

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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Again, the weekend saw no general breed championship show - I remember in days gone by when there were no gaps in the summer months but now with the move of Paignton to early August we have treasured time off (for some!)

Colin and Ann Makey battled across to Alfreton & District Canine Society breaking their van in the process but, with Dorothy Park judging, successfully qualified Gairside Good Lord JW for the Junior Warrant finals being held at Discover Dogs in October. I must also apologise to Zebbie, as I forgot to include last time that he had gained Best in Show under Grant B Carter at Border Counties Hound Club which was held in conjunction with Leeds Ch Show. Many congrats for both wins.

Despite the lull in championship shows, I didn't have a weekend of rest. I joined approx 25,000 other mad cyclists to undertake RideLondon - a 100 mile cycle ride starting at the Olympic Park and finishing down The Mall in front of Buckingham Palace, taking in the Surrey countryside en route. I finished on 5 hours 56 minutes, a feat I'm very proud of. I completed this (and the other mad cycle rides this year) in aid of Great Ormond Street. If anyone still wishes to donate then I'll be at Houndshow and Paignton to take money off you!

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