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2018 OPEN SHOW

Due to Belmont Community Centre's (BCA) decision not to allow dog shows at the venue on a Saturday, after considering alternative dates and venues the committee of the NEEISC reluctantly agreed to re-schedule our 2018 Open Show from Saturday 7th April to Sunday 8th April 2018. The Kennel Club were advised of the date change and a new license was issued. Plans were in place to have schedules printed late December for distribution early January. However in recent weeks we have learned that the Irish Setter Breeders Club due to problems with the availability of their own venue have re-scheduled their 2018 annual Championship Show from March to Saturday 7th April. If BCA had not changed their policy regarding holding dog shows on a Saturday both shows would have occurred on the same day.

It is the opinion of the NEEISC committee scheduling breed shows on consecutive days at venues some considerable distance apart will inevitably have a detrimental effect on the entry for our Open Show. We believe this situation could have and should have been avoided. Although Championship status is requested 3-4 years in advance a simple check of information available at the time (the club's website for example) would have been sufficient to alert them to the fact that our Open Show is traditionally held early April and having become aware of the potential clash prompted someone to contact the club secretary in order to confirm the proposed date of the 2018 Open Show.

The NEEISC do not wish to risk a potential reduction in show entries as we believe this will be unfair on the judge. We have therefore reluctantly been forced to once again change our plans and after careful consideration we have decided the best option is to hold a joint Championship/Open Show at Temple Park Centre, South Shields. On Saturday 20th October 2018. (this is a change from our normal championship venue at Peterlee)

We trust our members and show supporters will appreciate the reason for this change and hope it will not deter anyone from attending what is always a friendly relaxing show.

NEEISC Committee