



CRUFTS FACTS AND STATS

Crufts welcomes over 130,000 visitors joining in the annual celebration of man's best friend.

Over 24,000 dogs will be at Crufts, including 3,952 dogs from overseas.

Leading the way with more entries than any other overseas country is France with 475 dogs, just ahead of Germany (407). Following is The Netherlands, (376) and Italy (360). Other countries to attract entries of 150 dogs or more are: Ireland (327), Poland (259), Belgium (213), Spain (174), Czech Republic (218) and Sweden (168). Dog lovers can look forward to more than 19 hours of television coverage when Crufts returns to Channel 4 and More4 as follows:

THURSDAY 6 MARCH:

1500-1600 – Channel 4

1830-1930 – More4

1930-2100 – Channel 4

FRIDAY 7 MARCH:

1500-1600 – Channel 4

1830-1930 - More4

1930-2100 – Channel 4

SATURDAY 8 MARCH:

1400-1800 – Channel 4

1900-2100 – Channel 4

SUNDAY 9 MARCH:

1400-1800 – Channel 4

1900-2100 - Channel 4 Crufts 2025: Best in Show live.

(*Please note, times subject to change)

Clare Balding will host daily highlights of the world's most famous dog event live from the NEC and will be joined by a team of reporters and canine experts reporting from the show.

The exciting climax of Crufts – Best in Show – will be judged at 8:30pm on Sunday 9 March and will be shown live on Channel 4.

Over 200 breeds of dog will compete for the ultimate title, Best in Show.

Scruffts will be returning to Crufts on Saturday 8 March. At 9am, 24 dogs and their owners will compete in the semi-finals, having qualified at local heats across the country. Each semi-finalist will compete in one of the four classes taking place in the bp pulse LIVE arena: Most Handsome Dog Crossbreed, Prettiest Crossbreed Bitch, Goldie Oldie Crossbreed and Good Citizen Dog Scheme, before four lucky crossbreeds will go through to the final in the evening.

The Kennel Club Hero Dog Award takes place on Sunday March 9 at 5.40pm. The Award celebrates heart-warming stories of friendship in adversity, where dogs have changed the lives of their owners through bravery, support or companionship. The five dogs which made the 2025 final were selected by a panel of Kennel Club judges. Watch the heart-warming videos and vote for your favourite by visiting crufts.org.uk/herodogaward.

All of the arena action from the show will also be shown on the Crufts YouTube channel which can be found at youtube.com/crufts.

Did you know?

- Crufts began in 1891.
- Hundreds of crossbreeds take part in Crufts, through agility, flyball, obedience, heelwork to music, Scruffts and The Kennel Club Hero Dog Award competitions.
- There have been 86 Best in Show winners, with 45 different breeds winning the title over the years.

- The Cocker Spaniel has won the most Best in Show titles, with seven wins, followed by the Irish Setter, Poodle and Welsh Terrier which have won on four occasions each.
- The first Best in Show was won by a Greyhound.
- Vulnerable British and Irish native breeds have won Best in Show at Crufts a total of eight times.
- Crufts covers more than 25 acres of the NEC in Birmingham. This includes five halls, and the bp pulse LIVE Arena.
- Over 5,000 people are volunteering at Crufts 2025, from ring stewards to the breed experts in the Discover Dogs area
- Leading the field with the largest individual breed entry for the second year is the great family favourite, the Golden Retriever, with an entry of 509 dogs. Followed closely is the Labrador Retriever with 485 entries.
- The most popular entries in each group by breed are:
 - Terrier: Staffordshire Bull Terrier – 338
 - Hound: Whippet – 376
 - Utility: Dalmatian – 260
 - Toy: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel – 290
 - Gundog: Golden Retriever – 509
 - Working: Bernese Mountain Dog – 159
 - Pastoral: Border Collie – 300
 - The following four breeds, in addition to those mentioned above, have exceeded an entry of 250 or more: Cocker Spaniel (418), Flat Coated Retriever (309), Irish Setter (266) and Shetland Sheepdog (257).
- For the first time, the Polish Hunting Dog will feature in the Discover Dogs area of the show as a newly recognised Kennel Club breed.
- In contrast, there is just one Belgian Shepherd Dog (Laekenois) and one Turkish Kangal Dog entered, which highlights how the show is a true celebration of all dogs, from the well-known to the more unusual.
- The oldest dog to win Best in Show was a Flat Coated Retriever, Jet, aged 9 years and 7 months, in 2011.
- The youngest dog to win Best in Show was a Bulldog, Chuckles, aged 1 year and 3 months, in 1952.
- Only one parent and offspring pair have won Best in Show at Crufts – Irish Setter sire and son in 1993 and 1999 respectively. Both had the same owner, Jackie Lorrimer.

- A small number of exhibitors have won Best in Show at Crufts twice, but only one kennel has bred two winners. Mike Gadsby and Jason Lynn bred a Standard Poodle which won in 2014 and an American Cocker Spaniel which won in 2017. Both were handled and co-owned by Jason.
- Competitors from 51 different overseas countries have entered Crufts this year.