

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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IN THE LULL BEFORE CHRISTMAS Colin and Ann Makey travelled over to Belgium to exhibit at the Brussels show. The Brussels Trophy show took place on 16 December, where unfortunately they had the only two entered. Judge Liliane de Ridder-Onghena (Belgium) awarded the CAC, CACIB and BOB to their Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM (Can-Can van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes Debucher ex Ch/Ir Ch Gairside Sans Souci ShCM) with BOS to his sister Good Gracious. At the Brussels Dog Show the following day, once more they were the only two entered under Viera Staviarska (Slovakia), who placed similarly. Despite the lack of competition, Colin and Ann enjoyed the show and the experience of entering the group and there was plenty of celebrating in between with Andy and Lesley Jones who had gone with them to show their Fauves.

Just making it for these notes, an excited announcement from the States where the GBGV will be fully AKC recognised on 1 January 2018. This makes the 11-14 April 2018 National & Regional Specialty Shows & Performance Events extra special events. The shows are being held as part of the Peach Blossom Cluster in Perry, Georgia. National Speciality judging is likely to be judged by Jamie Hubbard, with the Regionals by Robert Hutton, also as yet to be confirmed. For more information go to www.gbgv.net.

Also on 22 December, the Daily Telegraph printed an article on the announcement that, in a bid to end the disturbing trade in animals bred in puppy farms, the sale of puppies without their mother present will be banned. They showed Yvonne Moulton with Debucher Zamba and her litter of 7 week old pups. Although aware that there is still some way to go to prove that the bitch with the pups is actually their mother, Yvonne said she hoped the new legislation would put disreputable websites out of business. As an Assured Breeder, she was concerned to see good breeding standards, where the breeder cares where the dogs are going and what happens to them.

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