

Cheltenham Animal Shelter Novelty Dog Show

**Registration from 10.30am and judging from 11.15 am.
Entry on the day. £2 per class.**

All proceeds from the day to Tewkesbury Big Weekend charities and Cheltenham Animal Shelter.

Rosettes for 1st , 2nd and 3rd place and Winners of each class go to the BEST IN SHOW.

Categories as follows :-

11.15am Prettiest Bitch

11.45am Most Handsome Male

12.15pm Most Appealing Eyes

12.45pm Waggiest Tail

1.15pm Best puppy (under 10 months)

1.45pm Best Rescue Dog

2.15pm Golden Oldies (8 + years)

2.45pm Best in Show

**For all queries concerning the dog show, please contact
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During the hot summer months dogs can suffer from the same problems that humans do, for example: overheating, dehydration and even sunburn.

By taking these simple precautions you can protect your animal from the elements:

Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle. Even with the windows open, a parked car, truck or van can quickly become a furnace on a hot day and overheating can kill quickly. Parking in the shade offers little protection, as the sun moves during the day.

Always carry cold water for your pet.

Don't exercise your animal in hot, humid weather. Exercise the animal in the early morning or in the evening, and keep walks to a minimum.

Never leave your dog standing on hot asphalt. His body can heat up quickly and his sensitive paw pads can burn.

Do not take an animal to the beach unless you can provide a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water for him to drink. Rinse the animal off after they have been in salt water.

Be extra sensitive to old and overweight animals in hot weather.

Brachycephalic or snub-nosed dogs such as bulldogs, pugs as well as those with heart or lung diseases should be kept cool in air conditioned rooms as much as possible.

Avoid walking your dog in areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals. Be alert for coolant or other automotive fluid leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste and ingesting just a small amount can be fatal.

Keep your animal well-groomed to stave off summer skin problems. Shaving a heavy-coated dog's hair to a one-inch length helps prevent overheating. Don't shave the hair down to the skin, though, or you will rob him of protection from the sun.

Cheltenham Animal Shelter has been helping animals since 1926. We rescue and re-home unwanted and abandoned stray cats, dogs and small animals from across Gloucestershire. We also take in rescue dogs from Gloucestershire Constabulary as well as rehoming dogs, cats and small animals from owners who can no longer look after them for a variety of reasons. Small animals we often have in our care include rabbits, gerbils and guinea pigs.

The mission of Gloucestershire Animal Welfare Association and Cheltenham Animal Shelter is:

‘To provide shelter for homeless domestic animals whilst attempting to locate appropriate new homes. We also aim to educate members of the public in correct and appropriate animal husbandry through humane education programs’.

We are a member of the Association of Dogs and Cats Homes and we adhere to, and exceed, their code of practice. In doing that we are very careful to ensure that each and every animal goes to the right home.

We rely on the support of members of the public to help us look after approximately 700 dogs, cats and small animals which pass through our doors each year. At present Cheltenham Animal Shelter is not eligible for National Lottery or Government funding. Instead we rely on the generosity of our supporters to meet the £800,000 annual running costs.

As the shelter has its own on-site Veterinary Surgery, all the animals receive the veterinary treatments they require immediately. Your support ensures that this level of care can continue, giving homeless animals that arrive at the shelter the best possible care until loving new homes are found.

Cheltenham Animal Shelter upholds responsible dog ownership and should the weather be very warm/hot over during the Tewkesbury Big weekend, we offer the following tips. Full details are available on our website at www.gawa.org.uk