

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Like me, you may be currently struggling against waterlogged garden and great swathes of wet being brought indoors on muddy paws. The steam cleaner has been used frequently but the new mop I bought just before Christmas which boasted “superior cleaning performance” already sports a limp, worn out head. They obviously never trialed it out under doggy conditions. Nothing stays clean for more than a few minutes. So, timing is of the essence for bathing any dogs before Boston on Saturday where there are 16 PBGVs entered for Tim Jones.

Snow storms allowing, Hound day at America’s 142<sup>nd</sup> Westminster KC show takes place on Monday 12 February. Those PBGVs who have received a direct invitation to take part are: Soletrader Right Said Fred, CJ’s Sweet Georgia Brown, Jus Texas Prime, Soletrader Annie Mac and Pink Panther van Tum-Tum’s Vriendjes. Ms Linda More of Cary, NC, is the judge. With no class dogs, the total PBGV entry is 0-0 (9-5).

Many will remember Lynn Wood’s grand-daughter, Lily Sparks, who came to shows whenever she could as she loved handling the PBGVs. Lily has been in the news. Now a local scout in Somerset, she recently spotted an unconscious lady behind a parked car. She administered first aid while her mother, Kay, stopped the car from moving. Not content with that, Lily phoned the emergency services then helped them on their arrival. Well done Lily, just goes to show how important First Aid training is.

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