

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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BILLED AS A PBGV EXTRAVAGANZA packed with something for everyone, the PBGV Club of America National & Regional shows take place in Kerrville, Texas 9-13 April. Each year a different region in the States hosts this event and, there can be no doubt about it, with thirty or more people involved in bringing the event together, everyone pulls out the stops to put on a great event. The programme for this year demonstrates just how much is involved. Monday 8 April: Agility Fun Runs Match. Tuesday 9 April: Agility. Wednesday 10 April: PBGVCA Board Meeting, Regional Obedience & Rally, Welcome Party, Fun Rabbit Hunt. Thurs 11 April: National Obedience & Rally, Regional 4-6 Month Puppy, Junior Showmanship, Sweepstakes and Breed Competition, Top 20 Buffet Dinner - Diamonds & Denim Celebration. Friday 12 April: Regional & National Scent Work Trial, Breeder Mentoring, Talk by András Komáromy DVM, PhD, DACVO - Developing Gene Therapies for Canine Open-Angle Glaucoma, DNA Blood Draw, Awards Dinner, Trick Training & Titling. Saturday 13 April: Canine Good Citizen/CGC Advanced testing, Judges Education, National 4-6 Month Puppy, Junior Showmanship, Sweepstakes and Breed Competition, National Conformation, Annual Meeting, Cocktails & Annual Buffet Dinner, Raffle/Auction. Conformation judges are - Regional: Four to Six Month Puppy Competition - Nancy D Simmons, Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes/Jr Showmanship -Katherine Howell, Conformation - Linda Scanlon, National: Four to Six Month Puppy Competition - Nicholas G Frost, Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes -Jo Quintenz, Conformation and Junior Showmanship - Carol Doerge. If that doesn't leave you exhausted, bear a thought for the mammoth arrangements needed.

On a somewhat smaller scale but nonetheless requiring much organisation by far fewer people, our own club open show is ready to go on 6 April, after the morning AGM which commences at 9am. Bacon rolls will be on offer early in the day (no greasy fingers on your Statement of Accounts please) and the usual popular baked potatoes and fillings lunchtime, plus various delicious cakes. Claire Cooper who is organising the catering has also suggested that, to reduce the use of polystyrene, anyone wanting tea or coffee should bring their own mug. So, if you have a bigger one, it will be the same price. That can't be bad! If you forget to bring one, Club mugs will be on sale.

For those on email, the Club's evoice dropped into your in-box this week, the first one prepared by Sue Marshall, experiencing a learning curve with a little guidance along the way from Kim Culyer-Dawson who is an old hand at producing her South of England Basset Hound Club newsletters. Eager to get the finished article to your in-box, Martin Bishop sent it out just before midnight, omitting to write a short message letting you know what the attachment was. Wise old owl Fred Ellingford, deciding this was from an unknown, suspicious or untrustworthy source, decided it was spam and deleted it. Martin has vowed never to rush into emailing members again in the late hours but wait until the next day when he is bright eyed and bushy tailed.

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