

Crufts

Crufts Today

Crufts is one of the largest dog events in the world. No longer purely a dog show, Crufts celebrates every aspect of the role that dogs play in our lives.

It has changed in ways that couldn't possibly have been imagined when the show was set up in Victorian times by the late Charles Cruft. Although it was a very different event in 1891, Charles Cruft was a great showman and would surely have enjoyed the size and scope of the event today, which is an essential date in any dog lover's calendar.

Crufts is ultimately a celebration of all dogs. It celebrates working dogs, which are fit and healthy enough to perform the jobs for which they were originally bred, such as those in the Gamekeepers classes and those participating in displays including the West Midlands Police Dogs. The show hails hero dogs through the Friends for Life competition and crossbreeds are honored through the final of the Scrufts Family Crossbreed of the Year competition. Rescue dogs are celebrated in the rescue dog agility competition and the speed and agility of dogs is clearly seen in ever popular competitions including flyball and heelwork to music

For prospective dog owners and dog lovers, Crufts is a prime opportunity to talk to Kennel Club Assured Breeders, rescue charities and breed experts about how to responsibly buy, rescue, train and enjoy life with your dog. The Discover Dogs booths offer a chance for potential owners and dog fans to encounter around 200 different breeds of dog, including some they may have never heard of before! And of course, with hundreds of trade stands selling anything and everything for dogs and their humans, it is also a four day shopping extravaganza.

History of Cruft's - How it all started

Crufts is named after its founder Charles Cruft. The young Charles left college in 1876 with no desire to join the family jewelry business. Instead he took employment with James Spratt who had set up a new venture in Holborn, London selling 'dog cakes'.

Charles Cruft was ambitious and a relatively short apprenticeship as an office boy led to promotion to traveling salesman. This brought him into contact with large estates and sporting kennels. His next career move with Spratts saw

him traveling to Europe and there in 1878, French dog breeders, perhaps seeing entrepreneurial talents in Cruft, invited him to organize the promotion of the canine section of the Paris Exhibition. He was just two years out of college.



Charles Cruft



Early Advert for Cruft's Dog Show

Back in England in 1886 he took up the management of the Allied Terrier Club Show at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. It was in 1891 that the first Cruft's show was booked into the Royal Agricultural Hall in Islington and it has evolved and grown ever since.

Timeline

1891 – The first Cruft's show in that name takes place at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington with 2,437 entries and 36 breeds.

1918- 1920 – Cruft's is not held due to the First World War.

1928 – Best in Show award starts. The first winner is a Greyhound named Primley Sceptre.

1932 – First female owner of Best in Show, Lorna Countess Howe with Labrador Retriever, Bramshaw Bob.

1936 – Charles Cruft celebrates his Golden Jubilee five years early, breaking the 10,000 entries mark for the first time.

1938 – Charles Cruft dies. His widow, Emma Cruft takes over the running of the show.

1940-1947 – Cruft's is not held due to the Second World War.

1948 – The first Cruft's Show under Kennel Club auspices takes place after Emma Cruft gives over control. Held at Olympia, it proves an immediate success with both exhibitors and the public, with eighty-four breeds entered, almost double the number of breeds at the first Cruft's in 1891. Since then Crufts has increased in stature year by year, now attracting around 200 breeds annually.

1950 – Cruft's first televised by the BBC.

1952 – The death of King George VI on 6th February threatens the possibility of the cancellation of Cruft's for that year but the show is allowed to take place two days later.

1954 – Electricians strike action leads to the show being cancelled, as electricians refuse to disconnect the stands from the previous show held at Olympia, and the venue can therefore not be cleared to make way for Cruft's.

1955 – Cruft's becomes an obedience championship show. Working Sheepdogs are entered, becoming the first crossbreeds to compete at Cruft's. Crossbreed dogs are now a central part of the show, taking part in a wide range of competitions including agility.

1961 – Entries break the 15,000 mark for the first time.

**1964 The first English Setter Best In Show winner at Crufts was owned
by Mrs. Ada Williams
SH. CH. SILBURY SOAMES OF MADVALE
He was judged Reserve Best in Show in 1961 and 1963**



1972 – During the Winter of Discontent, Cruft's 1972 takes place under subdued lighting and with an abbreviated catalogue due to the 3 day working week which had been enforced. As one commentator said: "For two days every visitor was able to forget the troubles of the world."

1974 – Cruft's changes to Crufts. During a rebrand as it is decided that the apostrophe was no longer needed.

**1977 Best In Show at Crufts, Mr. Gordon F. William English Setter
SH.CH. BOURNEHOUSE DANCING MASTER**



1978 – Agility first demonstrated at Crufts.

1979 – The show moves to Earls Court as the increasing number of entries had the show outgrowing its former venue at Olympia.

1980 – First official agility competition at Crufts - with the move comes a new atmosphere at the event.

1981 The first Irish (Red) Setter Crufts Best in Show winner and to date the only one with a Field qualification Miss Colette & Mrs. Mary Tuites

CH ASHLEY PORTIA OF RUA

This bitch's background pedigree has links to SA's Redsun Irish Setters



1982 –The show is extended to three days to accommodate the increasing numbers of dogs and spectators.

1985 – The Kennel Club Junior Organisation is launched. Now the Young Kennel Club (YKC), its competitions form an important part of the current Crufts show.

1987 – The show is extended to four days to accommodate further increases in the number of dogs and spectators.

1988 – More than 110,000 people come through the doors making Crufts not only the biggest dog show, but also the most popular show to be held at Earls Court. Best in Show was Mr. J. W. & Mrs. Val Watkins English Setter

SH CH. STARLITE EXPRESS OF VALSETT



1990 – Flyball first demonstrated.

1991 – Crufts Centenary Show is held at its new venue, the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre - the first time the show had moved from London. The move accommodated the growing number of dogs and spectators.



Commemorative Crufts Centenary Postage Stamps

1992 – Mary Ray demonstrates her fast moving heelwork to music routine. She is now a regular performer at the event.

**1993 Crufts Best in Show was Jackie Lorimer's Irish (Red) Setter
SH.CH. DANAWAY DEBONAIR**



1994 – Discover Dogs area introduced as part of the Kennel Club's commitment to encouraging responsible dog ownership. Good Citizen Dog Scheme Ring introduced, enabling dogs to demonstrate their pet obedience credentials

**1995 Crufts Best in Show Irish (Red) Setter owned by Mr.T.Rainey &
Mrs R Shaw-Rainey
SH.CH. STARCELLE CHICAGO BEAR**



1999 Crufts Best in Show Jackie Lorimer's Irish (Red) Setter

SH.CH.CASPIANS INTREPID



2000 – Rescue dog agility introduced to the show, enabling rescue dogs to shine in the fun and fast paced demonstration

2001 – Crufts moved from March to May due to Foot and Mouth disease. The International Agility competition takes place at Crufts for the first time.

2004 – The popular competition Friends for Life first appeared, initially called Hero Dogs. The popular annual competition ensures that man's best friend gets the recognition he deserves for bravery, support and companionship.

**2005 Reserve (2nd) Crufts Best in Show Mr. G. & Mrs. P. Williams
English Setter**

SH CH. BOURNEHOUSE ROYAL COLOURS



2007 – As the event continues to grow, the Genting Arena is used for the first time, for competitions including agility, Friends for Life and Best in Show.
2008 – Crufts develops its own Facebook page, now with more than 210,000 likes. Canicross, canine cross country, is introduced to Crufts for the first time as people look for ever more ways to get fit with their dogs.

2009 – Crufts streamed online for the first time and became the most watched channel on YouTube in the UK. The Health Zone is introduced, with breed and scientific experts providing information and advice about breed health and scientific advances. Breed rescue charities, the unsung heroes of the dog world are given a high profile area, so that the public can find out more about their work. They are supported by the Kennel Club Charitable Trust.

2010 – More 4 becomes broadcast partner, providing one hour of footage a night and two hours on Sunday.

2012 – Vet checks for the Best of Breed winners for breeds in Category Three of the Kennel Club's Breed Watch introduced.

2013 – For the first time in its history, the final of the prestigious Scruffts Family Crossbreed Dog of the Year competition, run by the Kennel Club and sponsored by James Wellbeloved, takes place at Crufts at the NEC in Birmingham. Crufts was broadcast on both More4 and Channel 4.

2014 – Crufts televised on Channel 4 across three nights for the first time. 'Obedience', a display competition to showcase competitive obedience with different breeds launched.

2015 – The Young Kennel Club celebrates its 30th birthday at the show.

2016 – Crufts celebrates its 125th anniversary. First official Obedience and British & Irish Vulnerable Breeds competitions take place.

2017 – Jack Russell Terriers (newly recognized by the Kennel Club) and Great Swiss Mountain Dogs make their Crufts debut in the ring, and the tenth anniversary of the Eukanuba World Challenge will also take place at Crufts, which is the first time it has been held in the UK.

2018 – Any Variety Import breeds can compete for the Best in Show title for the very first time in Crufts history including the newly recognized pedigree breed the Braque d'Auvergne which makes its Crufts debut in the ring this year

2019 The Best in Show winner receives a replica of the solid silver Keddall Memorial Trophy (named after Robert Keddall – Show Manager for 30 years and a cash prize of 100.pounds sterling. **Winning Setter Results on next page**

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Note: In the past many of the Crufts Res. and Best in Show winning English Setters were linked to those bred in SA. The 1993,1995 and 1999 Crufts Irish (red) Setter Best in Show winners appear in the pedigree background of South African bred Irish (Red) Setters today Ed.

CRUFTS SETTER WINNERS 2019

7TH MARCH : NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE BIRMINGHAM UK



The biggest dog show in the world with 20,565 qualifying exhibits at Crufts in 2019. The Gundog breeds were judged on the first day of the show 7th March.

Nos. in Breed	Setter Breeds	Judges
141 (65d 76b)	English Setters	Mrs. V. Isherwood
178 (86d 92b)	Gordon Setters	Mrs. Y.C. Slaughter
138	Irish (Red) Setter Dogs	Ms. M. Savage
115	Irish (Red) Setter Bitches	Miss. M. Henderson
78 (35d 43b)	Irish Red & White Setters	Mrs. P. Williams

ENGLISH SETTERS



BOB & CC Bitch Mrs. A. , Mrs. K.L & Ms T.Plipps, Bryant & Watkins
SH.CH.WARSLEYDALE STAR QUEEN OF GLENMAURANGI

CC Dog Mr. S & Mrs. M. Collier's
SH.CH.GAMERIGHTS MR. BLUE SKY AT ROSZARKE (Imp. Belgium)

GORDON SETTERS



**BOB & CC Dog Mrs. F. Boxall's
SH.CH.LUDSTAR FREDERICK FRANKENTEIN (Imp Italy)**

**CC Bitch M. Sklorz
CELTIC BLACKENED KOCHANEI EMILKI (AR02215 Pol)**

IRISH (RED) SETTER



**BOB & CC Dog Mrs. D. & Mr. J.N. Milligan-Bott & Bott's
SH.CH. THENDARA COMMITMENT (JW)**

**CC Bitch Mrs. D.M. Armitage's
SH.CH./IR.SH.CH. GWENDARIFF COCO NUT CREAM CW'18 .**

IRISH RED & WHITE SETTERS



**BOB & CC Bitch Mrs. A. Tattersall's
SH. CH. ALANEA SUMMER COTTAGE**

**CC Dog Mrs. C. Volkmer's
Int/CIE CORRANROO COUNT GENTLEJUN CH VDH**

No Setter breeds were placed in the Gundog Group by judge Mrs. C.A. Coode. Her final four were:-:

**1ST BEST OF GROUP Mrs. J>L> Carruthers Irish Water Spaniel
SH. CH. GLOI DONN ALL OR NOTHING**

**2ND Miss S. Pickerion's German Wirehaired Pointer
SH.CH./DUTCH CH. ESMEE BRAGON FROM RHPNA'S HOME AT
BAREVE WW18 (Imp. Holland)**

**3rd Mrs. G. Monteverde's Golden Retriever
ITAL CH./INT CH. PRIMAVERA IN ANTICIPO BELLA VAL D'AVETO**

**4th Miessrs. N.B, B.J.R & Mrs. J.C Egginton's Spanish Water Spaniel
VALENTISIMO'S YOGI**