

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE WEATHER WAS SOMEWHAT TYPICAL FOR BATH - warm but with overcast sky and, later in the day, heavy drizzle set in. This show has earned a reputation for being one of the best for perfect conditions with good ground, ideal for dogs to make the most of the large, well mown rings and get into their full stride. A bonus this year was a welcome rotation of days, meaning that Hounds moved to Sunday instead of the bank holiday Monday. PBGVs were first in the ring at 9am with only one absent from Fred Ellingford's entry of 40. His DCC & BOB went to Robertson & Doherty's Ch Soletrader Magic Mike (Multi Ch Boom Chicago vTT Vriendjes ex Ch Soletrader Peek a Boo), with RDCC going to 2nd in Open, Teresa Eaton's Linphil Kili (Ch Debucher Unique ex Tangaer Zibeline avec Linphil). BCC was Blake & Reid's Ch Vilauddens Midsummer Magic (imp Swe) (Cookie Crunch vTT Vriendjes ex Vilauddens Saga) and. From Limit, RBCC went to Skerritt & Betts' Monkams Luna Luvgood (Suton Crepu Visage Love From Roxy to Gemshorn (imp USA) ex Monkams Kiwi). BP came from MPD with McCartney's Soletrader Freddie Mercury (Around Another Bad Hair Day ex Ch Soletrader Rita Ora) and BV went to Jane Brown's 9yr old Ch Soletrader Louis Vuitton. There was only one Special Beginner entered, Megan Crowe's Caldewriver Madame Hattie (Caldewriver Despicable Me ex Tangaer Ymarros).

The Hound group was judged by Jenny Dove who awarded Magic Mike G3. In other classes judged by Mr C Hastings, Soletrader Freddie Mercury was placed 2nd in PD Stakes, Erin Robertson went 1st in JHA 6-11yrs handling Jane Brown's Soletrader Valentino Rossi and Charlotte Dalgarno placed 4th with Vencharno Mojito in YKC Members Stakes.

At Carluke & DCS it was another Best Veteran Hound for Lorna & Steve Wyllie's Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM and at Cambuslang Canine Club BOB & HG3 went to Gail Foote & Erin McAulay's Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune under Mrs K Herrington (Kathington).

Kathy Moulding reminds everyone that this Sunday the Southern Day of the BGV takes place at Walberton Village Hall, West Sussex BN18 0PQ. Donations, prizes and sales items are taking over her living room. She said not so much space on her sofa now but just as well as she has no time to sit down at the moment. She is praying for a sunny day and plenty of visitors to take part in the fun events lined up to guarantee an enjoyable time. The day starts at 11am and for £5 your dog can enter all 10 fun classes which are to be judged by Jackie Hornby (Jacmist). Light refreshments will be available but bring your own picnic to enjoy at this popular venue which is at the heart of the village.

The French Nationale d'Eleavage takes place at Saint Georges d'Oleron on 9 June. The PBGV entry is 48 dogs and 50 bitches, totaling 98 and, over all breeds, there are 8 entries from the UK. PBGV dogs are being judged by Amand Simon and the bitches by Gerard Thomas. Interestingly, a compulsory eye examination certificate is required within two weeks for validation of the PBGV results.

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