

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)**

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HOUND ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND was held over the weekend and a merry band of exhibitors from both sides of the border gathered in Edinburgh. From an entry of 12 there were 4 absentees for Suzanne Metcalfe-Bilgin. We were third in the ring and there was a slight delay in the Basset Fauve de Bretagne judging whilst a replacement table was found as the one provided broke (luckily without a dog on it).

Best Dog and ultimately Best Junior in Breed was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Macaroni v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes of Tarmachan with Reserve Best Dog going to my and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix who was also Best Puppy. Best Bitch and Best of Breed was Fiona and Mike's Tarmachan Black Ice WW18 with Reserve Best Bitch to my Debucher Ivanka Jayanel. Best Veteran was the mother to the two reserve best of sexes – Ch Debucher X Factor.

Straight after judging Fiona and Barbara Milton partook in stakes judging. Fiona and Macaroni won the Buddies Yearling Stakes under Jim Richardson meaning that he qualifies for the final next year – interestingly his cousin won the same class last year at the same show. Barbara competed in the Hounds for Heroes Open Stakes with Wilmit Independence Day under Eddie Webster. These are very well supported classes and are judged in heats throughout the day. The winners of the five heats compete for the final placings. Indi ended up coming 2nd overall and winning £75 (nearly as much as BIS at Crufts prize money!).

Moving on to the different groups, first in was Best Junior in Show judged by Kevin Young where "Mac" was competing and ended up as Reserve Best Junior in Show. Towards the end of this group the Veteran Group was called meaning a mad dash by me to find Phil Reid to be stand in handler, as I was in the Junior ring with the PBGV. He needed to get XFactor ready for the Veterans under Albert Wight where she was shortlisted to the final 8. There was a brief interlude whilst the Best Special Beginner in Show was held. Best in Show was then called, judged by Maggie Holder who was judging the group for the first time and here "Ice" was shortlisted to the final eight. On to Best Puppy in show again judged by Maggie where "Eric" ended up Best Puppy in Show. Although bred and shown by me, he lives with Amanda Smith who is currently on holiday, so it was a very loud phone call when I finally got hold of her and her family!

In other show news, Colin and Ann Makey's Ch / Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM was Group 2 at Wellingborough & District open show, and their Ir Ch Gairside Ferdinand JW ShCM ended up Reserve Best Veteran in Show at Mountsorrel.

As always news and views always appreciated.

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