

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)**

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CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT! Crufts is over with for another year and even up until 7.30 Wednesday evening it could have been cancelled but the show did go on!

Zena Thorn Andrews had 3 absentees (all bitches) from her entry and overall I do not believe that there were more absent than normal. I must admit that it did seem quieter in the halls but it was still difficult to move around!

Dog CC his all-important third to go with 10 RCCs went to Ellie Harris and Amelia Theodorou's Debucher Bizet, Bitch CC, her first, to go with 2 RCCs both won at Crufts, was Tarmachan Black Ice now owned by Fiona Buchanan, Michael MacLaren and Amanda O'Day who handled her. Both RCCs went to Pam and Claire McGregor's litter mates Claela You and I Are A Team and Claela No Looking Back with the dog getting Best Puppy. Best Veteran went to my Ch Debucher XFactor.

Many congratulations to Katie O'Brien who won the 12-17 YKC handling, this time handling a Basset Fauve de Bretagne. Keeping on the Junior Handling theme, prior to Crufts Viv Phillips was contacted by Liz Cartledge as one of the International Junior Handling competitors had requested a GBGV as their dog. Eric, aka Jayanel Ambiorix, owned by me and Amanda Smith was drafted in and off we went on the Saturday morning to meet Marta from Latvia. Marta's parents own Basset Hounds in Latvia and she wanted a slightly bigger hound to show. She had an hour to get to know him and wow did they bond – I even admit she showed him better than I can. In the second round he was then used by the Irish competitor. Unfortunately they were not shortlisted to the final 10 but he was a credit to the breed.

COVID-19 seems to be taking over our lives, so stay safe and enjoy your hounds.

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