

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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I SAY THIS EVERY TIME but Scotland is a long way! I take my hat off to the regular exhibitors who trek down south week in week out to attend shows. The alarm went off at 1am, and I was on the road by 2.15am – yuk!

This year, loss of CCs for GBGVs from the SKC August show coupled with the end of the Irish circuit saw a disappointing 6 Grands entered for Janet Kay. Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren having five entered understandably took home the majority of the awards. Best Dog, Best of Breed and Best Puppy was their Tarmachan Mr Myosotis, Reserve Best Dog Ch Macaroni V Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan, Reserve Best Bitch and Best Veteran was Ch / Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. Best Bitch went to my, Lilly and Katie O'Brien's Jayanel A New Chapter. In the groups Otis was shortlisted in the Puppy Group under Toni Jackson and his mother Flora was Veteran Group 2 under Martin Phillips.

There was a bit of confusion at SKC as all groups were pre-judged (in tiny breed rings – it was very interesting trying to see the large Gundog Group move in the squashed ring) but with no calls for the pre-judging or what group was happening you had to have your wits about you. They started with Terrier pre-judging, which happened to be the last group to go in! Also the Group winning Whippet nearly missed the actual Group in the main ring as there were extremely limited (and muffled) calls for them to the collecting ring. Having won a Best of Breed I think it was a bit of a disappointment not being in the main ring to show your achievement off to the audience – but what do I know!

My roving reporter has been at it again, so thank you Sue Marshall – over the bank holiday weekend she was off to Horley at Ardingly South of England showground, where Soufriere One Vision was awarded Best AVNSC Hound and to go even better won the Hound group, both of these awards were from Sue Finnett. Sue writes it was the icing on the cake of a fabulous week, as earlier I had received confirmation from the Kennel Club of Parsnip's Junior Warrant. Many congrats to Sue and Parsnip – and a special mention to hubby Nick, who although mainly seen resting his eyes at shows has supported Sue and Parsnip!

I hope to see some of you at City of Birmingham, where we can have a French hound extravaganza has Basset Fauve de Bretagne are first in the ring followed by PBGV then GBGV.

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