

## Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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Hot, hot, hot! We have all been melting over the past week and those going to outdoor open shows especially found it hard to tolerate the high temperatures. With little shade, save that provided by exhibitors themselves, staying the course for the Group judging proved too much for some. Some gentle rain has now eased things slightly and, although temperatures are still high, the weather has taken on the more typical, fresher late August feel.

Steve Jepson was the judge at SKC last weekend with a respectable entry of 17, less 1, spread over just four combined sex classes. This show was well supported, mainly by Scottish exhibitors, certainly with a good presence in comparison with Paignton's combined sex classes which only rustled up an entry of eight following the loss of CCs. BD and BOB went to Gilluley's Ir Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEX, BB to Cooper and Ellingford's Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel. Reserves were Feasby's Caldewriver Wizard of Oz at Torcharchian, who was also Best Special Beginner, and Wyllie's Tangaer Calvera avec Callydena. With BP going to O'Brien's Caldewriver Queen of Hearts, Wyllie's Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM took BV.

In the YKC Members Stakes fourth place went to Charlotte Dalgarno with Vencharno Tequila Sunrise; and Lorna Wyllie's Ailsa (Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM) came in at third place in the Good Citizen Stakes. Both were judged by Sharon Pinkerton. And, under Elaine Tullis, Junior Handling (12-16) saw Katie O'Brien take 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Caldewriver Queen of Hearts.

Some of you may have noticed there has been no recent update to the POAG DNA testing results issued regularly to us by the Animal Health Trust. Earlier in the year a change of staff at the Trust resulted in a request for me to provide a letter of authority for them to continue sending us the results. It seems that, despite the General Data Protection Regulation being introduced well over a year ago, the needed to cement the arrangement. In the past, the BGV Club received the stats monthly but, now that so many PBGVs have been DNA tested, and with some litters being Hereditary Clear, the numbers tested are obviously declining. However, it is good to continue publishing these stats, which serve to remind breeders and owners of the importance of DNA testing.

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