

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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THE FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW of the season was Boston, although it doesn't seem that long since LKA. I remember the days when the show season finished at LKA in December and then did not restart until Crufts in March. How times have changed!

Anyhow stopping reminiscing, Tim Jones (Eardley) judged the breed at Boston. Although we initially had classes at this show in the early days there had been a break for a number of years so it was extremely encouraging that he had a very good entry of 18 hounds entered with 3 absentees. What was also pleasant to see was the number of puppies in the ring – 7 in total, 2 males and 5 bitches. We haven't had that many puppies out in a long time!

Gaining Best Dog and BOB was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet, Best Bitch was Barbara Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare ShCM. The reserves went to Colin and Ann Makey's litter mates Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM and Gairside Good Gracious. Best Puppy was my Debucher Ivanka Jayanel and Danielle Machent and Barabara's Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille topped the male puppies. I am not aware of any stakes class results.

The next show is Manchester where Alan Curry has 9 entered, immediately followed by the closing date for Crufts.

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