

ANIMAL WELFARE GUIDELINES FOR DOG VISITORS

We want every pet to be healthy and happy. We have produced these guidelines to help you keep your dogs safe if you decide to bring them to our event.

- Please do not bring any pets other than dogs with you to the event.
- Owners must be in control of their dog(s) at all times so please consider this before deciding how many dogs to bring to the show.
- Not every dog will enjoy the show so please consider the temperament of your dog before you decide whether your dog will come with you. Shy or anxious dogs may be happier to be left at home with a family member or friend.
- It can be a long, tiring day for dogs so be sure to give them time to rest during your visit but be ready to take them home when they have had enough.
- Be aware there may be loud music during the show which may frighten some dogs. There will be no fireworks at the event.
- There will be many other dogs at the show, so please leave dogs who may be aggressive or reactive to other dogs at home.
- Assume the weather will be hot and sunny – dogs who do not cope well in the heat may not enjoy the event.
- Dog owners are responsible for the health and welfare of their dog(s) at all times.
- Dog(s) should be safely restrained inside your vehicle when travelling to and from the show.
- Bring water and a bowl with you. While there will be water provided at stations throughout the show, it is advisable to have water available at all times for your dog(s).
- **Never** leave your dog(s) unattended in a vehicle or caravan. Even warm weather can be fatal in a short period of time. The car parks will be regularly patrolled and anyone leaving a dog in a car will be asked to leave the event.
- If it does happen to be cold and wet, make sure you have towels to keep them dry and a coat if necessary.
- Dogs will need to be on a lead at all times during the show. Collars should be appropriately fitted and have an ID tag with an up to date contact number
- It is a legal requirement for all dogs to be microchipped. Make sure your details are up to date on the microchip database.
- Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs on the show ground.
- It's recommended that all dogs are up-to-date on appropriate vaccinations.

- Don't leave your dogs tied up or unattended at any time.
- PDSA vets and vet nurses will be on site and able to offer veterinary advice and treatment in the event of an emergency. Please make yourself aware of how to gain veterinary help on the way into the show ground. The emergency number will also be printed in the show guide.
- Be aware of food and litter that may be a danger to your dog if eaten.
- There will be children at the event so if your dog isn't comfortable around children they may be happier to be left alone with a family friend or family member.
- Dogs with white and/or thin fur may require a sun block – especially on the tips of their ears and noses.
- Please do not bring female dogs in 'heat' or 'in season' to the event as this may cause problems with other dog visitors.

WE HOPE THIS WILL HELP YOU AND YOUR DOG(S) HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY OUT WITH US.