

A representative of the RSPCA was on hand to witness/confirm that no animals were in distress at any time. One of the Fun Dog Show judges was a vet. We would always act on any concern either the RSPCA or Vet might have expressed if such a scenario had arisen and it did not.

We regret that stories are being put forward with photographs of dogs that were not in the show that create a false impression. We had a dedicated dog photographer at hand and the photographs prove the dogs were well looked after, in shade and were not required to do anything stressful for judging.

There were no cases of irresponsible dog owners either. Alec from Cheshunt stated: "We always take our own water but extra water is always good, a cool coat and a cool mat, plus we have a cover for shade and I am sure there are many people that do the same."

We fielded more stewards than ever before to supervise the event and ensure health and safety. Some people did not comply with polite steward's requests, such as not to walk into oncoming traffic and that is their choice.

We spent a record amount of money on insuring risk and facilitating emergency service personnel that were on site from all three services.

Many of those attending come because the event is widely considered to be well organised and managed. They would not be there otherwise. We are also aware that many of the "silent majority" are shocked at the behaviour and attitude of some people who were not aware of the facts.

We were not alone in holding a Dog Show on the Bank Holiday Monday. The Beaconsfield Fayre, Littlewick Show (Knowl Hill) and the two day Swallowfield Show, Reading all held their Dog Shows as well. They also would have taken all necessary precautions before coming to a considered decision, just as we did.

We wish to thank the many well-wishers for their support. People are entitled to their opinion but please let it be an informed and factually correct one.

Ray Cox and organising committee, Hazlemere Fete 2019