

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE ENTRIES AT PAIGNTON have been dropping steadily over the last couple of years from 33 in 2017 to 18 last year and, oh, what a difference it makes when CCs are removed at a championship show. Down to 8 this year for judge Suzanne Emrys-Jones. Combining the sexes is a killer too. I can't help feeling that, when other breeds enjoy separate sex classes, this leaves any combined sex breeds at a distinct disadvantage.

There were quite a few open shows on over the weekend and, while we were at Kingston collecting a BP and BOB, Jan and Martin Bishop went to Norfolk & Norwich at Easton & Otley College, Norwich, where their Jamar Ina The Countessa went BP and PG4. The judge was Lloyd Cross.



It had been months in the making and everything came together on Saturday 20 July where a warm welcome awaited those who enjoyed the BGV Club Scottish Fun Day at Ravenstruther & Cleghorn Village Hall. The weather allowed plenty of activities to take place outdoors ranging from scenting to Have A Go Agility. Indoors the filled fun classes were judged by Grace Purdie (Dunnybrae) who awarded BIS to Pam McGregor's Hugo (Claela Reaumur), a remarkable achievement to win for the second year running. He went through from winning Best BGV.

It was also a second year running win for little Cora Irvine who received the gigantic Best Junior Handler 0-11 rosette.

Thanks to event organiser Claire Gilluley, aided by Gail Foote and a host of others, a magnificent £876.01 was raised and Claire has been busy posting items to winners of the on-line auction, the furthest away being to Canada I think! There are obviously outgoings such as hall hire but this was truly a magnificent effort to raise money to support our less fortunate BGVs either needing rescue or with health concerns.

Winners of the fun classes were: Cutest Puppy 3-6mths – Donald Whyte with Labrador Bramble, Cutest Puppy 6-12mths – Lyndsey Goodhall with Cockapoo Barney, Prettiest Bitch and RBIS – Audrey Arnold's Whippet Reza, Most Handsome Dog & BIS – Pam McGregor's GBGV Hugo, Golden Oldie 7-10yrs – Robyn Lewis' Westie Maisie, Golden Oldie 10yrs+ & BVIS - Michael MacLaren with GBGV Lottie, Waggiest Tail – Susan Allen with PBGV Evie, Best Trick - Lyndsey Goodhall with Cockapoo Daisy, Best Six Legs - Stuart McGarry with Staffordshire Bull terrier cross Mylo, Best Rescue and winner of the timed scentwork game with a time of 9 seconds - Sully the GSD owned by Gemma Timpany, Best Irish Brace - Dougie with Shane the GSD and Lynette with Jelly the ETT (I think!), Dog the Judge would most like to take home – Pam Scott's Betty the Border Terrier, who won BPIS at the 2017 Scottish fun day, Junior Handling 0-11yrs – 4yr old Cora Irvine with Logan the MLH Dachshund, Junior Handling 12-16yrs - Amber Russell with Basset Fauve de Bretagne Morag, Adult Handling 17yrs+ - Audrey Arnold with Reza the Whippet, Fancy Dress - Lorna Wyllie with PBGV Bailey (Callydena Baileys on Ice).

Photos of the day are on the BGV Club facebook group page, also on a new page set up by Claire Gilluley – BGVs in Scotland. Still in embryo form it is a place for all things Scottish BGV related. Claire has uploaded the photos from the last three fun days so they're all easy to find in the one place. She invites everyone to share their own photos and give news of any events that might be of interest. This page will hopefully be a reference for any BGV related events/meetings/walks north of the border and encourage new people into the breed.

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