

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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AS LAST YEAR, it has now been announced there is a delayed start of 10am for judging in Hall 5, ring 31. So PBGV exhibitors now have an extra hour to get to the NEC, or to wait - whichever way you look at it.

I gather entries for the club open show on 6 April are starting to trickle in. With the closing date of 16 March, I am sure many are putting this task on the back burner until Crufts is out of the way but it was one job I wanted to get done and forget about. Of course, there are few shows nowadays where completing a paper entry is called for and it certainly makes you think when having to enter date of birth, names of sire and dam and so on. Hopefully though the errors that cropped up in the Club championship show catalogue such as incorrect details for address will be avoided when exhibitors are forced to put pen to paper. So, if you think one week after Crufts is cutting it a bit fine for entering, do it now!

At the time of writing, the Discover Dogs tickets have yet to arrive. Another "cutting it fine" exercise, especially for Lynn Wood who has to send out tickets for two breeds, not one. Sixteen sessions. Envelope are ready but where are the tickets? And then we have to put our faith in a speedy postal service where it seems it makes little difference whether you use a first class or second class stamp these days.

Following on from my notes about the Latanoprost shortage Linda Lewis has let me know about someone who has an 8yr old PBGV that is on Latanoprost and Cosopt. The dosage for some time was 1 drop of Latanoprost daily in each eye and the same dosage and frequency for Cosopt. He was in obvious pain with pressures over 30. The vet suggested upping the dose but the PBGV became worse. With an observant, vigilant and caring owner who knew her dog, the decision was instinctively to lower the dose. The PBGV is now on 1 drop of Latanoprost in each eye once every evening and alternate evenings, 1 drop of Cosopt in each eye.

His pressures were tested soon after altering the doses and amazingly they had decreased to 20 and 24, the lowest they had been for over a year. He was happier, could see more and is no longer rubbing his eyes. The moral of the story is that sometimes less is more. Sometimes vets generalise and fail to treat each animal as an individual. Remember we spend so much time with our PBGVs, we undoubtedly know them far better than the vets.

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