

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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WITH ONE ABSENTEE, there were 14 PBGVs present at Blackpool for Swedish judge Mr Karl-Erik Johansson. A breeder of Boxers, he has owned dogs since 1962 and has been licensed to judge since 1977. Now doing all groups and BIS, FCI records show that he has previously judged 67 PBGVs, though it isn't known whether these numbers are up to date.

At Blackpool, he awarded BB and BOB to Dalgarno's Nykarth Magic Moment. BD was Mochan's Soletrader Tinker Taylor and from JD, RBD Bartley's Erylan Loki Maître du Mal, who was also awarded Best Junior. RBB went to Reid's Fox's Nightmare Jessica Bile at Maudaxi (imp Rus). BP was Dalgarno's Vencharno Tequila Sunrise.

In hot sunshine Clacton show took place last weekend too where, with only two classes, judge Jackie Hornby awarded Paul Osbourne's Braego Gladys Aylward BOB. From Graduate, BP went to Steve & Lynn Wood's Beaujons Velvet. Well done to both who gained places in their respective groups, judged by Eddie Webster.

Hopefully by now the Summer edition of Voice will have hit your doormat. With the current heatwave making most of us more lethargic than usual, let's hope this gives you time to read it. There are also new Breed Appreciation pages on the club website building around the concept of the KC's Judges Competency Framework, which will see the face of education and assessment procedures for UK judges changing and the expectation of breed clubs developing Breed Appreciation Days that will replace the current Seminars and Assessments as we know them. BGVA aspires to provide home study modules in Basset Griffon Vendéen breed education, not only for judges but for anyone keen to learn more about the breed. It is early days yet with much work still to be done but take a look as there might be something to interest you - <http://www.bgvclub.co.uk/breed-appreciation>. These are designed to help you learn about many aspects of the breed, not just judging BGVs but also the historical side and about owning and caring for your BGV.

And, for those of you with an interest in breed health, the Kennel Club has opened a new Facebook group with the aim of ensuring anyone interested in the latest dog health and breeding news can access relevant updates easily through social media. Information to be provided on the group will include subjects such as new breed health tests/schemes, updates to breeding regulations, health testing sessions, Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme updates and how to get involved with the latest health research. The group is called Dog Health and Breeding news from @TheKennelClubUK.

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