

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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AFTER THE BAKING TEMPERATURES of 38 degrees on Thursday dropping to a slightly cooler high 20s on Friday, Leeds on Saturday was 18 degrees and pouring with rain ALL day which did nothing for the Tibetan Spaniel's coats. However on Sunday when we woke it was mizzly, the day remained dry and extremely muggy. The tent itself was full of all sorts of bugs and I know of a number of exhibitors and some dogs who were either bitten or stung.

Our judge Espn Engh was doing all the French hounds and we followed the Basset Fauve De Bretagne in to the ring. his entry of 17 was depleted by 3 absentees. Dog CC (number 5) was Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren's Ch Macaroni V Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (imp NLD). Reserve to him was Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet. Bitch CC and Best of Breed was a first for Pam and Claire McGregor's Ir Ch Clacla Avrille at Eardley, reserve Fiona and Michael's Ch / Ned Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond. Best Puppy was Graydon & Fuell's (apologies I do not know your first names) Tioga G'vine and Best Veteran went to my Ch Debucher XFactor.

Half way top awards have been published. Half way Top Dog is Macaroni and half way Top Puppy is my and Amanda Smith's Jayanel Ambiorix. In the paper he is listed as having 8 points, where he actually has 12 – this has been confirmed by Our Dogs and been amended on the online listing.

My roving reporter Sue Marshall has been out and about again... "On Sunday 28th July we attended SWECA open show under Lisa Tyler Jackson, here Parsnip (Soufriere One Vision) was Best of Breed and Group 3 and her mother Saffie (Silvymoon Saffron at Soufriere was Reserve Best of Breed. The show was very slick and the majority of groups and stakes classes were completed by 2pm!" Thank you Sue and keep up the good work!

We now move to the two most southerly shoes... Paignton and Bournemouth. See some of you there.

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