

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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SOUTHERN COUNTIES TOOK PLACE at the weekend with Jeff Horswell being centre stage. We were second in the ring following Jeff judging an entry of Afghans. Dog CC (his 3rd from three shows) was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's now Ch Macaroni V Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (imp Ned). He was also BOB. Bitch CC was Fiona and Mike's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine who was also BVIB. Reserve in Dogs went to Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet and in bitches to Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel Ch Gairside Good Gracious, who is also now an Int Ch. Best Puppy was my and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix handled ably by his "Grandad" Colin Makey.

In the big ring Macaroni, who was also Best Junior in Breed, was shortlisted in the Junior group under Jill Peak, and Ambiorix was shortlisted in the Puppy group under Howard Ogden.

Exciting news – I have another reader! Many thanks to Fiona Buchanan who gave me a report on her eventful journey to Holland. Not only was Fergus (Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier) made up to a Dutch and International Champion, his niece Breagha (Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond) also became a Dutch champion on the trip. Many congratulations! I know these wins made up for the continuing van issues Fiona has been experiencing. On this trip she returned to the van after the overnight crossing to find it had a flat tyre, as such she had to navigate off the boat with the flat tyre in a new van she was not used to in order to get to dry land to change it.

This weekend sees both Three Counties and the National d'Elevage, hopefully the results of both will find their way to me in India and I can report on them next week!

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