

## Extra Notes for 1<sup>st</sup> Time Competitors

- 🐾 Please note that the thorough preparation of your dog prior to the competition can make a huge difference to your placing within a class.
- 🐾 Carefully read and follow the rules laid out and if you have any queries please ask a committee member for guidance.
- 🐾 If you are doing a breed with a fluffy coat it should be spotlessly clean & blow-dried straight to allow you to get the best finish you can.
- 🐾 If you are preparing your dog the night before, once prepared your beautiful hound needs to be kept clean overnight – a crate can be useful here.
- 🐾 If feet get wet/dirty while toilet needs are being attended to then they should be cleaned and/or reblow-dried.
- 🐾 Your dog must be parasite free
- 🐾 Any knots, tangles and mats are all to be got rid of in the preparation prior to the competition
- 🐾 At the end of your allotted time in the class the judges will expect you to clear hair and equipment off your table. You need to stand/stack your dog properly to show it off to its best. Competitors usually stand the dog on a table cloth for this

As always we are available for advice should you have any queries [ipdga96@gmail.com](mailto:ipdga96@gmail.com)