

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)**

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APOLOGIES FOR THE DELAY in the City of Birmingham results – last week just ran away with me and life, work, dogs and a failed MOT got in the way of everything!

Brian Foster was centre stage following his completion of the PBGV judging. from his entry of 18 there were 6 absentees. Best Dog & Best of Breed was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Int/Bel CH Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM with Reserve BD and Best Puppy going to Fiona Buchanan and Mike MacLaren's Tarmachan Mr Myosotis. Best Bitch and Reserve Best Bitch went to their daughter and mother, Ch/Ned Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond and Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine who was Best Veteran. Best Junior went to my and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix.

In Veteran stakes Ir Ch Gairside Ferdinand JW ShCM was 5th under Derek Smith. In the groups, Flora was 2nd in the Hound Veteran group under Steve Hall, Otis was 4th in the Puppy group under Mary Deats and Eric was shortlisted in the Junior group under Patsy Hollings – so the Grands definitely flew the flag!

We then moved on to Richmond where the breed lost their classes over 10 years ago. I note from the catalogue that there was one GBGV entered in AVNSC but he was absent on the day.

There are numerous rumours flying around about shows moving venues and others moving dates, a Boston committee member took to social media to clarify that the East of England showground was remaining booked until the mid-2020s for them, so we can only assume it is the case of East of England also. The rumour mill was rife that Richmond was moving to Newbury, however another rumour was that it is to move to Stoneleigh. The other one I have heard is that Leeds is also moving from its position at Harewood House. We can only wait and see.

On to the topic of prices of food at shows now, some of you may have seen the moans and groans on facebook about the price and quality of the food at Richmond. I have to say it was probably the most expensive for food this year and there was extremely limited choice. However I was chatting to one of the vendors on Sunday morning and she explained that Richmond did not charge "rent" for the pitch, they charged £100 for the electricity and 30% of the takings from the entire weekend from the till roll so, for every £5 bacon roll, Richmond was taking £1.50 – you can see why the prices were high!

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