

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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LAST WEEKEND WAS WONDERFULLY HOT with plenty of shows to enjoy. At SKC Magic Mike did it yet again, going all the way to BIS, this time under Stuart Mallard. With no absentees, there were three times as many bitches entered than dogs, with 15 against 5 for breed judge Marita Rodgers. After awarding DCC to Ch Soletrader Magic Mike, RDCC went to Joan Puckett's Soletrader Bobs Your Uncle. BCC went to Charlotte Dalgarno's Nykarth Magic Moment, RBCC Lynne Scott's Overbecks Kathy Tière. BP also went to Charlotte with her home-bred Vencharno Tequila Sunrise at her first championship show. BV was Steve & Lorna Wylie's Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM who went on to a lovely Veteran Group 3 under Mr C Mackay.

Further south, our Beaujons Ugly Betty of Monkams JW ShCM went BOB and Hound Group 1 at Wickford & Basildon with our Beaujons Vagabond at Monkams winning BP and Hound Puppy Group 2. Breed judge was Jenny Dove and Group judge Jannette Al-Kudsi.

Going a few hundred miles further south, at the French Nationale d'Élevage held at Nedde, where there were several exhibitors and spectators from the UK, there were around 100 PBGVs entered. Top place of BOB went to Claude Jehanno's Lucho des Echos de Buzet (Durdur des Echos de Buzet ex Anis des Echos de Buzet). And, at her first ever show, Gwen Huikeshoven's year old Cassis van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes (Felix Dit Finistere du Chemins des Bruleurs ex Kiwi van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes) Won the Bitch CC. Next year's show is at Oléron, between Nantes and Bordeaux and it seems some are already rather wary of driving over the long, high bridge connecting the mainland to this second largest island in France.

Nigel Luxmoore-Ball has an excellent entry of 40 for Monday's Bath show and PBGVs are first in the ring at 9am so it will be a very early start for many.

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