

HEART OF ENGLAND DOG SHOWS CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS EVENT NEWS ...

Brian & I have decided to repeat the Heart of England Dog Shows (HOEDS) Champion of Champions (CoC) 'Golden Envelope' initiative through 2016, but, the format will be different.

For 2016, there will be a single CoC event, covering all HOEDS events occurring throughout the year. This will include (but may not be limited to) all HOEDS indoor and outdoor Fun or Companion Dog Shows (FDS or CDS).

The indoor CoC event covering 2016 qualifiers will occur on Sunday, 29th January 2017, at Daventry Community Centre, Northamptonshire and will be 'stand-alone'. This means there will be no preceding CDS on the day of the CoC event.

There are two main reasons for these changes: Firstly, organising and managing more than one event in a single day takes an enormous amount of time and effort; and, puts Brian & I under a lot more stress than we are now willing to tolerate; and secondly, especially given the first point - doing this twice a year just isn't feasible.

We're also aware that holding a CDS before a CoC event means that we can't accurately predict a start time for the second event. This seems to be a major concern for some CoC exhibitors, and so, by simplifying things, we are removing this apparent issue.

And so, on Sunday, 29th January 2017, judging of the CoC event will commence at 1:00 pm, and, it should finish by 4:30 pm at the latest. Obviously, other than the first one (which will start at 1:00 pm), we cannot predict when each CoC class will commence (although the running order will be as documented in the schedule).

The following information may also be of interest:

We have now retired the Novelty Class '6 Legs', and have re-introduced 'Trick'. There will be a time limit of 2 minutes for each entry in 'Trick'.

Both 'Trick' and 'Condition' will be included as qualifying CoC classes for 2016.

Links to a PROVISIONAL schedule for the CoC event on 29th January 2017 can be found on the 'Dog show dates & schedules' page of our website.

Before planning anything beyond January 2017, we've decided to monitor the effectiveness of the changes outlined here, along with the continued reduction of HOEDS events we organise, and the firmer moderation of the HOEDS Facebook page. The past couple of years have been rather rocky, and so we'll just have to see how it goes in 2016.

We do hope to see some of you at our events in 2016 - and please remember that, the judges' decisions are always final!