Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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MANCHESTER, which has become an extra CC show on the PBGV calendar, drew an entry of 30 less 4 for Gavin Robertson who last gave CCs in the breed at WKC in 2009.

One of those marked absent was our young dog who annoyingly decided to develop a limp on the day. The show vet attended quickly and, with nothing stuck in his pad, opinion was that he had somehow bruised his metatarsals. However an injection of Metacam didn't kick in sufficiently in time to save the day so he never set paw in the ring. Today, of course, as I write these notes, he is charging around the garden as though nothing had happened. The benching area was snug to say the least with exhibitors having difficulty moving around. A pole in the middle of the ring did little to help the view for judge or spectators and the ring was appreciably smaller than those in the main building, so it did seem improvements could be made. That said, the benching was near the rings and I even managed to move the car close to the building so it wasn't all bad.

Both RCCs went to Linda Lewis handling her Tangaer Erique (Nykarth Okie Dokie at Tangaer ex Ch Debucher Sybelle at Callydena), who came 2nd in PD, and Kath Bamford's Tangaer Amour winner of OB (Debucher Quel Chance at Tangaer ex Putjade Utterley Butterley). CCs went to the PD and BP winner, Freer's Switherland Aldia Casanova (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike ex Irina Podkoldernik Jadowity) handled by Marita Rodgers and Lynne Scott's Overbecks Kathy Tiere (Ch Taglines Double the Fun for Soletrader ex Soletrader Ain't Actin Up at Overbecks ShCM) who also went BOB. BV was Paul Osbourne's Ch Nykarth's Kicking Off with Braego ShCM (Ch/Am Ch Gebeba Texas True Grit ex Nykarth Irresistable, the only veteran entered. In the Hound Puppy Group judging Liz Stannard awarded Casanova G2 and it was a good day for Phil Freer who also won the Group with his Basset Smart Image. In Special Beginners Stakes Tim & Deborah Bartley's Erylan Loki Maitre du Mal gained first place under Pauline Luxmoore Ball.

Congratulations also go to Lynne Scott as her puppy Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks (Soletrader Chip n Pin ex Soletrader Toffee Crisp) went BIS and BPIS at Yeovil Limit Show in December at just 6½mths old. The judge was Mrs J Guvercin.

January's LOD winners are Vivien Phillips with £15, Linda Jones £10 and Hilary Cole £5. Remember, you that you have to be in it to win it – buy a number! Contact Geraldine Dodd on 01582 865828 or g_dodd@hotmail.co.uk.

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