

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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AN INTERESTING UPDATE on events in the States, where the American Kennel Club Board has voted to approve a request from the PBGV Club of America making breed members eligible to apply for various AKC hunting titles for their PBGV such as Hunting Hound (HH). This will be after successfully passing a hunt test conducted by the Basset Hound Club of America. Guidelines and rules for the Hunting Instinct Test were approved by the PBGVCA Board of Directors as long ago as 2000 and since then they have held regular tests, including a separate event held in conjunction with the annual National and this latest move gives recognition to their efforts to preserve the inherent hunting instincts of the breed. The 2020 National will be at the Roberts Centre in Ohio. As usual there will be a hunt off-site and everything else held at the main venue.

At meetings held at the National this year in Kerrville, Texas it was announced that Helen Ingher had been elected AKC Delegate, an important and influential role which is suitable for someone with her long experience in the breed. Helen reported that PBGVs now rank 157/193 in the low number breeds.

On the health front Dr Komaromy continues to present valuable seminars, now on gene therapies. Blood draws are still paid for by the PBGVCA if they cannot be done during the National. For eye testing the Health Foundation will reimburse \$50 for any PBGV, 1 year or older, going to a Veterinary Ophthalmologist for examination. And for DNA testing, the PBGVCA Health Foundation recommends that owners use the AHT here in the UK because the American company does not cover PBGVs.

All Club members were asked to check the accuracy of information recorded on their PBGVs and update it if necessary. One valuable piece of information that does not get passed on to the PBGVCA is where a PBGV is POAG Clear by parentage, therefore the PBGVCA asked owners to send results to them with a copy of the DNA certificate.

Dr Komaromy suggested testing offspring of Clear parent to Clear parent. The PBGVCA currently recognises 2 generations of Clear by parentage. This is somewhat at a variance from the practice here. Hereditarily Clear/Clear by parentage is how the Kennel Club defines dogs whose parents have both been DNA tested Clear of a mutation, meaning they do not themselves need to be DNA tested. Currently this hereditary Clear status lasts forever, however it is possible the KC will be changing this soon so that a DNA test will need to be repeated once every three generations. With implications for our breed, we will be watching progress on this.

Limited Odds Draw winners for July are Diane Quadling with £15, £10 to Nik Oakley and £5 to Sue & Terry Cole.

And what happened at East of England? Most exhibitors arrived dressed expecting hot weather but the skies clouded over, it was decidedly chilly with wind gusting through the tenting and it even rained! PBGVs were second in the ring after 54 Irish Wolfhounds so it was well after midday before getting in the ring. There were 2 absent from the 34 for judge Val Jackson. It was a good day for two exhibitors as both CCs went to Claire Cooper and both RCCs to Chris Blake. DCC & BOB was Marion Hunt's Soletrader Buzz Aldrin of Bondlea, handled by Claire, with RDCC going to Vilauddens Magnificent Mile (imp Nld), now with Chris Blake but still in the ownership of Gwen Huikeshoven and Marie Mård. BCC went to Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel, owned jointly by Claire and Lynne Ellingford, with RBCC to Chris Blake and Dianne Reid's Ch Vilauddens Midsummer Madness (imp Swe). BP was Reid's Egg Nog Eddie, BV Paul Osbourne's Ch Debucher Jezebel at Braego ShCM. Best Special Beginner Bartley's Erylan Loki Maitre Du Mal who came fourth in the SB group judged by Jenny Millard. It was also a fourth place for the Maudaxis in the Breeders Stakes judged by Marion Sergent. In the Puppy Bitch Stakes VHC went to Diane Whitehouse's Knotdogs Zoe Winter Gift handled by breeder Karen Powney.

With Houndshow this weekend, the following weekend sees the well-planned Scottish Fun Day taking place at Ravenstruther & Cleghorn Village Hall ML11 8NL. The fun classes start at midday to be judged by Grace Purdie (Dunnybrae) and £5 gives a dog entry to any number of classes. There will be dog trade stands, scent games and refreshments available. Something for everyone. If the previous years' successful events are anything to go by, this is one day out not to be missed. However, if you are unable to get there, don't worry. Go to a link to an on-line auction which you will find on the BGVC facebook page and you will have the opportunity of bidding for special items donated by various traders and dog folk. For more information contact Claire Gilluley on [clairenallen2612@gmail.com](mailto:clairenallen2612@gmail.com) or Gail Foote on [rymndft@aol.com](mailto:rymndft@aol.com).

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