

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THERE WERE A LOT OF ABSENTEES at Leeds. Nine missing from the entry of 21 for judge Bert Easdon. With only 5 dogs, BD and BOB went to Robertson & Doherty's Ch Soletrader Magic Mike and RBD to BP Dalgarno's Vencharno Mojito. From the 7 bitches, BB was Foote's Erylan Aphrodite La Belle, RBB Robertson's Soletrader Beatrix Potter. Magic Mike went on to win the Group judged by Mike Caple and BIS under Patsy Hollings. This was his sixth all breed BIS this year and tenth overall, which put him one ahead of his mother Peek a Boo.

Border Counties Hound Club ran their open show in tandem with Leeds and BOB in PBGVs under Ilex Whiting went to Claire Gilluley's Haliston Didier ShCM.

Judges at the triple show in Amsterdam 10-12 August are Benelux Winner Show, Sylvie Desserne (FR) – 18 entered; World Dog Show, Nicole Horsten-Ceustermans (NL) who has 35 and CAC Specialty, Jose Luis Payro Duenas (MX) – also 18.

I was somewhat puzzled to read a critique from an open show we went to recently where for one bitch it said "perfect eraser and curls". I first of all thought this might be some quality lifted from another breed standard, then when I went back to it I realised I probably meant "perfect earset and inward fold of ear (curl)". Judges - beware of predictive text when writing critiques!

The ongoing saga of the supply difficulties with Latanoprost continues. Although supplies now seem to be getting through, I gather that the pharmaceutical company raised the price to match Xalatan. When you consider how much we have to pay for medication from vets, you can understand that this would be a double whammy for anyone getting the eye drops from their vet. If you buy a prescription and go to a local chemist, hopefully you will find that in a few weeks' time, the price of Latanoprost will have slowly dropped. I'd be interested to know your experiences of this.

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