

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)**

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WALES LIVED UP TO ITS REPUTATION of the rain keeping the grass green in the valleys with a rather wet Bult Wells on Hound day. I was sorry to miss the show but the lure of Orlando for Jenna and her family was too great. Almost a year's planning came to fruition as the Betts family jetted off to see Mickey for a few days before they move on to Universal and the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. I was somewhat horrified when I realised my last visit there was eleven years ago in 2008, a combination of the PBGVCA National and Disney.

Back to reality and there were no absentees for Sara Robertson at WKC giving her 18 to go over. DCC & BOB went to Linda Lewis' Tangaer Bryntelych. BCC was Lynne Scott's Overbecks Kathy Tere. Both reserves went to Ceri McEwan with littermates Marunnel Orinoco and Marunnel Miss Adelaide. Katie O'Brien's Caldewriver Queen of Hearts was BP and Paul Osbourne's Ch Nykarth Kicking Off with Braego BV.

In other classes, the Bartley's Erylan Loki Maitre du Mal won VHC in Special Beginners Stakes and Foote's PBGVs were the only entry in Hound Breeders, both judged by Tony Allcock.

From all accounts Linda Lewis' Tangaer get-together on 18<sup>th</sup> was the usual great success, allowing Tangaer PBGV owners to meet up and chat. Thankfully the rain held off and celebrity of the day who put in a half hour appearance was 16 year old Mikey (Ch / Ir Ch Tangaer Magique), growing old gracefully and keen to sample his special liver birthday cake. There can be little doubt that those attending were all grateful for the continued contact, help and advice Linda has given them over the years and especially for welcoming them into the extended Tangaer family.

Some with stamina have been doing the annual Irish circuit and one little snippet of news is that Ray & Gail Foote's Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune is now an Ir Ch, handled as usual by Erin McAulay. A special mention to for Steve & Lorna Wyllie's Ch Tangaer Rhapsody of Callydena who, aged 11, has gained her Veteran Warrant, the first PBGV to do so.

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