

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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I WASN'T AT LKA as I was in Amsterdam for the Holland cup and the Amsterdam Winners show (more about that later), so I missed the snow in England but, my, did I find it in Holland – a country that seems to cope with it so much better than us! I watched in interest the snow posts on Sunday morning of the journeys to LKA, feeling quite happy that I wasn't travelling in it. However, when I left the RAI in Amsterdam to start the long trek home, I started driving into a blizzard which did not stop until half way into Belgium. The roads were completely white and the snow was falling very heavily – it was an interesting journey to say the least, especially when Cindy's satnav had a melt down and sent me through the centre of Rotterdam which was a car park!

Firstly LKA – there were 15 entered with 6 absent for Jessica Holm. I know that there had been an outcry on social media for the committee to cancel the show, it seemed in all breeds that exhibitors made their own decision to travel or not with varied absentee rates. Jessica found her dog CC in Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier which makes him unbeaten in the males this year – a massive achievement! Reserve to him was Pam and Claire MacGregor's Ir Ch Claela Reaumur ShCM. BCC (her second) and BOB was Fiona and Michael's Tarmachan Ice Diamond and Reserve to her was her mother Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine. There were no puppies or veterans present.

Over in Amsterdam there were 2 GBGV entered at the Holland Cup under Cindy Kerssemeijer from the Netherlands and she awarded Dog CAC, CACIB & BOB to Gwen Huikeshoven's Multi Ch Frosty Snowman. Later she also awarded him Group 6 and he went all the way to BIS under Jose Homem De Mello, who incidentally gave him his first CC and BOB at the Houndshow in 2016. The other GBGV entered was my Debucher Ivanka Jayanel who was awarded very promising and BOB puppy. At the Winners Show there was 3 entered for Liz-Beth Carlsson-Liljeqvist. BOB was again Frosty, who she later awarded second in the group. Bitch CAC & CACIB was Miss Magic v Tum-Tums Vriendjes. Again Ivanka was awarded Very Promising and BP. I must say I do like the FCI method of judging where they have to grade all the dogs and critique them at the time.

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