

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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IT WAS SIZZLING AT WINDSOR, a show I love and have rarely missed but it wasn't to be this year. Judge David Knights had one absent from his entry of 19. BD and BOB went to Robertson & Doherty's Ch Soletrader Magic Mike, with RBD to Reid's Maudaxi Nick Nack. BB also went to Phil and Dianne Reid with Ch/Bel Ch Trezeguet Plum Crumble at Maudaxi, with RBB going to Blake's Orleans van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. BP was Sara, Oliver & Erin Robertson's Soletrader Beatrix Potter and BV, the only one present in the Veteran Dog/Bitch class, Jane Brown's Ch Soletrader Valentino Rossi. Windsor now being one of the championship shows to introduce a Best Special Beginners, this award went to Moore's Afterglow Dough Ble Impact. Dalgarno's Nykarth Magic Moment was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Open Charity Stakes judged by Stuart Band and, in the Hound Group, judge Jenny Dove placed Magic Mike first.

Breeder Gavin Robertson had to miss watching Magic Mike go RBIS on the last day of Windsor as he was judging at the Very Special Show at a very hot Brovst in Northern Jutland, Denmark. As this was the Bassetklubben 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary show, there were three shows spanning the weekend with the first one taking place on Friday 29 June. Just back from South Africa, Gunnar Nymann judged the Petits, awarding both BOB and BOS to Annicka Löfgren's PBGVs with Around Drama Queen (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike ex Around Snack Attack) from Junior Bitch and Around Another Bad Hair Day (Around Surprise Surprise ex Around Jar of Jam) who came from the Hunting Dog class. On day two, Gavin Robertson made the same awards.

The final day, the VSS proper, saw Renaud Buche judging the PBGVs, where he awarded BOB to the Open Dog winner, Maggie Zujewska's L'Ange Barbu d'Anglais La Vie Sauvage (Emir des Ptit's Bouts do Chouan ex L'Ange Barbu d'Anglais Force du Vivre), handled by breeder Anja Mellema. From Junior Bitch, BOS also went to Anja Mellema's breeding with her own L'Ange Barbu d'Anglais Nouvelle Jupe (Le Mouv Sid The Kid ex L'Ange Barbu d'Anglais Haute Couture).

Exhibitors from many countries attended this special weekend, including other Scandinavian countries, Poland and Holland. At the gala Saturday evening dinner, Gavin Robertson gave a speech in which he gave credit to Per Knudsen and Gunnar Nymann & Holger Busk, having been inspired many years ago by the Morebess and Chouan breeding.

After East of England this week, the next championship event is Houndshow where there is an entry of 31 for Alan Mease.

This week I became aware that there appears to be a delay in supplying Latanoprost, which those with PBGVs affected by POAG need regularly. I gather this does happen with drug companies from time to time. They simply run out of stock. The situation normally corrects but it might take some time. For those of you who order your PBGV's Latanoprost by prescription from a chemist, it may be wise to ensure you don't run that low before reordering as understandably supplying the eye drops for human use will take precedence over dogs. An alternative is, of course, Xalatan, though this is more expensive and I don't know whether this is also in short supply at the moment.

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