

An invitation for your dog!

The dogs of Trimley are invited to Helmingham Hall on 28th July, for Suffolk Dog Day which has become a much-loved canine fixture in the Suffolk calendar. With crowds of over 6000 people and their pooches attending every year, Suffolk Dog Day, sponsored by Skinners Pet Foods, has been raising money for over a decade, created and run by a loyal band of Suffolk Community Foundation volunteers every penny raised goes to Suffolk charities, over £500,000 so far impacting on literally thousands of vulnerable Suffolk people's lives right across Suffolk.

"We have a tried and tested formula that everyone loves, but there will be a few surprises on the day too" says Top Dog Chairman and Volunteer Richard Cooper. With all the new designer dogs and changes in breed popularity we have an online vote via www.suffolkgogday.com to find our '**Suffolk Super Six**' favourite breeds of 2019. Voting remains open until 12th July.

And then there is the new face of Suffolk Dog Day, Wilson the huge St Bernard. Suffolk Community Foundation's Head of Public Affairs Tim Holder said 'We needed a bigger dog for a bigger return to Helmingham Hall. We had over 5000 entries and we chose the largest and most beautiful of them all. Wilson really is a stunning young champion. We've also found a place on all our roadside boards for our other finalists CavaPoo Willow, CockerPoo Darcie, Jackshund Thunder and Pomeranian Simba. It's been so much fun working with them all.

This year's event will really be bigger and better than ever – Event Producer, Laura Ripman is brimming with confidence, "It's not Crufts, it's not about doggy excellence in that way - it's an event by the people of Suffolk for the people of Suffolk, its brilliant fun and every penny that's raised helps someone else in Suffolk who is perhaps not able to enjoy life as much. It's perfect, what's not to love."

Tickets are available on the day priced at £10 for adults and £5 for children with a family ticket for a very reasonable £25. For more information about the event visit www.suffolkgogday.com