

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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ONLY A FEW DAYS NOW TILL CHRISTMAS and I expect most of you are too busy to read these notes – you will be buying food, presents, wrapping paper and writing last minute cards. Of course, dogs still have to be walked and cared for so, in general, far too much to do. This includes the interminable cleaning as, now the weather has warmed up for a while, muddy paws go everywhere. However, if you are a “doggy” person, you accept it and get on with it. I invested in a steam cleaner some time ago. What a good buy that was as it deep cleans without leaving the floors wet and, with disinfectant down as well, leaves the house smelling fresh for two or three days. Of course, havng a puppy hanging like a Christmas bauble on the lead this morning while I was cleaning didn't help matters much but the cleaner still works and pup is still alive.

At Carluke & DCS Steve & Lorna Wyllie's Callydena Diamond Star (Debucher Quel Chance avec Tangaer ex Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM) gained BOB giving her final point for her ShCM. subject to KC confirmation. Tangaer Rhapsody won Best Hound Veteran.

Meanwhile some GBGV folk accompanied by Fauve exhibitors travelled to Belgium for the Brussels Dog Show which offered 2 CACIBs and 3 CACs in the one weekend. It is great to experience shows in a different country but the PBGV entries were practically non-existent. Day one was the Brussels Trophy where there was only one PBGV entered for Liliane De Ridder-Onghena (Bel); and it wasn't much better on the second day where there were two for the Brussels Dog Show judged by Viera Staviarska (SL). Here BOB went to Anja Mellema's L'Ange Barbu D'anglais la Vie Bohème, which qualified him for Crufts. BOS went to Tina Romeis' Frieda.

Lynn Wood has let me know she still has a couple of spaces left, both in Grands and Petits, if anyone would like to help for a session on the breed booths at Crufts between 8-11 March. Contact her on 01268 555072 or wood_stephen9@sky.com and she will let you know which days and times are still available. You need to have a good knowledge of the breed and, for spending time talking to visitors to the show, you will receive free parking and entry tickets to the show. For this enjoyable day out, you will also have your palm crossed with silver.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Christmas, when you can hopefully relax and spend quality time with your PBGVs.

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