

SCRUFFTS – Dog of the Year Show – is coming!

For all dedicated followers and those newcomers it is time to start training your dogs for this years event.

On Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> the 2006 SCRUFFTS – Dog of the Year Show will take place at the Fatacil in Lagoa, Algarve, For those who don't know what SCRUFFTS – Dog of the Year Show is all about let me enlighten you. SCRUFFTS - – Dog of the Year Show is a dog show for all those Heinz 57, mongrel/crossbreed dogs that do not own a pedigree. There are so many dog shows for those dogs that have a pedigree, it was decided that there needed to be one for all our other beloved pets. SCRUFFTS – Dog of the Year Show has been running in the Algarve for the past 8 years and this year there is a change of venue to the Fatacil in Lagoa.

Below is the list of classes for this year's event. The winner of each class (Class 1 to 14) will automatically go forward to be judged for the Best in Show 2006. For every class there are prizes for the first 4 placed. Some of the classes are going to need some forethought, i.e. class 13 Fancy Dress, so get planning – or get the children planning!

#### JUDGING CLASSES.

1. BEST PUP – over 6 months
2. BEST VETERAN:
3. MOST HANDSOME DOG:
4. PRETTIEST BITCH:
5. HAPPIEST RESCUE DOG:
6. CHILD WITH BEST BEHAVED DOG:
7. OWNER MOST LIKE DOG:
8. BEST 6 LEGS:
9. BEST CONDITION:
10. WAGGIEST TALE:
11. MOST APPEALING EYES:
12. BEST BRACE.
13. FANCY DRESS.
14. DOG JUDGE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE HOME:
15. BEST PEDIGREE DOG (ABANDONED).
16. BEST PEDIGREE BITCH (ABANDONED).
17. BEST IN SHOW (TAKEN FROM ALL CLASS WINNERS EXCEPT PEDIGREE CLASSES)

Although SCRUFFTS – Dog of the Year Show is for mongrels/crossbreeds the popularity of the event has led to the addition of two extra classes this year, Best Pedigree Dog and Best Pedigree Bitch, there will be prizes in these classes but the winners will not be able to go forward to the Best in Show 2006.

As well as all the classes listed above there will be an Agility ring running all day. This will be open to all dogs – and owners – who want to take part. It will be run by people who are qualified agility trainers and the course will be a basic course allowing all to have a go, even if you have never tried it before. Alternatively, you can start practicing now, courses are available in the Algarve, see [www.paws4pets.net](http://www.paws4pets.net).

If all that was not enough there will be grooming demonstrations, child handler demonstrations, good citizenship demonstrations, trade stands and food stands,

We must not forget the reason for the event. SCRUFFTS – Dog of the Year Show is hosted by volunteers in order to raise money for APAA. APAA is the Associação De Protecção Animal Do Algarve which in English means: The Association for the Protection of Animals in Algarve. APAA is a registered Portuguese Charity and is associated with the RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), in the UK. It is a small group of people dedicated to the well-being of animals. The rescue organization was started in 1996. They are entirely self-funded and therefore any support is most gratefully received. A great deal of effort is spent on fund-raising to support the many animal rescue-related expenditures.

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