

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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SO WHERE DID 2017 GO? Hopefully you all had a fairly peaceful Christmas and were able to relax for the day. It was a shock to see so many old PBGVs leaving us in the first half of 2017, thirteen reported in the Club's summer Newsletter. This is a terrible wrench for those who have loved them for so many years but, as we know, this is all part of owning dogs. We never forget the old ones but photos of puppies can melt anyone's heart. There have been a couple of litters born just before Christmas and I am sure that, before long, they will be bringing happiness to their new owners.

December's lucky LOD winners are Chris & Deb Blake with £15, Claire Gilluley with £10 and £5 to Mrs Diane Watt.

At the end of this year, congratulations to breeders Gavin & Sara Robertson, whose Ch Soletrader Magic Mike achieved UK number one Hound and number three all breeds 2017.

PBGV judges known so far for 2018 championship shows are: Boston Tim Jones, Manchester Wendell Moore; Crufts Per Knudsen. Hound Association of Scotland Ed Casey (to be confirmed), Birmingham National Jill Peak, SKC Marita Rodgers, Bath Nigel Luxmoore-Ball, Three Counties Mark Cocozza, Border Union Fran Mitchell, Blackpool Karl-Eric Johanssen (Swe), Windsor David Knights, East of England Serena Parker, Hound Association Alan Mease, Leeds Bert Easdon, Paignton John Thirlwell, Bournemouth Zena Thorn Andrews, WKC Jeff Luscott, City of Birmingham Ron James, Richmond Paul Osbourne, Darlington Liz Cartledge, Driffield Eddie Webster, South Wales Jan Pain, BGV Club Graham Hill. LKA Nick Bryce Smith.

There are a few open shows coming up early in the new year, though it does seem pointless when the same person keeps judging our breed in a relatively short space of time and within a fairly small area. It is doing the canine societies a disservice as, win or lose, exhibitors won't want to keep on showing under the same judge.

Entries for Crufts close on 22 January. Have you noticed that we have fewer classes in 2018? No Minor Puppy and no Yearling. With an entry fee of £30 per dog, this is becoming a show for the more affluent and I can't help wondering whether Crufts will lose out as the choice for some will be to leave one or more dogs at home to cut their outlay to a manageable amount.

A reminder that, if you would like an advert in the BGVC's 2013-2017 Handbook, you need to get it to Claire Cooper now. You can contact her on 07855 255287 or clairecooper81@hotmail.co.uk. 2018 subscriptions are due for BGVC annual subs, Breeders Directory and Limited Odds Draw.

It only remains for me to wish you all a happy and healthy 2018.

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