

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GOOD EASTER. Plenty of open shows on, though I am thankful I didn't enter any as I was felled low for the entire Easter break by vile germs, so would not have been going anywhere. In fact, Jenna and her husband took on the task of getting four of our PBGVs' eyes tested at one of Peter Bedford's sessions in Essex. Although all except one of ours are POAG Clear, having lost a Carrier PBGV to unexplained acute bi-lateral POAG, I like to have the older ones eye tested every few years to ensure nothing else sinister is brewing, other than the expected problems associated with advancing years. It may be costly but gives peace of mind.

A motley gang of various breeds congregated at South Woodham Ferrers, though there was quite a gathering to fly the PBGV flag and, for those that are clinically affected, Peter was pleased that all pressures are under control. Praise the Lord for Latanoprost. As usual, Weldricks seems to be the cheapest on-line pharmacy to go to with your prescription and, from all accounts, they are a most obliging and helpful company. However do keep an eye on price from week to week as, although cheaper than most, it seems to go up and down like a yoyo.

One show we didn't go to was Dunstable & DCS where there was a change of judge for PBGVs with Elias Vorias going over the 6 entered. With 1 absent, he awarded BOB to Teresa Eaton's Linphil Kili, who went on to G4 under John Purnell (Yikasown). Dunstable had very short notice to find replacement judges for all the breeds that had been allocated to Liz Millward, who I gather had a very sick dog who tragically died around the time of the show. Of course we don't know the difficulties involved but it is a pity that Dunstable didn't use someone from our PBGV judging list as a replacement when there were a couple at the show.

Traditionally attracting a larger entry at this first outdoor CC show of the year, there are 38 PBGVs entered for Rod Price at Birmingham National on 11 May. PBGVs are after Otterhounds and GBGVs and not before 11am.

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