

Hunter River A & H Association Dog Section 2022

A report on the dog section

The Dog Section for the 2022 show was a huge success with entries coming from far and wide.

2022 saw John Bryson take charge of proceedings there, a position he last filled in the late nineties. John is a councillor at the RAS of NSW.

Entries were strong with a total of 396 entries coming from 361 individual dogs coming under the scrutiny of the judges on the Saturday of the show.

While the majority of the entries came from the Hunter region, there were quite a few from Sydney and they came from as far away as Bathurst and the mid north coast.



Best in Show the Dachshund Long Haired

The judges were all very pleasant with the exhibitors and performed their task admirably.

This year we had Shannon Lancaster from Scone judging the Toys, Gundogs and Utility groups as well as Best in Show, Nicole Lane from Bellbird judging the Terriers and the Hounds and Anne Meyn from Cessnock judging the Working and Non Sporting groups.



Best Minor Puppy in Show the Italian Greyhound

The set up started on Thursday afternoon with a band of volunteers helping me erect the dog rings and rope off areas for exhibitors to set up with their dogs on the day of the show.

The grounds were quite wet, after considerable rain in the



Runner Up in Show the English Springer Spaniel

lead up, which did limit car parking close to the dog rings, but the exhibition area itself was actually in quite good condition.

The ground staff were very helpful dropping everything we needed to set up the rings on Thursday, and the garbage bins and canopies for the judging areas early on the Saturday morning.



Best Junior in Show the Afghan Hound

I would like to thank Cherie Karam, Phil Costen and Brigette Bryson for their valuable assistance in setting up the rings prior to the show and they were all on hand again for the pack up on Saturday afternoon.

The volunteers needed to complete the task were five and the estimated total hours for this were around forty.

As we mop up 2022, planning is already under way for the 2023 event which will be bigger and better than ever.

John Bryson
Dog Section Organiser.