

BGV CLUB OPEN SHOW, 7 APRIL 2018

Thank you to the committee for inviting me to judge at the BGV 40th Anniversary Club Show, and thank you to the exhibitors for giving me the opportunity to go over and assess your dogs. My connections to these breeds have been mainly connected to the UK and having the opportunity to take center stage at a show like this was a great honor.

These two breeds are of course close to my heart, having PBGVs myself, and over the years I have had the opportunity to see the breeds in many countries and to judge them in a few. To me, it is important that we are able to keep the breed type and the breed specific details that separates these two breeds. Around the world, we can from time to time even in the finals see GBGVs with PBGV features (shorter foreface, flatter skulls, shorter bodies etc) and vice versa. These details are the distinct features that make up the breeds we love and care so much about.

On the day of judging, I was left with a feeling that even though they were fewer in numbers, the GBGV was the variety with the most consistent type. Although my BOB and BOB puppy in the breed had proportions that were a bit different when comparing length of leg and length of body, they both had this special "I am a GBGV" kind of look both in head and expression and overall qualities, which I like to see.

It was pleasing to observe the good attitude and sportsmanship of all exhibitors, and the good atmosphere this created both inside and outside of the ring.

Grand Basset Griffon Venden

Class 1 MPD (1 Entry) Abs: 0

1st: PHILLIPS Mrs V. Debucher Kasper – A nice start on the day. 6 months, well developed for age, promising overall body proportions and will be very much in balance with a bit more leg, very typical head with excellent ears framing in the soft expression, good length of neck, nice body and ribcage for age, strong topline. Well angulated in front and rear. An easy mover.

Class 2 PD (1 Entry) Abs: 0

1st: KNOWLES, Mrs H. Reggaedog Frodo – 9 months tricolor male of good substance. Head of good length with nicely domed skull. Would prefer more parallel lines in skull/foreface. Excellent soft ears. Would prefer a better lay back of shoulder and upper arm, and front legs could be a bit straighter. Long, strong back. Well angulated in rear. Promising movements.

Class 3 JD (0 Entry) Abs: 0

Class 4 PGD (0 Entry) Abs: 0

Class 5 LD (0 Entry) Abs: 0

Class 6 OD (3 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: MAKEY, Mr C & Mrs A. Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM– Very mature and well put together. Masculine head with dark eyes, well-placed and shaped ears, parallel lines in skull/muzzle giving him a very typical expression. Strong neck. Well angulated front with straight front legs. Strong topline. Ribcage with nice volume. Well-constructed rear. A happy mover using the tail very well on the move. The overall qualities of this dog turned out to be hard to beat, and I was happy in the end awarding him BD and BOB. **BIS**

2nd: MAKEY, Mr C & Mrs A. IR CH Gairside Ferdinand – Another quality male with a very nice outline. Head with nice length of muzzle, the skull could have been more domed. Good length of neck but would have preferred a bit better lay back of shoulder. Straight front legs. Strong body with nice length of ribcage. Moves well but could have had a bit more energy on the move. RBD.

Class 7 VD (0 Entry) Abs: 0

Class 8 MPB (2 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: PHILLIPS, Mrs V. Debucher Letitia – Very feminine and full of charm and breed type. Very promising head with correct ears of good length, very nice neck sliding smoothly into a well-placed shoulder. Very good length of body. A bit more leg would have completed the picture. Well angulated in front and rear. Strong bones. Moved well when settled. She gave a very promising overall impression and I was happy to award her RBB and best puppy of breed BP. **BPIS**

Class 9 PB (2 Entry) Abs: 2

Class 10 JB (1 Entry) Abs: 0

1st: SALMON, Mrs A. Emma Jane at Scarscot – Mature and feminine, but could still do with more bone and a bit more ribcage. Head with nice expression, well placed ears and good parallel lines. Both head and body could do with a bit more length to give the typical outline for this breed. Nice neck and strong back. Moves with ease. Very nice coat quality.

Class 11 PGB (2 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: PHILLIPS, Mrs V. Debucher Fifi – Powerful bitch with very nice overall proportions and of good substance. Excellent head and expression. Good length of neck but would prefer a better lay back of shoulder. Balanced angulations in front and rear. On the day lacking a bit in body condition, a bit more weight on her to fill out the picture. Was a bit unused and unsure of the show ring, but after a couple of rounds she felt more comfortable, to put her best foot forward and ended in the end up as BB. A bitch of a type and qualities I liked very much.

Class 12 LB (1 Entry) Abs: 1

Class 13 OB (3 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: MAKEY, Mr C & Mrs A. Gairside Good Gracious – Feminine with very nice size and overall balance. Head of good length that could have been a bit stronger to fit the rest of the body. Very nice expression. Excellent neck and front. Strong body with nice volume and length of ribcage. Would prefer a bit more angulation behind to get more drive when moving. Excellent coat quality.

2nd: ROBERTS, Mrs A. – Tioga Dot To Dot – A tall and very solid bitch. Nice skull, ears and ear set, but would like to see more length in muzzle. Well angulated in front and rear. Compact in body. Could have been stronger in topline. Moves ok from the side, a bit narrow behind. Nice coat quality.

Class 14 VB (3 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: COOPER, Mrs C L. CH Debucher Xfactor – 8 years old quality bitch with lots of breed typical details. Very nice proportions, but carries on the day a bit much weight. Very nice head shape, strong and well carried neck, well angulated in front and rear, well-shaped body and ribcage. Moves overall with good reach and sufficient drive. Carries her age well. Best Veteran in breed.

2nd: O'Day, Miss A. – CH Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM – 9,5 years, Soundly built, well balanced. Head of good length, would have liked a bit more refined skull and a bit more feminine expression. Well carried neck, front assembly is well put together, solid body, would have like to see a bit more angulation and drive in rear. Excellent coat quality. A well-kept veteran.

Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen

Class 15 MPD (2 Entry) Abs: 0

1st: SKERRIT & BETTS, Mrs L & Mrs J. Beaujons Vagabond of Monkams – Very promising puppy. Full of breed type. Very nice size and with a wonderful harsh jacket. Excellent head proportions and nice expression even if eyes could have been a shade darker. Well carried neck and nice topline. A bit better layback of front assembly would balance out the whole picture. Wonderful body for his age and moves with ease. A very exiting puppy to follow in the future. BP. **RBPIS**

2nd: MCEWAN, Mrs C. Marunnel Orinoco – Also a very promising puppy, a bit longer in body than number 1. Well shaped skull. Square foreface of nice substance. Promising ears for him to grow into. Strong neck. Topline still a bit soft and “puppy like”. Effective side gait, still immature in movements coming and going. A puppy that, quite naturally still needs time to develop.

Class 16 PD (0 Entry) Abs: 0

Class 17 JD (1 Entry) Abs: 0

1st: BARTLEY, Mr T & Mrs D. Erylan Loki Maitre Du Mal – Up to size but soundly built. Well shaped headpiece with nice short ears. Would have like to see a stronger underjaw but this will hopefully come with age. Neck of good length. Body with nicely shaped ribcage, even though the shoulder placement could have been a bit better laid back. Tail of excellent short length, carried a bit too happy. Well angulated in rear. Moves with good reach, but could have wanted a bit more drive in rear movement.

Class 18 PGD (3 Entry) Abs: 0

1st: EATON, Mrs T. Linphil Kili – Masculine and compact with excellent coat quality. Strong headpiece with nice skull. Good length of foreface. Would prefer slightly smaller ears. Nicely shaped ribcage and body. Good length of tail. Could have had a bit straighter front legs. Moved well.

2nd: CULYER-DAWSON, Mrs KJ. Culdaws Legend of Gold – Well developed male of good type and size. Carried a bit of extra weight on the day that did not do him justice. Nicely shaped skull. A bit shorter foreface would give the head a better balance. Strong neck that floats into a solid body with nice topline. Balanced angulation in front and rear. Nice tailset.

Class 19 LD (4 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: PUCKETT, Mr SJ & Mrs J. Soletrader Bobs Your Uncle – A very sound and well balanced dog. Very appealing overall qualities. Even though there are details on this dog I could have wanted a tad shorter to fully fulfill the desired breed characteristics and make the picture perfect, the overall type, balance and soundness, also on the move, caught my eye from he entered the ring. His easy going and happy attitude in the ring served him well, and it was a pleasure to award him Best Dog and later BOB. **RBIS**

2nd: REID, Mr P & Mrs D. Maudaxi Oddjob – Masculine dog of nice size. Would have preferred a bit more leg to make the proportions more in balance. Short head with nice expression and well placed ears. Neck well set into clean shoulder, forelegs could be a bit straighter. Strong enough body. Would have liked a bit more rear angulation. Harsh coat of good quality.

Class 20 OD (2 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: 32 EATON, Mrs T. CH Debucher Unique – Up to size, powerful male. Head somewhat long compared to body. Nice, slightly doomed skull. Well placed and carried ears gives him a very nice expression. Strong neck and topline. Would prefer a bit better lay back of shoulder. Moderate rear angulation. Wonderful coat quality. Moves well seen from the side.

Class 21 VD (1 Entry) Abs: 0

1st: MCEWAN, Mrs C. Culdaws Diesel From Marunnel – Strong and masculine, very well kept veteran of 9,5 years that enjoys his day back in the ring. Very nice headpiece with nice pigmentation. Well placed ears of correct shape. Strong neck. Would have liked a better lay back of shoulder, but well put together front assembly. Strong body in excellent condition for his age. A happy mover with lots of drive still. Reserve BD and BV. **BVIS**

Class 22 MPB (2 Entry) Abs: 0

1st: MCEWAN, Mrs C. Marunnel Madame Cholet – A puppy still developing, as expected at this age. Nice head with soft expression. Nice neckline and strong enough topline for her age. Somewhat lengthy in loin that gives a bit longer body proportions Angulations in balance in front and rear. Good bones. Promising movements.

2nd: WOOD, Mr S & Mrs L & VIND RAMVAD, Mrs J. Beaujons Velvet – Feminine bitch with appealing outline, that still needs time to develop in foreface and body. Sweet expression. Nice neck that flows nicely into clean shoulders and a strong topline. Could have done with a bit more leg. Strong body for her age. Balanced movements.

Class 23 PB (3 Entry) Abs: 2

1st: MCEWAN, Mrs C. Marunnel Miss Adelaide – Still young but very promising with nice overall proportions. Feminine head with nice pigmentation. Correct topline. Well-developed body for her age. Well angulated in front and rear. Did not quite want to show her movements at the beginning, but moved well when she settled. Very promising coat.

Class 24 JB (3 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: REID, Mr P & Mrs D. Fox's Nightmare Jessica Biel at Maudaxi – Feminine bitch of nice size and lots of breed type. Very nice proportions and balance. When the body develops a bit more the picture will be more fulfilled. Well shaped skull with nicely placed, short ears. Should still develop in foreface to have more balance in head proportions. Well angulated in front and rear assembly. Sound and stable movements. BB. **BOSIS**.

2nd: LONG, POWNEY & CROSS, Mr M, Miss K, Mr R. Knotdogs I Aintent Dead – Bitch of nice size and good balance, but not quite in coat on the day. Head of correct length and ratio skull/foreface but would preferred a bit more refined in skull. Nicely placed ears. Well-developed body and strong enough topline. Moves well in front. Nice tail carriage.

Class 25 PGB (4 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: SKERRITT & BETTS, Mrs L & Mrs J. Monkams Luna Luvgood – Full of type and very nice proportions. Excellent head piece with square muzzle and low set ears. Good length of neck. Strong topline. Nicely shaped ribcage but on the day a bit thin. A bit more bodyweight would have filled out the underline, giving the outline a bit more balance. Well angulated in front and rear, giving very balanced and stable movements. Reserve BB.

2nd: SCOTT, Mrs L. Overbecks Kathy Tiere – Another bitch with lots of type. Well shaped head with the required proportions. Excellent pigmentation. Neck of good length. Clean shoulders. Body with nice volume and ribcage, but a bit long in loin. Well angulated in rear assembly. Excellent tail. Moves well and with ease.

Class 26 LB (3 Entry) Abs: 2

1st: BISHOP, Mrs J. Jamar Angeliou – Nice bitch with very good body proportions and good length of leg. Head of good length, but would have preferred a batter balance between foreface and skull. Sufficient neck, moderately angulated in front and rear. Would have liked a better layback of shoulder. Moves with energy and with sufficient reach in front and rear.

Class 27 OB (3 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: SKERRITT & BETTS, Mrs L & Mrs J. Beaujons Ugly Betty of Monkams JW ShCM – Well balanced, solid bitch with a lot of breed type. Well shaped head with feminine expression. Excellent ear placement and carriage. Nice neck sloping into a strong topline. Excellent shape of ribcage. Well angulated in front and rear. Excellent tail. Moves well but would have liked to see a bit more energy in the ring.

2nd: BAMFORD, Miss K. Tangaer Amour – A bit long and low stationed bitch. Prefer the overall proportions of number 1. Feminine head with appealing balance and expression. Correct ears. Nice neck. Would prefer a better lay back of the front assembly. On the day the topline is a bit too soft both standing and on the move. Excellent short tail. Excellent temperament.

Class 28 VB (2 Entry) Abs: 1

1st: WOOD, Mr S & Mrs L. Beaujons Tickled Pink ShCM – Another solid bitch but with nice overall proportions. Carries her age well. Typical headpiece with very good pigmentation. Neck well set on, sloping into a firm back. Stands well on her front feet. Nice bone that fits the body. Ribcage of good volume but should not be any deeper. Very nice tail carriage even if the tailset could have been a bit higher set on. Moves with ease and carries her age of 8,5 years well.

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Judge