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COVER IMAGE: Estonian-bred Boxer Multi Ch Golden Amulette Hugo Boss (Rus Ch Vanilla Mona Ot Goldiboks x Helios Della Cappastorta) bred and owned by Margit Siigur. Hugo was third Top Dog all breeds in Estonia in 2025 and was Best in Show on the third night of the Split Summer Night Dog Shows in Croatia in 2026. Margit said: "Hugo has a big personality and a wonderful sense of humour. He has a special talent for keeping his owners entertained and making sure that life around him is never boring."

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Royal Kennel Club News

The latest news from the RKC

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Agility Team GB strikes gold in Finland

Agility Team GB delivered an outstanding performance at the 2026 FCI Agility World Championships in Turku, Finland, bringing home two team gold medals and an individual silver medal against competition from more than 530 handlers and dogs representing 38 countries.

The Large and Small teams both secured world titles, demonstrating the depth of talent within British agility. The Large team topped both the Jumping and Agility rounds, while the Small team combined second place in

Jumping with first place in Agility to claim gold overall.

A particular highlight was Martin Reid and his Shetland Sheepdog, Selfie, who earned individual silver in the Small category, marking Martin's third consecutive World Championship silver medal. British competitors also achieved notable individual successes, with Naarah Cuddy and Banana placing third in the Large Individual Jumping competition, and Shannon Springford and Halloumi securing second place in the Small Individual Agility class.

A lifetime behind the lens: Marc Henrie celebrates his 99th birthday

Many Royal Kennel Club members will be delighted to hear that Honorary RKC member Marc Henrie recently celebrated his 99th birthday. As Marc celebrated this remarkable milestone with wife Fiona, we know many members, past and present, will join us in sending their warmest wishes. He remains a much-valued part of the Royal Kennel Club family and an important figure in our shared history. Marc's work became synonymous with the pedigree dog world. He photographed Crufts for many years, capturing countless memorable moments, and his images graced the covers of

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the *Kennel Gazette* throughout the 1980s and early 1990s. His photographs helped document an important chapter in our history and remain a treasured part of the Royal Kennel Club's photographic archive.

Celebrity Masterchef at Crufts draws more than 1.6 million viewers

Crufts once again enjoyed the national spotlight when *Celebrity MasterChef* dedicated a special challenge to the world's greatest dog show, delivering impressive viewing figures and extensive social media engagement.

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The episode attracted an average audience of 1.45 million viewers on BBC One, peaking at an outstanding 1.63 million and capturing 13.3% of the total television audience at its highest point.

Filed during Crufts' 135th anniversary year, the programme brought the excitement, expertise and community spirit of the Royal Kennel Club to homes across the UK. The episode provided a unique opportunity to showcase the people behind pedigree dogs, dog sports and canine welfare to a significant national audience.

The impact extended well beyond the television broadcast. Social media activity generated strong engagement, with Crufts-

related content reaching 53,400 views and attracting more than 5,300 engagements on Facebook. Instagram content achieved a further 8,300 views, helping to amplify the programme's reach and connect with dog lovers across multiple platforms.

Many members will have spotted familiar faces throughout the episode. Representatives from across the Royal Kennel Club community featured, including Jannine Edgar, Chief Executive; Heidi Hudson, Curator of Photographic Collections; judges Patsy Hollings and Jacqui Ward; 2022 Crufts Best in Show-winning owner Patrick Oware; and Susanne Karlström.

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RKC Clarges Street closed
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'Cultured Canines' exhibition: Exploring the stories behind our breeds

Members visiting Clarges Street over the coming months are encouraged to take a closer look at **Cultured Canines**, a fascinating new exhibition at the Royal Kennel Club Art Gallery.

The collection explores the rich histories, myths and cultural identities behind some of our best-loved dog breeds.

Created by contemporary artist Allison Ksiazkiewicz, the exhibition features 12 striking ceramic works inspired by the art of the ancient Mediterranean world. Each piece celebrates a different breed, from the Chihuahua and Saluki to the Newfoundland and the Skye Terrier,



Allison Ksiazkiewicz

while telling the story of the people, cultures and traditions that helped shape them.

The exhibition highlights the remarkable bond between humans and dogs across centuries, exploring their roles as companions, working partners, status symbols and figures of folklore. By combining traditional ceramic techniques

with contemporary design, Allison offers a unique perspective on how dogs have become woven into human history and imagination.

Cultured Canines runs until 31 March 2027 at the Royal Kennel Club Art Gallery in Clarges Street, London.

Young talent celebrated at RKC Junior weekend

Some of the UK's most promising young dogs and handlers gathered at The Kennel Club Building, Stoneleigh, on 3 October for the Royal Kennel Club Junior Warrant Semi-Finals and the Junior Handling Association (JHA) UK National Handler of the Year competition.

A total of 94 young dogs competed for one of 12 coveted places in the Junior Warrant Final, which will take place in Crufts on Thursday 4 March 2027. Judged by Caroline Friend-Rees, Evan Ryan and Kevin Young, the qualifiers were:

Ch Penbro Carbon Copy JW (Miniature Schnauzer), Ch Olijah Coming For You JW (French Bulldog), Ch Reveros Power of Love JW (Basset Hound), Ch Kiltondale

Miley Cyrus JW (Bearded Collie), Sh Ch Rivertone Wicked for Sharnphilly JW (Weimaraner), Ch Olijah Going In Deep JW (French Bulldog), Ch Wellingley Won For The Road JW (Miniature Schnauzer), Ch Watercroft Stitch In Time JW (Norfolk Terrier), Ch Crème Anglaise's Entourage with Silkridge JW (Imp NLD) (Whippet), Ch Crimlisk Spicy Shiraz of Copperfield JW (Bullmastiff), Talraz Drumbeat for Lyngem JW (Bearded Collie) and Ch Sueacres Catch A Dream JW (Pomeranian).

The day also saw the JHA UK Junior Handler of the Year competition, judged by former winner Sara Robertson. Amelia Patterson handled a Siberian Husky to win UK Junior Handler of the Year 2026 and



JHA final winner Amelia Patterson with judge Sara Robertson and Min Witheyman representing the JHA

will represent the UK at the Joe Cartledge Memorial International Junior Handling Final at Crufts 2027 as well as the World Dog Show in Austria.



JW Heat 1 finalists with judge Kevin Young



JW Heat 2 finalists with judge Evan Ryan

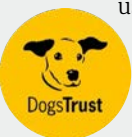


JW Heat 3 finalists with judge Caroline Friend-Rees

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Celebrating dogs at Westminster Dog of the Year

In September, we joined forces with Dogs Trust to host our annual Westminster Dog of the Year event in Victoria Tower Gardens, bringing MPs and their dogs together to celebrate the unique bond between people and their canine companions. This year's theme, 'A Good Life Together & A Lifetime Commitment', celebrated the joy dogs bring to our lives while highlighting the lifelong commitment that comes with responsible dog ownership. It also gave us an opportunity to champion the importance of responsible breeding, training and socialisation in helping dogs lead happy, healthy lives.



Pawblic vote winner: Ben Obese-Jecty MP and Leto



Winner: Anna McMorris MP and Cadi

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There was plenty of competition among the 14 MP-and-dog pairings, but it was Anna McMorris and her Cocker Spaniel, Cadi, who impressed the judges to take the Westminster Dog of the Year 2026 title. Cadi's excellent people skills, enthusiastic personality and the special bond she shares with Anna helped secure the win. Karl Turner, Independent MP for Kingston upon Hull East, and his Bichon Frisé, Charlie, took second place, while Bobby Dean, Liberal Democrat MP for Carshalton and Wallington, and his crossbreed, Chester, finished third. The event also saw the return of the Sir David Amess Pawblic Vote, held in memory of the late Conservative MP, a passionate supporter of Westminster Dog of the Year and a tireless campaigner for dog welfare. This year's public vote was won by Ben Obese-Jecty, MP for Huntingdon, and his five-year-old mixed-breed rescue dog, Leto.

As well as being a celebration of dogs, Westminster Dog of the Year is an important part of our work to engage with policymakers and keep dog welfare firmly on the political agenda. This year's event generated an impressive 44 pieces of media coverage reaching an estimated 57.4 million people. Around 20 journalists attended on the day, with particularly strong broadcast interest generating 23 BBC radio placements and two television features.

There were also 25 spokesperson mentions across major outlets including *The Times*, *The Telegraph*, Sky News, ITV and BBC radio. The event was also a hit on social media, generating 57,000 views and 1,800 engagements, with additional amplification from journalists. The Public Affairs team plan to continue to build on this success at the next Dog of the Year event in Scotland in April 2027.

The Royal Kennel Club urges awareness of new divergence in pet travel rules between the UK and EU

The Royal Kennel Club is reminding dog breeders, exhibitors and owners who travel with their dogs between the UK and Europe to carefully check the rules and regulations in place prior to travel.

In June, the European Union added Serbia and Montenegro onto to the list of countries for which a pre-travel rabies blood test is not required. However, the UK Government has not mirrored this move (correct as of 29 September 2026), there

has been no change to the rules when travelling from Serbia and Montenegro to Great Britain - rabies blood tests are still required.

The Royal Kennel Club has received confirmation from the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs that "any pets [dogs] travelling from Serbia or Montenegro to GB require rabies titre testing before travel".

Anyone intending to travel with a dog from Serbia and Montenegro, or indeed any

foreign country, to Great Britain is strongly encouraged to the relevant Gov.UK page - www.gov.uk/bring-pet-to-great-britain - well in advance of travel to ensure that your journey is smooth and in full compliance with the latest rules.

We would also like to reiterate, in line with our published terms and conditions, any dogs which have been imported in breach of Government regulations will not be registered by the Royal Kennel Club.

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The RKC Veterinary Conformation Assessment

A new tool to support healthier breeding

BY DR ALISON SKIPPER



DR ALISON SKIPPER
MRCVS

Alison is Veterinary and Research Advisor at the Royal Kennel Club. She is a vet with a background in general practice and research, who brings her expertise in canine health and its history to the RKC's Health and Breeding team.

As many readers will be aware, the new RKC Veterinary Conformation Assessment, which was known as the RKC Nose-to-Tail Veterinary Visual Assessment while it was in development, will be launching at the end of November. This assessment sits within the RKC's Breeding for Health Framework. It responds to the widespread view that we need to address extreme conformation more effectively, which was a key outcome from our January 2026 report, "A New Future for Dog Breeding".

The RKC defines extreme conformation as "a physical appearance that is so exaggerated that affected dogs suffer from poor health and welfare, with negative impacts on their quality and/or quantity of life". This is not a new problem: dog breeders have known that exaggerated body shapes can sometimes be linked to disease since the late nineteenth century. However, public and professional concern about extreme conformation has recently increased, both within the UK and internationally, with many striving to tackle this problem. Yet extreme conformation unfortunately remains a significant challenge, both within some pedigree breeding communities and in the wider dog world.

The RKC Veterinary Conformation Assessment is intended to address this issue by filling a gap in our health provision, providing a standardised assessment for extreme conformation. It is not intended to replace or be prioritised over other health tests. It has been designed to be suitable for use with any dog, without reference to breed standards, although most breeds will not need to use it. In principle, this is a single pre-breeding assessment made after an appropriate minimum age, but preliminary and final assessment thresholds may be more suitable for some slow-maturing breeds.

We have been developing this assessment throughout 2026. The process began with a series of veterinary discussions, which involved more than 25 vets, ranging from those who breed and judge to clinical specialists. We then ran breeder workshops to present the concept to representatives from 129 breeds. Next, we took the draft criteria to a series of breed-specific discussion groups and circulated a feedback survey to hundreds of people from our communities. I spent the late summer writing a scientific report that explains the evidence for the framework, which was sent to external



experts for their feedback. Meanwhile, we trialled the assessment at rescue centres and championship shows around the UK to see how well it worked in practice. During this phase, five vets between them evaluated 250 dogs from 76 very varied breeds, giving a really comprehensive survey of how the framework works in the real world. We then made final adjustments drawing on this input, recruited and arranged training for the first veterinary assessors, and are now preparing for launch. We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed to this process at any stage – your involvement and support have really helped to shape the outcome.

The RKC Veterinary Conformation Assessment can be carried out by any vet from the RKC's list of approved assessors, who will all have gone through training to familiarise them with the testing format and expectations. Users can choose their assessor, either by attending a breed event where one assessor examines multiple dogs, or by arranging to see a local assessor individually. There will be a formal appeals process for disputed results, as with other clinical health tests.

The assessment process takes no more than fifteen minutes. The assessor only evaluates the body shape and movement of the dog; other aspects of a full clinical examination, such as listening to the heart, are not included. The assessment is divided into several parts. There are ten observed criteria, which are body features that the vet can assess by looking

at them and touching them; for example, examining the nostrils. The vet compares the dog in front of them with a full description of each criterion to determine the result. Grade descriptions refer to extreme features that may impact welfare, not to other aspects of conformation. Each criterion is scored between 0 and 3, where 0 is a completely normal result (fully open nostrils, for example) and 3 indicates extreme conformation that is expected to impact welfare, such as very narrowed nostrils that are almost closed. Grades 1 and 2 obviously sit between these grades. It's not intended that every dog should score 0; in many breeds a profile of 0s and 1s is expected and should indicate that the dog's welfare is not likely to be affected by its conformation. However, dogs of some breeds will have higher scores than this for some criteria.

In the next part of the assessment, the vet measures various body proportions on the dog, generally using a soft tape measure; for example, the length of the back, or various measurements on the skull. Again, the vet is given clear wording that explains exactly how to take each measurement. At launch, two of these measurements – the length of the foreface from the tip of the nose leather to the stop, and the length along the top of the skull from the stop to the occiput (the lump at the back of the skull) – will be combined to calculate the craniofacial ratio, which is a number that shows the degree of

Pictured left to right, from page 8:

Dr Sara Jackson, veterinary assessor at a pilot session held at City of Birmingham show, checking one of Amanda Orchard's Russian Toys for patella luxation.

Dr Sara Jackson and Dr Alison Skipper, RKC Veterinary and Research Advisor, evaluating movement and foot placement for one of Amanda Orchard's Russian Toys.

Dr Sara Jackson taking measurements on one of Pamela Gardner's Borzois.

“flatness of face” in brachycephalic breeds. There has already been a great deal of research into the relationship between craniofacial ratio and breathing problems, much of it funded by the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, and so we already have enough evidence to decide where grade boundaries should sit for this criterion. Therefore, at launch the overall assessment will comprise ten observed criteria and one measured criterion (craniofacial ratio), giving eleven criteria in total and hence a theoretical maximum overall score of 33. At the time of writing, tested dogs have ranged in total score from 0 to the low 20s, so we are confident that the scale is effective.

Eventually, some of the other measurements that we are taking will also be converted into criteria that contribute to the total score. For example, we are very likely to include a measurement of back length compared to height at the shoulder, because there is already some evidence that this is associated with an increased risk of intervertebral disc disease in dogs with “long and low” body shapes. However, there is not yet enough data for us to be confident in setting evidence-based grade boundaries for this criterion, which is why it will not be included at first. We can’t always know which measurements will prove most useful until we have collected more data, so we will be deciding exactly which other measurements contribute to the final version of the assessment during the initial phase after launch. We appreciate that this involves a period of uncertainty, but we think that is better than including criteria where we are not confident of the supporting evidence.

“**We very much hope that it will help to improve welfare and safeguard responsible dog breeding for the future**”



Pictured left:

Dentition is one of the observed criteria that contribute to the overall total assessment score.

Above:

The assessment includes various body measurements such as back length, which are expected to support the introduction of further criteria in the future.

During the assessment process the vet will also observe movement, which everyone agrees is an important part of evaluating conformation. However, because breeds vary in their normal movement and because dogs can be slightly lame for many reasons, this will not be graded. Instead, the assessor will record movement as “acceptable” (which can include minor, possibly temporary, lameness) or as “unsatisfactory”, which means movement that is badly compromised because of the dog’s conformation. The vet will also assess other relevant details such as body condition.

This system allows nuanced but standardised comparison of extreme conformation between dogs and between breeds, either by comparing the total score between dogs or by looking at individual criteria separately. After some time, the RKC will be able to calculate the average score for different breeds, as with the BVA/RKC hip dysplasia scheme, so that progress over time can be monitored. Once we have sufficient evidence, we can then decide which breeds should have the RKC

Veterinary Conformation Assessment added to their Health Standard guidelines. Other breeds will remain welcome to use the assessment if desired. Eventually, the assessment may be considered, alongside other clinical and DNA tests, as part of a wider mandatory health testing framework – but this will be carried out through similarly wide consultation.

This is truly new health provision, and so it’s inevitable that there will be teething problems and unforeseen issues that we will need to address as the assessment becomes established. As it launches, we welcome further feedback and input from our communities – you can reach us on health@royalkennelclub.com. However, the RKC Veterinary Conformation Assessment has been carefully designed to give breeders a practical and useful tool that can help to identify and avoid extreme conformation, while recognising that each breed has its own starting point and unique circumstances. We very much hope that it will help to improve welfare and safeguard responsible dog breeding for the future.

Canine collectables

Recent acquisitions of the Royal Kennel Club Art Gallery collection

BY LUISA FOSTER AND MARIANNE WALKER, ROYAL KENNEL CLUB CURATORS

The Braddell Flask

Leather and silver c. 1891, donated by Mr G Woods

This beautiful flask was won by Mr TH Richardson's Irish Setter Killiney Wonder at the Belfast Show in 1891. It was presented and sponsored by J Braddell & Son, for the Best Irish Setter in the show.

J Braddell owned a Sporting Equipment shop and his son was a gunmaker. Braddell was an early sponsor of the Belfast Dog Show Society and the business that he founded continued until 2016.

Killiney Wonder's show career spanned 1891-1894 across Ireland, Scotland and England and included many first prizes, including this one at Belfast Dog Show Society and also at Crystal Palace. She was bred by Mr T McCutchen and was born on the 19 March 1888, her sire was Hector and her dam was Jill.

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Sapsaree

Bronze resin, donated by the Korean Sapsaree Foundation

This wonderful sculpture represents a Sapsaree, a "Rare Breed and Mystical Dog from Korea", it has been donated by the Korean Sapsaree Foundation.

In the mid 1960s, Professor Sung-Jin Ha in the Department of Veterinary Medicine in Kyungpook National University in Daegu, South Korea searched for any remaining Sapsarees and located 30 that he took care

of at his ranch in Gyeongsan where he began his breeding programme. Since then, Professor Sung-Jin Ha's son, Dr Ji-Hong Ha, a Professor in Genetic Engineering at Kyungpook National University has continued the work and now the breed has increased to 3,500.

The sculpture can now be seen on display in the Royal Kennel Club Art Gallery.



Three leather and brass Bulldog collars

Inscribed with the name Cyril FW Jackson. C. 1900, donated by Mr J Mortham

These wonderful Bulldog collars were donated by Mr J Mortham, owner of the Packapunch Kennel.

These three collars were originally owned by Mr CFW Jackson, Secretary of the British Bulldog Club that was established in 1892 and registered in 1902. The sixth son of Sir Charles Robert Mitchell Jackson, Cyril was born in India in 1858 and was a Mining Engineer. He founded the Carthusian Kennel of Bulldogs and his most successful dogs were Carthusian Abbess, born in 1891 by Jimmy, out of Nimble Ninepence, who was an 1898 winner at Manchester and Plymouth shows and Carthusian Model born 1893 by Bladud out of Ultima Thule who was 1897 winner at Plymouth Show, Lancs and Northern Counties Show and Bristol.

Readers will notice that the owners name is inscribed on the brass plaque on each collar. This ensures that if the dog went astray then it could be returned to the owner. The Royal Kennel Club is fortunate to have a number of such collars in its collection.

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Cocker Spaniel Club Silver Trophies

Donated by the Cocker Spaniel Club

This spectacular donation of 20 silver trophies (some not shown in the above images) was made by the Cocker Spaniel Club in order that they can be preserved into the future.

The majority of the cups date from the early 20th century and demonstrate the popularity of the Cocker Spaniel at that moment in history. The cups are as follows:

- **The Broomleaf Challenge Cup** presented by Mrs K Doxford
- **The Waldiff Perpetual Challenge Cup** presented by Mrs SM Shakespeare
- **The Kingsend Bowl** presented by Captain & Mrs GM Carr
- **The Mickebuff Challenge Cup** presented by Mrs V Rickard
- **The Dobrow Challenge Cup** presented by Mrs AA Taylor
- **The Ganes Cup** presented by Mr AG Dickinson
- **The Sorrelsun Cup** presented by Mrs AM Jourdain (later Mrs Sharman)
- **The Mount Edcumbe Perpetual Trophy** inscribed "To fulfil a promise by the late Countess of Mount Edcumbe"
- **The Mrs Mallam Holmbush Memorial Cup** presented by her Sisters in memory of Mrs Mallam
- **The Holmbush Challenge Cup** presented by Mrs AM Mallam

- **The Charlie Griffiths Memorial Cup** donated by Mrs Mallam
- **The Falconers Puppy Cup** presented by Mrs Jamieson-Higgins
- **The Woodstock Challenge Cup** presented by Mrs MB McIntyre & Mrs Connors
- **The Chilton Challenge Cup** presented by the Hon Lady Ward
- **The Coppington Cobweb Cup** presented by Mrs AM Ransom
- **The Keizer of Keys Challenge Trophy** presented by Mr Keizer of Keys
- **The Felcourt Invader Challenge Cup** presented by Miss Wheatley & Mr J Goldsmith
- **The RW Dods Esq. Salver**, presented by RW Dods
- **The Ware Junior Handler Cup**
- **Falconers Junior Handler Cup**

The Royal Kennel Club would like to acknowledge the expertise of Mr John Cahill and Mrs Jennifer Lloyd-Carey in the preparation of this information that was kindly compiled by Mrs Wendy Grist. The trophies are now on display in the Royal Kennel Club Library.



Ch Tamevalley Easter Song Of Potterdale, 'Tally'

By John Stanbridge c. 2000, donated by Janet Wood

Ch Tamevalley Easter song of Potterdale 'Tally' was owned by Mike and Janet Lewis, and the statue was donated to the Art Collection by Janet Wood.

'Tally' was born on the 25th January 1978, her sire was Ch Pepperland Lyric John at Potterdale and her dam was Ch Dutch Bonnet of Willowmead. Tally was BOB

at Crufts in 1983 and 1986. A champion in her own right as well as the mother of many others, including Ch Potterdale Classic at Moonhill who went Best in Show at Crufts in 1989, 'Tally' has been very influential in the breed.

The contemporary artist, John Stanbridge, is a sculptor whose oeuvre



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includes many animals, but as a breeder and exhibitor of Bearded Collies this work demonstrates his expertise and particularly the movement of the coat when the animal is in motion.



Roger Cox®

Ch Edenborough Blue Bracken, 'Percy'

Oil on canvas by Roger Cox c. 1974, donated by the Bearded Collie Club

Donated by the Bearded Collie Club in order that it can be preserved into the future, this painting represents Ch Edenborough Blue Bracken 'Percy', who was bred and owned by Shirley Holmes, owner of the famous Edenborough kennel.

'Percy's sire was Rowdina Grey Fella and his dam was Blue Maggie from Osmart. 'Percy' gained 38 Challenge Certificates in a show career spanning 1972-1979, including the

Dog CC and Best of Breed at Crufts in 1973 and 1974 and the DCC at Crufts in 1977. He was a popular sire between 1971 and 1983, and several of his progeny became champions.

The artist, Roger Cox, has captured 'Percy' in his heyday but we do not know anything else about him. If you know the artist or are familiar with his work please contact the gallery team at artgallery@royalkennelclub.com.



Amy Balch®

Rae's Portrait III

Acrylic on paper by Amy Balch 2026

Amy Balch is a contemporary dog portrait artist whose background in fashion design speaks through her works via bold colours including her signature turquoise blue.

This work features the artist's own Weimaraner, Rae (Sh Ch Weipowa Severine, 5 CCs, 6 RCCs), who is often the model for the artists ongoing study of dogs. One of two works that the artist donated to the Royal Kennel Club. This piece is now hanging in the Leaders of the Pack: The Women of the Royal Kennel Club Art Collection which will run until 26 March 2027.

A former member of the Young Royal Kennel Club, Amy Balch was the subject of a solo capsule exhibition at the Royal Kennel Club in 2020 and it is wonderful to have Amy's work now represented in the Art Collection.

Boxer

The Boxer is a descendant of the Bullenbeisser (meaning bull biter), a German breed which was used to hunt bear, boar and deer in the 19th century. It is thought that this breed was crossed with the Bulldog and this provided the basis for the present day Boxer.

The Boxer, much loved as a family companion for his intelligence and character, is an excellent guard dog and has proved his worth as a tracking dog and worked in the armed forces as a messenger and as a pack carrier. His clean outline, glossy coat and the nobility of his beautiful head and expression have brought the breed many admirers.

Ch Sulez Blackmagic

Breed record holder - bitch

Bitch CC record holder is Ch Sulez Blackmagic (Magic) who was born on 11 April 2001 (Ch Makeney's Magical Moments JW x Ch Faerdorn So Glad For Sulez) and bred and owned by Sue Drinkwater.

Magic won her first RCC at 10 months old under Sue Harvey. She won her first CC under Sandra Jump at Border Union in 2002. Her last CC was won at Midland Counties in 2006 under Julie Cook.

Magic's most notable win was Best in Show at LKA in 2005 (pictured). The breed judge was Stuart Lockwood Brown (Shiloh), group judge was Michael Quinney and BIS judge was Margaret Everton.

She won 54 CCs, 30 BOBs and 27 RCCs. She was top winning Boxer 2003–2006. She won the CC at Crufts in 2003, 2005 and 2006 and a RCC in 2004. She took BOB under Ferelith Somerfield and the Working group at SKC in 2006 under Sue Garner. She was also BIS at Tyne Wear and Tees Boxer Club Championship Show 2003–2006, Cotswold Boxer Club Dog of the Year in 2006 (judges were Sagra Tonkin, Lesley Boyle and Sid Reilly) and British Boxer Club Champion of Champions 2006/2007.

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Ch Winuwuk Lust at First Sight

Breed record holder - dog and overall record holder

Breed and dog CC record holder is Ch/Ir Ch Winuwuk Lust at First Sight (Ch Winuwuk Lust In The Dust x Ch Winuwuk Story Book).

Max was born on 7 February 2005; owned and bred by Marion Ward-Davies, Julie Brown and Tim Hutchings. He won a total of 74 CCs, 21 Working group wins, three Best in Shows, four Reserve Best in Shows, 20 other group placings and qualified for the Champion Stakes finals on two occasions. He won the Dog of the Year five times and was Best Male for six consecutive years. In addition, overseas, he was the European Winner 2009 going on to win FCI Group 2 at the European Winners Show.

In 2008, 2009 and 2010, he picked up CCs at a rate of knots. He really made his mark towards the end of 2008 when he won the Group and went RBIS all breeds, within a week of each other, at both City of Birmingham and Richmond. With another Group win up at Working Breeds of Scotland he ended the year as Top Boxer, Number 3 Working Dog and Number 11 all-breeds.

2009 started with a massive bang when he won Dog of the Year for the second time and then the group at Crufts. This kicked off a fabulous year when he won eight Groups and two more Reserve BIS as well as his first BIS all breeds at Blackpool and BIS at the National Working and Pastoral Breeds. He ended the year as Top Boxer, Top Working Dog and Number 2 All Breeds.

He won CCs in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 – and he won his last as an eight and a half year old veteran at National Working & Pastoral Breeds Society in July 2013 when he went on to win Group 2 under Paul Harding.

He has proved himself as a sire, being Top Stud Dog for several years, including one year when he was Top Stud Dog in the whole working group. In 2014 his Champion son, Ch Winuwuk The Outlaw was Best of Breed at Crufts, following in his sire's footsteps who was Best of Breed at the world's biggest dog show on three occasions, winning the group twice and being Group 3 in his veteran year.

BREED STANDARD

A Breed Standard is the guideline which describes the ideal characteristics, temperament and appearance, including the correct colour, of a breed and ensures that the breed is fit for function. Absolute soundness is essential. Breeders and judges should at all times be careful to avoid obvious conditions or exaggerations which would be detrimental in any way to the health, welfare or soundness of this breed. From time to time certain conditions or exaggerations may be considered to have the potential to affect dogs in some breeds adversely, and judges and breeders are requested to refer to the Breed Watch section of the Royal Kennel Club website here www.royalkennelclub.com/breedwatch for details of any such issues. If a feature or quality is desirable it should only be present in the right measure. However if a dog possesses a feature, characteristic or colour described as unacceptable, it must not be rewarded in the show ring.

General Appearance Great nobility, smooth-coated, medium-sized, square build, strong bone and evident, well developed muscles.

Characteristics Lively, strong, loyal to owner and family, but distrustful of strangers. Obedient, friendly at play, but with guarding instinct.

Temperament Equable, biddable, fearless, self-assured.

Head and Skull Head imparts its unique individual stamp and is in proportion to body, appearing neither light nor too heavy. Skull lean without exaggerated cheek muscles. Muzzle broad, deep and powerful, never narrow, pointed, short or shallow. Balance of skull and muzzle essential, with muzzle never appearing small, viewed from any angle. Skull cleanly covered, showing no wrinkle, except when alerted. Creases present from root of nose running down sides of muzzle. Dark mask confined to muzzle, distinctly contrasting with colour of head, even when white is present. Lower jaw undershot, curving slightly upward. Upper jaw broad where attached to skull, tapering very slightly to front. Muzzle shape completed by upper lips, thick and well padded, supported by well separated canine teeth of lower jaw. Lower edge of upper lip rests on edge of lower lip, so that chin is clearly perceptible when viewed from front or side. Lower jaw never to obscure front of upper lip, neither should teeth nor tongue be visible when mouth closed. Top of skull slightly arched, not rounded, nor too flat and broad. Occiput not too pronounced. Distinct stop, bridge of nose never forced back into forehead, nor should it be downfaced. Length of muzzle measured from tip of nose to inside corner of eye is one-third length of head measured from tip of nose to occiput. Nose broad, black, slightly turned up, wide nostrils with well defined line between. Tip of nose set slightly higher than root of muzzle. Cheeks powerfully developed, never bulging.

Eyes Dark brown, forward looking, not too small, protruding or deeply set. Showing lively, intelligent expression. Dark rims with good pigmentation showing no haw.

Ears Moderate size, thin, set wide apart on highest part of skull lying flat and close to cheek in repose, but falling forward with definite crease when alert.

Mouth Undershot jaw, canines set wide apart with incisors (six) in straight line in lower jaw. In upper jaw set in line curving slightly forward. Bite powerful and sound, with teeth set in normal arrangement.

Neck Round, of ample length, strong, muscular, clean cut, no dewlap. Distinctly marked nape and elegant arch down to withers.

Forequarters Shoulders long and sloping, close lying, not excessively covered with muscle. Upper arm long, making right angle to shoulderblade. Forelegs seen from front, straight, parallel, with strong bone. Elbows not too close or standing too far from chest wall. Forearms perpendicular, long and firmly muscled. Pasterns short, clearly defined, but not distended, slightly slanted.

Body In profile square, length from forechest to rear of upper thigh equal to height at withers. Chest deep, reaching to elbows. Depth of chest half height at withers. Ribs well arched, not barrel-shaped, extending well to rear. Withers clearly defined. Back short, straight, slightly sloping, broad and strongly muscled. Loin short, well tucked up and taut. Lower abdominal line blends into curve to rear.

Hindquarters Very strong with muscles hard and standing out noticeably under skin. Thighs broad and curved. Broad croup slightly sloped, with flat, broad arch. Pelvis long and broad. Upper and lower thigh long. Good hind angulation; when standing, the stifle is directly under the hip protuberance. Seen from side, leg from hock joint to foot not quite vertical.

Seen from behind, legs straight, hock joints clean, with powerful rear pads.

Feet Front feet small and cat-like, with well arched toes, and hard pads; hind feet slightly longer.

Tail Previously customarily docked.

Docked: Set on high and carried upward.

Undocked: Set on high and carried gaily, of moderate thickness. In overall balance with the rest of the dog.

Gait/Movement Strong, powerful with noble bearing, reaching well forward, and with driving action of hindquarters. In profile, stride free and ground covering.

Coat Short, glossy, smooth and tight to body.

Colour Fawn or brindle. White markings acceptable not exceeding one-third of ground colour.

Fawn: Various shades from dark deer red to light fawn.

Brindle: Black stripes on previously described fawn shades, running parallel to ribs all over body. Stripes contrast distinctly to ground colour, neither too close nor too thinly dispersed. Ground colour clear, not intermingling with stripes.

Any other colour or combination of colours unacceptable.

Size Height: dogs: 57-63cms (22½-25ins); bitches: 53-59cms (21-23ins). Weight: dogs: approximately 30-32kgs (66-70lbs); bitches: approximately 25-27kgs (55-60lbs).

Faults Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.

Note Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

Judges' Choice

We asked a number of breed-specialist and all-rounder judges to pick their three favourite Boxers from those they have judged in the show ring

LYNN MAIR | GLENAULD

Tim Hutchings®



My parents began showing in the 1950s so I was born into the Boxer world. Our first champion was Ch Glenauld Gossip and our latest is Ch Sulez Striker at Glenauld JW giving us 26 Boxer champions. My daughter, Suzanne, and I are very proud to have three Working group winners and three Best Puppy In show All Breeds

winners in our current show team. We have also won Top Boxer on several occasions, including 2025 and 2026 with Ch Macbarra Kickin Up A Storm at Glenauld JW. We also have won British Boxer Club Top Kennel.

1 Ch Susancar Natalie Dressed JW

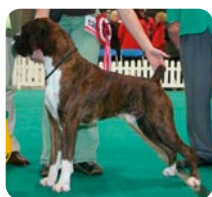
I judged this bitch at Three Counties in 2008 awarding my first set of CCs and gave her the CC. A beautiful red and white with the most exquisite head. Dark expressive eyes and beautiful padded muzzle. I always say when you look at a Boxer's head and expression it should make you want to smile and I certainly did that day. Wonderful short back with a super topline which she held on the move.



Susancar®

2 Ch/Ir Ch Winuwuk Lust At First Sight

Won the dog CC and BOB under me the same day as Natalie at Three Counties. A very sound and honest dog that moved with great drive and extension while holding his topline. Good reach of neck leading to a slightly sloping topline and excellent tail set. He went on to take the breed record, which he holds to this day. What a delight to have such super examples of the breed awarding my first set of CCs!



Alan V Walker/Tim Hutchings®

3 Ch Olleyville Otherston Lad

I judged him at South Wales Boxer Club in 2019 and awarded him the dog CC. He was an impressive dark brindle and white dog. He had a typical head with dark expressive eyes. Clean, arched neck. Super shoulder placement, correct topline with well angulated, muscled hindquarters. He had super drive when on the move. This dog also went onto be an excellent sire and is behind several of our champions and several from other kennels that used him.



Tim Hutchings®

SUZANNE CARTER | SUSANCAR

Tim Hutchings®



I first became interested in showing dogs as a teenager. Initially Bullmastiffs as my mum was a keen exhibitor. Once introduced to Boxers by our aunt and uncle, my sister and I became hooked. We have jointly owned, bred and shown our dogs for nearly 60 years. Currently having bred 10 champions, made up 13 including this year's British Boxer Club Champion of

Champions award. I feel privileged to have awarded many CCs in Boxers since 1992 and highly delighted when invited to judge at Crufts in 2023. Our Boxers have represented the breed twice in the group at Crufts.

1 Ch/Ir Ch Winuwuk Lust At First Sight

I awarded him the dog CC at the British Boxer Club in 2011 my 'best fit' for the breed standard. His overall balance posed, was confirmed on the move. His wide, deep muzzle well in proportion to his skull, correct lip placement, wide underjaw, darkest eyes and alert expression were my most memorable points of his beautiful head. Straight coming and going with correct width, reaching out and driving from the rear. An excellent breed record holder.



Tim Hutchings®

2 Ch Tonantron Glory Lass

My bitch CC and BOB at Manchester in 1992. Handled to perfection she presented a stunning square outline. She had a good length of foreleg, upper arm with shoulder angles in profile. Her correct turn of stifle with hip alignment, well-defined muscles provided reach and drive. Very feminine head with correct proportions. I remember a good length of muzzle being one third of her total head length. Long crested neck and straight level topline. An outstanding bitch, I was delighted to watch her go BIS.



Tim Hutchings®

3 Ch Lanfrese Ocolardo

I co-judged Cotswold Dog Of The Year in 2018. I was impressed with how well he had developed since I judged him previously. Such a noble, upstanding male exhibiting many qualities previously mentioned. Outstanding balance and construction. Good head, deep broad well-padded and square. Beautifully muscled throughout his movement was a joy to watch as he powered effortlessly around the ring. Combine this with his self-assured temperament he was the perfect showman winning the event.



Tim Hutchings®

TIM HUTCHINGS | WINUWUK



I have been associated with the Winuwuk Boxers for 43 years. The kennel was founded by Marion and Ivor Ward-Davies and Julie Brown and I have continued the legacy. We have had 37 champions who have won over 350 CCs making us the all-time top UK kennel. These include the record holder Ch/Ir Ch Winuwuk Lust at

First Sight and his wonderful grandmother Ch Roamaro Scotch Mist of Winuwuk. I awarded my first set of CCs in 1995 and have judged Boxers at Championship Shows more than 50 times on six continents but here, I am limiting myself to UK selections.

1 Ch Roamaro Fun In The Sun with Walkon

I judged 'Buzz' at Three Counties in 2000, awarding him the fourth of his many CCs. He was also BOB. Later in the day he put on a great performance in the big ring and won the group under Andrew Thomson, a judge who had lots of history in Boxers.

He was a perfect blend of substance and elegance, brimful of breed type with the most captivating head and expression which was correctly and beautifully unexaggerated. Medium sized and square, he presented a wholly typical outline when stacked with a super reach of neck and good angulation both ends. On that day there was very little, if anything, that I would have changed about him.



Walker Miller®

2 Ch Susancar Celia Deal

I admired this smart brindle bitch from the start of her career which had been delayed due to Covid; first judging her at Bath in 2023 when she was not long off a litter and not quite back in shape. Nearly three years later at rising six, she came under me again at Essex & Eastern Counties Boxer Club in 2025 and sparked her way through to the CC and BIS. Always attentive and engaging when you looked at her, making the most of her head properties, her quality, balance, type, squareness and overall correctness really did hit me between the eyes.



Tim Hutchings®

3 Ch Sulez Blackmagic

I judged 'Magic' fairly early in her long, illustrious career awarding the 17th of her 54 CCs at the Midland Boxer Club in 2004 from a stellar entry. Presented to perfection in a gleaming dark brindle jacket, she was beautifully balanced in outline, square and well angulated with a correct neck. Elegant but strong and firmly muscled. She had beautiful expressive eyes which looked into your soul. On her best days she would simply not let you walk past her and she went on to be an all-breed BIS winner.



Alan V Walker®

JULIE BROWN | WINUWUK



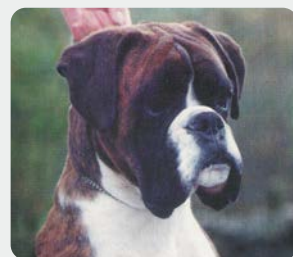
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Boxers have been part of my life for nearly 50 years, owning and breeding many top champions with my partner Tim Hutchings. I first became interested in the breed as a schoolgirl, helping Marion and Ivor Ward-Davies at Winuwuk. Thinking about our own dogs which have had an impact, I must name Ch Roamaro

Scotch Mist of Winuwuk, her son Ch Winuwuk Lust in the Dust and then his son Max, the breed record holder Ch/Ir Ch Winuwuk Lust at First Sight who I had the greatest pleasure in handling at the highest level.

1 Ch Roamaro Fun In The Sun with Walkon

I judged this dog at Manchester in 2004 and, after a fabulous run in his career, it was my pleasure to award him the penultimate of his 38 CCs. At his mature best he was an excellent example of the breed with a beautiful head piece, lovely flowing smooth body lines and a great sound temperament. I am in no doubt that if he were around today he would still be winning at the very highest level.



Walker Miller®

2 Ch Ashgate Able Seaman of Seefeld

I judged him in a young class on my championship show debut at Three Counties in 1994. He wasn't my winner that day but he went on to mature into a beautiful male with great nobility and so correct when compared to the breed standard. He was square, clean and had super sound movement. He didn't always find the show ring interesting but his quality was undeniable. He was a great winner and producer.



Eng Hong Teoh®

3 Ch Maranseen Lustre JW

I judged bitches at the Mancunian Boxer Club in 2014 opposite my lovely friend, Veronica Feaver. This bitch was making her debut at just six months. What a show girl! She had an outstanding profile with the cleanest of body lines and to complete the picture the most beautiful head and expression. Veronica and I made her our BPIS. She went on to BOB at Crufts in 2015 where she was also shortlisted in the group. One that I would love to have owned.



Tim Hutchings®

BETTY MCDONALD | YETEB



I have been interested in dogs all my life. As a child my father had Border Collies and my mother had a black Pekingese. I bought my first Boxer in 1988 as a family pet. I went along to ringcraft training only to keep my sister happy and as they say the rest is history. I bred my first champion from my second litter, Ch/Ir Ch Yeteb

Special Edition JW. His biggest win was Reserve Best in Show at WELKS in 1998. One day I hope to top that!

1 Ch/Ir Ch Winuwuk Lust at First Sight

I had the pleasure of judging this wonderful dog twice. First time judging him at the Cotswold Boxer Club in 2009 I awarded him the dog CC. He was very well constructed being square and balanced throughout, a great mover with a lovely head and expression. A wonderful ambassador for the breed. I was on the panel of judges for the Boxer Dog of the Year competition in 2012 where he went Best Male and Best Overall.



Alan V Walker©

2 Ch/Ir Ch Sandcliffe Snog In The Fog at Jimbren JW

I judged this lovely male three times, as a minor puppy, a junior when I awarded him Best of Breed at Bath in 2003 (no CCs at that time) and finally the CC when I awarded CCs for the first time at Tyne Wear & Tees Boxer Club in 2006. Super clean square outline, excellent construction, good head with lovely dark eyes and expression. Moved with drive.



Tim Hutchings©

3 Ch Winuwuk Silent Witness

I judged this beautiful bitch at Essex & Eastern Counties Boxer Club in 2024 awarding her the CC and BIS. Super smart, with a square outline. Correct angulation. Lovely clean head, dark eyes and an expression that made me smile! Moved true out and back and with purpose on the go around.



Tim Hutchings©

CLAIRE KAY | SEACREST



Founded by my mother in 1964, who bred the first Champion in 1967, I took on the affix in 1983 and have made up eight UK champions. Seacrest bred/owned dogs have won over 70 CCs and gained many national awards including Top Breeder 1999 and 2000, Boxer of the Year 2000, Dog of the Year 1996 and 1997, Crufts BOB and Group 3 in 1999. All awards gained during what I consider the best decade of Boxers, the 1990s. The long-time bitch breed record holder Ch Tonantron Glory Lass was a class above.

1 Ch Roamaro Scotch Mist of Winuwuk

I judged this bitch at Midland Boxer Club open show in 1992 where I gave her Best Bitch and Best in Show. The week after she won the first of her 36 CCs. Misty was a perfectly balanced and proportioned elegant bitch with a sharp flowing outline, lovely clean sculptured headpiece and beautiful dark eyes that could melt ice. Her movement was effortless and precise.



Ivor Ward-Davies©

2 Ch Lanfrese Argento

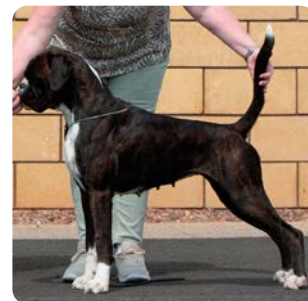
I judged this exceptional male at Midland Counties in 2022 awarding him the dog CC and BOB. He is a showing fool who loves the game and commands attention, chiselled head with correct width and depth of muzzle, dark eye giving a quizzical expression, wide nostrils and good mouth. A crested neck flows into a sloping topline via defined withers, correct shoulder and upper arm angulation, well boned, strong through the torso, well developed quarters enabling accurate and powerful movement.



Tim Hutchings©

3 Ch/Ir Ch Willow Sparks Will Fly (IKC)

I judged this bitch firstly at Midland Counties in 2022 awarding her the CC. At Crufts in 2024 with maturity she took the bitch CC, BOB and a group shortlist. Positively teeming with quality and breed type, strongly sculptured head not coarse or flashy but formed on bone structure, clean skull, full muzzle with excellent upsweep of chin from a powerfully developed underjaw, a characterful expression only produced from correct sized and shaped eyes. Moved easily with a purposeful unrestricted stride.



Tim Hutchings©

STEVE HALL | SHENEDENE



I first started showing dogs in 1973. In the late 1970s Mary Hambleton (Marbelton) invited me to judge a match for West Lancashires Boxer Club and that was my introduction to this breed, how lucky was I? I first awarded CCs in Boxers over 21 years ago and I award CCs in over 50 breeds across five groups and Best in Show at general championship shows. I have had the good fortune to judge the Working and Pastoral groups at Crufts. I was the first to judge the Imported Register classes at Crufts and the spectacular Breeders' Competition.

1 Ch Winuwuk The Outlaw

Was a dog to be much admired, particularly as I had him running second in Limit in a run off with the dog I thought I would give the class to. However, he impressed me so much that with his style, construction and ability to persuade me to eventually give him the class and his first CC and Best of Breed at SKC in 2013. Not many dogs can do that to a judge.



Dewerstone®

2 Ch Lanfrese Ocolardo

I judged him at Cotswold Boxer Club in 2017 awarding him the dog CC and BOB. A dog I truly admire for his all male appearance with the most wonderful bone (somewhat slightly lacking these days). He had quality in abundance with lots to spare, he was one of the most honest Boxer males I have ever encountered. Interestingly his sire won Best Veteran that day and gave him the RCC behind his son.



Tim Hutchings®

3 Ch Roamaro Scotch Mist of Winuwuk

In 1993 I had the upmost privilege of evaluating this brindle bitch in the group at LKA and what a joy to go over her, she excelled in all respects with the most wonderful neck and forehead construction and was so well balanced, however at the time she was barely two years old and I thought she has more to come.



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Best of the Best



Boxer Crufts Best of Breed Winners

1984	CH MOLJON DREAM AGAIN OF MARBELTON
1985	CH RAYFOS COCKROBIN
1986	CH MARBELTON DRESSED TO KILL
1987	CH TYEGARTH BLUE KIWI
1988	CH ROXESS DAZE OF WINE AND ROSES
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1990	CH FAERDORN WITH LOVE TO SHILOH
1991	CH BITZA SHOUT AND ROAR
1992	CH TONANTRON TRUE GLORY
1993	CH TONANTRON GLORY LASS
1994	CH MARBELTON PRINCESS
1995	CH TIME TO DANCE AT MANIC
1996	CH/IR CH BLUEPRINT BEERN SKITTLES AT WALKON (IMP AUS)
1997	CH BUCKSTEPS CHARLIE BROWN
1998	CH SANTONOAKS BE-BOP-A-LULA
1999	CH SEACREST DANOLI AT CARMONDENE JW
2000	CH SANTONOAKS BE-BOP-A-LULA
2001	CH MAKENEY'S MAGICAL MOMENTS JW
2002	CH MERRIBOX ENDLESS GOSSIP
2003	CH HILTHORN GOLD BLEND
2004	CH TARTARIAN GOLD DUST JW
2005	CH NEWLATHE LOOK AT ME
2006	CH TARTARIAN GOLD DUST JW
2007	CH SUSANCAR HUGH BETT JW
2008	CH BELLCHIME SPECIAL EDITION
2009	CH/IR CH WINUWUK LUST AT FIRST SIGHT
2010	CH ROAMARO FIRST ISSUE BY WALKON
2011	CH/IR CH WINUWUK LUST AT FIRST SIGHT
2012	CH/IR CH WINUWUK LUST AT FIRST SIGHT
2013	CH ROAMARO READ ALL ABOUT IT WITH KIZTOK
2014	CH WINUWUK THE OUTLAW
2015	CH MARANSEEN LUSTRE JW
2016	CH PANABOLO SPECIALLY FOR NORWILBECK
2017	CH MAYBE AT LANFRESE
2018	CH LANFRESE OCOLARDO
2019	CH LANFRESE OCOLARDO
2020	CH LANFRESE ARGENTO
2022	CH LANFRESE ARGENTO
2023	CH BOXANIA ROMANOFF TO JEDDHI
2024	CH/IR CH WILLOW SPARKS WILL FLY (IKC)
2025	CH MACBARRA KICKIN UP A STORM AT GLENAULD JW
2026	CH SUSANCAR CELIA DEAL

Boxer - Championship Show Judges		
Date	Show	Judge
21/11/2026	Working & Pastoral Breeds Association Of Scotland	Steven Martin
05/12/2026	Cotswold Boxer Club	Attila Czegledi
10/12/2026	Ladies Kennel Association	Sandra Carter
14/01/2027	Manchester Dog Show Society	Tim Jones
13/02/2027	Midland Boxer Club (dogs)	Sheena Peck
13/02/2027	Midland Boxer Club (bitches)	Susan Drinkwater
13/02/2027	Midland Boxer Club (referee)	Margaret Rose
21/03/2027	Merseyside Boxer Club	Dale Francis
03/04/2027	Mancunian Boxer Club	Frank Kane
10/04/2027	Northern Boxer Club	Gavin Robertson
06/05/2027	Birmingham Dog Show Society Ltd	Yvonne Cannon
20/05/2027	Scottish Kennel Club (All breed)	Richard Bott
20/05/2027	Scottish Kennel Club (General)	Terry John
04/06/2027	Southern Counties Canine Association	Wayne Patterson
10/06/2027	Three Counties Agricultural Society	Suzanne Mair
19/06/2027	Border Union Agricultural Society	Elizabeth Rankin
25/06/2027	Blackpool & District Canine Society	Christofer Habig
01/07/2027	Windsor Dog Show Society	Nicola Cannon
08/07/2027	Boston & District Canine Society	Elizabeth Adam
06/08/2027	Paignton & District Fanciers' Association	Peggy Cobb
13/08/2027	Bournemouth Canine Association	Maria Harding
20/08/2027	Welsh Kennel Club	Lois Wilson
28/08/2027	Driffield Championship Dog Show	Sue Searle
17/09/2027	Darlington Dog Show Society Ltd	Jackie Stubbs
07/10/2027	South Wales Kennel Association	Mick Gordon
16/10/2027	London & Home Counties Boxer Club	Michael Von Bruggenburgh-Rothschild
12/11/2027	Richmond Dog Show Society	Jeff Horswell

Approved list of judges as of 24 September 2026.
Appointments may change due to unforeseen circumstances.
For further details of upcoming shows see: [royalkennelclub/fas](https://royalkennelclub.org.uk/fas)

Crufts winners



Ch Lanfrese Ocolardo (Dave) owned and handled by Mitch Griffiths won the Working group at Crufts in 2019 under judge Elina Haapaniemi. Ms J Foster MEP presented the trophy. Dave was also BOB and G3 the year before in 2018.

Mitch Griffiths' Ch Lanfrese Argento (Kevin) was BOB at Crufts in 2020 and 2022 (no Crufts in 2021 due to Covid outbreak). Argento took G3 in 2022 and he also won the Eukanuba Pup of the Year at Crufts in 2019.



Ch/Ir Ch Winuwuk Lust at First Sight (Max) pictured winning BOB at Crufts in 2009. Max won BOB at Crufts on three occasions, in 2009, 2011 and 2012. He also won the Working group at Crufts in 2009 under Robin Searle and in 2011 under Kari Wilberg. He took G3 at Crufts in 2012 under Jeff Luscott as a veteran.



Breed Learning Resource

The Royal Kennel Club Academy team have a dedicated online library of breed-specific films and educational courses to assist aspiring and existing judges.

The Boxer breed-specific film is one of many breeds available online, where breed expert Tim Hutchings gives his view of the Boxer.

Using his extensive knowledge of the breed, the breed-specific films document:

- A thorough introduction and overview on the history of the breed and a presentation on the breed standard
- A 'nose-to-tail' overview of the breed
- A look at the movement in the show ring

The breed-specific films are supplementary pre-learning resources to support judges' education. Please contact the Academy team with any queries at KC.Academy@royalkennelclub.com

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NEXT MONTH BREED FEATURE

Chow Chow

Photo of Ch Kwaitang
Kristian at Kyong owned by
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FAVOURITE DOG WALKS

A community united by Boxers at Poolsbrook Country Park

BY ALISON BARTON

A monthly Boxer walk is held at Poolsbrook Country Park in Staveley, Chesterfield on the second Sunday of every month. This started around three years ago as a way for us to meet up with some of the dogs adopted from Notts & Yorkshire Boxer Rescue to see how they were getting along.

As a rescue, we started using Poolsbrook to assess the dogs that came into the rescue as the park has plenty of distractions. There are plenty of wildlife including geese, swans, herons and ducks along with the odd squirrel and many smaller birds. The other things we may come across are children, pushbikes, wheelchairs, runners, fishermen, horses and of course other dogs. As the park has wildlife, dogs must be kept on a lead which provides a good opportunity to see how they react to all of these distractions while on lead. It is a lovely place with a café and surprisingly, free parking.

When the walk first started it was a catch up and there could be around eight dogs but now through word of mouth, social media and people meeting us on the walk we have an average of 25 dogs attend. We welcome any dog and we have been joined by Jack Russell Terriers, a variety of Terriers, mixed breeds, French Bulldogs, Retrievers, and a Greyhound.

We usually walk around the lake and then through to a small stream which is lovely and clean so the dogs can be assessed with water and have a drink or in summer a nice cooldown. We do have one regular who likes to submerge themselves fully. There is also

a smaller walk for pups or any of the older dogs which we have used this year during the heatwaves and at an earlier time as it is more shaded.

We describe the event to interested parties as being like a children's party at the meet up as the dogs get excited to see their friends but it calms down once we start walking. There have been some lovely friendships built some between dogs and some between owners. It is a great way to meet up with like minded people and have a social chat and share stories or tips about the beloved Boxer breed. We also have a table where we sell lucky dip bags, toys and treats for the dogs where all the proceeds go to the rescue and we have a charity tin for donations. The walk and the table also help to raise awareness of the rescue.



Photos by Brooke Barton

Boxer in art

Exploring Boxer artefacts in the Royal Kennel Club art collection

Estate of Doris Lindner®



Ch Wardrobes Miss Mink
Bronze by Doris Lindner (1896-1979)

This model of Ch Wardrobes Miss Mink was made in 1956 by the well-known sculptor Doris Lindner.

Miss Mink was owned and bred by Mrs Connie Wilson Wiley and was born on 30 October 1954. Her sire was Ch Winkinglight Justice and her dam Wardrobes Silver Spurs.

Miss Mink became a Champion in three straight shows in 1955. She was Mrs Wilson Wiley's top champion winning 27 Challenge Certificates and 33 Best of Breeds. She eventually went on to produce 11 Champions. This model was presented to the Royal Kennel Club by Mrs Connie Wilson Wiley in 1997.

Doris Lindner was a British animalier sculptor who worked across ceramics and bronze and produced many representations of dogs across breeds for Royal Worcester as well as privately commissioned bronzes of champion show dogs. When producing a maquette for a bronze, Lindner worked in plasticine which was sent to the foundry and then later returned to the artist to be used again.

Ch Tonantron Glory Lass

Oil on canvas by Steven Nesbitt, signed and dated 1992

This painting commemorates the successful show career of Trudy (Ch Tonantron Glory Lass). Sired by Ch Tonantron True Glory x Tonantron Bella Dora, Glory Lass was the breed record holder from 1992 until she passed away in 2001.

She had 52 Challenge Certificates awarded by 51 different judges, a record that remained unbroken until 2006. Glory Lass won her first CC in 1990 in minor puppy at the Scottish Boxer Club Championship Show. She won her final and 52nd CC in 1995 at Drifffield, also winning Best of Breed. She gained 40 Best of Breed awards including Crufts in 1993 and was British Boxer Club Champion of Champions from 1992 until 1996.



Steven Nesbitt®

Glory Lass also won Best in Show at Manchester in 1992, Richmond in 1993 and at multiple breed shows.

This painting was completed by well known dog artist Steven Nesbitt and was donated to the Royal Kennel Club Collections by Kian Pellow and family.



GA Brennan®

Ch Seefeld Picasso

Oil on canvas by GA Brennan,
from a photograph by Diane Pearce

This is a portrait of the Ch Seefeld Picasso, by GA Brennan, which belonged to the late Pat Heath. It hung over her fireplace for many years and it was her wish that the painting be given to the Royal Kennel Club. It was donated by Tim Hutchings on her behalf in 2016.

Picasso was a very famous Boxer. He was an all-breed Best in Show winner, winning BIS at Bath in 1970. He was also RBIS at both Chester and Bournemouth in 1973. He was Top Dog all breeds in Ireland and also Reserve in the Working Group at Crufts. In total he won 24 CCs. To this day he is the top Boxer sire of all time with 18 UK Champions among his progeny.

Raku Ceramic Boxer

by Keza Rudge (b. 1966)

This sturdy ceramic Boxer was sculpted by the British artist Keza Rudge. Keza's father was Lawson Ernest Rudge (1936-2026) who was well known for his development of animal raku figures. Three of his children, including Keza followed this tradition.



Keza Rudge®



Friederun Stockmann's Von Dom kennel in Germany was the most influential in the early development of the breed. She is pictured here tending to her Boxers in the 1920s. *Courtesy of Tim Hutchings*

From hunting dog to household hero

The history of the Boxer is a story of strength, loyalty and reinvention – from 19th-century Germany to family homes around the world.

COMPILED BY LINDA CARNABY

Few breeds combine athletic power, comic charm and deep devotion quite like the Boxer.

Behind today's familiar family companion is a working dog with a formidable past: bred in Germany in the late 19th century, the Boxer emerged from crosses between the now-extinct Bullenbeisser – a mastiff-type hunting dog used to pursue large game – and the Bulldog. The intention was practical rather than decorative: breeders wanted a dog with courage, strength and the discipline to hold prey until the hunter arrived.

Forged in Germany

As hunting traditions changed, so did the Boxer's purpose. No longer needed chiefly as a game-holding dog, the breed began

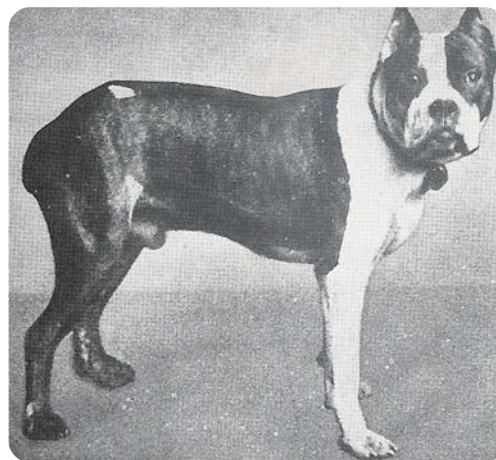
to move into new roles as a guardian, working dog and companion. Its name is often linked to German slang associated with the Bullenbeisser, though another popular explanation points to the breed's playful habit of using its front paws in a boxing-like manner. Whatever the origin of the name, the Boxer quickly gained a reputation for confidence, alertness and a notably people-focused temperament.

The birth of a breed standard

A crucial turning point came in 1895, when the first Boxer club was founded in Munich. The Deutscher Boxer Club helped formalise the breed's identity by establishing a standard that defined its physical structure, movement and character. This was more than a matter



Marian Fairbrother was one of the most important doyennes of the breed in the UK. She is pictured with her homebred Ch Gremlin Summer Storm who was the breed record holder at the time of her death. Pearce®



The very first Boxer, Muhlbauer's Flocki was born in Germany on 26 February 1895. Courtesy of Tim Hutchings

Boxer at a glance

Origin	Germany, late 19th century
Early role	Hunting, guarding and working alongside handlers
Ancestor breeds	Bullenbeisser and Bulldog
Breed standard	Formalised after the founding of the first Boxer club in Munich in 1895
Temperament	Confident, energetic, loyal and people-focused
Modern reputation	A playful family companion with strong working-dog instincts

of appearance: the standard helped preserve the Boxer's original working qualities while guiding its evolution into a reliable companion. From that point on, the breed's distinctive square build, muscular frame and expressive face became central to its identity.

Bred for courage and control, the Boxer evolved into a dog prized not only for strength, but for loyalty and heart.

Service in war

The Boxer's intelligence and trainability made it valuable during both World War I and World War II. Boxers served as messenger dogs, pack carriers and guards, tasks that demanded steadiness under pressure as well as physical stamina. Their wartime use reinforced

the breed's reputation for bravery and versatility, and helped introduce the Boxer to a wider international audience. After the wars, returning soldiers and growing public interest contributed to the breed's increasing popularity outside Germany.

The modern Boxer

Today, the Boxer is best known as an affectionate, energetic family dog - playful enough to be endearing and protective enough to be trusted. Its working heritage remains visible in its athleticism, confidence and eagerness to learn, qualities that continue to make the breed successful in obedience, agility and tracking. Yet its greatest transformation has been from hunter

and service dog to devoted household companion. The Boxer's history explains much of its enduring appeal: beneath the expressive face and lively spirit lies a breed shaped by purpose, resilience and an unmistakable bond with people.



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Boxer health today: Caring for the whole dog

Having lived with Boxers for many years as an owner, breeder, exhibitor and judge, I know just how deeply this breed gets under your skin.

BY LAURA CLARK, BREED HEALTH CO-ORDINATOR

Lively, affectionate and full of character, the Boxer is first and foremost a much-loved family companion – and today, thanks to advances in veterinary knowledge, health screening and more open sharing among owners and breeders, we understand the breed's health more clearly than ever before.

That greater understanding is welcome, but it also asks something of all of us who care about the breed. There is much to be proud of, yet there are still health matters we cannot afford to overlook. None of us can promise a Boxer free from every possible problem, but we can make careful, evidence-based choices that give our dogs the best chance of long, happy lives.

Cardiac health

Heart health has long been one of the Boxer's key considerations, and the breed community has shown real commitment through the Boxer Breed Council Heart Scheme, which remains the main cardiac screening programme used by responsible breeders before breeding.

Just as importantly, the scheme has kept heart health in regular conversation. It has encouraged breeders to test routinely, talk openly with their vets, and remember that each result adds to the bigger picture for the breed.

It is also encouraging that the Royal Kennel Club, the Veterinary Cardiovascular Society and the Boxer Breed Council are working towards a formal Boxer heart testing scheme, building on existing practice and giving breeders clearer guidance for the years ahead.

No health scheme can remove every risk, but cardiac screening remains one of the most valuable tools available to breeders who want to support the future health of the Boxer.

Cancer

Cancer remains an important concern in Boxers and, as in many breeds, includes a wide range of conditions that can affect dogs at different stages of life.

This is where good records matter. Owner reports, veterinary diagnoses, health surveys and research all help us spot patterns, ask better questions and focus attention where it is needed most.

Juvenile Kidney Disease

Juvenile Kidney Disease is fortunately uncommon, but when it does occur the impact on puppies, young dogs and their owners can be devastating, which is why awareness remains important.

Spotting problems early, talking about them responsibly and supporting research all make a difference. These conversations are not always comfortable, but silence helps no breed, and careful sharing can help us all learn.

Allergies and food intolerance

Many owners will recognise the frustrations that can come with itchy skin, recurring ear problems or suspected food intolerance. These issues may not sound as dramatic as some inherited diseases, but for the dog living with them, they can have a very real effect on comfort and quality of life.

Allergies can be complicated, with both inherited and environmental factors involved. Keeping notes, seeking veterinary advice and sharing reliable information are far more useful than guessing, especially when a dog is living with ongoing skin, ear or digestive problems.



Pictured:
 'Roger' aged
 10 owned by
 Sheena Peck,
 Enesha Boxers.
 Sheena Peck©

Eye health

Healthy, comfortable eyes matter in everyday life, and the Royal Kennel Club recommends the BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme to give breeders another useful source of information when planning future matings.

Boxers are also known for their predisposition to chronic indolent corneal ulcers, often called "Boxer ulcers"; these are not part of routine inherited eye screening, but prompt veterinary diagnosis and treatment can make a real difference.

Respiratory health and BOAS

The Boxer should be a strong, athletic and active breed, and sound breathing is essential to that way of life; although Boxers are recognised as a functional brachycephalic breed, respiratory health still deserves careful attention.

The RKC/University of Cambridge Respiratory Function Grading Scheme for Boxers gives breeders a practical way to assess breathing and adds to our understanding of Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome, reminding us that breathing, health, temperament, construction and breed type must be considered together.

For me, the important point is that a Boxer should be able to enjoy an active life, breathe freely and keep the confident, workmanlike character that makes the breed so loved.

Looking at the whole dog

If years around Boxers have taught me anything, it is that health cannot be judged by one test result alone.

Screening gives breeders valuable information, but it is only part of the story; temperament, construction, longevity, genetic diversity, overall soundness and the dogs behind the pedigree all matter when making responsible breeding decisions.

For the Boxer, good health is not something that simply happens. It is protected by people who know the breed, live with the breed, and care enough to make thoughtful choices for the dogs in front of them and for those still to come.

Like so many who share their lives with Boxers, I want to see this wonderful breed not only admired for its character and type, but thriving in health for many years to come.

Current Royal Kennel Club recommended health screening for Boxers

The Royal Kennel Club encourages breeders to support responsible breeding by using the health screening currently recommended for the Boxer.

Whilst no single test can guarantee a healthy dog, together these screening programmes provide valuable information to support informed breeding decisions.

- **Boxer Breed Council Heart Scheme:**

the long-established cardiac screening programme that remains the cornerstone of pre-breeding heart assessment within the breed.

- **BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme:** helping breeders monitor hip health and make balanced breeding decisions.

- **BVA/KC Elbow Dysplasia Scheme:** recommended as part of assessing overall musculoskeletal health.

- **BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme:** providing valuable information on inherited eye health.

In addition to the Royal Kennel Club's current recommendations, other health tests are available. For example, DNA testing for Degenerative Myelopathy (DM) is available and may provide useful information in some breeding programmes. Breeders should consider any additional testing in the context of current scientific evidence, their breeding plans and advice from the Breed Health Co-ordinator and veterinary specialists.

Responsible breeding means looking at the whole dog: health screening should sit alongside temperament, construction, longevity, genetic diversity and overall wellbeing.

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Boxers at work and play: A breed of remarkable versatility

BY TOBIE JAMES

Despite common perception, Boxers are extremely intelligent and trainable. They absolutely love being given a ‘job’ and the opportunity to use their brains. They do everything with drive and enthusiasm, plus they do it all with a sense of humour. Boxers are also extremely versatile and compete at the highest level in pretty much every activity.

Whether training for fun or competing, the time spent together builds a wonderful relationship and a true partnership between handler and dog.

Obedience

By Dawn Barry

Boxers are incredibly bright, energetic and playful – all traits that are extremely useful for teaching obedience. Whether you want an all-round, well-behaved family dog or are going to try one of the many dog sports described in this article, obedience is the foundation for all.

Boxers are excellent when training is kept short (5–10 minutes several times a day), made fun and rewarding for the dog, using high-value treats or tug toys. Avoid endless repetition with this breed – it is a sure-fire way to turn a Boxer off.

Dawn Barry with Lily, (Casemates Magic Dust at Tapputi A Ex) regularly competed against the Border Collies, often winning classes. Lily is also the first ever Boxer to compete in classes B and C only, the two highest levels in obedience. Give it a go – you might become addicted!



Dawn Barry with Casemates Magic Dust at Taputti

Courtesy of Dawn Barry

Agility

By Tobie James

Boxers love playing, running and jumping, so agility can be a great activity to take part in. There is an element of obedience required before starting, but with a basic recall, sit-wait, play drive (i.e. tug games) and listening skills, it is easy to get into. The exercise is great for them too, helping to keep them fit and healthy.

Helen Newell with Miley, (Boxania Star Player AWD) competed at the very top in grade 7, participating in the Championship class – the only Boxer to currently attain this level. They are also the first Boxer to achieve the highest Agility Warrant Award, Diamond. Any handler of any age can take part, as well as any age of Boxer providing they are healthy (puppies can start at “foundation” classes), so learning the basics and handling work, then moving on to jumping and full size equipment from about 12 months.



Helen Newell and Boxania Star Player AWD

Courtesy of Helen Newell

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Applewest As If
By Magic AWG



Hoopers

By Jude Mellor

Hoopers is a fast-growing sport and a low-impact alternative to agility.

It consists of fast-flowing courses with minimal changes of direction through a series of hoops, straight tunnels, chutes, barrels, mats and “gates”. It is therefore an excellent choice for a fun-loving Boxer who not only wants to use its brain, but also wants to run like the wind and please their owner. The overall aim of Hoopers is to gain progression points by achieving fast clear rounds, with extra bonus points gained from distance handling.

Jude Mellor and Coco (Applewest As If By Magic AWG) thoroughly enjoys training and competing in Hoopers.

Coco gained a lot of independence and confidence, progressing from Beginners to Novice in each discipline, that’s Hoopers, Barrellers, Tunnellers, and Touch and Go classes. In 2024 Coco was placed third overall in the Canine Hoopers UK Working Dog League, and 4th Overall in the Canine Hoopers UK 2025 league.

The foundation skills of hoopers can be transferred to agility, so anyone thinking about agility for their Boxer would benefit greatly from doing Hoopers first. Go on, get that Boxer brain working and have a go!



Scent detection and mantrailing

By Andy McCarthy and Kate Hurst

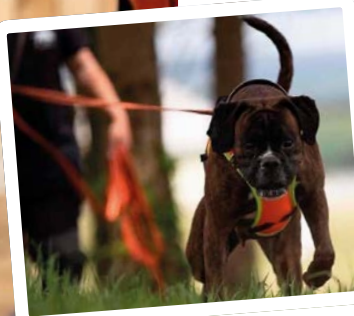
Boxers may be known for their energy, athleticism and playful personalities, but behind that famous face is a nose capable of some seriously impressive work.

Scent Detection is a fantastic activity for Boxers, allowing them to use their natural scenting ability while developing focus, confidence and problem-solving skills. From searching environments to locating specific target odours, Boxers can become enthusiastic and determined scent detectives.

Mantrailing takes those natural abilities into a different environment, combining human scent, independence, problem-solving and teamwork. Boxers might not be the first breed that comes to mind when you think of trailing. However many Boxers throughout the UK are thriving in mantrailing and other scent-based sports, demonstrating that their determination, athleticism and lively character are matched by impressive scenting ability and a genuine love of working with their handlers.

Andy McCarthy with Pebbles, (Verendo Yabba Dabba Doo) is the first Boxer to pass Mantrailing Global Level 4, the highest level and also the only Boxer to qualify GAK9 Tactical Tracker Team Level 1.

Scent sports are about learning to read your dog and, most importantly, trusting their nose. And let’s be honest – watching a Boxer work is great fun!



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Inset: Andy McCarthy and Verendo
Yabba Dabba Doo Kate Hurst©



Working Trials and IGP

By *Tobie James*

These are possibly two of the most 'natural' disciplines for Boxers to participate in, based on their history of being used as guard dogs and police dogs. Both disciplines are made up of 3 elements.

Working trials is a Royal Kennel Club activity based on a civilian version of police work, while IGP (Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung) is a Europe-wide sport evolved from Schutzhund – a suitability test to evaluate the temperament, intelligence and physical traits of German Shepherds.

They both include obedience and tracking and the third element consists of 'agility' for Working Trials which comprises of completing a scale, long jump and clear jump. In IGP, the third element is 'protection', probably the most dynamic and exciting of all disciplines, more familiar, although incorrectly, known as 'bite work'.

Working Trials and IGP are probably the most time-consuming activities due to the variety of elements within each discipline and they both take a lot of commitment and dedication to reach the top levels.

Heather Patrick with Cassie, (Palerty Havoc) is the most recent Boxer to have been competing at the top level in Working Trials. They also participated in IGP and qualified up to IGP2 before having to retire due to an eye injury. However, this did not hinder them as at 11 years old, came 4th in the IGP Super Trophy 2025 for tracking, despite not having done any training for four years!

Anneka Powell with Maggie, (Carony Lady in Red) is the first UK bred Boxer to achieve the highest level of IGP3 in the UK



as well as the first UK Boxer to achieve the tracking FHV title.

All these activities are highly rewarding and are all enjoyable, fun events to be involved in with a Boxer. There are also many other activities that Boxers are also capable of including sheep herding, search and rescue, plus therapy and assistance dogs. Never underestimate just what a Boxer is capable of!

Pictured: Heather Patrick and Palerty Havoc. *Courtesy of Heather Patrick*

Inset: Carony Lady in Red. *Courtesy of Anneka Powell*

Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England

BY JANINE TAKHAR

Boxer Dog Rescue Northern England was officially established in April 2007 and is a volunteer-run UK registered charity (1153127). We are a small team of area co-ordinators across the northern counties, responsible for rehoming Boxer dogs from throughout the UK. We rely on a network of fosterers, homecheckers, transporters and fundraisers, and have rehomed more than a thousand Boxers since the charity began.

Rescue is not solely about saving neglected or abandoned dogs, although sadly this has happened over the years. Changes in family life and circumstances are the main reasons dogs come into our care. When the unthinkable happens and a Boxer has to be relinquished, we are able to step in to help both people and dogs.

There have also been shocking cases in which veterinary help was not sought, young Boxers were tormented and hurt, old dogs were tied up in remote areas, and sick puppies were dumped in a thick hedge and left to die. Those puppies were found by chance by walkers who knew a member of our team and alerted her to their location. After fighting through the thicket and suffering cuts themselves, the rescuers reached the three puppies, freed them and whisked them to the nearest vet. They remained in hospital until they were well enough to be fostered.



Photo by Janine Takhari

Leo and owner
Jo Ward with
Su from BDRNE



Zeus

Photo by S.J. Garrett

Our fundraising efforts and donations from supporters cover the necessary costs of treatment and rehabilitation. Sometimes, however, help comes too late and all we can do is provide comfort at the end.

By attending events including breed club shows, Crufts and DogFest, we have developed relationships with breeders and other organisations. If a young Boxer is being surrendered, we first check whether the breeder is able to help. If not, we carefully match a screened home to the dog's needs. Most people on our waiting list already have experience of the breed and have the time and space for their new addition.

We have always said that we match the home to the dog, not the dog to a home. This helps to ensure a successful adoption and reassures the previous owner that their beloved Boxer has everything needed to continue enjoying life.

BDRNE is involved not only in rehoming, but also in promoting responsible breeding, health and diet

through our social media platforms. We could not exist without the support we receive, and we are grateful for every contribution that enables us to continue helping our beloved breed.

Several years ago, we approached The Yorkshire Vet, Peter Wright, who agreed to become our patron. Peter and Lin Wright love Boxers and have been instrumental in raising our profile and generating much-needed funds.



Sonny, who has raised more than £15,000 for the rescue since being adopted

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