

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE AVAILABILITY OF BGV BREED NOTES on the club website has been greeted enthusiastically. Whether this remains a short or long term solution remains to be seen. I took over from Pam Aldous writing PBGV breed notes for DOG WORLD in 2002. It became a way of life, never missing a week, even when abroad. Valerie Link, who at one time worked at Dog World, covered for me once when I went to Australia to judge Bassets, then on to America for the PBGVCA National in Orlando. I sent her information and she compiled the breed notes for me. It does seem that most dog owners go first to the breed notes to keep up to date with events and issues affecting their breed. Like me, many correspondents have been quick off the mark to make alternative arrangements and ensure readers don't miss out. For the moment, this has removed the monopoly of one paper and widened readers' options. It has given you the choice of transferring to the one remaining newspaper, where you will have the whole package concerning all aspects of the canine world or of just reading breed notes, now free in future. If you are on facebook, you will have the additional opportunity to go to "Breed Notes - UK KC registered dog breeds" a facility for previous Dog World breed note writers to post regular notes. Whichever you opt for, if your time is precious and reading breed notes and looking for critiques are your priorities, then for the time being we have the solution. Over the next few weeks, I am now considering the feasibility of including championship show critiques on [www.bgvclub.co.uk](http://www.bgvclub.co.uk).

If you are out of pocket following DOG WORLD ceasing to trade, the Canine Alliance would like to hear from you. Whether you have lost some of your regular subscription or are owed a significant amount, as part of a collective group you will be in a stronger position to be taken seriously by the Administrators. If you would like the Canine Alliance to represent you as part of that group of creditors, email [dwcreditors@caninealliance.org](mailto:dwcreditors@caninealliance.org) with your name, address, amount owed and whether it's for subscriptions/ advert/ fees and they will add you to the list. Canine Alliance is on <https://www.facebook.com/CanineAlliance/>.

On to show news. With one absent, there was an entry of just six at Blackpool for judge Pam Marston Pollock. Of the two dogs present BD and BP came from the Puppy Dog class with Taylor's Tangaer Chris Caramak (Callydena Baileys On Ice ex Ch Debucher Sybelle avec Callydena), who just squeezed this in before his first birthday on 23 June. RBD went to O'Brien's Caldewriver Despicable Me (Jayanel Edwardo ex Jayanel Daisy Doo). BB and BOB went to Dalgarno's Nykarth Magic Moment (Ch Solettrader Tom Thumb ex Nykarth Irresistable) and RBB to O'Brien's Caldewriver Lotsa Trouble (Haliston Didier ex Jayanel Daisy Doo). Handled by Charlotte Dalgarno, Maisie was later shortlisted in the Group under Andrew Brace.

In the YKC Members Stakes judge Mark Cocozza awarded third to Charlotte with Maisie and in YKS (17-24yrs) she placed second under Tan Nagrecha. In Special Beginners Puppy Bitch Stakes, fourth place went to O'Brien's Caldewriver Lotsa Trouble. She also came second in YKC (12-16yrs). These classes were judged by Tan Nagrecha.

One exhibitor absent from Blackpool was Gavin Robertson who was judging at the Hound Show in Schöningen, Germany, where he awarded BOB to Anja Mellema's L'Ange Barbu d'Anglais la Vie Bohème (Emir des Ptits Bouts de Chouans ex Ned/Lux/Bel Ch L'Ange Barbu d'Anglais Force du Vivre) from Holland. Vivre went BOS.

Windsor was blessed with balmy weather on Hound day, sun and a nice breeze. Lynne Scott was our judge and she had an entry of 24, less six absent. Her choice for BD and BOB was Sara Robertson & Wendy Doherty's Ch Solettrader Magic Mike (Ch/Ned Ch Boom Chicago van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes ex Ch Solettrader Peek a Boo) with RBD going to Jane Brown's Solettrader Valentino Rossi (Ch S Noble Kinsmen ex S Bumble Bee). BB was Linda Skerritt & Jenna Betts' Beaujons Ugly Betty of Monkams JW ShCM (Ch Monkams Jack Sparrow JW ShCM ex Beaujons Tickled Pink), RBB Gavin, Oliver & Erin Robertson's Around Zlightly Different with Solettrader (imp Swe) (Rainstone Duston ex Around Nothing Else Matters). BP went to Linda Skerritt & Jenna Bett's Monkams Luna Luvgood (Suton Crepu Visage Love from Roxy to Gemshorn (imp USA) ex Monkams Kiwi JW ShCM), who was also short-listed in the Puppy Bitch Stakes under Mike Caple, and BV was Ceri McEwan's Culdaws Diesle from Marunnel (Ch Gemshorn Rocky ex Monkams Hippy Chick). Following a tradition of Solettrader group wins at Windsor, Magic Mike went on to G1 under Ann Ingram (Ireland).

It was good to see Kathryn Moulding at Windsor as she is still receiving regular hospital treatment for various problems, also Pat and Trevor Mellor. Many will remember Trevor in the ring with Reggie, their Grand, and Pat enjoyed being the club show photographer. Now that Pat has recovered sufficiently from long term health issues, she was her usual cheerful self, happy to see old friends and able to move round well in a mobility scooter.

At the Danish Bassetklubben's Very Special Show the same weekend, on both days BOB went to Jette and Christian Ramvad's Multi Ch Petit Heroes Canned Heat with BOS Birgitte Winter Arildsen's Multi Ch Fodnote One in a Million. Jette's Otto went BIS2 on both days.

The schedule and entry form for the BGVC championship show on 18 November can now be seen on [www.fossedata.co.uk](http://www.fossedata.co.uk) and on the club website. Judges are: GBGVs Adele Walton Haddon, PBGVs Vivien Phillips, BIS and Junior Handling Linda Skerritt. Stakes: GBGV Rachel Wray, PBGV Mike Caple.

Not long now until the Scottish Fun Day on 22 July, which is being held at Cockrane Hall, West Stirling Street, Alva FK12 5LJ starting at midday. Proceeds are in aid of the Joan Wells-Meacham Fund, which is directed to researches into health issues in BGVs. Cost of the day is £8 for adults, children under 12, £4. This includes buffet lunch, tea and refreshments, also entry to the fun classes. Judge will be Mhairi Scrimgeour (Velvetine). There will also be different levels of obedience classes so all can join in. The main organisers for this event are Gail Foote and Claire Gilluley, who have been working hard to gain support from local companies and a local rosette company has donated some stunning rosettes for main winners. Another has donated some beautiful bedding towards the raffle and a fabulous photo shoot is on offer for yet another prize. Added to this, there will be plenty of canine goodies and accessory trade stands there on the day, so what BGV owner can afford to miss this great day out, which is also open to owners of all breeds. For more information, contact Gail on [rymndft@aol.com](mailto:rymndft@aol.com) or Claire on [claireallen2612@hotmail.com](mailto:claireallen2612@hotmail.com).

There is still time to send any high resolution photos to Sue Marshall for next year's club calendar. A chance for your favourite BGV to appear in print! E-mail your images to [sue.marshall4@btpopenworld.com](mailto:sue.marshall4@btpopenworld.com).

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