

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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LAST WEEKEND WAS DOMINATED BY THE SUCCESSFUL WORLD DOG SHOW. It is amazing so many people went from the UK to Leipzig either as exhibitors or spectators. Preceding the WDS, the Winner Show took place on 8 November and, from the seven entered, judge Aidan Mckiernan (Ire) chose Olga Agapova's Aldia Billi Bom as his BOB with BOS going to Ines Wüstner's Beliese Vom Divenhof.

On 9 November Group VI was on at the World Show and BOB went to the Netherlands with Cookie Crunch Van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes, owned by Gwen Huikeshoven & Bensri Sittibavornsakul. BOS was Zili Gotfrid's Kan Trace Best Shaldag from Israel. BOB Veteran was awarded to Kimberley Kruize's Mirepoix's Precocious Paddy from the Netherlands and BOB Junior went to Russia with Aldia Billi Bom, now listed under the ownership of Olga Agapova and Irina Antipova. BOB Puppy was Cirkos Csongor's Fox's Nightmare Jack Sparrow from Hungary. Many Kenna, who was there showing her Border, gained a Very Good in PBGV Junior Bitch with Cynetkoy Chilli Romance. The judge was Burkhard Seibel. BIS Breeders Group 2 went to four extremely well matched Van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes PBGVs, judged by Espen Eng.

On the third day over the other side of town for the CCF Special Club Show, which was open to all French and Swiss hound breeds, Gitte Finnich Pedersen from Denmark was the judge. She awarded BOB in PBGVs to Gitte Winter Arildsen's Fodnote One in a Million, handled by Holger Busk, with BOS to Anja Mellema's L'Ange Barbu d'Anglais La Vie Boheme (Chagal). Millie went on to BIS3 out of nine breeds.

Here there was a spate of open shows though a lack of breed classes. I know of three PBGVs who won Best NSC Hound – Teresa Eaton's Linphil Kili at Huntingdon under Anthony Oakden, our Beaujons Ugly Betty of Monkams JW ShCM at Guildford under Rebecca Peek and Paul Osbourne's Braego Gladys Aylward ShCM at Burton-on-Trent under Trish Wells. In the group, Watson and Betty gained G2 at their respective shows, while Gladys went one better to go G1. Our own Monkams Luna Luvgood won Junior Stakes at Guildford and her litter brother Lemony Snicket did owner Jan Bishop proud by gaining his KC Bronze Good Citizen award.

For anyone who is interested, James Hall in the States is now selling off copies of his "How To Groom The PBGV" DVD at the reduced price of \$15. To contact him, his e-mail address is jahapbgvs@yahoo.com. James sent me a complimentary copy when this first came out and, although there are some slight differences between how a professional groomer would groom a PBGV and the skills needed for someone who just wants to keep their PBGV tidy and well groomed, this gives lots of good tips and advice. James is also on facebook though doesn't seem to be checking his posts.

November sees the big draw for the Limited Odds and the lucky winners are Claire Cooper with £50, Gill Goulden £25 and £12 to Marion Gerrie. If anyone wants to join the monthly LOD giving a chance of winning big money while also helping Rescue, Geraldine Dodd will be at the club championship show this Saturday with forms for you to complete, also ready to collect 2018 subscriptions for existing number holders, easier than sending through the post. And Sue Marshall will have 2018 club calendars for anyone to collect who has pre-ordered and extra for anyone else to buy. Price £9. I doubt if any of you need reminding – the show is at the Sports Connexion, Ryton-on-Dunsmore. It opens at 9.30am and judging of PBGVs starts at 10.30am with Vivien Phillips having a good entry of 52 to go over. If you haven't entered, why not come along and watch? I look forward to seeing you all and hope you have a good day.

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