

STAFFORD SPRING SHOW

Sunday March 2025

Important information

www.staffordspringbirdshow.co.uk

As in past years in order for the show to be licensed by Animal & Plant Health (formerly DEFRA), certain conditions on the traceability of birds purchased/sold need to be applied. Therefore traceability packs are enclosed with your booking details, please read through the information before the show and if there is anything you are unsure of please ask. This information is to be kept by the organisers and only issued to DEFRA in the event of a notifiable disease being reported, then with the use of these forms the relevant people who sold the bird and others who purchased birds from this source can be contacted, for health reasons.

Enclosed with this letter are;

- **Green Birds Attending form**, these are required to be completed by you for each species of bird you bring and handed in to table stewards your arrival.
- **White Breeders Declaration form**, these are required to be completed by you to and handed in on arrival when your cages are inspected on entering the show halls.
- **White Birds Sold form**, these must be completed in full for each bird you sell. **If the buyer is unwilling to complete the paper work it is IMPORTANT that you do not complete the sale and report the matter to the organisers.**
- **Car Pass** – to be displayed in the front window of each car arriving containing live birds.

Animal Health Officers from the County Council could be attending, to check these forms on your arrival and also checking the bird's containers, adequate food supplied, cleanliness etc. please be polite and follow any advice or instructions given.

Other agencies – which could include the RSPCA, Environmental Protect Unit from Staffordshire Police, Trading Standards and Local Animal Health Department, could also be attending so please ensure your displays are of the highest standard. A lot has been discussed on bird forums and social media regarding the sale of wild caught birds, especially African and Asian finches, whilst birds bred in captivity are allowed to be sold, the onus is on the seller to prove this if questioned. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us or one of the agencies mentioned.

It is important for the traceability paperwork to work, that you must occupy the table you have been allocated, do not change or sell your table to someone else. You will be liable for your table during the duration of the show. If you have sold your birds prior to the show please contact us so that your table can be marked accordingly. Once you sell your birds and wish to leave the show before the end of the day please ensure the forms are handed to the organisers.

I hope you all have an enjoyable show and I trust that you understand the importance of complying with the conditions set.

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