

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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THE WEEKEND GONE BY was a spare weekend in the summer – what did you all do with yourselves? I took myself up to Perth in Scotland and spent a weekend training 30 junior handlers as part of the SKC/YKC summer camp. It was a fabulous weekend with the kids getting involved in a number of different disciplines and some team building activities.

Some of you were out and about at open shows. Roving reporter Sue Marshall writes: We went to Kingston with predicted weather of 26 degrees, as such we parked ourselves under a big tree with other PBGV people to protect ourselves from the sun - and froze! The sun made a few guest appearances but it was decidedly chilly due to a breeze under the tree, however it was perfect weather for the dogs. The judge was Tara Jenkins Jago from Ireland, and BOB was Soufrere One Vision with RBOB going to Silvamoon Saffron at Soufriere. Following this there was a long wait until 5pm to get in the group! Whilst we were down south Andree Weymouth was at the Norfolk & Norwich show under Lloyd Cross gaining Best of Breed with Soufriere Now I'm Here at Woolybassets.

The other open show news I spotted was that Karen Bayliss went to Bakewell Premier Open show and gained Best of Breed, Best Puppy and Puppy Group 4 with Arapelo Fontainebleau.

The Scottish BGV club fun day looked like a good day. Best In Show for the second year running was Pam and Claire MacGregor's "Hugo". Many congratulations to the team up in Scotland for putting on a successful day and raising around a staggering £850 for BGV health and welfare!

A number of judges have been announced in this month's kennel gazette as follows: Windsor 2020 – Colin Gillanders, WKC 2020 – Sue Hewart Chambers; Darlington 2020 – Vivien Phillips; LKA 2020 – Linda Skerritt; Manchester 2021 – Sue Virgo; SKC (May) 2021 – Jill Peak; Bournemouth 2021 – Ann Makey.

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