BASSET GRIFFON VENDÉEN (GRAND)

Firstly a big thank you to my stewards, Tina and Fred, for keeping things moving smoothly and efficiently. Second thing I wish to point out is the floor, not good for a big moving dog such as a Grand Basset. Very slippery, especially on the corners, some handled it better than others which made my decisions more difficult in some cases.

Minor Puppy Dog (0)

Puppy Dog (2)

- 1 Buchanan and MacLaren's Macaroni V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp NLD) Nice type, good front and length, excellent coat and bone, well muscled and presented but I would prefer a more masculine head. Does not need to grow on any more. BPD and BP.
- 2 Weymouth's Soufriere Now I'm Here at Woolybassets Smaller pup with a good head and strong neck, plenty of bone and substance. Needs to come up on leg to give a more balanced picture and moving very close behind today.

Junior Dog (3,1)

- 1 Phillip's Debucher Kasper Good type, nicely made with lovely head and leathers, excellent coat and angulation, decent front and well off for bone. Is very immature and movement very loose at the moment, which hopefully will tighten as he matures.
- 2 Culyer-Dawson's Soufriere We Will Rock You Up to size pup with a good head and bite, excellent coat, needs to tighten all through as moving very wide in front at the moment but this should come with maturity. Does not need to grow on.

Yearling Dog (0) Post Graduate Dog (0)

Limit Dog (1)

1Machent and Milton's Tioga Lautrec with Grandoreille Very handsome 18mth hound with the most glorious head and leathers, dark eyes giving a lovely expression, good front and topline, excellent coat, well muscled hindquarters with good bone and angulation. Strong tight feet, moving easily and accurately. This coupled with his ideal size gave him DCC and BOB. Loved him!

Open Dog (2)

- 1 Harris and Theodorou's Debucher Bizet Another very handsome stallion hound with a lovely head and expression, dark eyes, harsh coat. Well made front, good angulation both ends, ideal for size. Outmoved by my DCC today. RDCC.
- 2 Buchanan and MacLaren's Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier Not much to say about this lovely hound that hasn't been said before. I gave him, I think, his first CC but today he looked jaded, not moving anything like the way I know he can. Perhaps the end of a long season, his handler said he wasn't liking the floor which was his undoing.

Breeders Dog (2)

- 1 Makey's Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM Lovely type, ideal for size, nice head, dark eyes, good coat, good angles fore and aft. Moved happily and well. Bit proud of his stern.
- 2 Mcgregor's Ir Ch Claela Reaumur ShCM Up to size hound with an excellent coat, dark eyes. Bit short in upper arm making him wide in front. Needs more animation on the move as he looks a bit ploddy.

Veteran Dog (0)

Minor Puppy Bitch (0)

Puppy Bitch (1)

1 Marshall's Soufriere One Vision Good type, lovely head and leathers, dark eyes. Little stuffy in neck. Excellent coat. Could do with more muscle tone. Needs to come up on leg a little to even out topline but should come with maturity. Moved OK. BPB

Junior Bitch (2)

- 1 Milton's Wilmit Independence Day Loved her for type, gorgeous head and expression, excellent front, beautifully balanced and well muscled. Moved really well, handled the floor better than most.
- 2 Moult's Zamdilsa Trick or Treat Nice type with a lovely head and expression, good harsh coat and well muscled but her front is not her fortune and she lacks forechest making her front movement very erratic and wide. Bit proud of her stern.

Yearling Bitch (3.1)

- 1 Phillips Debucher Letitia Another lovely type with quite a strong head for a bitch. Dark eyes, good length of leathers and lovely harsh coat. Front assembly is OK and she moved very enthusiastically.
- 2 Mcgregor's Dit Donc Du Greffier Du Roi Mit Claela This bitch is not "typy" enough for me. Very weak head, even for a bitch. Short in upper arm and lacking a decent forechest. Very immature. Having said that she has a good coat and moved reasonably.

Post Graduate Bitch (0)

Limit Bitch (4,1) None of the bitches in this class handled the floor well.

- 1 Milton's Ethos in the Cloud with Wilmit Good type and handled the floor best of the three. Head OK, decent front and well muscled, good coat and movement best in this class.
- 2 Phillips Debucher Fifi Best for type in this class but really didn't handle the floor at all, moving wide in front. Not long off a litter so coat a bit soft. Would like to see her on a different day.

3 Cole's Wilmit Hyacinth Bouquet.

Open Bitch (4)

- 1 Cooper's Ch Debucher Violet Gray Super type with a glorious head and leathers, excellent front, well muscled quarters. Good coat and very well presented. Perhaps it was the floor but she was moving wide in front today.
- 2 Machent's Ch Wilmit Gigi with Grandoreille Another worthy champion, with lovely head and expression, good leathers, decent front and hind angulation, coat slightly soft. Again not moving so well on the floor, close behind.
- 3 Buchanan and MacLaren's Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond.

Breeders Bitch (2,1)

1 Makey's Ch Gairside Good Gracious A good honest typy bitch with everything where it should be. Handled the floor better than most. Has a lovely head and expression, superb coat, well muscled quarters and flew round the ring. BCC

Veteran Bitch (3)

- 1 Cooper's Ch Debucher Xfactor Love this bitch, she was thoroughly enjoying her day out. Gorgeous head and dark eye, super front and shoulder, fit and well muscled hindquarters and coat in great condition. The floor didn't bother her and she moved so enthusiastically couldn't be denied the RCC and BV.
- 2 Milton's Ch Wilmit Fanfare ShCM Another worthy champion but not handling the floor as well as 1; but still a beautifully produced Champion with lots to recommend her.
- 3 O'Day's Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM

Linda Mackenzie (Judge)