

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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RICHMOND saw Paul Osbourne giving CCs for the first time. Our closest championship show and one I get to most years, unfortunately I had to give it a miss this time, the penalty for having a litter as I am sure many know all about. The good entry of 35 for this particular venue was depleted by four absent. DCC and BOB went to Sara Robertson & Wendy Doherty's Ch Soletrader Magic Mike (Boom Chicago van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes ex Ch Soletrader Peek a Boo), with RDCC to 2nd in OD Jane Brown's Soletrader Valentino Rossi (Ch Soletrader Noble Kinsmen ex Soletrader Bumble Bee). BCC, her third, went to our Beaujons Ugly Betty of Monkams JW ShCM (Ch Monkams Jack Sparrow JW ShCM ex Beaujons Tickled Pink ShCM), RBCC to Jackie Hornby's Jacmist Matilda Conflict (Ch Nykarth's Kicking Off with Braego ex Debucher Idylle with Jacmist), 1st in Limit Bitch. Best Veteran was Jane Brown's Ch Soletrader Louis Vuitton (Ch/Am Ch Gebeba Texas True Grit ex Soletrader Mini the Mix) and Best Special Beginner went to Moore's Afterglow Dough Ble Impact (Afterglow Chunky Monkey ex Kan Trace Back to Afterglow), who gained 4th in the Hound Special Beginner Group under Sandra Marshall. The Best Puppy, Sara, Oliver & Erin Robertson's Soletrader Beatrix Potter (dam Soletrader Simply Suzy) went on to win the Puppy Hound Group under Marion Waddell (Magregor), with her sire Magic Mike once again topping the Hound Group, this time judged by Graham Hill (Dimland). With all but Phil and Dianne Reid's Petits absent from Hound Breeder, judge Tony Allcock awarded first place to Maudaxi.

On the final day of the show Magic Mike went BIS under Geoff Corish who only recently awarded him the group at City of Birmingham; and Marion Waddell's choice for RBPIS was Beatrix Potter.

The entries for Driffeld have been announced and Eddie Webster has 28 PBGVs. Then, with Belfast intervening, on to South Wales where Jan Pain has unfortunately had to withdraw from her appointment. Replacement judge is Helen Bamforth.

September's lucky LOD winners are Chrissie Kobuta with £15, Jez Watt £10 and £5 to Catherine Whitehouse.

There was a time when we could all go to our regular vets and get our dogs' jabs done with no worries, no hassle and no thought for which type of vaccine was to be used. Not so any more. First of all we have to find a vet that stocks the vaccine of our choice, then we have to ensure we aren't being completely ripped off with the price, then there is the problem of actually getting an appointment as someone who has a PBGV litter has recently found. When it is for the pups' first vaccination, being told over two weeks hence is pretty useless when new owners will shortly be arriving on your doorstep. More and more of us now seem to have our dogs registered with more than one vet and we have to ring round for information and prices before taking the plunge. I'd be interested to hear of your experiences or any tips you could pass on to other frustrated PBGV owners.

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