

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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PAIGNTON HOUND DAY was a deserted show ground with just 650 dogs entered that day – not all of the rings in the main hall were in use and one of the tents stood empty (to be used by South West Hound Club open show). The area with the trade stands looked like the Mary Celeste and I did overhear one trade stand owner ask another “does it get any better on Monday?” I also see from one of the dog groups on social media the question as to whether this should be a 2 or 3 day show going forward. Looking at it, now the Houndshow has moved their date, there does not seem to be the need to have us on our own on a separate day. However on a positive note the group judging began at 3pm!

Results – Frank Kane had an entry of 20 dogs depleted by 3 absentees, he found his Dog CC in Ch / Int /Bel Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM, the Reserve (his first card) to Karen Bayliss' Arapelo Darude. Speaking to Karen, she nearly turned home as she had come to a grinding halt on the M5 at Junction 1 and was unsure she would make it on time – I am sure she was glad she persevered! Bitch CC and BOB was Ch / Int /Bel Ch Gairside Good Gracious doing the double with her brother again! And Reserve CC was Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond. Best Puppy at his first show was Tarmachan Mr Myosotis.

South West Hound Show had Helen Wayman judging, here Ice Diamond was Best of Breed (and I believe shortlisted in the BIS competition). Mr Myosotis was Reserve BOB and Best Puppy and went on to win Best Puppy in Show, again under Helen Wayman, so not a bad start to his career!

The camping crews are now at Bournemouth, where the showground is forecasted to be battered by up to 52mph gale force winds for the Friday and Saturday – good luck to all camping there and to Bournemouth show that everyone is safe. Hopefully see some of you there.

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