

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE BGV CLUB'S BREED HEALTH CO-ORDINATOR Vivien Phillips attended the recent Breed Health Symposium mounted by the KC at the KC Building, Stoneleigh. Of particular interest for our breed was a talk given by Professor Holger Volk, Head of Clinical Science and Services and Professor of Veterinary Neurology and Neurosurgery at the RVC. He spoke about epilepsy, explaining how it is the most common chronic neurological condition in dogs. He said epilepsy is not a pure seizure disorder but also causes co-morbidities such as behaviour changes. The cause of epilepsy can vary but more and more genetic factors have been identified in recent years. Research highlights that drugs are not the only answer for regaining control when managing a patient with epilepsy. A comprehensive approach is essential to improve quality of life and the management of epilepsy. Thankfully the incidence within PBGVs is small but nonetheless upsetting for any owner who finds their Petit is seizing. Even more so should they lose a PBGV at a relatively young age through this complaint.

Dr Cathryn Mellersh, Head of Genetics at the AHT and Dr Louise Burmeister, Postdoctoral Research Scientist, gave an update on the Give a Dog a Genome project. Attendees learned that the project is now two thirds of the way through sequencing 75 samples and that the results are already making a difference for participating breeds. Unfortunately, the long queue to speak to Cathryn and Louise meant that Vivien Phillips was unable to get to speak to them afterwards with the list of questions she had pertinent to our breed but she will be contacting them to progress several issues.

Immediately after this symposium, Vivien was off to South Wales at Builth Wells, where she awarded the Hound Group to Ch Soletrader Magic Mike, who on the last day went BIS under Tom Johnston. There were two absent from Sue Virgo's breed entry of 20 where Magic Mike had gone BOB under Sue Virgo, giving CCs for the first time. From Junior, BCC went to Tangaer Chamlee, litter sister to Calvera who won the BCC at Drifffield the weekend before. Not only that but litter brother Charles Bronsen was awarded the RDCC. What better birthday present Linda. The sire is Callydena Bailey's On Ice, the dam Ch Debucher Sybelle Avec Callydena. RBCC went to Lynn Scott's Soletrader Ain't Actin' Up At Overbecks ShCM and BP to Phil & Dianne Reid's Maudaxi Daiquiri Doughnut (Vilauddens Isaak ex Trezeguet Treacle Sponge at Maudaxi).

Good news from Christine Marett on Jersey where her Limier Didier at Gayteckels is not only embarking on a career as a PAT Dog spending time with children to help their reading abilities but he has also just been awarded his Gold Good Citizens.

LOD winners for October are Mr & Mrs Bradford with £15, Linda Lewis £10 and Lynne Scott £5. Don't forget to enter the club championship show, which takes place at Ryton-on-Dunsmore on 18 November. An event not to miss as this is the club's 30th championship show so there will be a gift for every exhibitor, specials and a surprise celebration. Postal entries close 21 October, on-line with www.fossedata.co.uk on 29 October.

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