

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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ANOTHER EXCITING OPEN SHOW WIN for the breed and congratulations to Tim and Deborah Bartley, whose Erylan Zeus Roi des Dieux (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb ex Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle) went BIS at Huddersfield & District CA last weekend. Breed and Group judge was Colette Perkins and BIS judge Bridgette Bodle.

At Westminster there were 14 entered – 8 dogs and 6 bitches. Judge Mrs Linda Hurlebaus awarded Best of Breed to Donna Bruce, Jill Neuschaefer and Juli-Lacey-Black's GCHS AM CH Lacey's Not My Circus (Am Ch Fanta's Brand N Lacey's Nuff Said ex Am Ch Lacey's Sweet Annie) and Best of Opposite Sex to Jan Zigich, Patty Opperman, Billye Tezel & Ross Litman's GCHS AM CH Mirepoix's Kate Spade (GCH Mirepoix's Son Of A Duck ex Am Ch Clementine A Touch Of Prada of M&M). Select Dog was Tonya Struble & Catherine Meddaugh's GCH AM CH Soletrader Right Said Fred (Ch Taglines Double The Fun With Soletrader ex Soletrader Jessie Jay) and Select Bitch Donna Moore & Janice Hayes' GCHS CH M & M's Calamity Jane (Am Ch Auriga's Just Jack ex GCH M&M's Texas Mae West). Awards of Merit went to Janice Hayes, Donna Moore, Eric Ciceron & Wendy Doherty's GCH AM CH M & M Stellar Spotify (GCH Soletrader Right Said Fred ex GCHB Soletrader Annie Mac) and Beverly & Tony Childs and Sandy Bustin's GCH AM CH Crepu Visage Aged To Perfection at Stonehouse (Am Ch Mcrudge Centerstage Fun Time In Rio at Morganmills ex GCH Crepu Visage & Sutton's Get The Party Started).

As much as I enjoy watching the PBGV judging at Westminster every year, I am beginning to wonder whether it is a blessing that there is no similar breed live-streaming for Crufts. The usual post-show detrimental comments have been made ranging from perceived harsh handling to poor examples of the breed to the degree of grooming (or not) and remarks about the unsuitable clothing worn by some lady handlers.

Late starts at Crufts have now been announced and there is a correction to the start time for judging in ring 31 which is now 10am, with the 25 GBGVs first, followed by PBGVs. It might therefore be around midday when PBGVs get in the ring.

The Kennel Club is holding a multi-breed health screening day on Friday 21 February from 9.30am - 4pm at the Kennel Club Building in Stoneleigh. BVA/KC/ISDS Eye Scheme examinations will be available on a first come, first served basis and can be booked now via email health@thekennelclub.org.uk.

The draw for February's LOD has taken place and the lucky winners are 1st Ceri McEwan with £15, 2nd Joan Hutchings £10 and 3rd Dianne Quadling £5.

The Winter Breed Record Supplement dropped onto my doormat this week and it can now be seen that PBGV registrations for 2019 totalled 114. Of this there were 6 PBGV imports (three of which were re-import) and 8 exports. 114 is a rise on the 85 registered in 2018.

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