

Giving exhibitors a better deal

I RECENTLY attended Evesham CS open show which was held at the Three Counties Showground. The show was laid out almost exactly the same as the championship shows held there. We had the use of all the excellent facilities – ‘real’ toilets, lots of free parking, indoor showing areas if needed, excellent public address system.

All those placed first, second or third received a rosette, the BOB, RBOB and BP rosettes were really special. Also the BOB got a small ‘freebie’ – and all this for an entry of £6 per dog!

So can someone please tell me why the championship shows charge more than £20, minus the rosettes and prizes, for the same thing? With entries falling dramatically I really think that championship shows have either got to reduce their charges (especially those that charge for parking) or start giving the exhibitors a better deal.

How much does a rosette cost when ordered in bulk? Why don’t show committees get together and negotiate a deal with one manufacturer? How big a dent would that make in their profits? But at least some of us would go home with something more than a piece of card to show for all that financial outlay.

Societies should start to realise that without exhibitors there would be no shows and take note of the way many good open shows treat the people who support them.

KAREN MORGAN

By email