

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE TORRENTIAL RAIN hit those camping at Bournemouth showground before the show but fortunately Hound day dawned promising and stayed dry. Comments had been made about the low entries in many breeds and thus it was once more for PBGVs. There were only 20 present from Jeff Horswell's entry of 26. From just 6 dogs, DCC (his second) went to Reid's Maudaxi Tommy Holedigger (sire Soletrader Bjorn Borg), with reserve going to their Nick Nack (sire Maudaxi Jimmy Choo). RBCC went to Reid's BP Maudaxi Daiquiri Doughnut (sire Vilauddens Isaak). All three are out of Trezeguet Treacle Sponge at Maudaxi. From VB, BCC, her 12th, went to Osbourne's Ch Debucher Jezebel at Braego ShCM.

Although too far south for some, Bournemouth is a favourite, a lovely show where many use the camping and caravanning facilities to visit this beautiful area of England. However, this year some in the caravan area drew the short straw as picking up dog waste in the extremely long grass proved nigh on impossible and the toilet block was as unpleasant as it could be, needing constant attention to unblock and clear. The heavy rain made exit from the area precarious but anyone shrewd enough to do a recon beforehand to find an alternative route avoided sinking into well-used tracks of soft ground.

After WKC it is on the City of Birmingham where there are 27 PBGVs entered for Sue Hewart-Chambers, giving CCs for the first time.

Anyone who takes an interest in the POAG DNA test results may have spotted that the link from the club website to the KC on-line results has been broken for some weeks. This was queried with the KC and they let me know they were upgrading their systems to make the site more ipad and mobile phone user friendly. The link has finally been restored but results only show up to May. Although the AHT has sent figures to the KC, it seems we will have to wait until September when all files will be updated.

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