

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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THE LATEST EDITION OF EVOICE will be with you shortly, keeping you up to date with BGV Club affairs. Sue Marshall and Kim Culyer-Dawson have been hard at work collating and setting up articles and information which I hope you will enjoy reading. Those not on email will be receiving a copy in the post.

This Saturday should have been our AGM and Club open show at Roade Village Hall. Goodness knows at the moment when our AGM will be held. We are in the same situation as countless other dog clubs with having to wait until we are through the pandemic, restrictions on social gatherings are relaxed and meeting up once again becomes safe. And little did we know long ago when judges were selected and arrangements made that our 4 April open show would never take place. Spare a thought for our judges' disappointment as, unless we are able to reschedule later in the year, they have been denied the honour of judging at a breed club show.

Over the past ten days or so, five out of our six PBGVs have succumbed to some tummy bug, resulting in bouts of sickness and going off their food. They have all recovered within about 48hrs aided by Pro-Kolin. Thank goodness I stocked up when at Crufts. I have heard that other owners' dogs in various areas have had the same complaint so it is obviously something going the rounds – but we can't blame this one on contact at dog shows, can we?



Despite the French PBGV owners' apparent reluctance to eye test, I see that the Club de Griffon Vendéen website now has a page devoted to listing French Eye Panellists in each region. That said, they do seem to be rather thin on the ground. Here we must still await news of what is to happen at the Animal Health Trust. Their website now says "On Sunday 22 March 2020, the Animal Health Trust (AHT) announced that following a period of dire financial constraints, and with the economic implications of the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK, the charity was facing imminent closure.

The Trustees and Executive Committee are continuing to seek out emergency funding and a final decision regarding the long-term future of the Trust will now be made towards the end of April 2020.

Following recent guidance from the UK Government on tackling the Covid-19 pandemic and in order to make use of the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, the AHT has closed its offices until further notice". We must all hope that a solution is found to save this vital facility. If nothing else, it brings home to us how we should never again take such wonderful help for granted when health concerns are raised within BGVs.

April's Limited Odds Draw winners are 1st Mrs Annie Collins with £15, 2nd Lynn Wood £10 and 3rd £5 goes to Barbara & Ray Milton.

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