



The Origins of the Hound Association



The Hound Association was founded in 1961 when The Viscount Chelmsford (an exhibitor of Beagles) and a number hound enthusiasts came together to consider the formation of a club or association devoted to breeds from the Hound Group.

The concept was the brainchild of the Viscount Chelmsford and a meeting was held at The Kennel Club on the 26 October 1961 to discuss the feasibility

Present at that meeting was the Viscount Chelmsford, Mesdames Hartley, Hoxey, Jones (Whippet Club), Lewis (Midland Whippet Club), Whitwell (Greyhound Club & North Counties Whippet Association), Messrs Appleton, Gale, Home, Ford (Staffordshire Agricultural Society), Kershaw (Northern Afghan Hound Society), McKie (Staffordshire Agricultural Society), Petford (Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Great Britain) and Sayer (Borzoi Club).

From this gathering it was agreed to form The Hound Association and a provisional committee was appointed from those present. Viscount Chelmsford – Chairman; Douglas Appleton – secretary with his wife Carol as assistant secretary. Mr Gale – Treasurer, Mesdames Hartley, Gale, Mrs Whitwell, Messrs Home, McDonald and Sayer formed the remainder of the committee. The first official meeting was held at The Kennel Club on 5 December 1961 when part of the constitution was formulated. A further meeting held on the 12 March 1962 completed this task. Formal application for registration and for Championship Status was then made in that year to the Kennel Club.

The first General Meeting of the Association was held on 30 May 1962. The Association was recognised by the Kennel Club later that year. Championship Status was granted for 1963 and the first show held at Alexandra Palace. The following breeds were approved for Challenge Certificates: - Basset Hounds, Beagles, Dachshunds (L.H., S.H. and M.S.H), Rhodesian Ridgeback and Whippets. The Bloodhound Club and Borzoi Club sought permission to hold their shows in conjunction with the Hound Association. Staffordshire Agricultural Society had offered the Hound Association the opportunity to hold their show in conjunction with the County Agricultural Show.

There have only been three venues where the Championship Show has been staged since the Association was formed - Alexandra Palace, Royal Show Ground at Stoneleigh and the present venue at the County Showground, Stafford.



Roll of Honour – Houndshow

Best in Show 1998 - 2010