

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)**

**12 / 7 / 2019**

I (LIKE MANY) arrived at East of England prepared for the summer weather and only at the last minute picked up a jumper on the way out of the house and thank goodness I did as the weather was cool, dull and raining. GBGV were second in the ring following 95 Rhodesian Ridgebacks and our judging finished just shortly after the PBGV judging who were second in the ring following 45 Wolfhounds.

David Knights was centre stage, his entry of 13 was depleted slightly and 10 were present for him to judge. Best Dog was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch / Bel / Int Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM, Best Bitch, Best of Breed and Best Veteran was the evergreen Freya, Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM owned by Amanda O'Day. Hilary Knowles picked up both Reserve Best of Sex awards with Reggaedog Frodo avec Braillement (imp SVK) in dogs and Anya Hindmarch avec Braillement in bitches. There were no puppies entered.

I see no stakes results, however Lilly O'Brien was placed 4th in the YKC 12-17 years handling with Ch Debucher XFactor.

This weekend is Houndshow where for the second year in a row all judging will take place indoors and then we have a short break before Leeds. Unfortunately my bank balance is not having a break with no less than seven Championship show entries closing within July.

Talking of Houndshow, as I was in India for my birthday I will have some cake and possibly fizzy pop (!) after judging to celebrate my belated birthday – hope to see some of you there.

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