

THE WORLD DOG SHOW came and went this year with little effect over this side of the world. It took place in Shanghai, China, where there were just 4 PBGVs entered – 1 puppy bitch and 3 male champions - over the four days of shows. On 30 April, the first day the APAC (Asia Pacific) CH Show (CACIB) took place with PBGV judge Rafael Malo Alcrudo (ESP), also the Shanghai Winner (CACIB) with Gopi Krishnan (MYS); second day was the CKU INT (CACIB) show with Hans van den Berg the judge and Eastern China (CAC) judged by Oleg Yanchev (RUS). The 2/3 May were for the CH (CAC) show where Alex Zee (TWN) was the PBGV judge and the culmination of the exhibition saw Paul Stanton as the judge for the World Dog Show.

Tina Romeis travelled from Germany to Shanghai with 6yr old Ger Ch Arthur vom Huzenlaub (Empereur du Parc des Chaumes ex Daphne). She said there were WDS representatives at the airport to welcome everyone on arrival with a separate channel guaranteeing smooth and efficient quarantine control and bypassing entry queues. A shuttle bus took them to the hotel and there was bus transport for dogs from the hotel to the exhibition centre. Dog boxes went in the storage underneath, dogs on seats with their owners. Rings at the show were spacious, there was comfortable air conditioning and the halls were light. Ring stewards were knowledgeable and friendly with a very good command of English. Although, in total there were six shows (3 CAC, 3 CACIB including WDS) and some exhibitors entered all of them, Tina didn't. I can see why as the high entry fees made this a costly affair.

At the China Kennel Union show Arthur won CACIB and BOB under breed judge Hans van den Berg (NL), then G4 under Group 6 judge Mr Alex Zee (TWN). And at the WDS it was another BOB, this time under Paul Stanton and another G4 from Satoshi Bessho (JPN).

At Birmingham National Rod Price had four absent from his entry of 38. DCC (his third) & BOB went to Reid's Maudaxi Tommy Holedigger (Multi Ch/Am GCh Ch Soletrader Bjorn Borg ex Ir Ch Trezeguet Treacle Sponge at Maudaxi), with RDCC going to O & E Robertson & Greenslade's Ir Ch Soletrader Buddy Holly (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike ex Debucher Ristourne with Soletrader). BCC, also a third, was Blake's Orleans V Tum Tums Vriendjes At Trezeguet (Imp Nld) (Cookie Crunch v Tum-Tums Vriendjes ex Iparla Des Echos De Buzet), RBCC Blake & Reid's Ch Vilauddens Midsummer Madness (Imp Swe). BP was Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks, BV Brown's Ch Soletrader Louis Vuitton and Best Special Beginner Bartley's Erylan Loki Maitre Du Mal who was later short-listed in the Group. And, in the KC Breeders Competition Frank Kane awarded Reid's Maudaxis 3<sup>rd</sup> and Foote's Erylans 4<sup>th</sup>.

In Scotland Debbie O'Brien was the hound judge at Perthshire Canine Club where Lorna & Steve Wyllie's Ailsa – Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM went BVIS. In the breed class, her granddaughter, Tangaer Calvera avec Callydena, went BOB and HG2. Hound group and BIS judge was Bill Gregory.

The next championship show is Bath where there is an entry of 40 for Fred Ellingford, who is giving CCs for the first time. Racing through the month and only two weeks to go before the "Southern Day of the BGV", the BGVC fun day being held at Walberton Village Hall in West Sussex. The last time this was held there was in 2016 so I am sure it will be a popular return for South of England BGV owners and friends. Bring a picnic – there will be light refreshments available all day. For £5 your dog can enter all 10 fun classes, which will be judged by Jackie Hornby (Jacmist). There will also be various items for sale, including the ever-popular breed mugs, an Agility competition and Scenting demonstration. For further details, contact Kathy Moulding on 07929 427246 or nykarth@hotmail.co.uk.