

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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HILARY KNOWLES AND JULIE METSELAR-WILLIAMS weathered the rain at the recent Thame Show and came out with several rosettes. There were no breed classes but their Stinton Au Contraire avec Braillement (Haut de Gamme de l'Emprée avec Braillement ex Kandex Billy Joe Spears) went Best NSC Hound. Not satisfied with that Braillement Bleu d'Auvergne, born on 9 January this year by Speedy Danda Bohemia avec Braillement out of Braillement Idylle, went Best NSC Puppy, then on to get Hound Puppy G4. The judge for AV and Group was Hilary Tringham (Kushbudar).

On 4 October Vivien Phillips will be going to a Breed Health Co-Ordinator's symposium and one of the speakers will be Dr Holger Volk on Epilepsy, detailing his research for the Royal Veterinary College. Others will be Dr Cathryn Mellersh and Dr Louise Burmeister from the AHT, who will be giving an update on the work into the Give a dog a Genome project. If you have any questions you would like brought up, it isn't too late to contact Vivien on vphillips@btinternet.com or 01442 851225.

Everyone is invited to join the Bassets at their annual Aquadrome walk in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, 8 October, meeting in the car park at 10.30am for 11am. This is a pleasant autumn walk along paths around the large lakes, where you can see many different birds, and various sporting activities, including of course fishing. 21 and 22 October sees the GBGV and PBGV breed booths busy at the annual Discover Dogs Exhibition at London's ExCeL and on 22 October the breed seminars/assessments take place at Corley, near Coventry. Although places are now full for undertaking assessment, anyone wishing to come to the seminars is more than welcome. Contact me, or the booking form is on <http://www.bgvclub.co.uk/diary-dates>.

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