

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)

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WINDSOR, whilst warm, was thankfully a lot cooler than the preceding days where temperatures were in the low to mid 30s. At least we had a temperature of about 25 degrees with a cooling breeze. Even though it was so hot and had been known it was going to be hot for a number of days preceding the show, there were still calls going out regarding dogs in cars. Surely the KC and show societies need to act with stronger punishments for those who are guilty of this?

Our ring was probably the worst on the showground. Whereas the others had luscious green grass ours looked like a truck had driven through it. Chatting to our judge Jenna Betts after judging she said she was glad it had not been wet conditions, as she felt the ring would have become unsafe. Anyway down to business - we were third in the ring following Bassets and Basset Fauve de Bretagne. Colin and Ann Makey took the double with litter mates Ch / Bel / Int Chs Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM and Good Gracious, with Good Lord claiming Best of Breed. Fiona Buchanan and Michael MacLaren picked up the two Reserve CCs with the newly titled Macaroni v Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan and Ch / Ned Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond. Best Puppy was Anita Roberts' Tioga Opahr with Amanda O'Day picking up Best Veteran with Ch Silvamoon Sweet Sapphire ShCM.

In this month's KC Journal three judges have been announced: Houndshow 2020 Mrs Sue Pocock (first time CC appointment), Birmingham National 2021 Mr Martin Sanders (first time CC appointment) and Bath 2021 Mrs Barbara Milton.

Also received this week was a communication to all Breed Education Coordinators regarding the imminent review surrounding the JCF. We will continue with the Breed Appreciation Day planned for 3 November, however we are open for suggestions as to other educational events you might like to see.

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