

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THERE CAN BE FEW who did not hear the good news that Barney is back home again. After being missing for 10 days, hard to believe but he just walked in through the back gate, which had been left open in hope. I cannot begin to comprehend the elation the family must have felt to have him home safe and sound. Of course, they are unlikely to ever discover where he had been for the entire 10 long days but, after they got an indication he was in a field adjacent to the one at the back of their house, they tried to tempt him back home. The family put food out, placed his basket by the edge of a brook between the two fields and built a bridge over it. They also put one of their son's bedsheets down to lead him through the hedgerow to the field at the back of their house. This all helped him find his way to the back gate and into their garden. What a good boy!

At the vets, with not enough flesh to make stitching viable, a decision was taken to let the few open wounds he had to his armpits heal on their own. He had 40 grass seeds removed from his paws, which are now being bathed daily in salt water to help ward off any potential infection.

It goes without saying that this was such a stressful time for the family. They are so very grateful for all the help and advice they received and I somehow think all doors will be double checked in future. A salutary lesson for us all.

At Paignton Championship Show, the loss of CCs and combined sexes resulted in an entry of 8, less 1 absent, for Suzanne Emrys-Jones. No more than an open show but at greater cost to the exhibitor. There were, in fact, only three exhibitors. Of course, when any of us enters a show, we have no idea what the total entry will be but certainly the breed is now poorly served at this show after having had CCs for so many years. There is now little incentive to enter. The stalwarts who travelled to Devon were rewarded with Best Dog going to Stuart & Joan Pucket's Soletrader Bobs Your Uncle, RBD and Best Puppy to the only puppy entered, Phil & Dianne Reid's Maudaxi Egg Nog Eddie. Best Bitch and BOB went to Lynne Scott's Overbecks Kathy Tiere, RBB to her Soletrader Langham Rose. Egg Nog Eddie also took 5th place in Junior Dog Stakes under J Carter.

Following on from Bournemouth this weekend where, after weeks of sun and high temperatures, it looks as though the weather might cause a few problems, there are 19 PBGVs entered for Sara Robertson at WKC.

A gentle reminder that, if you change your contact details – especially your email address – please let our Membership Secretary, Martin Bishop, know. He can be contacted on 07779 300761 or martin.bishop10@btopenworld.com.

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