Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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CH/IR CH TANGAER MAGIQUE has died. He was 16, having been born on 15 August 2003. Arguably the most successful PBGV ever bred by Linda Lewis, he went BOB at the BGVC championship shows in 2007 under Rose Phillips, entry 51, and again in 2010 under Colin Gillanders when the PBGV entry was 74. Mikey's sire was the well-known C'est Ça du Greffier du Roi at Tangaer, his dam Tangaer Hourra. Linda wrote "Even though he attained 15 CCs and 18 RCCs apart from other awards, these fade into insignificance as the bright light of loving that wonderful dog takes the foreground! Thank you, Mikey, from the bottom of my heart for being you, leaving some lovely progeny and getting me through some serious lows! Run free my darling boy."

  Brian Foster took centre stage at City of Birmingham, having no absentees from his entry of 30. DCC went to the only dog in Junior, Kyle Cadmore & Lizzie Greenslade-Cadmore's Soletrader Only in Oslo, who also went Best Junior. BCC and BOB to Sara Robertson & Wendy Doherty's Ch Soletrader Annie Mac who, returned from the States and 6yrs old, is now an American Grand Champion. Both Reserve CCs went to Chris Blake. Still awaiting the export pedigree so shown under her ATC number, the DCC was Huikeshoven & Mard's Vilauddens Magnificent Mile, BCC his and Dianne Reid's Ch Vilauddens Midsummer Madness. BP was Phil & Dianne Reid's Candy's Caning It, BV Jane Brown's Ch Solerader Louis Vuitton. With City of Birmingham being one of the championship shows that mounts a Junior in Group competition, Only in Oslo was placed first in the Hound Junior Group by judge Patsy Hollings, who only seven weeks ago awarded him the DCC at Houndshow.

  At shows in Guernsey, now 10 years old, Christine Marett's Limier Didier of Gayteckels (Ch Soletrader Peter Pan ex Limier Chamois) is still notching up the wins with a recent Reserve Veteran in Show and Best Veteran in Show. And, here, at South Eastern Hound, where the entry seems to go down every year, Jan Bishop's Jamar Ina The Countessa won herself into 4th place in the Special RBOB Competition judged by Diane Webber.

  Well, it had to happen, straight after letting you know there was a delay in the AHT sending out their latest figures for POAG DNA testing, I received the update, which is now on the club website www.bgvclub.co.uk/eyes, also on the Club facebook group page. Curiously, this time round, the new stats have elicited some comments, including the question whether DNA testing is compulsory. Whether or not to DNA test depends on several factors, one being the health status of the sire and dam and whether the litter is therefore Hereditary Clear. Our Club Code of Ethics doesn't make it compulsory to DNA test puppies from a Clear x Carrier breeding as, at the very worst, a pup will be a Carrier. However, care needs to be taken as in the future a Carrier pup could be bred from. Endorsements of any Clear x Carrier litter are the wise option then, before lifting an endorsement, the breeder can help ensure an outcome with pups free of future POAG eye problems. It does seem many are of the opinion that, in any event, it is the safe and conscientious thing to do to DNA test all puppies anyway.

  In my 12 July notes, I mentioned that the KC was thinking of changing the "for life" Hereditary Clear status to a requirement for DNA testing to be repeated once every three generations. Although an item on the agenda of their September Breed Health Symposium confirmed this, in a Press Release issued this week they now say "From January 2022, the Kennel Club will limit the assignment of 'Hereditary Clear' status of registered dogs to two generations. This change will be put in place to safeguard against the impact that dogs with an incorrect 'Hereditary Clear' status could have on health issues within a breed". With these current deliberations, it therefore remains to be seen how this will affect our breed in the future.

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