

CROSSBREEDS DUE TO COMPETE IN SCRUFFTS SEMI-FINAL AT DISCOVER DOGS

Ninety crossbreed dogs from around the UK are on their way to London for the Scruffts semi-finals at Eukanuba Discover Dogs, and the chance to win a place in the final at the world's biggest dog show, Crufts.

In one of the most exciting Scruffts semi-finals to date, crossbreed dogs are coming to Discover Dogs at ExCeL London on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st October 2018. With six different classes taking place over the two days, crossbreed dogs of all shapes and sizes will be competing for a place in the final, with just the six class winners going forward to Crufts next year.

Throughout the year, heats of the popular Scruffts contest, which is exclusively supported by pet food makers James Wellbeloved, have taken place at events around the country in search of crossbreeds with that extra special something. Over 1,200 dogs have taken part in the Scruffts heats this year, raising nearly £4,000 for the Kennel Club Charitable Trust and each event's chosen charity. The winners of each heat received delicious James Wellbeloved goodies for their dog.

A dog judge will be making the difficult decision on the day, taking into account the importance of dog training and responsible dog ownership, and judging the entrants on good character, health and temperament as well as looks. Six winners will be chosen over the weekend, and not only will they qualify for the Scruffts final at Crufts, they will also receive special treats from James Wellbeloved.

In contrast to Crufts, the world famous dog show open to pedigree dogs, Scruffts caters exclusively for crossbreed dogs: dogs whose parents are of two different breeds, or a mixture of several breeds. The competition comprises six categories:

- Most Handsome Crossbreed Dog (6 months - 8 years)

- Prettiest Crossbreed Bitch (6 months - 8 years)
- Child's Best Friend* (handler aged 6-16 years)
- Golden Oldie Crossbreed (8 years or over)
- Best Crossbreed Rescue
- GCDS Crossbreed Class (for entrants that have a GCDS certificate at any level)

Prettiest Crossbreed Bitch, Golden Oldie and Best Rescue classes will be taking place on the Saturday and Most Handsome Dog, Child's Best Friend and the Good Citizen Dog Scheme classes will be held on the Sunday.

Scruffts is run in support of the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, which has donated over £11m worth of grants to benefit the canine world since its inception in 1987. Its mission is to promote the improvement of dogs through charitable grants and helping to fund research into canine health problems.

To find out more about Scruffts, please visit www.crufts.org.uk/content/whats-on/scruffts/.

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