

Chapter 07

Other Animals

Breeding cats and dogs for exhibition has long been a popular activity, sometimes as a hobby but often as a commercial venture. The catalogue of the St Bernard Club's 11th annual exhibition, which was held in Bingley Hall in July 1891, lists their previous shows, seven of which were held in Birmingham, including the first one in 1881. However, there is no mention of the exact venue for any of them and the 1891 catalogue is the only survivor. There is no record of shows after 1891.

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There were three classes, "Rough, or Long-Coated Dogs", "Smooth, or Short-Coated Dogs" and a mixed class. In view of the limitation of the two-day event to a single breed, the fact that it attracted 57 exhibitors would, presumably, have been seen by the organisers as a successful outcome.