

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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A WEEK ON FROM WRITING THE LAST BREED NOTES and we now know who triumphed at Crufts 2020. DCC and BOB went to the winner of Junior Dog Gemma McCartney's Soletrader Freddie Mercury (Around Another Bad Hair Day ex Ch Soletrader Rita Ora), who is already a champion. BCC went to the Limit Bitch winner Kyle & Lizzie Cadmore's Soletader Dancing In Deli (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb ex Ch Soletrader Peek A Boo). RDCC also went to them with litter brother Ch Soletrader Only In Oslo, with the RBCC going to Russian Federation visitor Irina Antipova with Switherland Aldia Crystal (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike ex Rus/Rom/Lux Ch Irma Podkoldernik Jadowity). BP was Joan Hutchings' Tangaer French Romance (Nykarth Okie Dokie at Tangaer ex Ch Debucher Sybelle avec Callydena ShCM) and BV Jane Brown's 10yr old Ch Soletrader Louis Vuitton (Ch/Am Ch Gebeba Texas True Grit ex Ch Soletrader Mini The Minx).

Although there were only 6 absent from the entry of 67, certainly the overseas entries for our breed were down this year with 4 from Russia, 1 from Finland, 1 from Germany, 2 from Croatia. It was good to see other overseas breed enthusiasts ringside, including Gitte Winter Arildsen and Vibeke Krogsgaard from Denmark, Debbie Perrott and Jeff Pepper from the States.



A big thank you to Steve and Lynn Wood who coped with setting up the Discover Dogs breed booths on Thursday having arrived to find our two breeds only had pens. Having got over the shock, Lynn remonstrated with the KC representative, telling him that was our chances of winning Best Breed Booth down the swannee. However, not to be defeated, she and Steve put their thinking caps on to see how they could best decorate booths with no walls! Fortunately the large banners I had made earlier in the year saved the day as they were able to tie these up to the ceiling struts to form a backdrop for each booth.

Thank you also to all those who helped man the booths over the four days of the show, it is much appreciated.

Entries for our club open show on 4 April closed on Monday and there are 19 GBGVs to be judged by Ann Makey, followed by 31 PBGVs for Kim Culyer-Dawson. There is one Junior Handler and two in the Baby Puppy Walk

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