



SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

17th MARCH 2024

SIGHTHOUND LURE COURSING COMPETITION

Starveall Farm, West Ilsley, Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 7DN

Location on what3words to the entrance of the field is [chart.subtitle.flame](#)

Dogs to be checked in by 9:00am

Tech Runs 09:15am - Competition will start 09:30am

Judges

Mr Willem Vermaut (Belgium), and Mr Michael Florek (UK)

Lure Operation: by Sporting Whippet Club

Lure Coursing Director: Elaine Booth

Entries

Early entry exclusive to members of UK Sighthound Sport from 18th February

Entries open to all from 25th February

Closing date for entries at 17:00 on Friday 8th March¹

Enter online for the competition at www.uksighthoundsport.com

Payment

Bank transfer sort code 30-96-26 account 31362968

Please note, we DO NOT accept Paypal payments on this occasion. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

¹ unless entry caps reached sooner



One run participants in field

One run participants in the paddock

Next run participants in vicinity of paddock in preparation

The Starter will be behind owners and will tap shoulders and shout GO to start

Owners are responsible for removing all of their rubbish from the location. Bins will not be provided for this event.

ENTRY FEES

All classes: Members £10.00 first dog, £8.00 each extra dog

Non-Members: £15.00 first dog, £12.50 each extra dog

Not for competition: £1.00 (over 4 calendar months of age)

Adverts: £5.00 Full page; £3.50 Half page

Raffle: £5.00 per ticket

Rosette Fund Donation: Donations gratefully received and acknowledged in the catalogue.

LURE OPERATION

by Sporting Whippet Club, over ground, drag lure pulled around pulleys.

TERRAIN

Grass farm field

COURSE LENGTH

600m - 1000m all breeds.

UK SIGHTHOUND SPORT

Chairman: Elaine Booth Secretary: Sarah Meadham

Treasurer: Kate Bent Registrar: Lina Hoggren



CLASSES

- 1 Afghan Hound Bitch
- 2 Afghan Hound Dog
- 3 Saluki Bitch
- 4 Saluki Dog
- 5 Borzoi Bitch
- 6 Borzoi Dog
- 7 Deerhound Bitch
- 8 Deerhound Dog
- 9 Irish Wolfhound Bitch
- 10 Irish Wolfhound Dog
- 11 Greyhounds Bitch
- 12 Greyhounds Dog
- 13 Whippet Bitch (STANDARD)
- 14 Whippet Dog (STANDARD)
- 15 Whippet Bitch (SPRINTER)
- 16 Whippet Dog (SPRINTER)
- 17 Magyar Agar Bitch
- 18 Magyar Agar Dog
- 19 Italian Greyhound Bitch (STANDARD)
- 20 Italian Greyhound Dog (STANDARD)
- 21 Italian Greyhound Bitch (SPRINTER)
- 22 Italian Greyhound Dog (SPRINTER)
- 23 Azawakh Bitch Dog
- 24 Azawakh Dog
- 25 Sloughi Bitch
- 26 Sloughi Dog
- 27 Chart Polski Bitch
- 28 Chart Polski Dog
- 29 Spanish Galgo Bitch
- 30 Spanish Galgo Dog
- 31 Pharaoh Hound Bitch
- 32 Pharaoh Hound Dog
- 33 Cirneco dell'Etna Bitch
- 34 Cirneco dell'Etna Dog
- 35 Ibizan Hound Bitch
- 36 Ibizan Hound Dog
- 37 Podenco Canario Bitch
- 38 Podenco Canario Dog
- 39 Not For Competition



PLEASE NOTE

Entries will be capped at this competition at thirty per breed and ninety in total. For these purposes, 'Sprinters' are classified as separate breeds. Breed caps may be lifted seven days before closing date, should the overall cap not be reached first. Any entries received after the cap has been reached will not be accepted.

If there are less than four dogs of one sex per breed, both sexes of that breed will compete together.

CLASS DEFINITIONS

Minimum age: Fifteen months on the day of competition for all whippets, Italian greyhounds and Cirneco Dell'Etna. Eighteen months for all other breeds.

Maximum age: No dogs born before 1st January 2016

WHIPPET BITCH (STANDARD): Maximum height at the withers 48cm.

WHIPPET BITCH (SPRINTER): Maximum height at the withers 52cm.

WHIPPET DOG (STANDARD) Maximum height at the withers 51cm

WHIPPET DOG (SPRINTER) Maximum height at the withers 56cm

ITALIAN GREYHOUND BITCH OR DOG (STANDARD): Maximum height at the withers 38cm.

ITALIAN GREYHOUND BITCH OR DOG (SPRINTER): Maximum height at the withers 41cm.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

According to the proposed Regulations submitted to Kennel Club:

1. Dogs entered must be registered at the Kennel Club or else registration or transfer of registration must have been applied for.
2. All dogs resident outside the UK must be registered with a studbook recognised by the UK Kennel Club.
3. Entry Members 10.00 first dog, £8.00 each extra dog. Non-Members £15.00 first dog, £12.50 each extra dog.
4. Rosettes to fifth place.



5. The Committee reserves to itself the right to refuse entries.
6. A Lure Coursing Champion Certificate will be awarded to top scoring dogs/bitches in each breed provided that :
 - a. There are at least two dogs per breed at the start.
 - b. If there are more than four dogs of both sexes at the start, the Certificates will be awarded separately to dogs and bitches. If there are fewer than four of either sex all dog and bitch classes shall be amalgamated and only one set of certificates is awarded.
 - c. At least 75% of the maximum points are obtained.
7. Number of entries and number of Certificates.
 - a. If less than 2 dogs are participating at the start, then no Certificate shall be awarded in that class.
 - b. For classes with 2 – 6 participants, the Certificate shall be awarded to the top scoring dog.
 - c. For classes with 7 – 19 participants, Certificates shall be awarded to the two top scoring dogs.
 - d. For classes with 20 or more participants, a further Certificate shall be awarded for each additional 10 dogs.
 - e. If the winner is already a champion, the certificate goes to the second placed dog and so forth
 - f. Standard and Sprinter classes shall be awarded separately.
8. Only dogs of above stated minimum age can compete (fifteen months small breeds/eighteen months large breeds)
9. There will be a capping level of thirty per breed and ninety total entries. For these purposes, 'Sprinters' are classified as separate breeds. Breed caps may be lifted seven days before closing date, should the overall cap not be reached first.
10. Not For Competition entries will be accepted for dogs aged four calendar months and over.
11. No bitch in season can compete.
12. The mating of bitches within the precincts of the competition is forbidden.
13. No person shall carry out punitive correction or harsh handling of a dog at any time within the boundaries of the Competition.
14. Should a judge be unable to fulfil the appointment to judge the Committee reserves the right to



appoint another judge.

15. No competitor shall impugn the decision of the judge or judges.
16. Judges may not judge a dog which is recorded in their ownership or part ownership.
17. Removal of dogs from Competition: Following a discussion between the competition management, a dog shall be prevented from competing and/or removed from the Field if it is: a. A bitch which is in season. b. Suffering from any infectious diseases or contagious disease. c. Interfering with the safety or chance of winning of an opponent. d. Of such temperament or is so much out of control as to be a danger to the safety of any person or other animal. e. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues competing. The circumstances of such a removal shall be recorded in the competition Incident Book.
18. Lure Coursing is a competitive and physically strenuous activity. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to ensure their dog is 'fit for function'. By completing the online entry form you confirm that to the best of your knowledge your dog is fit and able to take part in lure coursing on the day of the competition.
19. In the event that the competition is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the society will refund fees, less reasonably incurred expenses. Competitors will be refunded in the manner in which they had entered the competition, but in any event the society will refund fees within three months of the competition date to all those who had entered and requested a refund within one month of the date.
20. Should the judge deem a re-run is required, any result from the previous run must be discounted.
21. Separate entry forms must be completed by each owner
22. Entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fees and supporting documentation.
23. Competition of Dogs Suffering from Contagious or Infectious Disease – No dogs suffering from infectious or contagious disease or having been exposed to such disease during the period of 21 days prior to the Competition may compete.
24. It is the competitor's responsibility to be available for their allocated place in the running order.
25. No animal other than one officially entered shall be brought into the precincts of the event during



its continuance, except any dogs registered to assist the disabled, or dogs required for educational or instructional purposes or by permission of the General Committee. However, at the discretion of the sporting society, a dog brought to the competition by a spectator may be admitted into the precincts of the competition, with the proviso that those in charge of the dog sign a declaration confirming the dog is free from disease and that the dog will be kept under proper control at all times.

26. Welfare of Dogs A competitor whose dog is entered at a lure coursing event should take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog(s) are met and should not knowingly put their dogs' health and welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise.

DOGS IN VEHICLES ON HOT DAYS

Your dog is vulnerable and at risk during hot weather. 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 standing in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time.

*** RAFFLE ***

Raffle tickets should be purchased with entry, please include your payment of £5.00 with your entry fees.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❑ **LICENCES:** Only dogs with a UK Sighthound Sport or FCI Licence will be permitted to enter. New UKSS licences must be applied for a minimum of seven days before entries close. For more information contact the UKSS registrar: registrar@uksighthoundsport.com
- ❑ **DRAWING THE RUNS:** The pairing of the dogs and order of the runs for the first heat will be done by drawing (lottery style). The draw is final and will not be altered for any reason. For the second round, pairs are determined according to first round scores.
- ❑ **WAITING PADDOCK:** Three runs in advance; one run is in the field, one run in the waiting paddock. One run in the paddock vicinity in preparation. For example: If run number 31 is in the field, the dogs from run 32 must be present at the waiting paddock and run 33 behind the paddock in readiness.
- ❑ **START:** The starter will be standing behind the owners, he will call tap shoulders and shout "GO" as the starting signal.
- ❑ **EQUIPMENT:** Each competitor must ensure their dog is correctly muzzled and wearing correct red/white jackets without numbers or other marks, prior to entering the paddock. For advice on where to obtain correct equipment email contact@uksighthoundsport.com.
- ❑ **COLLARS:** Collars must be removed from dogs prior to running. Use of Slip leads is not permitted at this event.
- ❑ **CLEARING TRIALS:** A capped number of clearing trials will be run at this event. Please email contact@uksighthoundsport.com with your hound's details and experience

* WITHDRAWALS *

It is requested that competitors inform UKSS if any dog or bitch is to be withdrawn from competition, for whatever reason. Entry fees will only be refunded for withdrawals submitted prior to entry closing date. To request a refund contact treasurer@uksighthoundsport.com. Approved refunds will be paid by

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