

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE LURE OF THE GALA EVENT IN AMSTERDAM attracted many basset breed exhibitors from these shores, including several PBGV owners. Main awards for the World Dog Show classes judged by Nicole Horsten-Ceustermans (NL) went to Dutch bred dogs with BOB going to Gwen Huikeshoven's Cookie Crunch vTTV (Cappuccino ex Unlimited Ping Crunchy Roll for TTV) and BOS to his daughter BonBon de Noel vTTV (dam Vivace vTTV). Reserve CACIBs went to Gwen Huikeshoven's Vilauddens Magnificent Mile (Boom Chicago vTTV ex Vilauddens Zara) and Anouk Huikeshoven's Hatta Mari van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes (Vilauddens Ronin ex Pumpkin Cake vTTV). Reserve CACs both went to Anouk with Best Junior Jour Après Jour Saint Honoré (Felix Dit Finisetre du Chemin des Bruleurs ex Brown Sugar V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes) and Hatta Mari. BP was Iva Raic's Black Majesty Bubble In Trouble and Best Veteran Spontaniczna Whiski Przyjazne Geny owned by Tatiana Zadarenko (Russia). Maudaxi stood alone in the Progeny Group but went on to take BIS Progeny on the Group 6 day. This was with Int Ch Maudaxi Jimmy Choo and offspring Fox's Nightmare Impressive Show, Maudaxi Nick Nack, Fox's Nightmare Jessica Biel at Maudaxi and Maudaxi Odd Job.

At the associated Benelux Winner Show where PBGVs were judged by Sylvie Desserne (FR) it was almost a clean sweep for van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes with Cookie Crunch winning BOB, BonBon de Noel vTTV Best Opposite Sex. Reserve CACIBs went to Reid's Maudaxi Jimmy Choo and Huikeshoven's Biscuit Crunch van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. Reserve CACs went to the Best Junior, Jour Après Jour Saint Honoré (Felix Dit Finisetre du Chemin des Bruleurs ex Brown Sugar V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes) and Biscuit Crunch van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. BP was Gwen Huikeshoven's Banana Crunch van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes and BV Tatiana Zadarenko's Spontaniczna Whiski Przyjazne Geny. Cookie Crunch made it to the last six in the group judged by Jan Coppens.

The CAC Specialty judged by Jose Luis Payro Duenas (MX) saw top honours going to Russia with BOB claimed by Tatiana Zadarenko's Fanta's Brand Naturally Special and BOS going to Anouk Huikeshoven's Hatta Mari van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. Reserves went to Gwen Huikeshoven's Picasso van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes and, from Best Veteran, Tatiana Zadarenko's Spontaniczna Whiski Przyjazne Geny. BP went to Black Majesty Better Safe Than Sorry owned by Olga Musatova (Russia). Best Junior was Darya Danilova's Fox's Nightmare Impressive Show, also from Russia.

Doubtless the exodus of exhibitors to the World Show had some impact on the Bournemouth entry overall, though with only the O'Briens from Scotland and Phil & Dianne Reid from Oxfordshire travelling to Amsterdam, it seems Zena Thorn-Andrews' PBGV entry was unaffected to any extent. With 2 absent, there were just sixteen present, a sorry state of affairs when CCs are on offer. BOB and subsequently the Hound Group under Jeff Horswell and BIS under Liz Cartledge went to Robertson & Doherty's Ch Soletrader Magic Mike. RDCC went to 2nd in OD, Jane Brown's Soletrader Valentino Rossi. BCC was Blake & Reid's Vilauddens Midsummer Madness (imp Swe), RBCC Paul Osbourne's Braego Gladys Aylward ShCM. BP went to the only one present Dalgarno's Vencharno Mojito and BV Osbourne's Ch Nykarth's Kicking Off With Braego ShCM.

In Scotland Lorna Wyllie had a great day out with Ailsa (Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena) who, after two months out of the ring, showed her socks off. At Kirkcaldy & District Canine Club she went BVIS under Darwin Morton (Gaelgory) from Ireland. Breed judge was Kate Keely (Alhambra).

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