



BLAST FROM THE PAST PBGVs THIRTY YEARS AGO



HARD TO BELIEVE but 30 years ago, in 1983, we got our first PBGV – a Jomil. A Wakelyns one followed shortly after.

It wasn't long before we were travelling far and wide, not just to shows that mounted classes for the breed but to many that in those days had huge Any Variety classes.

Even before CCs were introduced the breed attracted good entries at championship shows. Welsh KC 1983, with a combined Puppy class won by our Sirène, saw 38 for judge Jeff Bunney.



Jomil Sirène of Monkams and Wakelyns Willow of Monkams



WKC 1983 Jomil Rigolo, Maquisard Clouseau, Jomil Rolande à Cochise

In the 1980s Hound Association held its March Open Show at Picketts Lock, now part of the Lee Valley complex which staged the various 2012 white water Olympic events.

A typical entry in those days was the 1985 one of 29 for judge Sylvia

Probert (Kasani), less than a month after CCs were first awarded in the breed at Crufts. Later that year, with enthusiasm for the breed unabated, SKC saw a huge entry for Mildred Seiffert (Jomil) with, for example, 11 in Puppy Bitch. Everyone sat ringside, not a trolley, dog crate or grooming table in sight. How did we manage?

Much as shows are still held in FCI countries, in the '80s many general open shows were also held outside. If it rained, we got wet.



PBGV exhibitors (recognise anyone?) ringside at SKC, May 1985



Nick Frost judging PBGVs at Rutland show, Oakham, May 1985

The end of 1985 saw 24 PBGVs entered at the popular Luton Canine Association Christmas Open show. Judge Dagmar Kenis awarded BOB to Sharon Pinkerton's Dehra Astre Brumeuse at Bareve.

Sadly, with the current day decline in entries, our Monkams Jack Sparrow, later to become a champion, was the last PBGV BOB there in 2009, with only 7 entered for Claire Boggia (Broughton). He went on to RBIS under Jeff Horswell (Drakesleat). *

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