## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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APOLOGIES TO COLIN AND ANN MAKEY and of course Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM for omitting to mention that he had been shortlisted to the final 8 in the Hound group at Manchester under Editha Newton.

News is very thin on the ground as was the snow that fell here during the week. The Grands certainly enjoyed "hunting" in it however the old Tibetan Spaniel has mainly retired to his bed refusing to come out on the early morning walks stating that it was far too cold! Talking about hunting, on my way back from the shop on Monday morning Poppy was ambling up the close towards home when a squirrel shot across the road and ran straight past her nose. The startled look on Poppy's face was funny as the realisation took over and full hunting cry off after the squirrel which luckily ran down a path to next door's back gate and up and over with her in hot pursuit but of course blocked by the gate. I was able to reattach the lead and drag her home (still in full hunting cry). Once through the front door she immediately wanted to check her boundaries of the garden to ensure the pesky squirrel wasn't in there. Every morning since she has been looking for it and is extremely disappointed squirrel is not on the menu at breakfast. Hounds eh?

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