

## **Basset Griffon Vendéen (Grand)**

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SATURDAY MORNING SAW TORRENTIAL RAIN whilst driving up to Stafford for Midland Counties. The spray on the motorways was blinding and, listening to the traffic news, I heard of a lot of cars that had aquaplaned and a number of roads that were closed due to flooding. Once off the motorway the main road to the venue was flooded near the police headquarters leading to queues but once on the showground the parking attendants were making sure that you were parked on hard standing (or extremely close too) to ensure that you could get off easily. Due to all of this judging was delayed by 30 minutes.

GBGV were third in the ring behind Border Collies and PBGV. Jenny Startup was our judge without CCs and from an entry of 17 she had 13 present. Best Dog and Best of Breed was Colin and Ann Makey's Ch/Bel/Int Ch GairsIde Good Lord JW ShCM with reserve going to his son, Amanda Smith and my Jayanel Ambiorix. Best Bitch was Claire and Pam McGregor's Ir Ch Claela Avrille at Eardley and Reserve BB Karen Bayliss' Arapelo Fontainebleau who was also Best Puppy taking £20 prize money. There was only one result in the stakes classes, Claela You And I Are A Team was 5th in the Hound puppy stakes under Michael Forte.

This weekend sees the BGV Club Breed Appreciation Day – we have 23 people booked in over the two breeds. It is fantastic that so many people want to find out more about our breed/s. Postal entries have now closed for the BGV Club Championship show, but you can still enter online up to midnight on Monday 4 November so remember to enter now!

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