

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF OPEN SHOWS attended recently, it seems that everyone is dusting off the cobwebs before Crufts! I will start with Maidenhead on 18 February where Lisa Tyler Jackson judged the breed and awarded BOB to Hilary Knowles and Jules Metselaar-Williams' Anya Hindmarch avec Braillement and Best Puppy to Hilary's Reggaedog Frodo. Vanessa Williams-Wegmann judged the group with Anya Hindmarch getting Group 2 and Frodo Puppy Group 4.

24 February was Newark and District Canine Society, where I believe it was bitter in the halls at the Newark showground. Judge for both the breed and group there was Nicola Quadling and Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille owned by Danielle Machant & Barbara Milton was BOB and BP ending up with PG3. Barbara had a great day as she also won the Puppy Stakes (and hard cash!) under Jeff Horswell.

Also that day the East Anglian Supermatch took place. To qualify for this competition you have to have won Best in Show (or Best Puppy in Show for the puppy competition) at a qualifying open show. Zebbie, aka Gairside Good Lord JW, owned by Colin and Ann Makey flew the flag for the breed and although they were knocked out first round it appears a fabulous evening was had and it was an honour to be there.

The following day Caroline Friend Rees judge the breed and group at Cheltenham and District. BOB and HG4 here was Vivien Phillips' Debucher Fifi. My Debucher Ivanka Jayanel was Best Puppy and, not to be outdone, her mother Ch Debucher Xfactor was Best Hound Veteran, which meant an incredibly long wait for best veteran in show!

North of the border at Catrine Canine Club Pamela and Claire McGregor's Ir Ch Claeala Reaumur ShCM was Best AV Hound and HG2 under Donna Kirkwood-Emery.

Many congratulations to all winners!

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