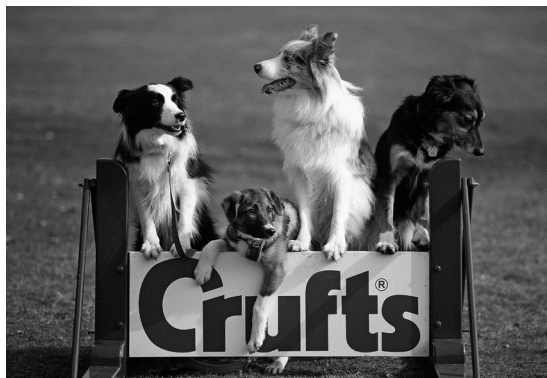


Every dog has its day: Crufts lets in mutts

adapted from an article by Laura Dixon

- 1 EVERY year, the great hall of a king-sized arena in Birmingham is turned into a temple for the worship of pedigree dogs. Thousands of canines are paraded in front of the judges, hoping to win the coveted Best in Show prize. But for the first time this year *Crufts*, the *Kennel Club's* dog show, will feature a competition for crossbreeds and mongrels.



- 2 Alongside animals that have been bred to succeed will be Becky, rescued from the River Lagan near Belfast seven years ago, and Alfie, who was once so skinny that his ribs protruded from his flanks. After years of criticism that the main event has promoted characteristics that do not always make for a healthy dog, campaigners said it was a step in the right direction.
- 3 Crossbreeds are more likely to escape the sometimes painful exaggerated physical features or inherited diseases plaguing some pedigree animals. Some show dogs have skulls that are too small for their brains, or suffer from breathing problems. 17 the Dogs Trust and the RSPCA pulled out of the show, in 2008. The BBC also dropped the show from its programming that year after its request for certain breeds to be excluded was rejected.
- 4 *The Kennel Club* rewrote its breed standards, changing the wish-list characteristics that could lead to health problems in some dogs and introducing in-show vet check, after the outcry. Last year, six dogs failed the tests.
- 5 Clarissa Baldwin, the head of the Dogs Trust, said: "Clearly, *the Kennel Club* has done a lot to improve things. The first purely crossbreed competition is not enough yet – and not enough for us to return, but we welcome crossbreeds going to *Crufts*. I think it's a brave move, it has to be good showing people that you don't have to be a pedigree to be at *Crufts*, and crossbreeds have a huge place in our lives."
- 6 Robin Hargreaves of the British Veterinary Association said that while bringing the crossbreed competition to the main event was "significant, in a way", it did little to change the problems affecting pedigree dogs. He was 19 that people believed crossbreeds were always healthier. He expressed his anxiety by emphasising that two limited gene pools might not improve the animal's health. He explained: "You really need genuine mongrels, a cross of several crosses, for there to be a big difference."

7 According to *the Kennel Club* it was the right time to bring the 'Scruffts' competition into the main event.

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- 1p 14 What is the point made about the dog show *Crufts* in paragraph 1?
- A It has had a record number of entries.
 - B It has seriously increased its prize money.
 - C It is going to take place in an upgraded location.
 - D It is planning to introduce a new show category.
- 1p 15 Why are Becky and Alfie (paragraph 2) mentioned?
- A to emphasise that there are still a lot of dog abusers who get away unpunished
 - B to illustrate that all kinds of dogs are allowed to take part in the *Crufts* competition
 - C to show that mongrels and crossbreeds are often worse off than show dogs at *Crufts*
- 1p 16 'After years of criticism' (aline 2)
→ Welke maatregelen om de kritiek weg te nemen had *The Kennel Club* al eerder genomen?
Citeer (= schrijf over uit de tekst) de eerste twee woorden van de zin uit alinea 3, 4 of 5 waarin deze maatregelen genoemd worden.
- 1p 17 Kies bij 17 in alinea 3 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.
- A For example,
 - B In the meantime
 - C On top of that,
 - D That is why
- 1p 18 What becomes clear about Clarissa Baldwin from paragraph 5?
- A She believes *the Kennel Club* has taken steps in the right direction.
 - B She dislikes dog owners who only buy dogs to show off with them.
 - C She praises *Crufts* for actively promoting healthy breeding practices.
 - D She thinks crossbreeds are more likeable pets than pedigree dogs.
- 1p 19 Kies bij 19 in alinea 6 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.
- A concerned
 - B thrilled
 - C unconvinced

Bronvermelding

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