

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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SCANNING THROUGH VARIOUS BREED NOTES it seems most writers are in the same boat this time of year with little news to pass on. I am afraid I am no different. The only show result is from Paul Osbourne whose Braego Gladys Ayward went Best NSC Hound and Hound G3 at City of Cambridge under Ross Gilbert (Affietar).

Monday 12 February sees Westminster KC taking place at Madison Square Garden, New York where at 11am Eastern time there are 14 Petits entered for M. Linda C. More of Cary, NC. Jeff Pepper will have the honour of judging the Hound Group that evening. As far as I can see the live streaming will, once again, not be a simple affair. Breed judging from ten rings will be free on the WKC website and FOX Sports GO. No TV provider login is needed but, as last year, I fear enthusiasts outside the US will be frustrated. We will presumably have to wait until the breed videos are posted on <http://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/>.

Despite the lull in shows this is a busy time of year for all breed clubs not least our own and it is an expensive period for members. Annual subscriptions became due by 31 January. If you have not paid yours, this means you will have no vote. Breeders Directory money has been trickling in steadily and the leaflets will be off to the printers shortly to be out at Crufts. Many of you have placed adverts in our 2013-2017 club handbook, which Claire Cooper is preparing. If you haven't yet paid, please contact Colin Makey who will be pleased to take the money off you – gairside@btinternet.com or 01469 540260. If you wish to pay by bank transfer, he will give you the details. Alternatively send a cheque made out to the Basset Griffon Vendéen Club and post it to him at The Cottage, Lease Lane, East Halton, North Lincs DN40 3PT. Colin will also take orders if you wish to have a copy when it is out.

On a slightly different note, those of you who go onto the club page on facebook will be aware of the concerns over Craniomandibular Osteopathy (CMO). Known cases have been mainly in GBGVs, though over the past few years a couple have also been reported in Petits. Put simply this is where there is excessive, abnormal bone growth of the skull and lower jaw. The mode of inheritance has yet to be determined and due to the low numbers reported we are a long way off the Animal Health Trust being able to research this fully for. However, if you have a PBGV affected by this health problem, contact Health Sub-Committee members Peter Marks pmarks1262@aol.com or Vivien Phillips vphillips@btinternet.com who will help you to send cheek swabs to the AHT. These need to go with pedigree and a report from your vet. There is no charge for this research and you will be helping the breed.

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