

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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FOR THOSE OF YOU GOING TO CRUFTS who have yet to have your PBGV DNA tested, this is a golden opportunity to get a 20% reduction on the usual price of £48 for the duration of the show. The Animal Health Trust genetics research teams will be there in Hall 3, Stand 55 to answer any questions and talk about their work.

If you receive the quarterly Kennel Club Breed Records Supplement you may have noticed that DNA testing results have recently been mixed with results of eye testing. These are sent to the KC by an eye panel ophthalmologist. The explanation is that there was a systems error. The KC accepts that the DNA tests and eye tests should be clearly separated and this will be corrected for future supplements.

A gremlin also crept into the Winter 2018 edition declaring that PBGVs were currently certified for GPRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy). The only condition we have listed under Schedule A is Primary Open Angle Glaucoma, with Persistent Pupillary Membrane listed under Schedule B. The KC has explained that there are currently restrictions on the system meaning that some details are input manually, hence the error. However I have been assured that, once the KC's new computer system is launched around July/August, errors like this should be prevented.

In the lead up to Crufts, quite a few of you were out and about last weekend at open shows. At Wath, West Melton & DCS Paul Osbourne's Ch Debucher Jezebel at Braego ShCM went BV in Group, and at East of Scotland Canine Club Claire Gilluley's Haliston Didier ShCM won Hound Group 1 having gone through from AVNSC Hound. The judge was David Robson (Robricci).

We are now nearing the closing date of Saturday 16 March for entries for our BGV Club open show. The schedule and entry form are on www.bgvclub.co.uk/diary-dates. Alternatively contact Show Secretary Colin Makey on 01469 542260 or gairside@btinternet.com.

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