

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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I WRITE THESE NOTES FROM ROMANIA – work needed me to come out here before the end of March. I agreed as long as it was not before Crufts. They kept their half of the bargain but sent me the day after!

Back to the madness of Crufts, for me it started on Thursday morning when I and an assistant arrived at the NEC laden with bags to set up the Discover Dogs booth (with a slight headache following the Pawscars the previous night). The booth generated a lot of interest and both Poppy and Peanuts received lots of attention. I was joined by Danielle Machent and Barbara Milton for the latter part of the day. Apologies for not mentioning everyone else who manned the stand, but I haven't got a list as yet – but for those who did help thank you!

Hound day on Saturday was dry for the early birds coming in but I believe was wet later in the morning. Our judge was Graham Hill, who had 4 bitches absent from his entry. Dog CC and Best of Breed went to Gwen Huikeshoven and Phil Reid's Ch/Dutch/Dk Ch Frosty Snowman. RDCC (his second from this judge) was Colin & Ann Makey's Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM. Bitch CC, her second, was Barbara Milton's Wilmit Independence Day. RBCC was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Tarmachan Black Ice WW18. Best Puppy went to my and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix (sired by the RDCC winner) and Best Veteran was Amanda O'Day's ever young Freya aka Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM.

Many congratulations go to Frosty who was shortlisted in the Hound group under Frank Kane and, earlier in the week, he was runner-up in the Eukanuba World Challenge. Please if anyone has any other news from Crufts then let me know!

Final reminder that the Club open show entries close this weekend – send yours to Colin Makey quickly!

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