

Discover Dogs facts

- More than 3,000 dogs attended Discover Dogs 2017, from Great Danes, the world's tallest breed of dog, to Chihuahuas, the world's smallest breed.
- The Scruffts semi-finals take place at Discover Dogs. Scruffts is the UK's largest crossbreed dog competition and was launched at the show in 2003.
- For the first time at this year's show there will be a pop up Cuddle Corner, a dedicated area for visitors to chill on bean bags cuddling their favourite breeds.
- There is also the Young Kennel Club (YKC) Interactive activity ring, which launched last year, providing young visitors with the opportunity to have a go at agility, learn to train a dog and take part in an obstacle course with some of the 'professional' dogs at the event.
- Last year, a record-breaking 33,000 visitors descended on the ExCeL London over the course of the two days.
- The UK Junior Handler of the Year final was first held at the show in 2008 and the show has continued to welcome young dog handlers, aged 6 to 16 years old, to compete every year since.
- New breeds to meet at the show this year include the Black and Tan Coonhound, which became the 221st breed recognised by the Kennel Club in July.
- In the UK, the Labrador is the most popular breed of dog, with 35,068 puppies registered with the Kennel Club last year.
- The Kennel Club recognises 221 breeds of pedigree dog, and nearly 200 of these will be at Discover Dogs 2018.
- The average dog has over 200 million scent receptors, compared to human beings who have just 5 million.