

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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BLACKPOOL WAS SLIGHTLY OVERCAST but still very warm however and by the time the Groups went in the sun was shining. The days prior to and following Hound day were glorious back to back sunshine. There was a bit of excitement on the Friday when a dust storm/mini tornado passed over the show ground whipping up a steward's box taking with it prize cards and CCs, it was so eerie standing there watching it and then suddenly grabbing on to umbrellas as they tried to take off.

Martin Sanders had a fabulous entry of 20 with only 2 absentees without CCs which was a vast improvement on last year's 6. BD and BOB was the unbeaten for 18 months Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier with his sister Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Florentine Best Bitch, both are owned and bred by Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren. Reserve Best Dog and Best Junior in Breed was Danielle Machent and Barbara Milton's Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille, Barbara also won Reserve Best Bitch and Best Puppy with Wilmit Independence Day.

Cartier was shortlisted in the Hound Group judged by Mike Gadsby. There was a little confusion as the steward asked Fiona to use the ramp normally reserved only for the Basset Hound as Mike Gadsby had recently undergone an operation. Thankfully "Fergus" seemed to take it in his stride and ambled up the ramp after a little persuasion. The only result I know about in the stakes classes was Yvonne Moults Zamdilsa Trick Or Treat who was 5th in the Special Beginners Bitch Puppy Stakes under Robin Searle.

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