

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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WELL DONE to Katie O'Brien who came Runner Up at the Scottish Junior Handler of the Year competition. With three previous wins tucked under her belt, what more fitting way to end her years of competing in the finals as a Scottish Junior. This time she didn't handle a PBGV and neither did Paul Osbourne, another worthy competitor who was at last weekend's East Anglian Supermatch with his Wire-Haired Dachshund. Humphrey won through to the final three, with a Siberian Husky and Tibetan Terrier .

I expect many of you have concerns about going to Crufts with the current outbreak of coronavirus. The KC has issued a statement. They are obviously watching the situation closely and have assured that the NEC is taking extra measures to have hand sanitizers available at strategic points. Maybe we will now see as a blessing our position in Hall 5 at the extremity of the halls occupied by Crufts which inevitably attract fewer visitors. And, if you are like me, with ensuring the safety and comfort of several dogs, I rarely get time to wander round the trade stands in other halls anyway. Let's hope they don't suffer too much from a possible lower gate.

Good thoughts are with Geraldine Dodd who is back in hospital again, this time for a kidney stone op.

Due to the immense interest in Epilepsy, places are now beginning to fill up for the day at the Animal Health Trust on 21 April. For those of you who are travelling a long way, I now know that start time will be 10.30 for 11am and the day will finish around 3pm. To ensure your place, contact me.

Finally, you have one week remaining to submit points claims forms for either Top Sire or Top Dam from Championship Show wins, or for points gained at Open Shows in 2019. Send your forms to Lynn Wood on wood_stephen9@sky.com. And, to avoid the pressures of extra jobs around Crufts time, maybe get your open show entry done now and post it to me at Sharnden, Fourth Avenue, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex SS17 8HN.

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