

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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LIKE ME, YOU ARE PROBABLY HEARTILY FED UP WITH THIS WEATHER. Here we are with British Summer Time nearly upon us, a change which means we can enjoy longer and lighter evenings, but as I began writing this it was windy, bitterly cold and snow laying on the ground. Thankfully things have now improved somewhat so hopefully that is end of the cold spell. Fortunately too our 7 April open show is a few weeks later this year so hopefully it will be well and truly spring by then. There are 33 PBGVs entered. Judging starts at 9.30am and PBGVs will be in the ring after 19 GBGVs.

Fresh from his BOB win at Crufts, Soletrader Buddy Holly is now taking them by storm in Ireland where Cathy Neill, now a joint owner, handled him at his first show, the St Patricks Day International. There he topped Group 6 under Laura Cox. The following day at the IKC Celtic Winners International, he took Group 6 again, this time under Branislav Rajic, then went on to BIS under Ger Cox. Lorna Wyllie had a good day at Clackmannanshire Canine Club last Saturday where her Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena won BVIS. Her Tangaer Calvera avec Callydena also did well going BOB and HG4. And at Retford CS, Mandy Kenna's Alonzo Grande Cuore Mit Cynetkoy (Black Mjesty Hollywood ex Evita Eunice Rudis) imported from Russia went BP and BOB then on to PG1 and HG4.

Lynn Wood has asked me to pass on her thanks to all those who helped on the breed booths at Discover Dogs. She very much appreciates the time you gave to promote and talk about the BGV. Lynn has spent a difficult week or so and sympathies are with her and husband, Steve, who have now said goodbye to their beloved Dottie (Monkhams Dorothy Perkins). Dottie's health had been failing for some time so we all knew the end of her life was in sight and sadly she didn't quite make it to her 15th birthday on 6 April. Dottie was their first PBGV. They welcomed her into their home in 2007 after Jenna and I took her back in following her previous owner's marriage break-up. There she became the matriarch of the family, producing two litters – the first sired by Ch/Dk Ch Monkhams Brimstone and the second by Ch Gemshorn Rocky, which gave them Beaujons Tickled Pink. I am so glad I went to see Dottie two days before she died. The flickering of the end of her tail as she recognised me made it all worthwhile.

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