

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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TWO GBGVs have passed away recently. One was Barbara Milton's Ch/Ir Ch Wilmit Domino ShCM (25/05/2007 - 23/10/2017) who was put to sleep to save any further suffering. His sire was Ch/Aus Ch Wilmit Braconnier de Debucher, his dam Wilmit Altesse. Dom was a fine example of the breed and sired several who went on to make their mark in Grands such as Ch Debucher Rigole and Ch Wilmit Fanfare. He gained his three crowning CCs at the BGV Club show 2009, Linda Lewis; Hound Association 2010, Linda Mackenzie and Driffield 2010 under Pam Marston Pollock. His name will live on in the household as Barbara has his granddaughter Ethos in the Cloud with Wilmit, who she imported from the States.

Another sad loss was Debucher Willow (Niveau Barbillot des Maladières ex Debucher Vaillante) who was also put to sleep on 16/11/2017 when she became very unwell. She was born on 17/2/2005 and was only shown lightly when young, winning Best Puppy at Crufts in 2006, the same year the breed was awarded CCs for the first time. Tragically she had pyometra when in whelp at three years old so never produced any offspring, however she went on to become a much loved member of the family and, as Vivien Phillips says, ruled the roost in the kitchen keeping the Dachshunds and any puppies in check.

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