

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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WITH NO CCs AT MIDLAND COUNTIES it was, of course, a late appearance in the ring for PBGVs. Barbara Milton was the judge with 3 absent from her entry of 16. From the 5 dogs entered, BD came from the Puppy Dog class with the award going to Reid's Maudaxi Egg Nog Eddie and RBD to Bartley's Erylan Zeus Roi Des Dieux. From Open Bitch, BB and BOB went to Foote & McAulay's Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune, RBB was Cooper & Ellingford's Afterglow Agnes Gru Avec Jayanel. BP Reid's Maudaxi Candy's Caning It.

Paul Wilkinson was the Hound Breeders Stakes judge and, with just 3 entries, second place went to Foote & McAulay's Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle. She went one better in Good Citizens gaining first place under Michael Forte.

The weather caused some problems with flooded roads near Stafford Country Showground but dog folk are a hardy bunch and, as Martin Bishop, sagely said "I got Mrs B to walk in front of the car to see how deep the water was".

I was extremely sorry to learn from Lorna Wyllie that her good friend, Anne McLennan, had lost her fight against cancer. In a tribute to her, Lorna writes:

"Anne McLennan showed dogs for over 40 years, initially Afghans and then Dachshunds. When I first met over ten years ago she was showing her standard long-haired Dachshund Ziggy. One day Anne offered to handle our PBGV Bailey while I handled Belle. She was then always handling our PBGVs in open shows and some championship shows. Anne was a very well-known and respected exhibitor. Ziggy Anne as I called her and I buddied up to go to dog shows and we became very good friends. She gave me lots of help and advice when I started showing my first PBGV Ailsa. Sadly Anne passed away on Sunday after only 6 weeks from diagnosis of an aggressive form of cancer. She was a trustee of the Scottish Dachshund Club rescue. A true friend and will be sadly missed by many".

The Club's Breed Appreciation Day takes place on Sunday at Corley Village Hall, near Coventry. Postal entries for our Club championship show on Saturday 23 November have now closed so, if not already entered, you need to get your skates on and go on-line to www.fossedata.co.uk. Entries close midnight 4 November.

Following on from my comments a few weeks back about the emphasis in the States now being on breeding "purposefully bred pure breeds" and that breeders are "preservationists", I see the FCI is also placing the emphasis on "Preservation not commercialism" <http://www.fci.be/en>. And Dr Tamas Jakkel recently spoke to a group at Vilnius which was organised by the Lithuanian canine organisation. The topic was Preserving Breeds, Debunking Myths. This covered all aspects of Pedigree Dogs: Breeding, Reputation, Welfare and Challenges. The question was "Healthy or not? Do Genetic failures belong to dog BREEDS or to the canine SPECIES? A comparative international study of 100,000 pure-bred and cross-bred dogs related to their genetic status. Which Group is more affected with Genetic Failures?" If you would like to listen to this interesting talk go to - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i71YzCmeMls&fbclid=IwAR1TWGIOWgIJsX93cvFauPXsXJYI2GoB2Wsjvknn_vy-yZlGN2YgBmFG0RM.

Firework season and plenty of advice around to help you and your dogs get through the nights to come. With many having suffered fireworks locally for well over a week already and having to cope with petrified dogs, let's hope we all survive the next few nights.

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