C.O.M. At a Field Trial or gained the Working Gundog Certificate (Preliminary and Final) or qualified in the field. Placed at a Shooting Dog Day or gained a Show Gundog Working Certificate, all the above will qualify permanently for the class. Also, those who have been awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a Novice Assessment or Test, during the previous calendar year or the same year as the show.

**SPECIAL BREEDER STAKES** — For dogs and bitches bred by the same exhibitor, but not necessarily owned by them. At least three dogs, but no more than five dogs should be present. Each dog to have been entered in at least one class. The breeder enters the class in his/her name and is responsible for arranging which exhibits form their breeder group.



**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.

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. The Show will open at 9.00 a.m.
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 10.00 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. Exhibits may not be removed any earlier unless by written order of the Veterinary Surgeon, Veterinary Practitioner or of the Show Management and then only in very exceptional and unforeseen circumstances which must be reported to the Kennel Club.
5. Entry Fees: Members: £15.00 first entry per dog, £3.00 each subsequent entry with same dog. Non-Members: £17.00 first entry per dog £3.50 each subsequent entry with same dog Not for Competition FREE Catalogues £4.00 prepaid with entry (limited number on the day) Membership: Single £4.00, Joint £6.00, Junior (under 18) 50p. Please note: Club Membership due 1<sup>st</sup> January each year
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. Where the Best in Show is a puppy, it may, at the discretion of the judge, be awarded Best Puppy in Show respectively. 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 respectively. Consequently, selection of Best Puppy in Show must follow the selection of Best in Show respectively.  
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 the 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 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 Regulation 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. 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.
  - 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 followed by advertisement in the Canine Press wherever possible.
  20. 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.
  21. Any owner, competitor 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 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. 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.
  23. An announcement prior to the date of closing of entries in Our Dogs of any alteration or addition made by the Committee to the schedule or in these Rules shall be sufficient notice thereof.
  24. All children must be kept under control and parents will be held responsible for any damage caused and charges incurred.
  25. Please do not obstruct gangways with trolleys. Storage space will be made available for trolleys/ cages.
  26. If in the opinion of the Show Secretary, Show Manager or Judge any dog is considered not in a fit state for exhibition owing to a disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, the dog may be excluded or removed from the show the dog must not be brought into the Show at any time under any circumstances. No animal other than an exhibit duly entered at the show will be allowed within the precincts of the show during its continuance.
  27. The owner, exhibitor, handler or other person in charge of a dog at a Kennel Club licensed event 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)
  28. 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.
  29. Every exhibitor shall ensure that whilst the dog is being exhibited, its handler shall display the correct ring number.



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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Open Show: Sunday 22nd SEPTEMBER 2024**

held jointly with...

**Championship Show: Sunday 22nd SEPTEMBER 2024**

Please check out our website for more information about  
Working Events and other Social occasions

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

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## **REMEMBER**

*Your dog is vulnerable and AT RISK if left in a vehicle in high temperatures and even on 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.*

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***For more information e-mail the club at [welshspringerspaniel.csw@gmail.com](mailto:welshspringerspaniel.csw@gmail.com)***

## **DIRECTIONS TO VENUE** <http://www.forestoakfarm.co.uk/site/find-us>

From the North and East: North -(Down M5)/East (via A417/A40, joining the M5): Exit M5 at Junction 11a, 11 or follow A417 towards Gloucester. Follow the signs for Ross/A40/A48, until you join the A40. Pass through a series of traffic lights until you reach the Highnam roundabout, where you take the 1st exit onto A48 towards Chepstow and the Forest of Dean. Follow the A48 through the villages of Minsterworth, Westbury on Severn, Newnham and Blakeney. When you come out of Blakeney, pass through the Nibley crossroads and keep going for approx. 1mile. You will reach a small section of dual carriageway on the brow of a hill. The Farm gates are on the right about 410 meters on from the end of the dual carriageway, opposite The Willows (Big white house with white stones around the driveway).

From Wales: M48 Junction 2, take the A466 exit to A48/Chepstow/Cas-gwent. At the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Wye Valley Link Rd/A466. At the next roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Newport Rd/A48. Follow the A48 through Chepstow, Alyburton and Alvington (approx 12 miles). At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit towards Gloucester. Drive straight over the next two roundabouts. Drive straight, past the turning to Coleford on your left. Keep straight for approx 150m and the entrance to the Farm is on the left, opposite The Willows (Big white house with white stones around the driveway).

From The South: M5 Junction 15, exit onto M4. Keep in the left hand lane and head off the M4 onto M48 after 2.1miles. Continue over the Severn Road Bridge. Then follow the above instructions from Wales.

Forest Oak Farm, near Lydney in Gloucestershire, is a family run estate specialising in holiday, training and event hire. Opened in 2012 and set out over twenty acres of fields, lakes and woodland with many mature trees; the Farm is a spacious, welcoming haven for dog friendly holidays and events as well as a family home and wedding venue.

We pride ourselves on having created a very special, welcoming and unique setting that allows us to tailor our services and facilities to fit your individual requirements.

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On Show Day we also put up directional arrows on junctions close to the venue  
– ***looking forward to seeing you there.***

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