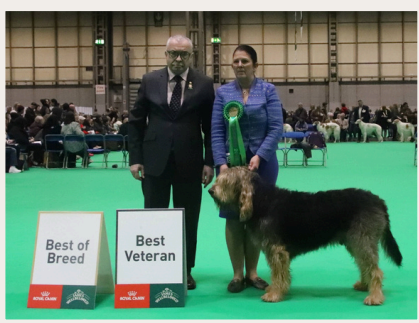


CRUFTS 2026

A WONDERFUL WEEK FOR THE OTTERHOUNDS.



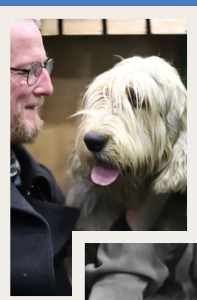
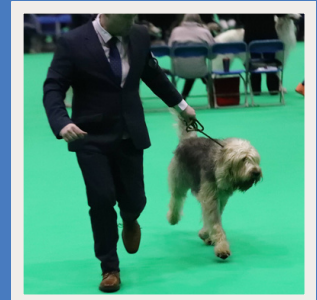
BATTLE OF THE VETERANS!



This year the Otterhounds had a super entry of 33 hounds with 5 absent on the day. We were fortunate enough to be judged by Frank Kane, a highly distinguished judge with over 50 years experience. You may recognise him from his regular appearance on TV as a Crufts commentator. The challenge for Best of Breed was between two fantastic veterans Ch. Olphae Charman VW** and Ottaryx Quinevere VW. Frank found his Best of Breed in Ch. Olphae Charman VW** who went on to represent the breed in the hound group later that evening.

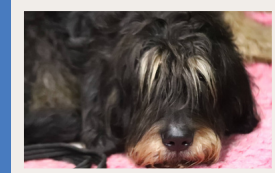
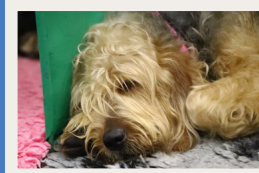


He also found his Best Puppy and Reserve Dog CC in Tecklegarth Musket*. A fine achievement for such a youngster! Reserve Bitch CC went to Tecklegarth Little Limpet (ai). There was a fantastic range of hounds representing the breed from the UK and overseas, and as always it was so lovely to see so many of our beautiful breed all together!



LOVE BETWEEN HOUNDS AND OWNERS

There is also magic to be seen outside of the ring, especially when it comes to seeing the bond between the hounds and their owners. Taking a wander up and down the aisles you see Crufts isn't just about the competition, but it is about doing something you and your dog both love and spending time together.



Afternoon nap time for the hounds



VULNERABLE NATIVE BREEDS

After winning Best of Breed at the Hound Association Championship show in the summer, Tecklegarth Ingot represented the otterhound in the Vulnerable Native Breeds competition. Sadly, there were no awards for him this time but well done to him and Maria!



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"Teddy loved all the hugs and selfies with new friends, young and old! It was a lot busier at Crufts than his first Discover Dogs outing at Edition Live last year - looking forward to next year already!" - Nicky



BRINGING IN THE CROWDS!

As usual our Discover Dogs stand was incredibly busy over the 4 days of Crufts! Never being any quieter than 3 people deep, we say a huge thank you to all our human and canine volunteers for doing such a fantastic job of representing and promoting our breed and club!



"Jayne, Stanley and I all really enjoyed our Crufts experience. People were really keen on the hounds, and some visitors had only really come to see the OH's. They were thrilled to meet 3 at once!" - Ian



"This is the third year that Willow has met her adoring public at the Discover Dogs stand- she loves it, although by 3pm her tail had run out of wags. The stand this year was busier than ever!" - Iain



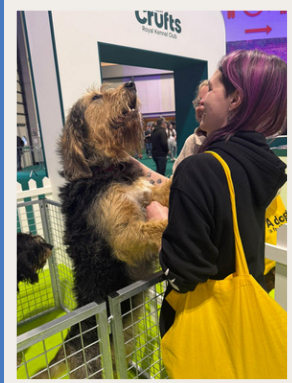
CRUFTS CORNER

As well as our usual stand in Discover Dogs, this year the Otterhounds were invited down to the brand new 'Crufts Corner' in Hall 8 for a breed spotlight! During their special 2 hour slot, Dave and Vandal won over even more hearts, and handed out kisses to public.

"Attending Discover Dogs was a wonderful experience for both me and Rhubarb. From the moment we arrived it was clear how much interest people had in the breed. It was great to showcase how naturally friendly and calm the breed can be in a busy environment like Crufts." - Jake

"Moose had a great time at his first Discover Dogs! He couldn't get enough of the cuddles, and it was brilliant to see the stand so packed with people admiring our stunning breed. We're already counting down to next year!" - Jill

"Paddy loved all the fuss and love! We gained a few instagram followers and were happy to share information about our wonderful breed. Bring on Crufts 2027!" - Emily



Having a little snooze mid meet and greets due to all the excitement.



"We love it when Mum pimps us out at Discover Dogs, lots of hugs, kisses and the occasional tasty morsels were much appreciated. 2027? Sign us up!" - Dave the dog and Vandal

CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT!

There was plenty of love for the Otterhounds this year from Crufts presenter Ellie Simmonds. She chose gorgeous Kraken as her 'dog of the day' on Friday and then featured the handsome Paddy in a special feature on waterdogs on Sunday!

