

# Puppy love



Waggiest tail? Prettiest eyes? Best puppy or golden oldie? Whatever accolade you think your pet deserves, it's worth taking them to Scruffs.

On Saturday, May 23rd, the fifth annual Scruffs Dog Show returns to Cotswold Wildlife Park near Burford. This fun dog show is aimed at visitors who enjoy a day out at this dog-friendly attraction and raises money for good causes.

Hayley Mullaney is chief organiser of the event and proud owner of Maisy the seven-year-old beagle (*pictured*). She said: "We decided to start Scruffs as a fundraising event for dog-related charities due to the fact we allow dogs in the park, which most attractions don't.

"We wanted something fun for the dogs and their owners. We have chosen Dogs for the Disabled [based in Banbury] as our charity again this year. Last year they were so amazing with the volunteers they sent and the puppies they brought along to meet people, we really wanted to continue supporting them!

"Most people love dogs – about 24 per cent of UK

households have dogs as pets. We get many visiting us here and we love the fact we allow people to bring along their doggy family members on their family day out."

The fun dog show classes cost £2 per dog per class, with all money going to Dogs for the Disabled. The nine classes are; waggiest tail, prettiest eyes, young handler (children 12 and under), best puppy (dogs under nine months), golden oldie (dogs over eight years), dog the judge would most like to take home, best trick, scruffiest dog and best condition. First, second and third places win a rosette and each winner receives a Cotswold Wildlife Park goody bag and the chance to win 'Best in Show'.

Normal park entry applies. Registration 10.30am–12.30pm; dog show starts at 1.30pm in front of the Manor House. Visit [www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk) to buy discounted park entry e-tickets.



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