

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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AT SKC Pam Marston-Pollock's entry of 20 was depleted by 2, also doubtless further reduced by a few who could not get to a Friday show. DCC & BOB went to Robertson & Doherty's Ch Soletrader Magic Mike, with RDCC to Reid's Maudaxi Nick Nack. Phil & Dianne Reid also picked up the BCC with Fox's Nightmare Zeta Jones at Maudaxi (imp Rus). BP and RBCC went to Lynne Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks and BV to the only veteran present O'Brien's Caldewriver Despicable Me. There were a few successes in other classes – Maudaxis coming 2nd in AV Hound Breeders Competition and O'Brien's Caldewriver Despicable Me handled to second place in both the YKC Member Stakes Hound and Junior Handling Association 12-16yrs.

Once again being fortunate with having good weather for their outdoor show, Wickford, Basildon & DCS saw David Bell (Balintyne) judging PBGVs and awarding BP and BOB to our Monkams Memphis Belle who subsequently went PG4 under Sue Finnett (Hyndsight).

Shows are coming thick and fast now and Amanda O'Day has eight PBGVs entered under her at the midweek Reading show, which uses Southern Counties Newbury Showground. On to Southern Counties and Leila Tarabad has an entry of 20. No CCs and another Friday show, though more central for many. Unfortunately, coming soon after Bath, for those living several hours drive from Newbury Showground, the logistics of two midweek shows make it impossible to attend. Losing CCs at Three Counties has unfortunately resulted in the entry plummeting for Michael MacLaren who has 5 this year, compared with the 31 last year. Again, with this being a weekday show, it doubtless affects numbers when there are no CCs. But first, we have Bath this weekend with 40 for Fred Ellingford, giving CCs for the first time – and, don't forget, for the first time Hounds have been moved to the Sunday of this bank holiday weekend.

At this year's PBGVCA National in Kerrville, Texas, blood was drawn from 12 PBGVs and shipped to the Canine Health Information Center DNA Repository. The Repository stores samples to facilitate research on inherited disease in dogs. As of today, the PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation has 577 DNA samples in the bank. As a side issue, many years ago here vet Trevor Turner took blood from PBGVs at one of our shows. This was to be stored at the AHT. We later learned that vets are not allowed to take blood unless it is for a specific reason, when a sample from it may be separated for research purposes.

At the National a seminar by Andreas Komáromy DVM, PhD covered canine eye diseases that are prevalent in all dog breeds. He then focused on primary open angle glaucoma (POAG). Dr Komáromy is testing a possible gene therapy for POAG, using Beagles that have a similar (but not identical) genetic mutation to that found in affected PBGVs. His results in Beagles so far are promising with the only adverse events being slight inflammation in a few of the treated eyes. He hopes to test the therapy in one or two affected PBGVs in the coming year.

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