



Richmond May Fair - Animal Welfare Guidelines

Animal Welfare Guidelines for The Public attending The Fair

We are all naturally invested in achieving the highest welfare and care for all of the dogs attending the event.

- Please consider the temperament of your dog before you decide to attend. The show is very busy with thousands of other dogs and people, and knowing your dog, you should consider if this is an environment which they will enjoy.
- Please do not attend if your dog has a history of serious aggression towards other dogs or people.
- The welfare of your dog is your responsibility throughout the duration of the show and must not be left unattended at any time.
- When travelling we would ask you to follow the advice of all the major charities and government, and ensure that your dog is properly secured in the vehicle with a suitable harness, or in a suitable carrier.
- Always travel with portable water and a container for your dog. Always assume the weather will be hot and sunny. There will be dog watering points throughout the venue to drink, and splash pools for dogs to use to cool off, if required.
- As always, never leave your dog alone in a car. If poor weather turns into direct sun, it can take only a few minutes for a vehicle to reach temperatures that are a threat to their welfare and even their life.
- If the weather is wet and cold, it is your responsibility to keep them warm and dry.
- Always keep all dogs on leads at the event.
- It is your responsibility to pick up your dog's waste and put it in the bins provided.
- Please ensure that you follow the standard Veterinary advice that your dog is correctly vaccinated to prevent disease.
- When you enter your dog into one of the "have-a-go" events, you must do so based on your knowledge of your dog, it's fitness and veterinary history. Please follow any instructions you are given closely.
- If your dog has a problem at the event, please contact the organisers for veterinary assistance. The telephone number to call and the location of the



organisers office onsite will be provided on the website one week prior to the show and will be featured in the show guide which can be picked up free of charge at the entrance to the show.

- If whilst at the event you see, or become concerned for a dog's welfare, please contact the organisers who will pass your concern onto our events Animal Welfare Officer.

Most importantly, enjoy your day out with your dog!



Animal Welfare Guidelines for Traders attending The Fair

<p>Animals attending the show</p>	<p>Dogs are the only animals permitted to be in attendance at The Richmond Fair. Exhibitors, visitors and performers are permitted to bring their dogs to the show and can enter them into the Dog Show via the Fair website, with a limited number of places reserved for entries.</p> <p>Dogs: ALL dogs must be kept on leads at all times. The only exception to this is if they are involved in a dedicated activity within an enclosed area/ring etc.</p> <p>The welfare of dogs is the responsibility of the exhibitor/visitor/performer throughout the duration of the show and no dog must be left unattended at any time.</p> <p>Foremost, careful consideration must be given as to whether this environment will be suitable for your dog.</p> <p>At all times, the public's interaction with your dog is the responsibility of the exhibitor and it should be noted that a high number of children and other dogs will be attending the event.</p>
<p>Overarching legislation and responsibilities</p>	<p>As the owner or person responsible at the show, you have an absolute responsibility under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to ensure that no animal is caused pain, distress or suffering. You must ensure that all animals at all times benefit from the five freedoms as described under the act.</p> <p>Under Section 57 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006, BE Richmond is corporately liable for the welfare of every animal at the show. It is therefore essential that the owner or person responsible for the animal(s) achieves the highest welfare standards at all times.</p>
<p>Rules of selling dogs from your stand</p>	<p>You are not permitted to sell ANY animals from your stand. However, you are able to take orders / monies from visitors provided you have a Pet Shop Licence. These are available from your Local Authority, and you will be required to show the Organisers your licence on-site. The licence means you can take orders and monies for fulfilment when you are back in your own sales environment.</p>
<p>Leaving dogs on your stand overnight</p>	<p>You are NOT permitted to leave dogs on your stand overnight.</p>



<p>Health & Safety Risks you need to consider & declare</p>	<p>If you are bringing a dog to the show, we suggest you consider the following things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you happy for the public to touch / pet your dog? • If handling is permitted, what hygiene regimes are in place, such as providing a hand sanitizer? • How will you protect the public from nips, bites, etc. – i.e. warning signage. • How will you look after your dog's welfare? Will there be a quiet place on the stand where you can place your dog when they need a break? Will suitable food and water be provided? • Is your animal suited to an outdoor event? The event will be loud and noisy, and not all dogs will respond well to such an environment. • If you are using a cage, how do the fasteners work? Could a child open the cage and let your dog out? Is the cage size suitable to the size of the dog? <p>These are just some general thoughts and not a prescriptive list for consideration – you know your dog better than anyone and will be the best person to judge the risks involved in bringing your dog to a large and noisy public event. Please also remember that your dog is not in its usual environment and may therefore act out of character.</p>
<p>Animal Welfare Considerations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Covering cages/crates at regular intervals to give your dog quiet time, whilst ensuring adequate ventilation. c) Taking the dog to a quiet area of the show, or off site away from the noise of the event. Remember to take your dog's beds, food and water bowls as relevant. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Prevent the infection of your dog with diseases from other dogs by offering every member of the public touching your dog the use of a suitable hand sanitizer both before and after the interaction. 3) Ensure your dog has a permanent supply of fresh water and (where appropriate) food at suitable times. Remember your dog may not feel inclined to eat or drink in the busy show environment so take it to a quieter part of the site to do so, if required. 4) Very young / nursing dogs / those that do not do well in a human environment / those that are not used to a human environment / those that are easily susceptible to stress because of human contact, noise and unfamiliar surroundings should NOT be brought to the show. 5) Take care when taking your dog off your stand and remember to keep a lead on your dog at all times, unless caged. 6) Monitor your dog's behaviour carefully and stop interactions with the public if the dog is becoming stressed or wishes to be left alone. 7) If the weather is wet and cold, it is your responsibility to keep them warm and dry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) We ask you to provide a vet's reference for your dog, so that we can check your vet is happy with the environment you are going to be bringing your dog to.



<p>Provision for dogs onsite</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Please keep your dog hydrated. Water bowls will be dotted around the Richmond Fair site for dogs to drink and will be filled regularly.<input type="checkbox"/> Water baths will be provided onsite for dogs to use to cool off, if required, should the weather be hot.<input type="checkbox"/> It is your responsibility to pick up your dog's waste on-site and put it in the bins provided.
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