

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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AS WE MOVE INTO THE AUTUMN MONTHS, the championship shows dwindle. I don't doubt for some it will be a relief from driving hundreds of miles far too often, despite the enjoyment of time spent at a show amongst good friends. Next on the show calendar Sue Ergis has an entry of 29 at this weekend's SWKA when Hounds are on the Sunday. Unfortunately this clashes with Discover Dogs at London's ExCel meaning a few of us had to forego the trip to Builth Wells. At Midland Counties on 26 October, where no CCs are on offer, there are 16 PBGVs entered for Barbara Milton.

One show that did take place was the Irish KC International Show where on day one Mr S Knight judged. With just one PBGV entered, Bitch Green Star and BOB went to Mrs D Whitehouse's Knotdog Zoe Winter Gift. Day two saw competition from Erylan with BOB going to Foote & McAulay's Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite la Belle who was awarded GSB and the CACIB. Reserve GSB and RCACIB went to their Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune. The judge was Mr R Oliveira who also judged the Group 6 where the PBGV went on to be placed second.

Over the past week or so I have done some investigating into missing critiques. One of these was Rod Price's PBGV critique for Birmingham National. Our Dogs said they hadn't received it, yet Rod had emailed it and received an acknowledgement.

Coincidentally, OD had published the GBGV critique twice on their website. At their request he has now resent his critique (copied to me), and they have undertaken to print it as soon as possible. Another is for PBGVs at Border Union in June where Jolanda Huisman didn't realise she had to write a critique. Although this requirement is in the initial contract it does seem that, nowadays, with the absence of Our Dogs envelopes and a note placed in the judge's folder, some overseas judges who are somewhat unfamiliar system need a some guidance and reminder of the need to produce a written critique on the first two places. Jolanda apologises and says she will write up the notes she made on the day. Finally, those of you who have Our Dogs will have noticed that the 4 October edition shows a PBGV critique for SKC August with the judge's name as Tim Jones when it was, of course, Steve Jepson. Also bear in mind that sexes were combined, not as shown.

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