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# NEWS RELEASE



## **HOT STEP TO THE COMPANION DOG CLUB COMPETITION AT DISCOVER DOGS**

Having been one of the highlights of Discover Dogs for several years now, the Companion Dog Club Competition is set to once again warm up London's premier dog event, Discover Dogs 2008.

Held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at Earls Court, London, the competition will see almost 1,000 paws stepping into the ring to compete in one of five fun categories.

Renowned canine behaviourists, trainers and authors, Annette Conn and Carolyn Menteith, will judge the dogs based on their relationship with their owner, general behaviour and condition.

The competition will see Companion Dog Club members from across the country showcase their extra special dogs in one of the following categories:

- Most Handsome Dog/Prettiest Bitch
- Waggiest Tail



- Best Rescue - The canine companion who has had the most successful re-homing experience.
- Best OAP - The class where age and charisma both come first!
- The Hot-Stepper - For the dog and owner with the best strut (Step aside John Travolta!)

There will be 120 bitches judged over the five categories on Saturday 8th November, with the winners from each of the categories competing to become the winner of Best Overall Bitch.

On Sunday 9th November, the focus of the competition will switch sexes, with 120 dogs competing in the five categories before the winners go head to head to be named Best Overall Dog.

Caroline Kisko, speaking for the Kennel Club, said: “The Companion Dog Club Competition is such a great event, which is designed to celebrate dog’s company. The different categories lend to such an exciting competition, so why not hot step along and watch the fun?”

All competitors will receive goody bags, which will include merchandise from Royal Canin, Company of Animals and discounts from Overwater Hall, an English Lake District Country House Hotel which is proudly part of the Kennel Club’s ‘Open for Dogs’ initiative.

Although entries to the competition are now closed, the competition is open to all members of the Companion Dog Club. Established in 2001, the Club is a great way to become part of the world of dogs, and celebrate the joy of dog ownership with other people. It doesn’t matter if a dog is a pedigree or a crossbreed; in the Companion Dog Club, all dogs are welcome.

Joining the Companion Dog Club costs just £12 and membership includes an introduction pack with a range of goodies for both the member and their dog, and

twice yearly newsletters packed with news, competitions, special offers, a gallery of canine pals and much more.

The Companion Dog Club Competition is just one of the great events taking place at Discover Dogs. The event, organised by the Kennel Club in association with Royal Canin, will be celebrating its 13<sup>th</sup> year of delighting dog devotees from all over the UK, with new and exciting attractions alongside a range of traditional crowd favourites.

Discover Dogs is the ideal place to learn more about the pleasures of canine companionship, and all the other benefits that owning a dog can bring. The show is an interactive experience dedicated to every aspect of canine care, promoting responsible dog ownership and showcasing the diversity and talents of man's best friend.

To find out more about the Companion Dog Club please visit [www.companiondogclub.org.uk](http://www.companiondogclub.org.uk), or to find out more about Discover Dogs go to [www.discoverdogs.org.uk](http://www.discoverdogs.org.uk).

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## **Notes to the Editor**

### **COMPANION DOG CLUB**

- The Kennel Club is dedicated to canine wellbeing and registers some 270,000 pedigree and crossbreed dogs every year.
- The Companion Dog Club is a great way to become part of the dog world while celebrating the company of dogs with others.
- The club is open to both crossbreed and pedigree dogs.
- Companion Dog Shows host exclusive Companion Dog Club classes and a fun Grand Final at Discover Dogs.
- Companion Dog Club members receive a bi-annual newsletter with a number of special offers specific to them.