

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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AFTER 11 MONTHS OF WAITING, the publication on the Club facebook page and in my breed notes last week of the notes on nameless main winners for last year's Crufts resulted in a predictably negative reaction. In fact, quite a few were angry. This is hardly surprising as UK exhibitors, who pay a lot to enter, do expect to see what the judge thought of their dogs. And the Crufts judging contract makes it clear that it is a condition of accepting the appointment that a critique on the first and second in each class is submitted to the dog press within one month of the appointment. Of course there is a little more to this incident than meets the eye but I do think possibly the KC should not have pressed for even an abbreviated critique. At this late stage this only served to make matters worse. On a brighter note, the KC has now succeeded in getting the WKC 2018 critiques for both breeds in print, also PBGVs City of Birmingham.

At Westminster, with 3 absent from the 9 entered, BOB went to Donna Moore & Janice Hayes' GCHB AM CH M&M's Calamity Jane (AM CH Auriga's Just Jack ex GCH M&M's Texas Mae West), handled by Janice; Best Opposite Sex was Cindy & Gary Wood's GCHB AM CH Talus Stonehouse I'm A Travelin' Man; Select Dog Shelley Barclay & Mona Stiles' GCHB AM CH Tetu's Mister Homer; Select Bitch Jan Zigich & Ross Litman's GCH AM CH Mirepoix's Kate Spade; Award of Merit Lynne & Mark Florian and Jeanne & Charles Hurty's GCH AM CH CJ's Rollin' On Five Mile River. The judge was Michael Canalizo. Calamity Jane made it to the final eight in the Hound Group judged by Pat Craige Trotter.

Yet again there has been a shortage of Latanoprost. This must be a constant worry for those who have PBGVs affected with POAG who count on a regular supply. I gather it is now back in stock again but, with one supplier, the price has more than trebled. I am thinking the way forward might be to list suppliers on the club website to help those needing either Latanoprost or Xalatan. Email me if you would like to help.

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