

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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AS I WRITE THIS (and following last week's announcement of the entries) there has still been no communication from the Crufts committee to advise if there are any early or later start times to the 9am scheduled. I will of course keep you updated. Keeping on the theme of Crufts there have been an awful lot of moanings and groanings on social media about the marketing leaflets that have hit the doormats this week. Yes it can be viewed as a waste of paper, these companies are paying large sums of money to sponsor this event, so why should they not advertise the fact? If you don't want to look at them, do what I did and put them in the recycling bin! In days gone by you used to come home from Crufts with bags and bags of free samples, but alas these days have passed us by and in times of austerity even the dog food companies are tightening their belts a little.

You may have also seen from social media the frightening reports of a puppy who had parvovirus (but was showing no signs at the time) attending a dog training class at the Kennel Club building. It has since died. This is terrible for the puppy's owners and I cannot begin to imagine how they are feeling. However the KC has already undertaken two deep cleans of the venue and another one is scheduled for Monday 18 February. It just goes to show the need for extra vigilance at all times.

Westminster KC has been and gone and, although the GBGV did not get placed in the group, it was the first year that they were present in the show ring. They were there last year but only on the Meet the Breed booth. From what I can see there were 7 entered and 2 absentees. Best of Breed was GCHB Am Ch Palomino Du Greffier Du Roi CM (he of course has a number of titles in Europe) owned by Jeff & Vickie Mauk, Brent Humphrey & Jolanda Huisman. Best Opposite Sex was Am Ch Blueberry Pie V Tum-Tum's Vriendjes owned by Betty Barth. Select dog was Cindy & Philip Wilt, Corey Benedict & Brent Humphrey's Am Ch Talus Sidekick Legend Of Sleepy Hollow and Select Bitch with the same owners was Sidekick Talus Spellbinder. Staying with the USA, the GBGV will now be offered the ramp for the dogs to be judged on. I wonder if this will follow over here in the UK – your thoughts and comments are welcome.

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