



THE BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

BREED NOTES 2022 - PBGV

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AT THE START OF A NEW YEAR as I wish you a healthy and happy new year a little bit of plagiarism doesn't go amiss. I quote from the words of a previous work colleague "Looking back as one does at this time upon the past year, I am reminded of our last New Year wishes when we wrote about some of the things that we took for granted and how times have changed. We spoke about those of us who came to realise that 'Zoom' is not just an ice lolly, and the usual resolution to stay away from negative people which now seems to be to avoid the positive ones!"

I was pleased to hear from Nickie Hunt's son, John, who let me know that it was a small, family celebration for her 100th birthday on 28 December. However there have been two sad losses. In Denmark Don Johansen has passed away at the age of 91. He was a co-founder of the Bassetklubben and an honorary member. And news came from the States that Debbie Perrott (Hootwire) had lost her fight against leukemia. She was 85. Debbie's initial interest in dogs was with German Wirehaired Pointers, eventually becoming the President of the GWP Club of America and later the President of the PBGV Club of America. An excited Debbie had contacted me before she came to Crufts 2020, asking for travel advice, help with accommodation and booking Crufts tickets for seeing both the Gundog and Hound groups. I am glad that we were fortunate enough to spend time with her on Hound day and she said what a great time she was having. Debbie will go down in breed history as one of the early aficionados of PBGVs in the States, having obtained Lacebarks Lydia who was born on 6 July 1988.

Lydia's mother was Barbara Galbraith's Wakelyns Noblesse, a multiple Specialty winner and, in January 1988, became the first PBGVCA breed champion. Lydia's sire was another of Barbara's imports, Wakelyns Javelot (Twinrivers Ivor of Wakelyns - Huntswold Trefle of Wakelyns) and she was owned jointly with Shirley Knipe, who died in 2019. Lydia went to become one of the top-winning, top producing bitches in the breed's early history and the foundation of many American kennels. Clearly Debbie was taken with the Wakelyns PBGVs as, in the early '90s, she imported from Lynne Owens Jaclin Dudley Du Rt V Hootwire, whose sire was Ch Wakelyns Traquer. Her dam was Jaclin All About Eve. Dudley went on to become one of many Hootwire American Champions and Debbie soon became an influential lady in the breed; and subsequently a force to be reckoned with in Spinoni.

Also in America, due to the spread of Omicron in New York City, the postponement of Westminster KC's 2022 dog show has been announced. Edmund Dziuk of Columbia, Missouri is due to judge PBGVs.

Further south, in Mexico Valerie Link soon found herself a dog groomer for her two PBGVs – somewhat different from what we are used to seeing!

The 2022 round of championship shows commences this weekend and, following Boston, Manchester takes place on 23 January where there are 22 PBGVs entered for judge Wendell Moore.

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THE OPEN EXPANSES OF PETERBOROUGH SHOWGROUND and its proximity to The Wash mean it is prone to all sorts of wild and woolly weather this time of year. The rain and wind on Hound Day at Boston championship show resulted in some arriving indoors with their dogs not having been exercised outside and others reluctant to take them out during the day. I leave the rest to your imagination.

There were 8 absent from judge Janet Kay's PBGV entry of 30. BD and BOB went to Oliver and Erin Robertson's Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back, handled by Gavin Robertson. Best Bitch was Ray & Gail Foote and Erin McAulay's Erylan Hera La Reine, handled by Erin. Both Reserves went to second in Open with the RBD award to Phil & Dianne Reid's Vilaudens Magnificent Mile and RBB to Cooper, O'Brien and Ellingford's Ch Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel. Best Puppy was the only one present Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect, handled by Adrian Marett and Best Special Beginners went to Rita Townsend's Afterglow Curtain Call. Plenty of success for the PBGVs in the groups, where Pat On The Back went G3 under Marion Hunt, Special Effect was also placed third in the Puppy Group judged by Bill Gray and Curtain Call was first in Special Beginners, judged by Liz Millward. In the Stakes classes, Soletrader Special Effect came 1st in the AV Hound/Utility Puppy Stakes judged by Adrian Bicknell and Ch Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel was piloted into second place in the YKC Members' Stakes by Lilly O'Brien, which has now qualified her for the YKC Stakes at Crufts. The judge was Stephen Goodwin.

Debbie O'Brien has let me know that there are still a few 2022 Club calendars left so it isn't too late to get one. And, like the mince pies going cheap in the local supermarket after Christmas, the price has now been reduced to £7.50 (plus postage). To order one, contact Debbie on debbie.obrien@btinternet.com or 07772 005731.

A reminder as well from Membership Secretary, Martin Bishop that annual subscriptions are due and must be paid before the end of January otherwise you forfeit your right to have your say by voting at the AGM. There are also still 19 people who have yet to pay their subscription for the Limited Odds Draw. Or, if you don't want to continue, please let Martin know! Contact him on vendeen48@gmail.com or 07779 300761.

Finally, important news from Canine Genetics at Cambridge is that Kennel Club Assured Breeders can now receive a 15% discount on all tests purchased from them. If you are an Assured Breeder and need DNA testing done, to get the discount code contact them on <https://www.cagt.co.uk/about-us/get-in-touch/>.

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IF YOU HAVE USED THE SERVICES of the newly set up Canine Genetic Testing at Cambridge, you may have noticed they have simplified the information given on your PBGV's DNA test certificate for POAG. For example, they now qualify a Clear test result by declaring "Clear dogs have two normal copies of DNA. Clear dogs will not develop Primary Open Angle Glaucoma as a result of the POAG-ADAMTS17 mutation, although we cannot exclude the possibility they might develop Primary Open Angle Glaucoma due to other mutations they might carry that are not detected by this test".

From bitter experience, I know that PBGVs can be affected by some other mutation causing POAG. In late 2015 one of our PBGVs that had been DNA tested as a Carrier earlier that year, was diagnosed as having bilateral chronic Glaucoma from which she went blind in a very short space of time. Her March test certificate said "The dog has one copy of the normal gene and one copy of the mutant gene that causes POAG. It will not develop POAG but will pass on the POAG gene to 50% (on average) of its offspring". Despite the Animal Health Trust painstakingly resequencing the whole genome, they were unable to discover any provocative candidate mutations. They concluded there was a different form of POAG in our breed which has yet to be determined genetically.

The following year I received a DNA test certificate from the AHT for one of our older PBGVs who had contributed towards their "over 7yr old" research. This set out in full the explanation of all three outcomes, which clarifies the full meaning of this DNA test and the reliance we can place on it:

CLEAR: This dog has two copies of the normal gene and will not develop this form of glaucoma, although we cannot exclude the possibility they might develop glaucoma due to other causes, such as trauma or the effects of other, unidentified mutations.

CARRIER: This dog has one copy of the normal gene and will not develop this form of glaucoma, although we cannot exclude the possibility they might develop glaucoma due to other causes, such as trauma or the effects of other, unidentified mutations. However if bred from, will pass on this mutation to, on average, 50% of all offspring.

AFFECTED: This dog has two copies of the POAG mutation and will almost certainly develop clinical signs at some stage during their lifetime assuming they live to an appropriate age. They will pass on one copy of the mutation to all offspring.

Over the years since, I heard of a couple of other PBGVs in other countries who had suffered the same fate and I became aware that, in another breed, a similar situation had cropped up in the early 2000s. Research showed there was more than one strain of the identified eye problem, so the DNA test was amended and general eye testing continues to this day.

For this very reason, Professor Peter Bedford and the BGV Club have long advised that eye testing should still take place, as there are other eye diseases that might be detected, especially as your PBGV gets older. Picking up a problem early will help your PBGV and prevent it becoming an issue for the breed in the future.

In America, with the help of several breeders, members of the PBGVCA Breed Preservation Committee have been working hard on producing a 36 page Puppy Packet aimed at helping new owners successfully introduce a puppy into their family. Topics include crate training, finding a vet, puppy development, traveling with a puppy, things to think about when getting toys, and even making plans in case the owner is no longer able to care for the PBGV or passes on.

To further preserve the well-being and unique character of the breed, the committee is now looking to augment their Breeders' Tool Chest with information supplied by experienced breeders on: Getting the bitch pregnant; what questions to ask possible owners and what their answers tell you; interviewing potential puppy buyers; and a follow-up with the new puppy owner to help with any issues.

Also in America, a labour of love which started back in 2020 has finally come to fruition and the Club has now posted a new educational hunt video, which you can view on <https://pbgv.org/Gallery/education/2021HuntVideo.shtml>. In showcasing the breed in the media, the aim is to encourage both members and potential members to see the value in joining in hunt activities, a whole new experience in this other aspect of PBGV ownership.

Thoughts are with Lynn and Steve Wood who have said a very sad goodbye to Monkham's Kalico Jack. He would have been 13 this year. Jack had an eventful start to his life when only a puppy and he and Monkham's Dorothy Perkins were attacked by two dangerous dogs running loose in the street. Jack suffered multiple fractures of a front leg but recovered remarkably well after emergency treatment and a surgeon's skill pieced together all the fragments of bone. This and a fixator rod allowed it to heal sufficiently before the rod was removed under anaesthetic.

£15, £10 and £5 consecutively go to January's LOD winners Emma Moore, Teresa Eaton and Louis Parker.

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MANCHESTER was one of the many championship shows cancelled last year so this was only the third time PBGVs had been awarded CCs there; also the first time for Wendell Moore awarding CCs in the breed. He previously judged PBGVs there in 2018 when he had an entry of 14, awarding BOB to Ch Soletrader Magic Mike. This time round there were four absentees from the entry of 23. Results were as follows: DCC and BOB to Erin & Oliver Robertson's Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back, RDCC from VD to Phil & Dianne Reid's Ch Maudaxi Tommy Holedigger, who also went Best Veteran. A second BCC went to Kyle & Lizzie Cadmore's Soletrader Cotton Candy, having won her first at the Club championship show last October under Gunnar Nymann. RBCC was Erin Robertson's Soletrader Ivy League and BP, the only one entered, Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect. Foote & McAulay's PBGVs came first in the Hound Breeders Competition judged by Moray Armstrong.

Next championship show is Crufts and the KC have seemingly acceded to exhibitor comments about lack of drop-off outside the NEC. This can now be purchased for £5 through their website. They say it will follow the same arrangement as at Crufts 2020. Drop-off will be allowed in the roadway outside Hall 1 and Hall 5 between 06:00 and 08:00 each morning on production of the drop-off pass. Only 200 vehicles each day will be allowed.

Looking back 40 years or more and even maybe up to 10 years ago, the majority of us with a dog went to our nearest vet, or one not too far away who had a good reputation. Veterinary practices sometimes linked up so that the smaller practice did the more routine work, where the larger one had the equipment to do operations, maybe more specialist work or cater for emergency situations. Nowadays many of us have our PBGVs registered with more than one vet, forced upon us by having to shop around for availability of services we specifically need and best price. However, this might not be such a bad idea as it means we have a fallback in the event our usual vet is unable to see us. A fire at Kim Culyer-Dawson's local Pets At Home a few days ago shut Vets4Pets there. Just before midnight, firefighters were called to a building at the rear of the store when the smoke alarm sounded. The fire brigade estimated that around about 20% of the rear retail unit was in flames and it seems the cause was something left charging overnight. Thankfully no animals were harmed. This situation though was not helpful as Kim had a litter of puppies waiting to be vaccinated. And, because many of us now have our dogs registered at more than one vet, this equates to these practices saying they can't take on any more. It left Kim with quite a quandary, phoning round several vets to get an appointment. The moral of the story seems to be make sure your PBGVs are registered with more than one vet in your area.

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NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND is that Martin Hewitt has finally cast off the shackles of work. Martin hails from London and as a young man worked as a survey technician, a career that has seen great advances in technology over the years with him ending up in an era of Mixed Reality, Autonomous Machines and Cloud based applications. Having moved to New Zealand in 1974, outside work, his long interest in canine activities goes back to 1977. With wife, Wendy, they have bred Bassets under the Hunterspark prefix since 1979. In 1988, the year he started judging, Martin and Wendy imported the first registered Foxhounds into New Zealand and bred several litters; and they also own and breed Miniature Smooth Haired Dachshunds (Pentakli). However, it is for PBGVs that he known to us in England, having introduced the breed to NZ under the Beauvoir kennel name.

Over the years, amongst other roles, Martin has been actively involved in club administration including President of the Waimakariri Kennel Association and Vice President of The Basset Hound Club (NZ). He has judged extensively in several countries including England. It was 19 years ago, in July 2003, that he was welcomed to Windsor championship show, where he went over the PBGVs. Despite there being no CCs, he had an incredible entry of 44. Best Bitch and Best of Breed went to Robertson's Ch Willowbrae Amazing Grace for Afterglow (Ch Garwedd du Greffier du Roi at Tangaer ex Clunebrae Kikimora of Famecliff). Best Dog was to Collier and Phillips' Ch Tantele Sablier (Ch/Ir Ch Halistons Dameret ex Pommeraié Angeliq) and Best Puppy Symonds' home-bred Tanafei Kipling (Ch Debucher N'Importe Quoi ex Chantal Janvier of T).

Quite by coincidence, when in Australia for judging in 2008 and staying with Maree Mackenzie near Brisbane, Jenna and I went to an evening Trainee Judges Seminar held at the Canine Control Council Dog Showground at Durack. We were so lucky as the session was on Bassets and PBGVs. After the talk on PBGVs which covered the breed standard and pointing out the related aspects on one of the two PBGVs present, everyone went outside to watch the dogs move round the floodlit ring. This allowed judges to assess movement before going over each dog in turn. Jenna helped and discovered that the PBGV she handled was a Beauvoir from the Hewitts. It had two Debucher parents, Xport Quality and Sarriette. Other than suffering numerous mosquito bites, the evening was most enjoyable and gave a great insight into the regular opportunities provided down-under for judges to learn about different breeds. There is sad news from Norway, where a great ambassador of the dog world Per Iverson has died. He was a regular judge in this country, having presided over PBGVs at Manchester in 2013. Despite the attraction of an overseas judge, with no CCs the entry was small, only nine dogs and two bitches present. Best Dog went to John Cooper's Ch Jayanel Aristocrat with Reserve Best Dog going to Paul & Maureen Osbourne's Ch Nykarth's Kicking Off with Braego. Reserve Best Bitch also went to John Cooper with Debucher Quelle Folie avec Jayanel but Best Bitch and BOB went to Phil & Dianne Reid's Trezeguet Treacle Sponge at Maudaxi. From Junior Dog, Dianne Reid also won Best Puppy with her Swedish import, Vilaudens Isaak, owned jointly with Chris Blake.

I am aware there are several PBGV litters around at the moment and it is good to see that the Kennel Club has acknowledged some breeders have been unable to get relevant health tests or screenings completed due to Covid restrictions or that it may affect breeding plans. Adopting a more flexible approach for Assured Breeders' health checks and litter registrations, hopefully this advice will also apply for any breeder who is having difficulty, for example in getting puppies vaccinated. I think most new owners understand current problems and being kept informed by the breeder on issues such as vaccination status and delays in receipt of registration certificates will go a long way to allaying concerns.

February's LOD winners are Emma Moore with £15, Robert Bailey £10 and Fiona Buchanan £5. Having trialled modern technology of a random number generator for selecting the monthly winners, Club Treasurer Colin Makey has now reverted to the age-old method of using a bag of bingo balls. If you fancy a chance each month of winning some money, while contributing towards funds for BGVs that may need the Club's help, message Martin Bishop or contact him on vendeen48@gmail.com or 07779 300761 as there are still a few numbers up for grabs.

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NEWS CAME ON 4 FEBRUARY of the death of Shirley Rawlings. Like so many, Shirley had had a lifetime in dogs. She bred Fauves under the Chyton affix, aiming to produce strong healthy Fauves with good, steady temperaments. To this end she served on the Basset Fauve de Bretagne Club committee from 1999 to 2011. She was also President of The National Whippet Association and a long serving committee member of The Hound Association, taking on the role of Secretary for many years.

Shirley was also a prolific judge and involved in arrangements for mounting Hound Group seminars for the Judges Development Programme. In 2008 she had her first CC appointment in PBGVs at Bath where she had an entry of 39 with 6 absentees. She must have been thrilled to see her BOB Ch Soletrader My Aphrodisiac winning the Hound Group and going Best Opposite Sex in Show. Two years later, she awarded BIS and BVIS to Linda Lewis's PBGV Ch/Ir Ch Tangaer Magique at the BGV Club Championship Show. And by 2012, on judging PBGVs at Paignton, her BOB Ch Soletrader Peek a Boo went on to G1 under Jeff Horswell.

Having previously lived in Derbyshire, Shirley spent her last few years in East Sussex and she had decided to stop judging after her last appointment doing BIS at Hound Association in 2017 where she awarded BIS to a Standard Smooth Dachshund. Her name was subsequently moved to the BGV Club's Honorary List which recognises those previously included on the A list of approved judges who have elected not to accept further appointments.

Ceri McEwan has now let everyone know that, on 18 January, she lost Culdaws Diesle from Marunnel. Bred by Kim Culyer-Dawson, Oscar was born in September 2008, his sire Ch Gemshorn Rocky and dam Monkham's Hippy Chick. Oscar entered into the spirit of things, not only appearing regularly in the show ring, winning a RDCC along the way at Darlington 2011, RBIS at BHC Ireland 2014, BOB at Midland Counties 2015 and going on to conquer Veteran classes, but also succeeding in Good Citizen tests. As Ceri says "We've always blamed him for our current houseful of dogs - so much character!"

Entries for Crufts have been announced and there are 23 dogs and 38 bitches, totalling 61 PBGVs for judge Mark Coccozza; and the KC Breed Records Supplement for the third quarter of 2021 has finally arrived. It shows six PBGV litters and, up to the end of that quarter, 33 PBGVs registered.

Having only just written about the problems a few breeders are having in getting health tests and jabs done due to Covid restrictions, I gather that some vets are now advising owners to leave a longer than usual length of time between the first and second puppy vaccinations. This is due to difficulties in getting the vaccine. There will obviously be some concerns about delays in socialisation that this brings but owners will need to take the advice of their vets on this subject.

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HARD TO BELIEVE that it is well over 10 years since Heidi Allenby had a PBGV around the house. Now it seems Soletrader Fun Times at Rangali aka Freda has settled in well and is taking the show scene in his stride. There were breed classes at the recent Isle of Ely show held at Grantham where Ray Morland judged the breed. He is also judging PBGVs at Hound Association of Scotland in April. Best of Breed went to Stuart Watson & Mandy Kenna with Alonzo Grande Cuore mit Cynetkoy (imp Rus) (Multi Ch Black Majesty Hollywood ex Multi Ch Evita Eunice Rudis) and BP to Richard & Heidi Allenby's Freda, handled by Heidi. She is by Ogham des Terres du Templier with Soletrader (imp Fra) out of Ch Soletrader Beatrix Potter and she went on to get Puppy Group 2, judged by Tim Ball. Not content with that, at her second show, Barrow, Freda went Reserve Best Puppy in Show. Breed and group judge was Mrs Gilpin and BIS judge Anthony Oakden. At the International show at Fredericia, Denmark, BOB went to Dk Ch Fodnote Be My Guest, handled by Holger Busk and later, in the group, by breeder Gitte Winter Arildsen. Best Opposite Sex was Christian & Jette Ramvad's Dk Ch After Me A Piece of Heaven. The judge was Hanne Laine (Dk). I mention this show as exhibitors were encouraged to leave soon after breed judging due to caution being maintained over possible spread of Covid. I know many have raised this very point for the forthcoming Crufts in the hope that the KC might adopt a similar approach. Not only would it minimise risk but also spread the flow of traffic exiting the car park.

In America the PBGVCA National starts at 10.30am on Friday 29 April with the First Annual Breeder's Brunch where all current, past and interested breeders are invited to join in and explore ideas with each other. Guest speaker is Pat Trotter (judge, author, breeder) who will be sharing her thoughts, heartbreaks and successes as a breeder. There is a full programme of events lined up, including Grooming with Brianne Major, and the tentative schedule is for the National Specialty to take place in the morning of Saturday 30 April, with Sweepstakes in the afternoon. And this year's Nationale d'Élevage is being held on 27/28 May at La Genetouze, which rather appropriately is in the Vendée region of France. For more information, contact Val Jackson on 01235 530287 or pmarks1262@aol.com.

Yet more unhappy news which I have only just heard is that John Clark (Kirghiz) passed away on Christmas day. He would have been 75 a few days later. John and his wife Elma started with Afghans in 1977, exhibiting in their native Scotland and travelling far and wide in England. They also bred Whippets and were one of the first to own PBGVs, having acquired Dunarden Ffine (Gambit of Kasani ex Alabeth Altesse) from Jean Wright. Ffine was born in January 1986 and went on to become a champion. Along the way, she went BIS two years running at the BGV Open show in 1988 and 1989. She had two litters, one of which included their own Kirghiz Petite Etoile who went Reserve BIS at the BGV Club's 6th championship show in 1993. Her sire was Ch/Am Ch Dunarden Clairon of Kasani.

John judged PBGVs at Hound Association of Scotland in 2010 where the entry was 14 PBGVs, less 2 absent. BOB, and subsequently G4 under Jerry Robertson, went to Robertson and Huikeshoven's Dutch Ch Cappuccino van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. By 2016 John was having health problems and sadly Elma felt it best for his name to be removed from the Club's judging list.

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AS HIGH WINDS COVERED MUCH OF THE UK, I imagine quite a few of you were thinking "Thank goodness it isn't Crufts week". The vagaries of winter weather leave a show held in March wide open to possible disruption but it may surprise some of you to know that, up until 1993, Crufts was held in January. Nigh on thirty years ago winters were more extreme and with January in the midst of the snowy months it wasn't unknown for folk like Nick Frost to have problems. Either he couldn't get away from his remote kennels set in the heart of Ashridge Forest, or even get back down the long track to the cottage after the show. This month millions of people have been affected by the high winds which battered many parts of the country. With significant gusts of wind in excess of 90mph in some exposed areas, there must have been quite a few kennel owners who were worried about the safety of their dogs. Paul Osbourne was one who had to do some quick thinking, ruefully saying the roof on his kennels turned in half like an omelette and part that ripped away took some panes out of his greenhouse. Having to venture out for an appointment, I drove round trees blocking roads, witnessed an overturned van, fences down and damage to rooves (including my own). But, in the south-east, did Storm Eunice match the devastation wreaked by the great storm of 15-16 October 1987? This was the one that poor meteorologist Michael Fish failed to warn us of, though granted methods of forecasting weren't as sophisticated in those days. It was the year after my husband died and, significantly, on what would have been his birthday. I woke up to find in astonishment that the garden shed had disappeared. Parts of it had blown over onto nearby farmland and, amidst hurricane force winds, I crawled low along the garden to flatten the remaining panels so they wouldn't crash into the greenhouse. Then, as now, dogs only went out in the garden on flexi-leads to keep them away from the risk of branches falling from large trees.

Lynn and Steve Wood watched as Storm Eunice got the better of a tree near the end of their garden. Give them their due, from what I saw, all emergency and council services were prompt to clear away debris everywhere and keep roads open.

So, fingers crossed for milder weather on 11 March. If you aren't already aware, the start of PBGV judging at Crufts has been delayed until 10.30am. It might be tempting to have an extra hour in bed but, unless you are staying near the NEC the night before, it still means contending with the unpredictable early Friday morning traffic.

If any of you need to get your PBGV's eyes tested, the Kennel Club is offering free eye testing to all exhibitors at Crufts this year.

There will be 60 appointments available per day and these free sessions will be booked on a first come, first served basis and allocated in the order they are received. They are restricted to one per exhibitor, and only available to those who have not had their dog's eyes tested before. You can book by emailing health@thekennelclub.org.uk and they need the following information: Name of owner; Registered name of dog; Registration number; Microchip number; Preferred time slot (am or pm); Mobile telephone number. If any of these necessary details are missing, a free appointment will not be allocated. Bookings cannot be made by phone.

Crufts is always a good time to see any of the laboratories that provide canine health testing. Laboklin will be at Stand 7A, Hall 3, if you need any DNA testing for POAG. There will be a 10% discount off their usual £48. For details go to <https://www.laboklin.co.uk/laboklin/showGeneticTest.jsp...> Animal DNA Diagnostics is

offering 20% discount off their usual £48 at Stand 28, Hall 5. Canine Genetic Testing (previously AHT) offers the test for £45 via their website www.cagt.co.uk. Presumably they will be at Crufts but, at the time of writing, I have no details.

Good luck to Gail Foote & Erin McAulay, whose Erylan PBGVs have made it through to the final of the Kennel Club Breeders' Competition which conveniently takes place at Crufts on Friday 11 March. The judge will be Dr Ron James known for the Jasmorne Pointers, Basenjis and Bullmastiffs. If you would like to watch, pre-judging will be in Hall 1, rings 1 and 2 at 2pm and the final parade in the main arena at 5.30pm.

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I EXPECT you have all been busy printing out your Crufts passes and countdown now begins preparing for the big event. TV coverage of Crufts is slightly different this year with no programmes beforehand but plenty on each day. So, if you want to see what happens on Hound day, you will need to record it while you are out. Alternatives are www.facebook.com/Crufts or YouTube live streaming which can be found at crufts.org.uk/watch. A longstanding commentator of the Crufts TV programmes, former GBGV breeder and judge Jessica Holm sadly had to withdraw this year, given her clinically extremely vulnerable status due to the cancer which she has fought bravely for several years now. This was on Royal Marsden's advice and is eminently sensible given the crowds in the NEC for this big event where 16,000 dogs are expected over the four days this year.

One person who has finally succumbed to cancer is Benedictine nun Sister Catherine Wybourn, otherwise known as DigitalNun. Her sense of humour never left her as she let people know she was "tidying her sock drawer" in preparation for what might come; and tributes have been pouring in on the passing of such a charismatic person. In the past few years she withstood her chemo and antibiotic regime with fortitude although that led to its own challenges in breathing and movement. Despite often suffering a great deal, she lived through her illness with faith, courage and astonishing cheerfulness and her dogs gave her much joy. Having lost her old Basset, Sister Catherine became known to many BGV owners when she took Ch Soletreader Dunc 'n Disordely under her wing. Bro Duncan as he became known was soon keeping everyone entertained with his own news page.

Enthusiastically hanging onto a flexilead, she took the opportunity to watch the Reunion Day fun classes at Steventon in April 2009 and, in that year, her expertise at drafting and publishing church pamphlets and newsletters was enlisted when she was asked to take on the BGV Club website. She published a fun holding page with Duncan as the Club Doorman while she worked on setting up a new site. However her forte was in producing bulletins that required no regular updating, so this big undertaking proved quite a challenge. The following year she withdrew for personal reasons but undertook to support the club during the period of change.

There is a change of judge for the PBGVCA Regionals next month where the breed classes, Junior Showmanship and 4-6 Month Puppy on Thursday 28th will now be undertaken by Celeste Gonzalez. Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes judge will be Cameron Henson. The main judge at the following day's National will be Pat Trotter, who will also be judging the 4-6 Month Puppy competition. Susan Smyth will be doing Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes. The show takes place at Holiday Inn, St Louis.

March's LOD winners are Hilary Cole with £15, £10 to Sue Wilde and £5 to Geraldine Dodd.

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TWO YEARS AGO AT CRUFTS, as we coyly bumped elbows with visitors from the States, we all wondered how safe we were with the threat of coronavirus increasing daily. Some forfeited their entry fees, flights and hotel bookings, deciding that it was safer to stay at home. Despite the obvious risks, the KC monitored the situation leading up to the show, provided safety measures and somehow got away with it as, within a few days of Crufts ending, Covid cases increased dramatically and we were all going into lockdown. Little did we know this was to be the beginning of two years that would alter our way of life completely and, even now, we should all take care. However, news of Covid has now been overtaken by events in Ukraine.

In 2020 we had 4 PBGV entries from fellow breeders in the Russian Federation with RBCC going to Irina Antipova's Switherland Aldia Crystal. But the current Ukrainian situation has resulted in the Kennel Club putting out a statement that none of the 51 exhibitors living in Russia will be allowed to compete this year. Eight had entered from Ukraine. The closeness of dog folk is evident though from the lengths being taken to get Ukrainian breeders, their dogs and puppies to safety, with many offers of accommodation in countless countries. Whilst transporters are getting animal supplies of food and medicines into Ukraine, here in the UK some breed clubs are donating money towards efforts being made to help dogs and their owners. I am sure that as usual, although we will all be taking in the experience that is Crufts, the unhappy situation in Ukraine will be on our minds.

In 2020 PBGVs were judged after GBGVs. This year, it is the turn of PBGVs to be first in the ring, starting at 10.30am, followed by Greyhounds, also being judged by Mark Coccozza. Then GBGVs with Marion Hunt. Hall 5, ring 31.

With plenty of people looking for some special treats for their PBGVs at Crufts, there has been some discussion on social media about whether liver cake containing garlic is safe for dogs. Taking on board the fact that raw garlic is dangerous to dogs, it seems that given in small doses when cooked in liver cake and only given occasionally it is deemed to be safe. If in any doubt, then just exclude it from the recipe. Or, if you are lazy like me, just bake some liver in the oven. You know PBGVs will eat anything!

Worthy of a mention in these notes, Minta (Mike) Williquette, who has been a member of the PBGV Club of America since 1997, has been nominated for a 2022 American KC Lifetime Achievement Award in Companion Events. The PBGVCA is supporting her for this well-deserved special honour. Mike started her dog competition career in 1965 when she trained and showed Irish Setters. Handling her own dogs, she has competed in conformation, obedience, and field trials and earned several advanced obedience degrees including Utility Dog.

Apart from her numerous successes in obedience, many will fondly remember Tater, her first PBGV. Am Ch Goose Creek Commentator, bred by Bobbe Jackson and Robert Byrum, was born in 1996 and outside the conformation ring went on to gain several obedience titles.

Nowadays knowing who topped each class and the main winners in your chosen breed at Crufts is almost instantaneous, no word of mouth or waiting a week for the dog paper to come out. That said I am sure I will have some additional news for you next week. Of course, once this big event is over, we hurtle into the show year proper with the first championship show, Hound Association of Scotland, taking place on 9 April. Entries close on 16 March. And the schedule is now available for next month's BGV Club Open Show on 30 April at Roade Village Hall in Northants. Judging will not be before 11am as it follows on from the club AGM, though at the moment we don't know which breed will be first in the ring. Sue Brundle is judging PBGVs. As she says, she has been around for years. D'Arcy, her first show Petit, was born in June 1999. Halistons Guilleret of Drunbel (Deanound Uriage ex Halistons Chanelle) was seen regularly in the show ring, especially in the south of England and, at a time when we had no CCs at Southern Counties, Serena Parker awarded him Reserve Best Dog in 2003. Like so many, this encouraged Sue to go to further shows and her continuing interest in the breed led to a long stint on the club committee, including being Membership Secretary and producing the bi-annual e-voice. She stood down in 2018. Entries for the club open show can be made on www.arenaprint.co.uk and close on-line on 18 April.

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CRUFTS IS OVER FOR ANOTHER YEAR. Hall 5 was emptier and quieter than usual, fewer chairs for spectators and no usual throng of the public or need to fight your way through the crowds to get to the ring. Nevertheless the atmosphere around the green carpeted area captured the importance of this special occasion. Overseas entries in the breed were on a par with those for 2020. This year, one Russian entry was absent. There were three entered by Iva Raic from Croatia, Kateřina Pánková's Veteran Bitch from the Czech Republic and Birgitte Winter Arildsen's OD entrant Dk Ch Fodnote Be My Guest from Denmark.

There were 12 absentees from Mark Coccozza's entry of 61 and some lower classes had no entries but class winners were: VD Gilluley's Ir Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEX, PD Mooney's Hillwicket Harvey Spectre, JD Allen & Gilluley's Ballencrieff Figgy Pudding, PGD Brown's Callydena Dougal Mclellan, LD Skerritt & Betts' Beaujous Vagabond of Monkham, OD Brown's Ch Soletreader Valentino Rossi. DCC went to the OD winner with RCC going to 2nd in Open, Cro Ch Black Majesty Name The Game (aka Pudding) owned by Iva Raic and Dea Kurjak. In bitches, first place went to: VB Pankova's Cz Ch Nadja Av Hoffvoff, JB Watson & Kenna's Cynetkoy Winter Romance, PGB Reid's Fox's Nightmare Lara Fabian at Maudaxi (Imp Rus), LB Gilluley's Caldewriver Legally Blonde of Ballencrieff, OB Cadmore's Soletreader Cotton Candy. The OB winner was subsequently awarded the BCC, which was her third, and RCC was the LB winner Caldewriver Legally Blonde of Ballencrieff.

BOB went to an elated Jane Brown with Valentino Rossi, BP to the only puppy entered, Mooney's Hillwicket Harvey Spectre and BV to Pankova's Nadja Av Hoffvoff.

Kathy Moulding had more stamina than most and either side of Hound day along with other willing folk, did a couple of sessions on the Discover Dogs PBGV booth. She said interest ranged from a steady flow of on Thursday to a continuous barrage of questions on Saturday. Curiosity was sparked by Erylan Hera La Reine (Rosie) making an appearance on the sofa with Claire Balding during one of the TV programmes, by Dexter the school therapy dog who encourages children to read and, with breeder Gavin Robertson judging the Hound Group, Jane Brown's lap of honour around the Hound Group ring with Ch Solettrader Valentino Rossi which was also met enthusiastically. It's hardly surprising therefore that Kathy said her Demi and other PBGVs ended up with quite a little fan club going.

It seems several people had car problems on the day. Linda Lewis didn't make the show at all and, at 5.15am, I was horrified to find my car battery was dead as the proverbial dodo, having been OK the day before. Some swift thinking and car swapping lost us an hour, although we arrived well in time for judging – and for sorting out how to get the car registration number changed for NEC car parking as they rather short-sightedly only allow alterations up till the day before. Woe betide anyone whose car lets them down on the day. In the end it was resolved by being given a Trade Stand pass.

As is usual at Crufts, the time flies by and it is impossible to chat with everyone but, with the dearth of championship shows last year, nonetheless it was good to at least say hello even if from a distance or in the exercise area! And so, as this show comes to an end, thoughts will turn to next year where the PBGV judge is Graham Hill. He last judged the breed as a replacement judge for Liz Cartledge at Darlington in 2018.

I was so sorry to hear from Kathy Moulding that Rose Fisher has lost her PBGV Nykarth's Kathy's Clown at Gypsywish (Ch/Am Ch Gebeba Texas True Grit ex Nykarth Irresistable). Alice was born in September 2009 and was the litter sister of Paul Osbourne's successful Ch Nykarth's Kicking Off with Braego ShCM who died a year ago. Rose's previous love was Dandie Dinmonts but, with the arrival of a Petit in the household, she was tempted to branch out into the PBGV showing and had some enjoyable times with her.

Colin Makey had some open show schedules available at Crufts but, if you were unable to get one and would like a paper copy, contact him on gairside777@gmail.com or 01469 540260. Closing date for online entries is 18 April, not 19 April as shown on arenaprint who are taking the entries.

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NOWADAYS would-be judges follow the requirements laid down by the Kennel Club to set them on the path to judging their chosen breed. One of these is to have attended at least one breed-specific seminar run in accordance with The Kennel Club Code of Best Practice for the running of a breed seminar and judging competence assessment; and passed a hands-on examination where applicable. Breed clubs are under an obligation to mount a Breed Appreciation Day at least once every two years and the aim is not only to educate aspiring judges but anyone interested in the breed, whether they are breeders or exhibitors.

Importantly, it helps provide the information to make informed decisions to preserve and safeguard the breed. This requires a lot of organisation; and being able to go ahead and success of the day is somewhat governed by the number of people who want to learn about the breed or are keen to judge it at any one time and have asked to attend. Over the past two years Zoom meetings have helped with continuing the learning process.

We tend however to forget that we are but one country and that judges' discussions and education takes place worldwide. In Denmark last weekend not a Zoom get-together but a well-attended judges' meeting of about 38 people where they talked about judges' education. This was followed up by an enjoyable lunch. But with the expanse of Australia, Zoom is a blessing and, emanating from Brisbane, there was an evening PBGV and GBGV judges' training session mounted via this medium with Amanda Cooney (Bondestin PBGVs) at the helm. Admittedly there is nothing like being able to look at examples of the breed in front of you and go over them but when vast distances separate judges, Zoom and powerpoint presentations are a good alternative.

In America it has been a sad time for Nick Frost. He has just lost Dehra Cindy Lou Peoples, who he called the matriarch of the kennel. Born in October 2006, Cindy was a daughter of Ch Dehra Amazona Savoir Faire (Chanel) mated with Barbara Oxholm's import Ch Polygor's des Rocs du Plessis. One of six pups, Cindy was Nick and Mike Blackwater's constant companion. She said she was never shown because she was single-coated but is behind some lovely champion offspring, including Best Bred By at the PBGV Nationals.

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THE KC BREED STANDARD gives the colour of a PBGV's coat as "White with any combination of lemon, orange, sable, grizzle or black markings. Tricolour". When registering a litter breeders may often deliberate long and hard on what colour a pup's coat is and they try to be as accurate as possible but we all know that the coat can change dramatically within the first year. A puppy registered as a tri-colour may lose most of its black, especially on the head. Rubbing the coat up the wrong way and looking at the base of the hair shaft gives a clue as to what colour it will end up.

Back in 1898, the French Breed Standard simply said "Any recognised hound colour" – and, to this day, the UK Basset Hound Breed Standard includes this option. However for BGVs in France by 1922 this had been expanded to "Unicolour: More or less dark fauve; coat of hare; grey. Bicolour: White and orange, white and black, white and coat of hare, white and grey, white and tan. Tricolour: White, black and tan; white, coat of hare and tan; white grey and tan. Often mottled in tricolours, white and black, or white and grey subjects". Even today's FCI Standard gives a wider range of colouring "Colour: Black with white spotting (white and black). Black with tan markings (black and tan). Black with light tan markings. Fawn with white spotting (white and orange). Fawn with black mantle and white spotting (tricolour). Fawn with black overlay. Pale fawn with black overlay and white spotting. Pale fawn with black overlay. Traditional names: hare colour, wolf colour, badger colour or wild boar colour".

It can therefore be seen that many of us are trying to compartmentalise the coat colours of young pups into what we think is nearest to the restrictive options given in the KC Standard, whilst recognising that they will doubtless be completely different when adult anyway.

In 1897, the year before the simple French Standard was published, Sir Everett Millais sent a copy of the Basset Hound Club Stud Book to his friend Francis Galton, telling him that this would enable him to trace back the pedigrees and, at the same time, follow their coat colour which he had studiously recorded for many years going right back to the original imports. Francis Galton, who subsequently researched the Basset Hound data allowing him to verify the validity of Ancestral Law of Heredity in the Basset Hound, was a man of many talents – a statistician, sociologist, psychologist, anthropologist, tropical explorer, geographer, inventor, meteorologist, proto-geneticist, psychometrician and a proponent of social Darwinism, eugenics and scientific racism. This earned him a knighthood in 1909.

The BHC Rules contained in Everett Millais' Stud Book stated that "the objects of the Club be to promote the breeding of pure Smooth-Coated and Rough-Coated Basset Hounds, to define precisely and publish a description of the true type, to urge the adoption of such on breeders, exhibitors, judges, dog show committees and others as the only recognised and unvarying Standard by which the Basset Hounds should be judged".

Following publication of the researches indicating how genetics can play a large part in colour, in 1909 Basset owner Lord Wynchcombe wrote to Sir Francis Galton questioning the accuracy of the Stud Book and saying "The whole of the paragraph about the hounds fills me with astonishment". In particular he questioned how lemon and white hounds came about. He wrote he was sure that Millais' records were accurate as he was not a man to tolerate inaccurate pedigrees but added "I do not understand where, why or how we got these lemon and white dogs" and he summed it up by declaring that Bassets are tri-colour. Lemon and white was an accident!

It seems Lord Wynchcombe did not consider what coat colours may have been behind the original imports. This all serves to illustrate that we try our best when selecting which dog to mate with which bitch. However despite all due care, unless we are blessed with more than a modest knowledge of genetics, a PBGV way back in the combined pedigree may have a bearing on the outcome of colour and pigmentation.

Hound Association Open Show took place at Ryton-on-Dunsmore over the weekend. From an entry of seven judged by Lorna Binks, BOB went to Ceri McEwan's Marunnel Orinoco (Vilaudens Isaak (imp Swe) ex Ch Maudaxi Coco Chewnel from Marunnel). BP and then BPIS under Mark Ord went to a delighted Heidi Allenby with Solettrader Fun Times for Rangali (Ogham des Terres du Templier with Solettrader (imp Fra) ex Ch Solettrader Beatrix Potter).

As we enter April, for those of you who are resorting to a postal entry for the Club Open Show, don't forget they close on 14th, with on-line on 18 April. If you are at the stage where, all of a sudden, you don't know whether you are coming or going with so many shows in the spring calendar, one special PBGV is getting ready to appear in the ring with its owner hoping for a place in the line-up.

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IT'S FIFTEEN YEARS NOW since the first iPhone was launched in 2007. Around that time the original iPhone had a 2-megapixel rear camera. However, as technology continued to evolve, production of the iPhone 4 in 2010 led to a front-facing camera and selfies started to become a trend all over the world. From the years of getting rolls of film developed, we moved on to digital cameras and most now own smartphones, incorporating a camera. For those who exhibit, this transformed the world of dog showing. Unless you strive for ultra high-quality photos with high spec equipment, your phone is always in your pocket. You have no excuse that you have forgotten your camera and, even with the advent of constraints on how we use photos taken, it allows you to capture moments that would otherwise be lost.

Not only that but the advent of social media allows us to see photos, live streaming and video clips of dog shows worldwide and we can see what the breed looks like from one country to another. I have just watched Amanda Cooney's Bondestin PBGV baby puppies, a litter brother and sister, on their first time out at a Brisbane evening show. There were little glimpses of seeing what the future will hold and, what a delight to see such innocence, more ready to play with each other than behave in the ring. And on the other side of the world, seasoned show dogs, PBGVs at the Edison show in New Jersey where BOB and Group 2 went to Juli Lacey-Black's GCh Lacey's Not My Circus.

Also in the States Dot Garrett (Chien Blanc PBGVs), is recovering from a fractured pelvis. The impaired movement she is now struggling to overcome has left her pondering on the limitations such injuries, health problems and advancing years eventually have on our hobby of dog showing. She has written "The AKC needs to develop Dog Shows for Seniors where nobody runs 100mph around the rings, you do not get on the ground to stack your dog, and somebody helps putting your dog on the table for the examination". Looking back over the years, I remember several incidents where frailty embarrassingly hit home, be it lack of mobility or poor eyesight. There was someone who knelt down in the ring and had to be helped up, someone whose reduced strength meant being no longer able to control the dogs when showing, Mark Coccozza running into the ring to help Sylvia Probert who went flying and ended up on the grass and Barbara Dunbar not seeing the ring tape and unwittingly carrying on running into the next ring. Blessed are those who have someone younger to move their PBGVs for them!

Shows are now coming thick and fast and PBGVs are making their presence known. At Angus & Kincardineshire Limit Show, Hound Group 1 went to Claire Gilluley's Caldewriver Legally Blonde of Ballencrieff. Judge was Frank Gilroy (Claychalk). Further south at Chippenham RBPIS went to Heidi Allenby's Soletreader Fun Times for Rangali under breed and BIS judge Mark Walshaw. Lisa Tyler-Jackson judged the group.

The order of judging has now been announced for the BGV Club Open Show on 30 April where Grands will now be judged by replacement judge Dianne Reid, then after lunch, PBGVs by Sue Brundle. April is one of the two months in the year where the BGV Club's Limited Odds Drawer pays out slightly more money and this month's winners are Hilary Cole with £25, Kathryn Moulding £12 and £6 to Robert Bailey.

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WITH MIXED CLASSES, main winners at Hound Association of Scotland were: BB & BOB Foote & McAulay's Ch/Ir Ch Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune, BD & BV Gilluley's Ir Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEX, RBD Brown's Erylan Chaud Comme Hades, RBB Foote & McAulay's Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM. BP, the only puppy present, Allenby's Soletreader Fun Times for Rangali and Best Junior Gilluley & Allen's Ballencrieff Jingle Belle. The judge was Ray Morland (Triken) and, from the entry of 18, there was just one absent. We ventured out to our first open show of the year, Crystal Palace, where our Beaujons Vagabond of Monkams went BOB and BP was Nykarth Summer Breaze at his first show.

As spring is upon us and 2022 shows begin in earnest, I am continuing the theme on how genetics have a part to play in coat colour. Various people have written on the subject over the years, one being Claire Dupuis whose book, Les Bassets Griffons Vendéens, was published in 1996. Here is part of her rationale:

"The Transmissibility of Colours Concerning Griffons Vendéens, it is a particularly delicate matter to advance theories concerning the transmissibility of colours. One thing is sure, the majority of Grands Vendéens and Briquets are known to be largely white and orange, or rather almost uniformly off-white, with pigmentations accordingly, that is to say light. It is therefore in the basset breeds that the greatest "vitality" of colour is found, with coats ranging from the white and pale grey through to the white and well-marked black, including all white and orange combinations, hare grizzle, black and tan etc.

Yet there exists, in a certain Petit Basset lineage, unusual coat characteristics such as bi-coloured black and tan without predominant white. This has resulted especially from the work of a breeder, René Tixier, who wanted to develop part of his stock in this way. In 1974, this gave rise to Just de Fin Renard, a Petit Basset marked black and fawn. But it was necessary to wait until 1992 in order that a "black" dog could be established, in this case Goldorak de Fin Renard that took the CACS at the Nationale d'Elevage. In 1995, at the same event, it was a black female, Daisie de Fin Renard that earned this prestigious distinction.

His long experience of unions between colours had led René Tixier to some conclusions. The black coat, combined with the tri-colour coat, gave rise to one portion of blacks, one of tri-colour. The tri-colours, mated with themselves, will never produce blacks (which would seem to indicate that the tri-colour gene is recessive and the black gene is dominant). The union of black x white/orange gives rise to blacks, the very pigmented white/orange (genetically comparable to the tri-colour) and the "complete fawn", that is to say plain – which are, with regard to them, considered to be genetically like the blacks. It is necessary to note that apparently the colour of the coat does not affect the quality of the hair, the former being rather determined by the origins of the dog, such lineage ensuring quite harsh hair and quite smooth, with other parts of the coat more abundant and more "soft". Finally, we note a uniqueness of the skin, that is often marbled purple and pink, notably on the stomach and on the inside of the limbs".

Of course, this is but one experienced breeder's theories and at the time there were suggestions that introduction of the black and tan had resulted from cross-breeding with Wire-Haired Dachshunds with some progeny displaying high earset as a result.

Born in 1991, Int Ch Goldorak subsequently went to Nancy Dorsey in America and was shown at the 1999 National in Charlotte under Sandy Mackenzie.

The year before, the first black and tan was imported into England by Betty Judge. Born in 1996, the KC registered Mystic de Fin Renard as black and tan, as registered in the country of origin. He only sired one litter, to Betty Judge's Ch Plushcourt Coco Chanel. This produced one puppy, a tri-colour.

There was consternation though that black and tan was not an approved coat colour here in the UK and the BGV Club issued a statement that the Committee intended to abide in every respect by the KC Breed Standard until such time as the members deemed it necessary to change these Standards. It was felt that judges could but treat the non-Standard colour as a fault and weigh it up against other considerations. In the event, despite a further import (Oyster de Fin Renard), who produced one litter where three of the four pups were black and tan, this colour did not penetrate the breed in this country.

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QUITE A FEW PBGV SUCCESSES over the long Easter period. In Scotland, Lorna Wyllie's 2yr old Callydena Mowdie Miss Chief won best AVNSC Hound under Colin Christie (Decalleigh) then went on to win RBIS under Mick Donaldson (Zorbaloo). The show was Tayside, Lochee & District Canine Club Limited Charity where all profits are to be distributed equally to Red Cross Dec Ukraine Appeal and the Humane Society. It wasn't judged on the group system which is somewhat unusual these days giving a rather large number of all unbeaten dogs in the ring for the BIS challenge, so a good win for Mowdie.

Further south at Humberside Hound Erylan Zeus Roi des Dieux went BIS3 under Alan Mease, having received BOB from Alayna Allen and it was another BOB for our Beaujons Vagabond of Monkams, this time at Hitchin. There, thanks to Kim Culyer-Dawson and her "one cake fits all" decorating skills, we took the opportunity to celebrate three days early Lynn Wood's 75th birthday and Sue & Nick Marshall's Silver Wedding Anniversary, which by chance fall on the same day.

Following on from her RBPIS win at Hound Association of Scotland under Wendell Moore, Richard & Heidi Allenby's Soletreader Fun Times for Rangali notched up another win, this time at South West Hound where she went RBIS and BPIS. Breed judge was Ken Andrew and BIS judge Keith Pursglove.

Meanwhile, in Ireland the Erylan partnership's Ch/Ir Ch Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune went BIS at the Combined Canine Club Easter Classic International Show held at Leopardstown, Co Dublin. The judges were Tino Pehar from Croatia for the breed and Group and Rui Oliveira (Portugal) for BIS.

Most of us are aware of limber, dead or cold-water tail which is extremely annoying if it happens just before a show. The problem is characterised by a limp tail that hangs directly down, or a few inches out, from the base of the tail and affects some breeds more than others. The problem may be due to one of several reasons. Bathing is but one. If you shampoo and get water under your dog's tail, it is thought that this can cause a restriction of the blood supply (ischaemia) to the tail muscles (caudal myopathy). The specific muscle groups most severely affected are the intertransversarius ventralis caudalis (IVC) muscles. These muscles create the side-to-side motion of tail wagging. There is very little space around the tail head within which the muscles can expand. As a result, the blood supply to these muscles is restricted, causing pain, swelling, muscle damage and paralysis. Prolonged crating or cage transport which restricts a dog's ability to move around is another reason. If you have a long drive to a show, schedule rest stops to allow you dog to move and stretch its legs.

Rather unusually I have now become aware that high wind – that is the cold weather type! – can be another cause of dead tail. I recently walked our PBGVs in extremely high winds and, on the walk, realised the tail of one of them had dropped and stayed that way for the remainder of the walk and at home. Bizarrely, Jenna experienced the same after walking our other two PBGVs in the same weather. Both recovered from this exposure to cold weather by the end of the day, which was a relief as we had a show a few days later.

Typically this condition generally resolves within a few days and, for this reason, it is wise to bath your PBGV several days before a show and avoid getting its rear end wet. If the condition is serious and your PBGV appears uncomfortable, a trip to the vet for some pain relief, such as a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, may be necessary.

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AN IMPRESSIVE WEBSITE <https://edsparis2022.fr/> advertised the European Dog Show which took place at Nord Villepinte in the suburbs of Paris on 22-24 April. The French championship show for Group 6 took place first on 23 April followed by the European Dog Show on 24th. The PBGV judge for the French championship show was Bernard Rousset (Fr), who had an entry of 20. He awarded both CACs and CACIBs to Claude Jehanno with Neige des Echos de Buzet, who went BOB, and Peeter des Echos de Buzet. RCACIBs went to Claude Jehanno's Mr Tango des Echos de Buzet and Anouk Huikeshoven's Coco Caramel v Tum-Tums Vriendjes. Anouk also won Best Puppy with Jour Après Jour Princesse Jasmine and her Best Junior, Bientôt v Tum-Tums Vriendjes won the Junior Group. The following day Gerard Genichon (Fr) was the judge for the EDS. His entry was 24 and BOB went to the Working Class winner, Claude Jehanno's Peeter des Echos de Buzet. BOS to Anouk Huikeshoven's 14mth old Olympe v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes. RCACIB winners were the same as the day before.

Ken Andrew was the AVNSC Hound judge at WELKS where, from an entry of 10 present, he awarded Best Bitch and Best AVNSC Hound to Robertson's Ch Soletreder Rita Ora, handled by Lizzie Cadmore and shortlisted in the group judged by Elina Haapaniemi. RBB and BP went to Allenby's Soletreder Fun Times for Rangali.

The current Our Dogs/Pro Plan Top PBGV Puppy is Mike Lewin's Soletreder Special Effect handled by Adrian Marett.

Over the past week there were occasions to celebrate the life of two people. In Denmark on 21 April PBGV owners attended the funeral of Vibeke Krogsgaard's husband, Kjeld, who had unfortunately suffered years of ill health. I had asked Vibeke at Crufts how he was and things were looking really bad then so the sadness must be tinged with relief that his suffering is now over. And, in Queensland Australia on Saturday, set against a background of a montage of photographs of Maree McKenzie's life, beautiful memorial tributes were paid including one that I had written about our friendship over the years. A rose bush was then planted and, following her wishes, Maree's ashes, which had been transported from New Zealand, were scattered in a special area at the dog show training ground at Durack, near Brisbane. Maree died of cancer at the end of 2020. Her great friend, Amanda Cooney, was unfortunately unable to attend because she had tested positive for Covid, but her mother Kerry live-streamed the touching occasion which I was grateful to watch during the night here. The BGV Club's two walks last weekend were blessed with good weather and well attended – one arranged by Claire Gilluley was at The Kelpies, Falkirk, Scotland and the other hosted by Kathryn Moulding at Shooters Hill, South East London.

With Covid relaxations, the BGV Club can finally hold a face-to-face Annual General Meeting this Saturday. It takes place at Roade Village Hall starting at 9am before the Club open show, where there is an entry of 45 PBGVs for judge Sue Brundle. These will be judged after 19 GBGVs and the lunch break. For the next championship show, there are 46 PBGVs entered under Anders Tunold-Hanssen (Norway) at Birmingham National on 6 May.

Last week one of our PBGVs developed a limp and, on inspection, her pad looked as though it had been burnt. We were somewhat puzzled until we remembered that, like Ghostbusters, the local council workmen had been out spraying kerbsides with herbicides. Although we can't definitely attribute this to the herbicides, having hunted on google, it seems that many weed killers contain glyphosate, which is harmful to dogs. If a dog ingests glyphosate – which usually occurs when they sniff or snack on grass that's been sprayed with it – there can be some nasty consequences, including heart rate problems, difficulty breathing and convulsions. Other side effects include burns or sores around their mouth, nose or paws, a rash or itchy skin, vomiting or diarrhoea. If your dog has ingested the weed killer, you will need to go to your vet. There are various creams, such as Exmarid, for use on pads. While some vets don't recommend the use of any tea tree oil product on small animals, including cats and dogs, we have now applied it successfully as the low concentration does more good than any potential harm. When used properly on dogs it can heal dry, damaged skin, kill yeast, kill fleas and scabies, and soothe the itchy skin caused by airborne allergens.

As long ago as 2008 Pedigree Dogs Exposed took up issues that they felt compromised the health and welfare of certain breeds. The KC came in for criticism and there followed some alterations to Breed Standards to resolve issues in some breeds. Now something that appears to have even greater far-reaching effects has slipped in quietly under the radar and that is the German Animal Welfare Regulation for the Protection of Dogs which came into force on 1 January 2022. It provides for a ban on showing certain dogs including those with hereditary diseases. Before a show every dog entered must undergo a general examination by the owner's vet to identify any indications of such disease. Being done beforehand guarantees that the dog can attend a show and so avoids the usual entrance checks. Naturally there is a cost attached! If the dog has glaucoma, it may only be exhibited if there is a veterinary certificate that the cause of the glaucoma is not congenital. At each show judges will implement Breed Specific Instructions and pay particular attention to health and functionality in the breeds listed of which there are forty-one. Special examination will be on the basis of the estimated risk of health-endangering exaggeration of breed characteristics and possible misleading interpretation of the Standard. At the moment Bassets are included, also GBGVs are listed under the condition they should not be affected by ears that touch the ground when the head is down; or heavy ears that impede ventilation of the ear canals. PBGVs, whose earflaps should not reach beyond the tip of the nose, escape this condition. So quite what the future now holds for the FCI GBGV Breed Standard relating to length of ear remains to be seen. However the effect of this legislation, which I gather has been formulated by the government in consultation with Animal Welfare people, is already taking effect as the popular Neumunster show, scheduled to take place in June, has been cancelled.

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ANOTHER CLUB OPEN SHOW IS OVER. A change of venue saw us all at Roade Village Hall in Northants. The day was well organised, well run and resulted in plenty of happy people. A constant supply of delicious food and drinks was also welcome with Geraldine Dodd's culinary skills once more coming in for much praise, alongside others who contributed. As the committee was down by a couple of members, ex-committee member Paul Stallard was a willing volunteer in the kitchen while the others were busy with the raffle, running the show, allocating trophies, photography and other jobs. Several would-be BGV owners also made it to the show to enjoy seeing a lovely number of the breed and talking to the owners.

The Annual General Meeting took place before the show. The posts of President Peter Bedford, Vice President Gavin Robertson, Chairman Michael MacLaren and committee members Martin Bishop, Claire Cooper and Karen Powney were confirmed for a 3yr term. Honorary Treasurer and Secretary posts remained the same, with Treasurer Colin Makey once more professing to not wanting the money (he hasn't yet seen his utility bills) and a division in the Secretarial portion to be made to take account of the time both I and Dianne Reid covered the post last year. Peter Marks presented me with a gift from the committee for my years as Secretary.

Unfortunately Linda Lewis was unable to be present when discussion took place on the proposal she and I put concerning bringing the PBGV Standard for the nose into line with all countries, including the country of origin and the GBGV Breed Standard. All present were in favour of it being put to the full membership, although this followed a suggestion of amendment to the proposal to allow for inviting views from interested parties. I agreed and said that, although the KC would only want a short statement on reason for change, this could take place in tandem with a vote to capture views of both GBGV and PBGV breeders and those judges who are club members. No actual wording was decided or voted on.

Only Club Points Trophies were awarded for 2021 Championship Shows as, with lockdown and Covid restrictions, there had been precious few Open Shows held during 2021. Presentation of the trophies to those present to receive them was made by founder member Elaine Fayerman and the PBGV winners were: Top PBGV – Oliver & Erin Robertson's Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back; BOS PBGV – Ray & Gail Foote and Erin McAulay's Ch/Ir Ch Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune; Reserve Top Male – Oliver & Sara Robertson's Soletrader Super Mario; Reserve Top Bitch – Ray & Gail Foote and Erin McAulay's Erylan Hera La Reine; Top Puppy - Ray & Gail Foote and Erin McAulay's Erylan Fantastique Freya; Reserve Top Puppy – Susan Allen & Claire Gilluley's Ballencriff Figgy Pudding; Top Non-CC winner – Tim & Deborah Bartley's Erylan Zeus Roi Des Dieux; Top Veteran – Phil & Dianne Reid's Ch Maudaxi Tommy Holedigger; Reserve Top Veteran – Vi Mochan's Soletrader Tinker Taylor. Top Sire – Gavin & Sara Robertson's Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb; Top Dam - Ray & Gail Foote and Erin McAulay's Ch/Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle. The winners of the Crufts 2022 trophies were Jane Brown for BOB with Ch Soletrader Valentino Rossi with the BOS trophy going to Kyle & Lizzie Cadmore's Soletrader Cotton Candy.

Several points were raised under AOB. Dianne Reid confirmed that, with Tina Parker being moved from judging Grands at the 2023 Open Show to 2021 and herself being a replacement for Michael MacLaren at this year's show, Michael MacLaren will now judge Grands at the 2023 Open Show. Lack of progress on the new website also came under discussion.

There was a short break before the show started and PBGVs were judged after GBGVs with Sue Brundle's entry of 45 reduced by 12 absent. Best Dog came from Limit Dog with our Beaujous Vagabond of Monkams (Multi Ch Petit Heroes Canned Heat ex Beaujous Tickled Pink ShCM), RBD Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect (After Me Back to Basics with Soletrader [imp Fin] ex Soletrader Treale Tart). Handled by Adrian Marett, he also went Best Puppy. From Junior Bitch Best Bitch and ultimately Best of Breed went to Erin Robertson's Soletrader Ivy League (Soletrader Marvellous Mo ex Ch Around Zlightly Different with Soletrader [imp Swe]). From Limit Bitch RBB and Reserve BOB went to Lynne Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks (Multi Ch Soletrader Chip n' Pin ex Soletrader Toffee Crisp). With two Veteran Bitches absent, Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEx stood alone in dogs to win Best Veteran. He is owned by Matt & Claire Gilluley and is out of Ch Haliston Velu ex Haliston Yelena.

Helen Bamforth was the Best in Show judge and she awarded the PBGV top honours with Reserve BIS going to Amanda O'Day, Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren's GBGV Tarmachan Black Ice. After that, it was all honours to PBGVs with Best Opposite Sex in Show going to our Beaujous Vagabond of Monkams, Best Puppy in Show to Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect and Reserve BPIS to Erin Robertson & Wendy Doherty's Soletrader Lana Delray (Black Majesty Superstitious ex Ch Around Zlightly Different with Soletrader [imp Swe]). BVIS was Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEx.

Announced shortly after, the lucky recipients of the Limited Odds Draw money for May are Lynn Wood with £15, Sue Brundle £10 and Phil Reid with £5. The same weekend, the PBGVCA Regional and National took place in St Louis with Celeste Gonzales the Regional judge and Pat Trotter the National. Handled by Greg Strong, Best of Breed at both shows went to Jeanne/Charles Hurty & Lynne/Mark Florian's GCHS CJ's Oh Happy Day On Five Mile (GCHS Celestial CJ's Ringmaster At Talus ex GCH CJ's Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile). Best Opposite Sex at the Regional went to Clint/Karen Livingston's CH Soletrader Dean Martin (Around Another Bad Hair Day ex Ch Soletrader Rita Ora). National BOS was GCHB M&M Stellar Spotify (GCH Soletrader Right Said Fred ex GCHB Soletrader Annie Mac), owned by Janice Hayes & D Moore/E Ciceron/W Doherty/J Brown.

Following the Regionals Nick Frost wrote "Paris, Am Ch Soletrader Martin, goes BOS. But it was his children who kept the flag flying. Our lovely Ch Dehra Vivace, his daughter, was Select Bitch and his California litter bred by Janice Hayes and Donna Moore won Winners Dog and Best in Sweeps with M&M's Mayhem and Madness and his sister, M&M's Stella Sophia at Dehra, who we own was BOS in Sweeps. Her sister M&M's Stella Hot Mess Express was 1st in the 12-18 regular class and Sophia was 2nd. Our Scamp, (who is not a Paris daughter!), Jus Naughty but Nice at Dehra won the Open Bitch class and was Reserve Winners Bitch. Further National awards went to: Best of Winners: Margaret/Kristina Kriek's Kriekside Go To Start; Select Dog: CH Soletrader Dean Martin; Select Bitch: Patricia Opperman & Clint/Karen Livingston GCH Mirepoix's Dubble Bubble; Awards Of Merit: Brianne Major & Billye Tezel's CH Picasso v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes; Janice Hayes & Donna Moore's GCHS M&M's Calamity Jane; Owner-Handled BOB: Gloria Swaine & Kristina/Margaret Kriek's CH Kriekside's Desert Magic; Best Puppy in Regular: Dr Sheri Russell & Julie Patino/Cindy Wilt's Talus' You And Me Together At Annisquam Light; Best Veteran: GCHS M&M's Calamity Jane; Best Bred By Exhibitor: Kriekside Go To Start. It was a lovely touch that the catalogue listed all previous years' winners, also included photos of last year's main winners. The marked up catalogue can be viewed on <https://pbgv.org/Gallery/HOF.shtml>.

Finally one further result from the European Dog Show, thanks to Sirpa Koivulaakso who let me know. A wonderful win of BPIS for Luca Ruggeri's 8mth old Nightdream Teresa Di Vincenzo (Singapore & Fin Ch Bayclan Captain America ex Nightdream Paris Jackson). She was bred by Sirkka Sundström in Finland. Luca tells me that unbelievably she is his first PBGV and, having now seen the video clip, she is certainly a wonderfully lively little soul who moved beautifully around the ring. Naturally Luca is hoping she will have an exciting future.

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TWO DAYS AFTER THE CLUB OPEN SHOW Chelmsford held theirs at Stapleford Abbotts. Having worked hard at Roade on 30 April, the following evening found BGVC committee member, Martin Bishop, at Brook Farm Equine Training Centre setting up rings ready for the Bank Holiday Monday show, where once again he never stopped working all day. PBGV breed judge was Marion Hodgson (Ddalrus) who awarded BOB to our Monkams Luna Luvgood, then Hound Group 4. RBOB, BP and Hound Puppy Group 3 went to young Eddie (Beaujous Limited Edition) at his first show. He is co-owned by us and Paul Osbourne who showed him.

Instead of travelling from Scotland to the club open show, the Erylan PBGVs were taken to Ireland, a last chance to pick up the final points needed for Fantastique Freya's Irish junior title. Subject to IKC confirmation, she achieved this at Fermoy Canine Club. Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning Avec Erylan ShCM was Best Veteran in Breed. Ch/Ir Ch Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune Ir Jun Ch picked up the Green Star CACIB and RBOB. Erylan Love of My Life went BP and Puppy Group 3. The only dog entered, Collins-Neill & Robertson's Ch Soletrader Pat On the Back, went BOB. The judge was Mrs S Kealy. The following day at the South Tipperary Canine Club show the breed judge was Ms A Palumbo and Erylan Love Of My life went BP with BV once again going to Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning Avec Erylan ShCM. This gained her Veteran title subject to IKC confirmation. While sister Rosie, Erylan Hera La Reine, went RBOB, Hebe La Fille Jeune Ir Jun Ch was BOB and Hound Group 2 under Mr M Western.

And last weekend Lorna Wyllie went to Kirkcaldy & District Canine Club Open Show where her home bred Callydena Mowdie Miss Chief went BOB then Hound Group 2. Her Callydena Toffee Bon Bon won Best Hound Veteran. The judge was William Orzel.

At Birmingham National where Anders Tunold-Hanssen (Nor) awarded CCs in the breed for the first time, main awards went to Soletraders. BCC/BOB Tangomango, DCC & BV Ch Valentino Rossi, RDCC Ch Freddie Mercury JW, RBCC Flora Good Time, BP Fun Times for Rangali.

Best Special Beginner went to Sandra Whiting's Tangaer Enigma at Glasbeuno.

Full results can be viewed on <https://www.highampress.co.uk/.../basset-griffon-vendeen...>

After a late start of the PBGV judging and then staying to compete for BV in breed, Gail Foote managed to make it to the Hound Breeders Competition just in time where the Foote & McAulay Erylan PBGVs came 4th. The judge was Keith Young. And Anthony Allen judged the YKC Members Stakes where Katherine O'Brien came first with Caldewriver Lotsa Trouble. Cooper, O'Brien and Ellingford's Ch Afterglow Agnes Gru Avec Jayanel placed fourth.

The next championship show is SKC, where there are 30 PBGVs for Leila Tarabad giving CCs for the first time. For those of you who haven't seen it, the Crufts PBGV critique is now on <https://kcjudgescritiques.org.uk/.../mark-cocozza-e9c95300/>.

Entries for Border Union have now closed but if you have already entered or would love a visit to this enchanting area just north of the Border, the Club's first open show to be held in Scotland is finally taking place. This is following abortive attempts in 2020 and 2021, predominantly due to a small problem called Covid. The judge is Imogen Clark Bonwick (L'Oiseau), with BIS judge Linda Mackenzie (Limier). It will be in conjunction with Border Union at Springwood Park, Kelso on Hound Day, Sunday 19 June and the schedule will be available shortly online via Arena Print. Joan Robertson is show secretary and, if you prefer to do a paper entry, they can be sent to her at 71 Dibleys, Blewbury, Didcot OX11 9PU. She can also send you a schedule. Tel: 01235 851914 Email: joaniws71@gmail.com. Postal entries close on 3 June, online 6 June.

How sad that Vy Mochan has lost Soletrader Tinker Taylor ShCM at 10½yrs old. A name familiar to most of us for many years, Soletrader bred but his sire was Am Ch Dehra Amazona Bvlgari, his dam Villaudens Pria with Soletrader (Imp Swe). The handsome Biggles had still been appearing at championship shows, going Best Veteran at East of England and Leeds last year.

Many years ago when we had our first PBGV litter, my husband said “There goes another load of heartache” and I didn’t understand what he meant but his words were so true. Each of us takes a dog into our heart, they become a family member and we grow to love them. They take part in our lives, we talk to them, they share our ups and downs. Coping with their loss is far from easy, especially when they go before their time.

Dogs live for an average of around 12 years, so any time after that is seen as a bonus and is certainly a time when our PBGVs take on the most wonderful character. To keep your older PBGV comfortable, here are a few things to bear in mind.

- * He needs more rest, a cosy bed and somewhere quiet where he won’t be disturbed.

- * He may need to go to the toilet more frequently, even during the night.

- * Keep things easily accessible. Make sure everything is within easy reach so he doesn't have to go too far to find water, food, a bone to chew on and a bed.

- * Make sure floor surfaces are non-slippery floors as they can be difficult for older dogs to walk on - or put a rug or carpet down to give some grip.

- * As your PBGV gets older, his dietary requirements change and he will probably benefit from gradually moving onto food designed for senior dogs.

- * Monitor how much he eats and drinks as changes in habits may point to underlying medical problems.

- * Although your PBGV may be slowing down, he still needs regular exercise and mental stimulation. Walking little and often will help keep weight down.

- * Chews, bones and puzzle feeders can keep him entertained.

- * To stave off joint problems, consider giving Glucosamine and Chondroitin tablets. These are available specifically for dogs.

Finally, a quirk of old age in PBGVs is that they start to resent grooming. They like to be left alone! Gentle grooming helps you spend quality time with him, also gives you the chance to check for lumps and bumps, aches and pains. However, if your PBGV now grumbles at having his coat tidied up by hand or knife stripping, consider resorting to electric clippers. This will ruin the coat but for an elderly PBGV it is a comfy way to live!

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WE ARE SPEEDING THROUGH THE YEAR and have you noticed how show dates are clashing, which must inevitably affect entries? At the end of this month the popular Hound Club of East Anglia is scheduled for 29 May, the day before Hounds at Bath; and South West Essex takes place on 29 August, the same day as Hounds at Driffield, where the PBGV judge is Ann Macdonald. So, although we may go without breed classes for some weeks, they eventually come along like buses, two in one weekend leaving those who are unable to enter both no option but to make a decision.

A round up of open show results. Our local show, Wickford & Basildon, took place last weekend. Wonderful to have just a 15min drive. This show has taken place outdoors since 2011 when a double booking forced them to accept the outside area. However this turned out to be a blessing in disguise, moving from the somewhat dingy barns to the wide open grass area. And since 2011 they have somehow miraculously been blessed with good weather, turning it into a favourite show for many.

PBGV judge was Simon Burton (Glencorrie) who awarded our Beaujons Vagabond of Monkams (Multi Ch Petit Heroes Canned Heath ex Beaujons Tickled Pink) BOB. He subsequently went G4 under Alan Mease. Lynn and Steve Wood’s Beaujons Leading Lady (Beaujons Zouk ex Beaujons Whisper) was BP and gained Hound Puppy Group 2. Fortunately group judging had just finished when, on a hot day and with clear blue skies, without warning and out of absolutely nowhere a great gust took umbrellas, tents and the Hound Group ring gazebo flying over the showground. A few minutes earlier and it would have taken Alan Mease with it.

Meanwhile in Scotland Perthshire Canine Club also pulled out all the stops to mount a fabulous show at Errol Showground. There Katie O’Brien gained BOB with Caldewriever Lotsa Trouble (Ir Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEx ex Jayanel Daisy Doo). Lisa Reid (Saadani) was the judge. And the following day at the other end of the UK in Maidstone at Gravesend & Medway Beaujons Leading Lady capped off a successful weekend by going BP and BOB under Ian Shadbolt (Akura).

At Pollard CS, Barnsley, there were no breed classes but Mike Lewin’s Soletrader Special Effect, handled by Adrian Marett, went through from the AV classes to win Hound Puppy Group 1, judged by Ann Defaye (Fedaye).

At Herts & Essex’s new outdoor venue, Dullingham Polo Fields near Newmarket, BOB went to Teresa Eaton’s Linphil Kili (Ch Debucher Unique ex Tangaer Zibelline) with BP going to Paul Osbourne and our Beaujons Limited Edition, litter brother of Leading Lady. The judge was Antonio Skaboullos (Cloudbuster). It has just taken someone over two months to get KC Permission to Show for one of his PBGVs. And this was the second time of applying, having received no response to the first application a long time ago. Thanks to his tenacity, it was finally resolved with a phone call where he was bounced from pillar to post until he finally spoke to someone who offered to help. She said she’d look into the delay and call him back. He had very little hope or expectation of hearing from her again but did indeed receive an e-mail half an hour later. Apparently the file he had originally sent to them, which contained vet information, was too big for their system to accept and, without letting him know or following it up, his application had been dumped in garbage. Hard to believe but it seems their procedure is to never review unless someone chases up. This bizarre state of affairs actually resulted in the BGV Club losing an entry at the recent open show. Entry numbers for Bath have been announced where Jeff Horswell has 32 PBGVs. Last weekend he was judging PBGVs at the 3 day International Show at Roskilde in Denmark. However it was a low entry on the first day of the show with only three PBGVs present, fewer than our open shows here attract. Unfortunately, with a three day show, the cost of entering every day at about £48 per dog becomes prohibitive for many.

After Bath there is a run of four championship shows where there are no CCs for PBGVs. At Southern Counties on Friday 3 June there are 26 PBGVs for Lisa Rual. Twenty-seven are entered at Border Union on 19 June for Ceri McEwan. The entry figures for Jackie Hornby at Three Counties on 10 June and Colin Ashmore at Blackpool on 25 June, where online closing has been extended to 23 May, are not yet known.

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THE FIRST RAIN FOR SOME TIME coincided with Hound day at Scottish Kennel Club where there were 8 dogs and 18 bitches for judge Leila Tarabad who was giving CCs for the first time. Best of Breed went to the bitch Cadmore & Major’s Soletrader Flora Good Time, with the DCC going to Reid’s Vilaudens Magnificent Mile (Imp Nld). Reserves went to Bartley’s Erylan Loki Maitre Du Mal and Wyllie’s Callydena Mowdie Miss Chief. Best Veteran was Foote & McAulay’s Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM. Star of the show was Allenby’s Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali, who went BP then on to Hound Puppy Group 1 and, after a second long journey up to Scotland again, RBPIS under Liz Stannard.

Much has been written in the press and on social media of late about the general decline in dog showing not only here but throughout Europe, with low entries everywhere. From Denmark’s Roskilde’s international 3 day show, which I mentioned last week, where the highest PBGV entry over the three days was five, to the French Nationale d’Élevage taking place this weekend at La G  n  touze in the Vend  e where the combined entry for judges Giancarlo Raimondi (dogs) and Lionel Callegarin (bitches) is but 34. Although this compares favourably with PBGV classes at our all-breed championship shows here in the UK, the National d’Elevage in the country of origin has always traditionally attracted a good entry. It is therefore sobering to reflect that just ten years ago, when held at Chateau de Villenard near Bourges, the PBGV was over four times higher at 141.

I remember in 2000, when the BGV Club show secretary achieved an entry of 44 present at the prestigious Houndshow everyone was shocked at such a low number. These days this would be considered good. Apart from there being fewer breeders these days and therefore fewer PBGVs entering the ring, now there are other reasons why dog showing has taken a knock over the past few years. Following on from our enforced time at home when many realised they could manage without, currently top of the “can’t do it” list must be the rise in the cost of living and fuel prices. Priorities are now putting food on the table (and feeding the dogs!) and household bills. With most championship shows now charging £30 a dog, entering two or three dogs, plus fuel and other extras puts a day out at £150 or more. More so now than ever before the nominated judge will now come into the equation.

I was so very sorry to read that Kim Culyer-Dawson has had to say goodbye to Culdaws Dreams Turn to Gold at the age of nearly 14. Born on 27 September 2008, her sire was Ch Gemshorn Rocky, dam Monkams Hippy Chick. As is Kim’s way, the lovely Amber was only lightly shown, but she will be remembered fondly in the household as her line carries on down to Kim’s Culdaws Legend of Gold (Sioux), who has now emerged into the showing and is doing well, also her Beaujons Yasmin, daughter of Sioux and Beaujons Whisper.

In 2010, just after the publication of the updated PBGV Breed Standard, I wrote an article predominantly for pet owners entitled "A PBGV is a PBGV is a PBGV" – and Amber was the model.

There are now well over 200 pedigree dog breeds in this country, therefore it is pretty marvellous that each one looks completely different. So that each breed stays looking more or less the same over the years, all pedigree dogs have a "Breed Standard" – a description of each part of the body, and of the dog's character and temperament. Health needs are also borne in mind and the breed's original function. When conscientious breeders think about having a litter, they consider how best to promote and perpetuate the ideal of the breed.

However looking at the various Standards, what are the differences? Hard to believe – but not many! Sometimes we would be hard pushed to know which Standard we are reading but dedicated judges all become expert at understanding the important features of each breed that make it what it is and make it just that little bit different from every other breed. At the time the PBGV Standard was revised, it was hoped that judges and exhibitors would familiarise themselves with the main slight shifts of emphasis. For instance "Length of body measured from point of shoulder to point of buttock exceeds height at withers at a ratio of approximately 7:5". This KC terminology avoided use of decimals and equated to the historically researched and more familiar height/length breed terminology of "1 : 1.4", the accepted norm. "Level topline" – though the well-muscled and strong loin gives the appearance of a very slight rise in this area, especially when on the move. "Tail reaching no further than the hock when lowered" – one of the points that sets the PBGV apart from the GBGV whose tail is rather long. Even though the emphasis was altered here and there, these small changes are now an accepted part of the PBGV Standard and, although words may have been changed, the breed is instantly recognisable and one owners will continue to love nonetheless.

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AS WE CELEBRATE The Queen's platinum jubilee, it is astounding to realise that she will become the first British Monarch to have had such a historic reign of 70 years of service. It is an occasion that will not happen again in our lifetimes. Thirty-two years after she assumed the role, in 1984 we had our first Monkham's litter, sire Jomil Larbi, dam Jomil Sirène of Monkham's. I mention this because in that litter was Queenie, Monkham's Honeysuckle, who went to live with Joe in Theydon Bois. He kept in touch with us regularly throughout Queenie's life. She was much loved and could not have had a better home. That is all that any breeder can ask for.

The kind weather allowed Bath championship show to live up to its high reputation with impressive showground conditions and a well mown car park. The Erylan clan had made the long trip south to the venue, having just won Reserve Best in Show with Hera La Reine at Carluke & DCS. Not content with that, from winning Limit Bitch at Bath she swept up her second CC and went on to BOB under judge Jeff Horswell. They also won Best Veteran with Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning Avec Erylan ShCM. Dog CC went to Gemma McCartney's Ch Soletrader Freddie Mercury JW. RDCC was Jane Brown's Callydena Dougal McLennan and RBCC Linda Lewis' Ms Linda Tangaer Heather. BP went to Richard & Heidi Allenby's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali and Best Special Beginner Helen & Paul Wheeler's Jacmist Tuesdays Child. The entry was, in fact, 31 with 3 absent.

There have been some heavy downpours over the past few days so no doubt the Southern Counties committee members are praying the rain holds off for their show this weekend. Three Counties follows on, again with no CCs but judge Jackie Hornby has an entry of 15.

On 25 May Ferelith Somerfield passed away aged 85. Editor of the former Dog World and a doyenne in every aspect of the show world, she last judged PBGVs at Birmingham National in 2010. There, at the windswept Staffordshire County showground, she finally succumbed to putting a scarf over her head. She had an entry of 44 less 8 absentees. Seen here with Karen Powney showing Afterglow Cristofur Robin, she awarded DCC/BOB to Ch/Dutch Ch Cappuccino Van Tum-Tums Vriendjes, with BCC going to Ch Soletrader Daisy Duck. BP was our Monkham's Kiwi. By 2012 Ferelith had withdrawn from judging the breed and was placed on the club's Honorary List.

Another exposed showground was Sacrewell Farm & Country Centre where, the day before Hounds at Bath, Editha Newton was the PBGV judge at Hound Club of East Anglia. She awarded BOB to Watson & Kenna's Cynetkoy Winter Romance with Reserve going to Hutchings' Tangaer French Romance. BP was Wood's Beaujons Leading Lady.

Taglines Double The Fun with Soletrader (imp Nor) bred by Anders Tunold-Hanssen became an English champion in 2016 under Diana Sadler at the Club Championship Show. While in the UK, Trevor sired eight litters, including Soletrader Bobs Your Uncle and Right Said Fred, Tangaer Bryntelych, Ch Overbecks Kathy Tere and Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle and Loki Maitre Du Mal. Now, at almost 8yrs old, he has added Finnish Champion to his various titles. The show was Mynämäki All Breeds and the judge Sophie Aspholm.

Coinciding with the Bath weekend, the French Nationale d'Elevage took place at La Génétouze. There, at just 14mths old, Gwen Huikeshoven's Olympe van Tum-Tum's Vriendjes, handled by Anouk, went Best Opposite Sex to Claude Jehanno's Nuage des Echo de Buzet who went on to BIS.

And to get your further fill of PBGVs, you can view photos of the recent PBGVCA Regional and National, including the annual Top 20 Winners, at <https://www.thegoldenhound.com/2022-pbgv-national>. <https://thegoldenhound.zenfolio.com/p404401651> is especially interesting as it shows photos of the multitude of events and gives an appreciation of the amount of work entailed in mounting such a large-scale occasion.

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A FEW LATE RESULTS from Bath. Handled by Sara Robertson, Erin Robertson & Wendy Doherty's Soletrader Lana Delray won the day's Eukanuba Puppy Stakes and, with the benefit of showing on the last day, went straight on to be awarded the Overall Winner of all four days. The judge was Martin Sanders. In the Special Beginners Stakes, Emma Moore's Afterglow Dough Ble Impact achieved VHC under Mrs I Glen. Erin Robertson came 4th in the Junior Handling Association 12-16 class, judged by Neil Hood. Graham Hill was the Breeders judge, awarding 3rd place to Gail Foote & Erin McAulay's Petits.

Also worthy of a special mention was the Inaugural Inflatable Dog Show finals, an additional appointment for Martin Sanders. Heidi Allenby conducted the informative commentary, with Vince Hogan providing a more than amusing commentary for Our Dogs. To view the fun competition between Steven the Boston Terrier, Dave the Pug, Gary the Dachshund and Colin the Corgi go to <https://www.facebook.com/www.../videos/1327800351046871>. I won't spoil it by telling you the winner.

On to Southern Counties where, with 3 absent and one entered in more than one class, there were 22 PBGVs for judge Lisa Rual to go over. Best Dog went to Jane Brown's Ch Soletrader Valentino Rossi with Best Bitch and Best of Breed going to Ray & Gail Foote and Erin McAulay's Ch/Ir Ch Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune. They also swept up Reserve Best Bitch with Erylan Hera La Reine and Best Veteran with Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM. Reserve Best Dog was Gina McCartney's Ch Soletrader Freddie Mercury JW, Best Puppy Richard & Heidi Allenby's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali and Best Special Beginners Richard & Emma Moore's Afterglow Dough Ble Impact.

With Antonia Leech taking her round the ring, judge Mark Coccozza short-listed Hebe La Fille Jeune (Rosie) in the Hound Group and, handled by Tim Bartley, Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM later went Veteran Hound Group 2 under Unto Timonen (Fin). Other places were a 2nd in Hound YKC Stakes for Maisie Allenby with Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali, and Ch Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel placed 5th. She also placed 1st in Adult Handing. Both classes were judged by Robin Newhouse. Kimmo Mustonen (Fin) was the judge for the Eukanuba Pup of the Year Stakes and, in Puppy Dog, he awarded 2nd to Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect with Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali going 3rd in Puppy Bitch. He also judged the Breeders Competition, awarding 2nd place Ch/Ir Ch Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune.

Reading & DKA held their open show at Newbury Showground two days before Southern Counties' Hound day and there was a disappointing PBGV entry of only 4, with just 2 present. Breed judge was Caroline Friend-Rees, awarding BP and BOB to Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali who went on to Hound Group 4 and Hound Puppy Group 2. Although the convenient arrangement of holding an open show at the same venue and within a couple of days of the main event now seems an annual fixture for some canine societies – East of England Agricultural Society Open show is another – unless exhibitors live locally or are actually camping on the showground, unfortunately it is a big ask to expect anyone to travel to the same venue on two separate days.

Claire Gilluley made the trip south to go to Tyne, Wear and Tees Hound Association Open Show where her and Susan Allen's Ballencrieff Jingle Belle went BOB with BOS going to litter brother Figgy Pudding. However star of the day was their Ir Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEx who went Best Veteran in Show. Breed and BIS judge was Jen Davies (Seevad).

I was extremely sorry to learn of the death on 24 May of Mick Virgo. Mick and wife Sue's involvement with the BGV goes back many, many years, having owned both breeds. The one PBGV that sticks in my mind is Attends Moi Jean Luc à Sumahari, owned in partnership with Val Jackson and Peter Marks. Born in 1998, his

sire was Morebess Elan de Baune (imp Dk), his dam Dehra Joyeuse. Over the years Mick was a familiar face at club shows where he could be seen regularly at the corner of the ring videoing the event. Ten years ago the club open show at Steventon in 2012 was but one example where Mick and his camera were at the corner of the ring throughout the show. Then at the end of each breed's judging, he filmed five examples for a planned judges' educational video, though I don't think this ever got off the ground. I am sure everyone joins me in sending heartfelt condolences to Sue.

I was also sorry to read that Carolyn Dexter and her husband Tony have lost their beloved Dexter, who was born in 2007. One of a litter of six bred by Diana Sadler, Gemshorn Double Dexter's sire was Ch/Dk Ch Monkams Brimstone, his dam Bibi Herzogin von der Burginsel (Imp Ger).

Of course, the circle of life goes on and local ringcraft classes are a good place to socialise pups. Two youngsters that recently won at the monthly match are Lynn & Steve Wood's Beaujons Leading Lady who went Best Puppy at Wickford & Basildon and Lisa Guernari & Paul Dane's Cynetkoy's Tinker Tailor who won the same award at Colchester & DCS, then topped that by going Reserve BIS. The judge at both matches was Isobel West, who must clearly be a fan of the breed.

The BGV Club's June's Limited Odds Draw winners are Alison Cocks with £15, £10 goes to Lee Harrison and £5 to Louise Parker. And only three weeks to go now until the club's Southern Funday which is being held at Therapaws, Street End Lane, Sidlesham, Chichester PO20 7RG. Entry is £1.50 per person, for which you may have free refreshments on arrival. £2 per dog per fun class or, enter three and the fourth is free. All breeds are welcome. For more information or offers of help, contact Kathryn Moulding on 07929 427426 or nykarth@hotmail.co.uk.

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THE WEATHER OVER THE MALVERN HILLS was kind this year, allowing the Group judging to take place outside. Jackie Hornby chose Kathryn Moulding's Nykarth Quite The Surprise as her BOB to go through. Other main awards went to Linda Lewis' Tangaer Erique, who was Best Dog. Reserve Best Dog went to Stefanie Brown's Erylan Chaud Comme Hades and Reserve Best Bitch to Gail Foote & Erin McAulay's Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning Avec Erylan ShCM. As the only over-7 entered, she was also Best Veteran. Best Puppy was Allenby's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali. One other award went to Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect who was placed 3rd in day two's Dog Puppy Stakes, judged by Richard Kinsey.

One other result is from Karen Powney whose nearly 8yr old Afterglow Minnie the Minx went BOB at Great Harwood Agricultural Society. The judge was Suzanne Metcalfe-Bilgin (Metadale).

The longer days are with us and the lighter mornings make it easier for exhibitors to get up, into their cars and on the road to championship shows. This weekend sees an entry of 27 PBGVs for Ceri McEwan at Border Union with 32 PBGVs for Imogen Bonwick at the partnership Club Open Show. Ring 18 is where it's all happening with BU judging of PBGVs taking place after 26 Min Long Haired Dachshunds and 15 GBGVs. Judging starts at 9am.

2022 marks the tenth year of having no CCs at Border Union. There is no doubt that removal of CCs from any breed damages the entries as, from 37 in 2011 where the last DCC went to Jean Hood's Tangaer Savoir Faire ShCM and the last BCC to our Ch Monkams Dixie Chick ShCM, the following year the PBGV entry dropped by two thirds to 15, less 3 absent. However, the subsequent encouraging rise of enthusiastic PBGV breeders and exhibitors in Scotland has resulted in maintaining a reasonable entry at those championship shows north of the border despite there being few CCs.

Turning back the clock to 2011, Adrian Marett was at that time working with Dog World and always ready to grab some news. Exhibitors were therefore amazed to see him rise majestically and fearlessly above the showground in a cherry picker, an excellent vantage point for a photograph of the entire area.

The next show is Blackpool where, with no CCs, there are 20 entered for Colin Ashmore. Entries for Windsor at the end of the month have yet to be announced. The KC Winter 2021 Breed Record Supplement has finally been issued. With 7 litters listed, it shows a total of 130 PBGVs registered last year, compared with 113 the year before.

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HARD TO BELIEVE that it is now nearly four years ago that the suggestion was made of holding a second club open show every year in Scotland, with the option of possibly a north of England venue. By the end of 2018 the Kennel Club had given it their blessing and wheels were set in motion to look into which championship show might consider the BGV Club as a partnership show. Obstacles subsequently cropped up where it proved impossible to go with a show that awarded CCs for both BGV breeds. The welcoming venue of Springwood Park in Kelso being likely to attract exhibitors to both Border Union and a club show was the natural answer. A judge was contracted to do 2020, a licence and sponsorship obtained and the schedule prepared. But you all know what happened then! Along with countless other championship shows, coronavirus, the local authorities and the KC forced Border Union to cancel their show and, alongside it, all partnership shows.

Ever the optimist that Covid-19 would be over by the following year, the club rearranged the show for June 2021 with a different judge, as the contracted 2020 one was unable to carry the appointment forward. Wheels were set in motion, everything rearranged - but, guess what? With most championship shows being cancelled throughout the year, gradual easing of restrictions resulted in an overcrowded timetable towards the end of 2021 as some shows moved their date to valiantly mount an event for their exhibitors. One was Border Union, which moved to a weekday in October. This posed various problems leading to the decision to cancel.

So, here we are in 2022 and it was third time lucky, with yet another welcome judge, Imogen Bonwick, who many will know as the daughter of Paul and Jill Clark, one time breeders of the Plainville GBGVs. Imogen has said how much she enjoyed her day and thanks everyone who entered.

Of the 32 PBGVs, there were 5 absent and 3 NFC and it turned out to be a successful show for the Erylan PBGVs. Best Dog went to Tim & Deborah Bartley's Zeus Roi Des Dieux (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb ex Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle) and Reserve BD Stefanie, Craig and Linda Brown's Chaud Comme Hades (Ogham Des Terres Du Templier with Soletrader [imp Fra] ex Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning with Erylan ShCM). With RBB and BV going to Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM (Chouan Total Vision at Clonallan ex Clonallan Chase), Best Bitch and BOB went to Hera La Reine who is from a repeat Tom Thumb - Aphrodite La Belle mating. However she was pipped to the post by the GBGVs for both BIS and RBIS under Linda Mackenzie.

And for Border Union beforehand, BOB under Ceri McEwan went to Cooper, O'Brien & Ellingford's Ch Afterglow Agnes Gru avec Jayanel (Caldewriver Despicable Me ex Kan Trace Back to Afterglow) with Best Dog to Dalgarno's Vencharno I Almost Had You (Vencharno Mojito ex Legoland Amazing Grace). Both Reserves went to Wyllie's homebred littermates Callydena Michael McEntire and Mowdie Miss Chief (Ch Soletrader Valentino Rossi ex Callydena Toffee Bon Bon). BV was Foote & McAulay's Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM and BP Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect (After Me Back to Basics with Soletrader [imp Fin] ex Soletrader Treale Tart) who, this time handled by owner Mike Lewin, took 1st place in the Hound Puppy Group judged by Moray Armstrong. There were 32 less 2 absent. Also in the KC Junior Handling Association 12-16yrs judged by Chloe Auld it was a 2nd Place for Rhian Feasby with Caldewriver Wizard of Oz at Torcarhian.

Five years ago Jette Vind Ramvad was the judge at Border Union. This year, coinciding with the Scottish show, she was one of the judges at the three-day International show at Vejen, Denmark where there were 7 entries on each day. For day two's Nordic Show, Jette found her BOB in Around Keeping in Touch, making him a Danish champion. His sire is Black Majesty's Roller Coaster del Lago degli Orsi, his dam Around Ultra Exclusive. BOS came from the Junior Bitch class, Around Make History (Around Zmile For Awhile ex Around Instant Crush).

On the first day, judge Christine Rossier had given BOB to Ulla Jansson's Around Happy Hour (Rainstone Dustin ex Around Snack Attack) also from Sweden. There was no BOS. Handled by breeder Annicka Löfgren, Happy went on to win Group 6. Day three saw Mette Aunsberg repeating the top awards of day two.

Having originally moved to the summer months to escape Covid, Westminster KC has again held its show in June, with Hound breeds this Monday. There were 13 PBGVs entered with 5 absent for Eddie Dzuik who awarded BOB to Janice Hayes, Donna Moore, Eric Ciceron, Wendy Doherty & Janice Brown's GCHS Ch M & M Stellar Spotify (GCH Ch Soletrader Right Said Fred ex GCHB Ch Soletrader Annie Mac). BOS went to Lynne & Mark Florian and Jeanne & Charles Hurty's GCHG Ch CJ's Oh Happy Day On Five Mile (GCHG Ch Celestial CJ's Ringmaster At Talus ex GCH Ch CJ's Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile). Other places: Select Dog Am Ch Soletrader Dean Martin, Select Bitch GCH Ch Rosewood's Citrus Got Real, Awards of Merit Am Ch Mirepoix's Every Vote Counts and GCHP Ch Talus Stonehouse I'm A Travelin' Man.

Another show that is finally going to take place is the Madrid World Dog Show postponed from 2020. RSCE Winner Show is on Thursday 23rd, judge Dinky Santos (PH); the CAC Specialty on Friday 24th Marko Lepasaar (EE) and the World Show on Saturday 25th, Barbara Müller (CH).

After Blackpool this weekend, there are 36 PBGVs entered for Windsor where they are in Ring 24 after Fauves. At East of England there are 44, second in Ring 17 after Irish Wolfhounds. At both shows judging starts at 9am.

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IN MADRID, at the World Dog Show there were 10 PBGVs entered for the first day's Real Sociedad Canina de España Winner Show (CAC Madrid). BOB came from the Champion Male class with Legoland Believe in Magic and BOS was Olympe v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes, winner of Junior Female. At the Specialty, with two absent, BOB went to the sole entrant, Magnificent's Kendhini From Real Hans. Of the 12 present for the World Dog Show, BOB went to the Champion Male winner Black Majesty Superstitious with BOS to the Open Class Female winner Black Majesty New York. To feast your eyes on the spectacular and somewhat different show finale, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DNKcUCZpuU>. 4hr 26min in and you can see the entrance of the BIS judge, then go on to 4.33, which is where the honky-tonk pianist joins in! Different!

Just a little closer to home, Colin Ashmore judged PBGVs at Blackpool championship show. He awarded Best Dog to Bartley's Erylan Zeus Roi Des Dieux with Reserve going to Brown's Erylan Chaud Comme Hades. Best Bitch and BOB went to Foote & McAulay's Erylan Hera La Reine, with RBB and BP going to Allenby's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali. Best Veteran was Foote & McAulay's Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM and, at this show, where a Best Junior is awarded, it went to Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect. Still a Puppy but also entered in Junior and the only one, he went on to Junior Group 3 under Rod Price. In the Young KC Handling (18-24) Katie O'Brien came 2nd handling Caldewriver Lotsa Trouble. The judge was Melanie Raymond.

And at the Royal Cheshire show, on rather a hot day Heidi Allenby won the Hound Puppy Group and went RBPIIS with her Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali. Breed judge was Debbie O'Brian and BIS Christina Chapman. Further south on an equally hot but extremely gusty day, where most ended up rather sunburnt, our Beaujons Vagabond of Monkham went BOB at Eastbourne under Helen Geeson. RBOB went to our Monkham's Memphis Belle and BP Wood's Beaujons Leading Lady.

Kathryn Moulding has been busy making last minute arrangements for the BGV Club fun day near Chichester this Sunday 3 July. Over the years the Southern Day of the BGV has forged a reputation for being extremely popular and is certainly an event not to be missed. The venue is Therapaws, Street End Lane, Sidlesham, Chichester PO20 7RG and the fun gets under way at 11am.

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THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT WINDSOR that is special. As you can see from the photo taken by Jette Ramvad as her plane descended into Heathrow when judging at the show in 2014, there is a proximity to the Queen's home, which gives the event just that extra special feeling. If you can tolerate the M25 and heavy traffic near the major international airport, it is certainly worth going.

The sun gods just about played ball on Hound day, though the rain set in towards the end of the PBGV bitch judging. Paul Singleton was giving CCs for the first time and his main winners were: From Limit Dog, DCC and BOB Sara and Oliver Robertson's Soletrader Super Mario with Reserve going to Jane Brown's 7yr old Ch Soletrader Valentino Rossi who came first in Open Dog and subsequently went Best Veteran and Veteran Hound Group 2 under Irene McManus. BCC was Lizzie Cadmore & Brianne Major's Soletrader Flora Good Time, RBCC Phil & Dianne Reid's Maudaxi Candy's Caning It.

In further competition, Richard & Heidi Allenby's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali stepped into 3rd place in the Catherine Sutton Memorial Stakes judged by Nigel Luxmoore-Ball, Gail Foote & Erin McAulay's PBGVs were 2nd in the Hound Breeders Group under Glenn Davies and, in Special Beginners Stakes, Rita Townsend's Afterglow Curtain Call achieved VHC under Mark James.

Over from the States, Tucker Henson travelled by train from Canterbury to visit the show where she enjoyed chatting to PBGV exhibitors; and a soupcon of organisational skills meant Scotland's Gail Foote & Erin McAulay went on from Windsor to attend the Netherlands' Utrecht summer show where their Rosie, Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb ex Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle) went BOB and Group 2. Breed judge was Gail Patterson (Ireland). With her final CACIB tucked under her collar, Rosie will now be known as Ch/Ir/Int Ch. She also stepped into the ring with Anouk Huikeshoven's 12yr old daughter, Soleile, who took Best Junior Handler under Hannie Warendorf.

Once again, Windsor weekend clashed with the Very Special Show in Denmark where there was a 6hr delay to Saturday's judging when one of the judges, Pop Alexandru Raul (Romania) was forced to stay overnight at Frankfurt after his onward flight was cancelled. When things finally got under way at 5.30pm, from an entry of 10, he awarded BOB to Birgitta Hemmingsson's Soletrader Caramello (Ogham des Terres du Templier with Soletrader [imp Fra] ex Soletrader Toffee Crisp) from Sweden with BOS going to Gitte Winter Arildsen's Fodnote Be My Guest (Fanta's Brand Nobody Does It Better ex Fodnote Hot Shot). On the second day, the VSS show, the entry was 12 for judge Anna Sofie Gothen of Denmark's Red Baron Beagles. She awarded BOB to Jette Vind Ramvad's After Me A Piece of Heaven (Nightdream Cristiano Ronaldo ex Soletrader Just Jazz) and Fodnote Be My Guest was once again BOS. The show was held on Fyn, Denmark's third-largest island.

Away from the show scene, another event in the crowded summer calendar was the Southern BGV fun day, mounted by Kathryn Moulding. It took place in Sidlesham near Chichester, a lovely village off the beaten track so completely unspoilt. Ceri McEwan took control of the show ring where the fun classes were judged by Mitzi Morrison, Martin and Jan Bishop organised the raffle and Karen Powney took photos with Martin Long keeping an eye on the agility area. Jan Bishop also helped out with lunches and Ellie Stringer had made loads of toys for prizes and cookies for everyone. There was a decent turnout of a variety of dogs though PBGVs outnumbered the two Grands. With directions for parking on arrival, there was an enclosed area where dogs could be let off lead and an outside catering van that I gather was offering delicious burgers. About 34 people entered the fun classes, some with just one dog, others four or five. Jan & Martin Bishop's PBGV Ina won the BGV Class and overall winner was a Pyrenean Mountain Dog. Sue Brundle had her popular stall there and thanks go to her for designing and producing the lovely prize cards; and I am sure everyone appreciated all Kathryn's work to make the day happen. Hot on the heels of the Southern event, Claire Gilluley is now busy organising a Scottish Fun Day which will be taking place at Thornhill FK8 3QB on 13 August.

July's LOD winners are Claire Cooper with £15, Gina Carman £10 and £5 to Phil Reid and, back to the show scene, after East of England this Saturday, there is a magnificent entry of 53 for John Thirlwell at Hound Association the following weekend. PBGVs are second in the ring after 26 GBGVs.

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WITH APLOGIES TO LYNNE SCOTT, one further Windsor result that I inexplicably omitted last week was her 10mth old Overbecks Tommy Shelby (After Me Back To Basics with Soletrader [imp Fin] ex Ch Overbecks Kathy Tiere) who went Best Puppy. On to East of England showground and Michael Lewis was the PBGV judge at the midweek East of England Agricultural Society Open Show where he awarded BOB to another Back To Basics son, Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect (dam Soletrader Treale Tart) with BP going to Lynn & Steve Wood's Beaujons Leading Lady (Beaujons Zouk ex Beaujons Whisper). Both went on to gain good Hound group places under Ian Sidgwick.

We were blessed with good weather for Saturday's championship show where sheds were full of unused benching as everyone could keep in the shade ringside under the large awnings. Certainly you are left wondering about the requirement for benching, which does seem rather old-fashioned. Nowadays with it costing even more to drive to a championship show, I and I am sure many others are not going to stay inside at a bench, especially when it is remote from the ring. Championship shows cost a lot to enter and we all want to watch the judging.

Quite a few gremlins crept into the results for this show, where 1st and 3rd in Post Graduate Dog went to the same PBGV, the RBCC was a Basenji and Kath Moulding was surprised to see her MPB Nykarth Touch of Class going Best Bitch in GBGVs. So, with 2 absent, 1 withdrawn from LB and 2 double entered, judge David Knights had 39 to go over. DCC, his third, and BOB went to Phil & Dianne Reid's Vilauddens Magnificent Mile [imp Nld (Boom Chicago v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes ex Vilauddens Zara) with Reserve going to Jenna Betts and my Beaujons Vagabond of Monkham's (Multi Ch Petit Heroes Canned Heat ex Beaujons Tickled Pink ShCM). BCC went to the winner of BP, Richard & Heidi Allenby's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali (Ogham Des Terres Du Templier with Soletrader [imp Fra] ex Ch Soletrader Beatrix Potter), with Reserve going to the other end of the line, the Veteran Bitch Ray & Gail Foote and Erin McAulay's Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM who went Best Veteran. Her sire is Chouan Total Vision at Clonallan and her dam Clonallan Chase. Lynn Wood handled her Beaujons Leading Lady (Beaujons Zouk ex Beaujons Whisper) to being short-listed in the Hound/Toy/Terrier Puppy Bitch Stakes judged by Phil Freer and Emma Moore's Afterglow Dough Ble Impact who had won Best Special Beginners, subsequently placed third in the Special Beginners Group judged by Sue Hann. Rigby's sire is Ir/Int Ch Afterglow Chunky Monkey of Tejas, his dam Ir Ch Kan Trace Back to Afterglow. Colin Ashmore judged the Brace classes and awarded the Bartley's duo VHC. He also judged the Young KC Members Stakes, awarding 1st place to Maisie Allenby handling Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali who also went Hound Puppy Group 4, judged by Maureen Betts.

After Houndshow this weekend, there are 34 PBGVs entered for Howard Ogden at Leeds.

Like all dog owners who have to accept the lifespan of their beloved animal friends and treasure every day as they age, Jenna and I have been going through an upsetting time as our Kiwi's health had been deteriorating over the past month or so. The inevitable finally came on 11 July, just one day after her 13th birthday. Monkham's Kiwi JW ShCM (Ch Monkham's Jack Sparrow JW ShCM ex Ch/Dk Ch Monkham's Fortune Cookie ShCM) was the only bitch in a litter of six so while some of the dogs went far and wide, including to Norway, South Africa and Switzerland, Kiwi stayed and was shown sparingly, gaining 1 RCC at Richmond in 2013.

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WARM ENOUGH FOR YOU? It was actually a pleasantly cool start to the day at Stafford for Houndshow. However by the time PBGVs got in the ring after GBGVs, the temperature was rising as the clock ticked on from mid-morning towards midday. With the sun high in the sky, strategic placing of the grooming table allowed PBGVs to be presented in the shade of the judge's gazebo, whilst next in line just about managed to creep under cover at the edge. This was the second time John Thirlwell had awarded CCs in the breed. The first was at Paignton in 2018 where he had 16 to go over. Thus the Houndshow entry of 44 (53 less 6 absent and 3 entered in more than one class) was in a different league. At Paignton the most he had in a class was 3, yet Houndshow's Limit Bitch class of 12 less 1 absent was a sight to behold.

Main winners were Sara & Oliver Robertson's Soletrader Super Mario who won the DCC and BOB. This was his fourth CC, having gained the first at Leeds 2021, second at Bath 2021 and crowning third at Windsor end of last month. RDCC went to Tim & Deborah Bartley's Erylan Loki Maitre Du Mal. BCC, her second, went to Kyle & Lizzie Cadmore and Cathy Neill's Soletrader Tangomango, RBCC Lynne Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks. Best Puppy went to Richard & Heidi Allenby's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali, BV to Phil & Dianne Reid's recently crowned Vilaudens Magnificent Mile (im p Nld), who was in OD. Best Special Beginner was Rita Townsend's Afterglow Curtain Call.

There were plenty of Stakes classes to attract exhibitors, though the absentee rate was high. In Brace judged by Ben Reynolds-Frost 1st place went to the Bartley's duo with VHC to Reid's. Kim Culyer-Dawson's Culdaws Legend of Gold took first place in Bred By Exhibitor Open Dog/Bitch judged by Bill Browne-Cole. Ken Andrew judged the Veteran Stakes and awarded VHC to Foote & McAulay's Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning Avec Erylan ShCM.

In a burst of enthusiasm in such hot weather, the day after Houndshow Kathryn Moulding went to day two of the Bakewell show, where she said more breeze helped. There her Nykarth Touch of Class went BP and Best AVNSC Hound under Sandra Williams (Wilmerella).

The Kennel Club has announced that it has currently given up on the proposed policy on 'hereditary clear' status, which was due to come in from the start of next year. They had originally announced that, from 1 January 2022, the assignment of 'hereditary clear' status would be limited to two generations, unless lineage was verified by DNA parentage profiling. This was subsequently deferred to 1 January 2023 but unfortunately they now realise this is such a complex subject that implementation early next year is no longer on the cards. Their current policy for assigning 'hereditary clear' status to progeny – if their parents are known to be clear for the same autosomal recessive condition, either because they have both been DNA tested as clear, or because they are hereditary clear themselves – will remain for the foreseeable future and they encourage all breeders to DNA test their dogs to ensure that they can remain confident that the puppies produced are free from the relevant inherited disease.

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IT WAS THE TURN OF LEEDS to host last weekend's championship show, where the weather behaved until rain set in with some exhibitors getting rather wet by the time they reached the shelter of their vehicles. This is the third time PBGVs have been awarded CCs at Leeds, each time so far with an all-rounder judge. This year Howard Ogden's entry of 34 was diminished by 6 absent. DCC went to Dalgarno's Vencharno I Almost Had You, RDCC McCartney's Ch Soletrader Freddie Mercury JW. BP, BCC and BOB was Allenby's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali, RBCC Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks. BV went to Osbourne's Braego Gladys Aylward.

Paul Dane & Lisa Guernari opted to go to an event a little closer to home. In glorious sunshine, though not too hot, the charity fund-raising Essex Pawsome Dog Show was held at Rayne, not far from Braintree. There were plenty of fun events for those taking part and, to make their day, their Louis (Cynetkoy's Tinker Taylor) proudly carried off Most Pawsome Dog of the Day. The splendid rosette was accompanied by a host of welcome prizes, a trophy and hamper of goodies. Paignton championship show is the next to take place on 7 August, where Adrian Marett must be pleased with his entry of 18 with no CCs, one more than Grands with CCs.

The Kennel Club's Spring Breed Record Supplement has now arrived. A total of 130 PBGVs were registered last year and, for the first quarter of 2022, it lists 5 PBGV litters born in January. Two PBGVs are listed as being clear of POAG following DNA testing.

A PBGV owner has asked me about previous advice I gave for treatment for fleas. Now exactly seven years on, I thought it might be worth repeating here. When she went back to Oregon, Valerie Link turned to natural remedies for flea and tick treatment. Her local herb shop recommended the following for both humans and dogs. As a flea repellent, ten mint leaves, ten teaspoons of cider vinegar, juice of one large lemon, water. Soak overnight, strain and fill a spray bottle. Valerie sprayed her dogs about twice a week. She wryly said they smelt of vinegar but it seemed to work. For tick repellent, this remedy won't kill the ticks but they are deterred from attaching due to the smell and oil. Get a small bottle with eye dropper. Pour in five drops of pure lavender (or cedar) essence oil mixed to the top with olive oil. Use as you would a spot-on treatment, with drops on the top of the neck and a couple on the base of the tail. Don't use more than five drops, as it isn't good for your dog to lick strong lavender. When treating, alternate the spray with the drops so the spray doesn't dilute the drops. Valerie treated her dogs twice a week on alternate days. After a month she said there was pleased to say there was no sign to fleas and no more ticks.

Interestingly, in America at the moment the University of Kentucky is asking dog owners to send in all ticks they remove. They are studying them to see what they carry and if one is found to carry something, they will notify the owner with what they found. The object in general though is to see what different regions' ticks are carrying which diseases. A similar project has already been carried out here in the UK. The Big Tick Project was launched in April 2015 with the aim of raising awareness about the threat tick borne diseases can be to pets and humans. Practices were asked to examine dogs at random and send any samples to the University of Bristol. 1,461 practices responded and a staggering 6,372 ticks were sent in for examination. In the summer of 2016 the study was replicated with cats – the results can be viewed online. Many factors may have contributed to the increase in tick numbers, including changing weather patterns making conditions more favourable for tick survival and increasing numbers of deer, an attractive host for the UK's tick population. Also, a lack of awareness among pet owners may play a role. Worryingly, 47% of owners were not aware that they too are at risk of infection from tick-borne diseases.

In this study nearly one in three dogs was infested with ticks (2,181 out of 7,102). This is a worrying statistic as ticks also put dogs at risk of contracting tick-borne pathogens, which can result in diseases such as Lyme and Babesiosis. Owners are at risk from ticks and the diseases they carry, particularly while out walking their dogs. The study also showed that ticks are not confined to rural areas either, with strong tick populations present in urban areas as well.

There are several different species of tick found in the UK. The most common found in The Big Tick Project was Ixodes ricinus, representing 89% of the ticks found on the dogs. 1,855 cats were also examined, with the most frequently recorded ticks species again being Ixodes ricinus.

There are various types of tick remover and it is wise to make sure you have one. As a precaution, I have several – one in the house, one in the car and one in our show bag.

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AS THE WEATHER FINALLY BROKE for those in the north of the county, South Yorkshire Hound wasn't blessed with ideal weather this time round, though some rain didn't prevent everyone from enjoying a well-thought-of show. There were two absent from the entry of 13 PBGVs for judge Anthony Allen. He awarded BOB to Foote & McAulay's Ch/Ir/Int Ch Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune and their Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning Avec Erylan ShCM went BV under Lennart Stähle (Swe). Also, as she approached her first birthday, BP and BPIS3 under Keith Pursglove went to Allenby's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali.

There were a couple of other open shows on the day after SYC. From judging at SYH, Anthony Allen went to the two day Wiveliscombe & District show held at Taunton where there were no PBGV breed classes but he awarded BIS to Cadmore's Soletrader Flora Good Time who had gone through from topping the Hound Group under Richard Bott.

At Southampton there was an entry of 5 for Rachel Pearce, who awarded BOB to McCartney's Ch Soletrader Freddie Mercury. He also won the Champion Stakes under Bridgette Bodle. When living closer, this show used to be a firm favourite, partly as the venue Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley, near Southampton, takes some beating sitting beside Southampton Water estuary. The site of the old Royal Victoria Hospital can be seen near the showground. This was a large military hospital that was built from 1856 onwards at the suggestion of Queen Victoria but its design caused some controversy, chiefly from Florence Nightingale. Often visited by Queen Victoria, the hospital was extensively used during the First World War and it became the 28th US General Hospital during the invasion of mainland Europe in the Second World War. It was Britain's largest military hospital. The main building – the world's longest building when it was completed – was entirely demolished in 1966, except for the chapel and former YMCA building, which still survive. The extensive outbuildings, which once occupied a vast acreage of land to the rear of the main building, finally succumbed in 1978.

Still in the south of England, the entry for Bournemouth has been announced where there are 29 PBGVs for Espen Engh, who judged the breed previously at this show in 2013 when he awarded BOB to Robertson, Doherty, & Huikeshoven's Am/Can/Ned Ch Soletrader Bjorn Borg. At Bournemouth's open show at the same venue on Friday 12 August there are just 6 for judge Stuart Byrne (Toveri), who is also doing the group. Several championship show societies are now making good use of their venues and providing an extra show for exhibitors but, unless they are staying on-site or overnight locally, it is unfortunately unlikely that these shows will attract very good entries.

And for those holidaying in the area and wanting a third show to enter, Gillingham and Shaftesbury Agricultural Society two day event with Hounds on Wednesday 18 August has two classes of PBGVs scheduled for judge Nikki Skinner.

The August Kennel Journal records the passing of Charlie Hipkin. Although wheelchair-bound, many will remember him attending our breed workshops with his wife Marion, who herself died in 2014. One such was in 2009 at Kineton. Marion was a GBGV owner and a keen supporter and judge of PBGVs. Tragically she suffered adverse reactions to the chemo which she received in combatting cancer though she fought hard to overcome this setback. Charlie's great sense of humour always shone through and his hopes were raised for a while when Marion rallied. It was then that he saw a little of her old self when she gave him a rocket for spending too much money but her recovery was not to be. Both were KC members.

Winners of the August LOD are Nik Oakley with £15, Paul Osbourne £10 and £5 to Denise Fairhurst.

Claire Gilluley is busy preparing for the BGV Club Scottish Fun Day on 13 August and, having persuaded many to donate items, is now running an online auction. Facebook people can view everything at <https://www.facebook.com/BGVClubSFD> where bidding is now open and closes on 10 August. Those not on facebook received an email with a list of items available.

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THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL about Paignton Championship Show in southwest England. If exhibitors have the time, Devon boasts sandy beaches, fossil cliffs, medieval towns and moorland national parks. Known as the English Riviera, a series of picturesque south-coast harbour towns include Torquay, Paignton, Brixham and Exmouth which is not far away from Paignton's Clyst St Mary venue near Exeter. We had CCs until 2018 but with their loss came a downturn in the entry numbers. Even the nearby glorious scenery could no longer attract exhibitors, as the following year saw a move to combined classes and just 7 present. There was no show in 2020 and last year the entry number doubled to 14 with 2 absent. This year, with an improved overall entry number, judge Adrian Marett had 5 absent from his entry of 18. Best Dog and Best of Breed went to McCartney's Ch Soletrader Freddie Mercury JW, with Reserve Best Dog going to Reid's Vilaudens Magnificent Mile (Imp Nld). Best Bitch was Cadmore's Ch Soletrader Rita Ora and RBB Cadmore & Major's Soletrader Flora Good Time. The one Special Beginner present gained top spot, Fordhams' Elsie Monsieur Oakley and Scott's Overbecks Polly Gray went Best Puppy. Cadmore's 7yr old Ch Soletrader Rita Ora went BV and subsequently Hound Veteran Group 1 under Ms Becky Johnson. And Tracey Mayou's Nykarth Look at Moi (re-import) made a welcome appearance in Veteran Stakes gaining second place under Ernie Paterson.

The same day as Paignton, Harrogate and District CS Open Show took place at Thirsk where Phil Thirlwell (Myrlea) judged the breed and Hound Group. He awarded BOB and Hound Group 4 to the Bartley's Erylan Zeus Roi Des Dieux and BP and Hound Puppy Group 2 to their Erylan Stormin Norman.

As on-line bidding for dog-related items comes to a close, after a 3yr break, the BGV Club Scottish Funday is set to take place starting at midday this Sunday. The venue is Thornhill Community Centre FK8 3QB. And after Bournemouth next Monday, there is a good entry of 39 PBGVs for Pam Aldous-Town at Welsh Kennel Club.

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ESPEN ENGH was the PBGV judge at Bournemouth. Both CC winners came from the Junior classes with BCC and BOB going to Erin Robertson & Wendy Doherty's Soletrader Lana Delray, and the DCC to Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect. Reserve DCC was Jane Brown's Callydena Dougal McLennan, RBCC Erin Robertson's Soletrader Ivy League. BP was Lynne Scott's Overbecks Polly Gray and Best Veteran Jane Brown's Ch Soletrader Valentino Rossi. Best Special Beginner went to the only entrant, Emma Moore's Afterglow Dough Ble Impact who went on to win the Special Beginners Stakes under Richard Kinsey.

In Ireland, the Munster circuit kicked off at Clonmel with Hound Association of Ireland Championship Show on 13 August where breed, group and BIS judge was R McCoy. Green Star Dog & BOB went to Collins-Neill & Robertson's Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back, Reserve Green Star Dog was Heli Mooney's Hillwicket Harvey Spectre. Green Star Bitch & RBOB was Foote & McAulay's Erylan Deesse des Fleurs and Reserve Green Star Bitch their Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM. Breed judge Mrs Lynda Matthews later awarded Pat On The Back G1 and he went on to BIS under Mrs Madelene Rainey. This followed up a BIS win at Dun Laoghaire All Breed Championship Show mounted by Monkston CS at the end of July where breed judge Garry McAlpine had an entry of two. Group judge was Michael Leonard and BIS Joyce Crawford Manton.

HA Ireland incorporated the Basset Hound Club of Ireland Championship Show where all the basset breeds and BIS were judged by Mr Eddie Patterson. BOB &, coming RBIS to Pam McGregor's GBGV Claella Infinity and Beyond, was Foote & McAulay's Ch/Ir/Int Ch Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune.

The same weekend, while British folk were sweltering in high temperatures, the weather in Denmark has been much the same though sea breezes helped cool exhibitors at the Danish KC's three day event on the island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea. This triple DKK show marked their 125-year jubilee. Their programme boasted a Nordic show and two International ones, added to which several breed clubs held their CAC shows in the same area on the Thursday before the big shows got under way.

As in Ireland, the PBGV entry over the three days was poor with only 4 and Jette Ramvad's Dk Ch After Me A Piece of Heaven (Lumi) swept the board going BOB each day. Day one's breed judge was John Wauben (Nld). He was the group judge on day two where After Me A Piece of Heaven went Group 1 having been put through by breed judge Markku Mähönen (Fin). This day saw Lumi win the group under José Homem de Mello (Port), who was the breed judge for day three! BOS on days one and three went to Gitte Winter Arildsen's Nightdream Daniel Day-Lewis.

There was a good gathering of BGVs and other assorted breeds at the BGV Club's Scottish Fun Day last Saturday. Claire Gilluley says the weather was gorgeous and, with it being too hot outdoors, the fun classes judged by Margaret Makin, took place in the hall. The kitchen did a great trade with drinks, sandwiches and a variety of cakes; and the day was supported well by Fish4Dogs, Gilpa and Arden Grange. With more to come, there are some great photos on the BGV Club Scottish Fun Day page <https://www.facebook.com/.../pcb.../1422653674922149>.

It's good to see that some older PBGVs are now picking up their Veteran Warrants and Claire Gilluley has let me know that Bilbo (Ir Ch Haliston Didier ShCM) obtained his title last month after the Falkirk & DCS and LKAS double show at the Scottish National Equestrian Centre. Judges were Liz Millward and Dick Morrison. Another recent VW winner is 9yr old Maisie (Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan ShCM).

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THE CROWDED CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW CIRCUIT this time of year means that some canine societies have taken to holding their shows mid-week. This does seem to affect entries as not all exhibitors can take time off during the week. Gillingham & Shaftesbury took place on Wednesday 17 August where Lynn Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks went BOB from an entry of 6 judged by Neil Straw. The same day Thame & Oxford CS was held at Slapton, Bucks where there were just two entered for Tim Ball and, with one absent, BOB went to Emma Moore's Afterglow Dough Ble Impact.

Pam Aldous-Town had 36 PBGVs present at WKC. From the Limit classes, she awarded BCC and BOB to Erin Robertson's Soletrader Ivy League with the DCC going to Joan Hutchings' Tangaer French Romance. Reserve DCC was Linda Lewis' Tangaer Erique. His sire and dam ae Nykarth Okie Dokie at Tangaer, his dam Ch

Debucher Sybelle avec Callydena ShCM who also produced the DCC by a repeat mating. Reserve BCC Lizzie Cadmore's 7yr old Ch Soletreader Rita Ora (Ch Boom Chicago v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes ex Ch Soletreader Peek a Boo). BP was Lynne Scott's Overbecks Tommy Shelby (After Me Back To Basics with Soletader [imp Fin] ex Ch Overbecks Kathy Tiera) and BV, also sired by Boom Chicago, Phil & Dianne Reid's Vilauddens Magnificent Mile (imp Nld) who is now a champion. His dam is Swe Ch Vilauddens Zara.

There is a good entry of 12 PBGVs for Lisa Tyler-Jackson at South West Essex CA on Bank Holiday Monday. This clashes with Driffeld Hound Day where there are 21 entered for Anne Macdonald. It seems that, having moved the show from September to late August from last year hasn't improved their entry figures. Possibly coming after the summer circuit of southern and Welsh championship shows it is prohibitively costly for some, who decide to stay closer to home. Into September and City of Birmingham has 32 for Ken Sinclair.

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NEWS FROM OPEN SHOWS. At Huntingdon CS show at Sacrewell on 20 August there were no breed classes but Paul Osbourne's Braego Gladys Aylward went Best AV Hound Veteran under Miranda Hall and on to RBVIS awarded by Chris Hall. Bank Holiday Monday saw Paul with another role where he judged the Hound Group at South West Essex CA. Lisa Tyler-Jackson judged an entry of 10 in three PBGVs classes awarding BOB to Kim Culyer-Dawson's 7yr old Culdaws Legend of Gold (Vilauddens Isaak [imp Swe] ex Culdaws Frenchie) with RBOB and BP going to Lynn & Steve Wood's Beaujons Leading Lady (Beaujons Zouk ex Beaujons Whisper). The previous day at the Horley show, due to Ken Andrew's ill health there was a change of judge for PBGVs. Substitute Jackie Parker awarded BOB to Emma Moore's Afterglow Dough Ble Impact (Afterglow Chunkey Monkey of Tejas ex Kan Trace Back to Afterglow) and RBOB to Rita Townsend's Afterglow Curtain Call who has the same mother. His sire is Caldewriver Despicable Me. BP went to Leading Lady.

SWECA clashed with Hound day at Driffeld where early morning mist soon disappeared. PBGV judge Anne Macdonald had 19 present to go over with a fairly even distribution of 9 dogs and 10 bitches. From Junior she awarded BCC and BOB to Erin Robertson & Wendy Doherty's Soletreader Lana Delray with the DCC going to Mike Lewin's Soletreader Special Effect. He was also in Junior and Post Graduate. RDCC was Phil & Dianne Reid's Vilauddens Magnificent Mile (imp Nld) and RBCC Foote & McAulay's Erylan Hera La Reine. BP was awarded to Lynne Scott's Overbecks Tommy Shelby and Best Special Beginner to Rita Townsend's Afterglow Curtain Call. Foote & McAulay won BV with Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning avec Erylan (ShCM) and this 9yr old later topped the Veteran Stakes judged by Sue Polluck Yule. With no competition, the Foote & McAulay partnership also gained 1st in the Hound Breeders Stakes judged by Peter Clifton.

I was interested to see that a company called PetNow in South Korea has developed an app which uses the animal's unique nose print for identification. Of course, nowadays we are more accustomed to dogs being identified by microchip but now, with this app, their individual noses can be scanned and analysed in Cloud. This helps locate dogs reported as missing or stolen and shows their location. An added bonus is that no specialist equipment is needed as anyone can scan a found dog's nose to try and reunite it with its owner. Some Kennel Clubs already accept and use a dog's nose print as a form of ID but PetNow hopes that its app will become mandatory in South Korea to try and reduce the number of abandoned dogs.

Of course, nose prints as ID are not new as they were used in the years before micro-chipping or even tattoos. The "birth certificate" issued by the French Société Centrale Canine for Rigolo de la Vrignae, the first BGV to be imported into the UK in 1969, identified him by his unique nose print. And back in the '80s, either tattooing or a nose-print was accepted by the Canadian KC.

Over the years, research has taken place to establish whether nose pattern is indeed unique to each individual dog, also weighing up this method of ID against the known downsides of microchip implantation where chips can travel to other parts of the body, necessitating surgical removal, or have been painfully removed by unscrupulous thieves. It will therefore be interesting to see whether, for the future, this app for nose prints becomes an acceptable way to identify your dog.

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THERE WERE QUITE A FEW HAPPY EXHIBITORS at City of Birmingham where Ken Sinclair judged PBGVs. He first gave CCs in PBGVs at SKC in May 2017 where he awarded the DCC and BOB to O'Brien's Caldewriver Despicable Me and BCC to the VB/BV winner Wyllie's 9yr old Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena. Fortune favoured the older PBGVs at City of Birmingham too with DCC going to the Open Dog winner Phil & Dianne Reid's 7yr old Vilauddens Magnificent Mile (imp Nld) and RDCC to Kim Culyer-Dawson's Culdaws Legend of Gold, who was also BV as a rule of the show was that Best Veteran in Breed winners had to be entered in Veteran Dog or Veteran Bitch in Breed. Best Puppy went to Lynn and Steve Wood's Beaujons Leading Lady.

With Reserve Bitch CC and Best Junior going to Erin Robertson & Wendy Doherty's Soletreader Lana Delray, BCC went to Erin Robertson's Soletreader Ivy League, handled in the Group by Gavin Robertson, and short-listed by judge Michael Gadsby. Lana Delray was placed second in the Hound Junior Group judged by Tan Hagrecha. Best Special Beginner went to Paul Dane and Lisa Guernari's Cynetkoy's Tinker Tailor who came a creditable third in the SB Group judged by Linda Race. Elsewhere Foote & McAuley's PBGVs came 1st in the Breeders Competition judged by Tim Ball. They are currently standing at 9th place in the KC Breeders Competition Leaderboard.

Just two days later South Eastern Hound took place at Hickstead in West Sussex where, with the weather still holding, Charlotte Dalgarno had 6 PBGVs present. From Post Graduate, BOB went to Emma Moore's Rigby – Afterglow Dough Ble Impact (Ir/Int Ch Afterglow Chunkey Monkey ex Ir Ch Kan Trace Back to Afterglow) with BP and RBOB going to Kathryn Moulding's Nykarth Touch of Class (Nykarth O'Be Serious ex Nykarth Quite The Surprise).

Sad news came at the show of the death of Brian Ballan. Brian had had a long association with the breed with his claim to fame having owned Willowbrae As You Like It for a while. Amos was originally shown by his breeder Judith Robin Smith and handled by Brian. However, due to home circumstances at the time (an elderly Dachshund with failing eyesight that Brian felt wouldn't be happy with a young, macho PBGV around), he had to make the difficult decision not to keep Amos who then went to Phil Freer and Marita Rodgers. There he had a highly successful show career, gaining his Junior Warrant and amassing 24 CCs which placed him as the breed record holder for some time. Brian, who was Chairman of Horley & District Canine Society, gave CCs to PBGVs for the first time at LKA in 2017 where he awarded DCC & BOB to Robertson & Doherty's Ch Soletreader Magic Mike, with BCC going to Reid's Ch Trezeguet Plum Crumble at Maudaxi. He also awarded CCs in Bassets and four of the Dachshund breeds. Brian always found time to have a chat, with a smile and a few pleasant words for everyone. Thoughts are with his family.

After Richmond this weekend, there are 21 PBGVs entered for Jill Peak at Darlington then, other than Belfast, there is a slight lull in shows until South Wales on 9 October where Heidi Allenby is the judge. Finally the BGVC championship show schedule is now on fessedata. Show date 22 October, venue Ryton-on-Dunsmore. Postal entries close 3 October, online 9 October. The PBGV judge is Brian Foster (Stormpasture), stakes judge Claire Cooper (Jayanel). Winners of the September Limited Odds Draw are Robert Bailey with £15 and both second and third prizes of £10 and £5 going to Dianne Quadling.

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AS DOG LOVERS our deep sadness on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II aged 96 not unnaturally turns to her reputation as an animal-lover. Her love of Corgis is well documented, owning more than 30 over the years. At Balmoral and even closer to London there were Gundogs as well. Before her deep involvement with Bassets and Bassets Griffons Vendéens, Joan Wells-Meacham's marriage to Fred Wells in 1946 led her into a world of shooting, fishing and Gundogs. Joan soon learned the art of training them and, living in Hertfordshire, occasionally accompanied members of the Royal Family out on shoots, which included being a beater, there to flush out birds into the path of the guns.

Most of us have only known one monarch, someone held in high esteem, a powerful unifying force, a respected figurehead providing the United Kingdom and 15 other states with stability during her 70yr reign. With her passing, this comes to an end leaving an emptiness; and, in voicing our condolences, now we adjust to a future under King Charles III.

Richmond championship show started on Friday 9 September, the day following the death of the Queen. There was leeway to exercise discretion on whether imminent events could go ahead and they issued a statement confirming the show would take place as planned. PBGV exhibitors have always drawn the short straw with Hounds on Friday so coping with the M25 Friday traffic and seemingly never first in the ring. However rotation of Groups elicited a feeling of exhilaration driving to Loseley Park on a Saturday this year, no M25 congestion and no end of week Dartford Tunnel bottleneck for those returning to the east of the country. On arrival, heavy rain earlier meant the entrance to Car Park A was awash with mud, so many opted to park along the long drive. This time it was a

long 4hr wait for judging of 66 Rhodesian Ridgebacks but our judge Stella Blackmore who also had 21 Deerhounds before PBGVs wasted no time once she got in the ring. With 1 NFC, 3 entered in more than one class and 4 absent, from an entry of 32 she had 24 to go over.

From Limit Dog, DCC went to my and Jenna Betts' Beaujons Vagabond of Monkham's (Multi Ch Petit Heroes Canned Heat ex Beaujons Tickled Pink ShCM) with RDCC going to Phil & Dianne Reid's Vilaudens Magnificent Mile (Imp Nld) winner of Open Dog. In contrast to City of Birmingham requirements, at this show Best Veteran in Breed could be selected from all unbeaten veterans from any breed classes provided. Magnificent Mile therefore also went BV and on to Hound Veteran Group 4 under Mrs J A Ward. His sire is Boom Chicago v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes and dam Vilaudens Zara. From Junior Bitch, BCC, her third, and BOB went to an elated Heidi Allenby with her and Richard's Soletrader Fun Times for Rangali (Ogham des Terres du Templier with Soletrader [imp Fra] ex Ch Soletrader Beatrix Potter). And, sired by the DCC winner, from LB, RBCC was my and Jenna Betts' Monkham's Memphis Belle (dam Monkham's Luna Luvgood). Best Puppy was won by Lynn and Steve Wood's Beaujons Leading Lady (Beaujons Zouk ex Beaujons Whisper) and Best Special Beginner Paul Dane & Lisa Guernari's Cynetkoy's Tinker Tailor (Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back ex Cynetkoy Pick Pocket).

Sad news from Kathryn Moulding is that Gaelmarque Bon Fleur avec Wizzkarth (Ch Soletrader Peter Pan x Nykarth Goin Giddy over Gaelmarque) has died. Born on 5 December 2008, she was nearly 14. Zoey had two litters. Under Steph Jefford's Wizzkarth affix, one was in May 2012, which included Chris Blake's (and for a while jointly with Dianne Reid) Buzz Lite Beer. The sire was Soletrader Behavin' Bradley. The second in 2014, produced a singleton pup Wizzkarth Meant To Be, Kathryn Moulding's Mable, whose sire was Ch Soletrader Noble Kinsmen. Kathryn says, as a great grandmother, Zoey enjoyed her retirement by the seaside with Leslie, Dave and her dog companions.

The memorial service for Brian Ballan will be at 2pm on 30 September at Kings Church, Lewes, East Sussex. If you intend to go and wish to attend the gathering afterwards, please let Brian's wife Carole know for catering numbers. Tel 01273 813152.

In the States Club members have been notified that, following AKC approval, from 28 September the PBGV is a table only breed. At the 2022 Annual PBGVCA Membership Meeting, members voted to remove the ground as an optional surface on which the PBGV could be examined at the discretion of the judge through all levels of conformation competition including Group and Best in Show judging. PBGVs have been shown on the table here since 1999 when at Three Counties the first few bold exhibitors raised their dogs aloft for judge Marion Spavin. Nothing happened, no objections, no outcry. Despite a couple of judges still insisting PBGVs should be shown on the ground, it gradually became commonplace to see them lifted onto a grooming table for the judge to go over them. After 21 PBGVs at Friday's Darlington there are just 2 entered for Belfast on 24 September.

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I HAD AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION with a PBGV exhibitor at Richmond whose almost one year old puppy had recently been withheld on at a championship show for "immaturity". The plot thickens as the actual results show it was awarded a 1st, though the blue card held tells a different story.

It is never an easy or pleasant decision for a judge to withhold but it set me thinking about a few of the instances I can remember when PBGVs have been withheld on and what justification there can be for such action. Certainly nothing gets people talking more than when a judge withholds at a championship show. If a dog wins, the exhibitor gets a "Congratulations" and we all move on to the next show. However, be excused from the ring and the show results display the enigmatic word "Withheld" and everyone wants to know why and what happened! And all too often the subsequent critique will just show the word "withheld" and everyone remains none the wiser about the judge's decision.

Perhaps the most prominent time was at Crufts 2001. There were seven in Special Puppy Bitch and judge, Ben Reynolds Frost, withheld on all but first. Concerns were raised over several aspects and the matter was taken further. It was felt this was a source of embarrassment for exhibitors, especially as all the pups were well qualified and highly promising.

With the slightly different method of judging between FCI countries and here, a couple of instances of withholding have been under overseas judges. In 1999 when Dane Mogens Hansen judged our Club Championship show, early in the proceedings shocked exhibitors saw him place only 1st in JD and the remainder left with ring. Everyone wondered what was happening and uneasily entered the ring for the following classes. He then also withheld in Limit Dog, Graduate Bitch and in the following GBGV classes. I talked to Mogens about it some years later and understood his reasoning as he said it was the only way he could demonstrate what he felt was a wide gap in quality between exhibits, though of course this could have come out in his critique rather than withholding. The following year, there was an entry of 64 at Bournemouth for Renaud Buche. Unfortunately, Brenda Marston was taken aback when her Nykarth Ontario was excused from the ring before being gone over. Onlookers were puzzled at the unusual turn of events which went, of course, against KC judging procedures. At Southern Counties in 2017 when PBGV judge Siegfried Peter decided to withhold on all in Limit Bitch. A discussion ensued with stewards and one of them went off to check whether withholding on the whole class was in order. This was confirmed and the judge spent a while explaining his reasoning to the exhibitors and asking them not to be offended.

Our Kennel Club Standards concentrate on what is correct, not incorrect, so do not allow for disqualifying faults. However a glance at the FCI PBGV Standard is probably a good guide when considering reasons for withholding. Woolly coat, overshot or undershot mouth are but two examples. Other FCI listed faults, such as insufficient bone, fine coat or lack of angulation are weighed up against any dog's visible qualities that meet the Standard or what may be the effect on health and welfare.

At Darlington, with 1 NFC, there were 3 absent from Jill Peak's entry of 20 (8 dogs and 12 bitches), leaving 17 for her to go over. BCC and BOB went to Lynne Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks (Multi Ch Soletrader Chip n' Pin ex Soletrader Toffee Crisp), RBCC to Erin Robertson and Wendy Doherty's Soletrader Lana Delray (Black Majesty Superstitious ex Ch Soletrader Judigarland). DCC went to the BV winner Vilaudens Magnificent Mile [imp Nld] (Boom Chicago v Tum-Tum's Vriendjes ex Vilaudens Zara), RDCC Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect (After Me Back to Basics with Soletrader [imp Fin] ex Soletrader Treale Tart). Best Puppy was Denise Fairhurst's puppy dog Valefell Savannah Journey (Caldewriver Despicable Me ex Dougie Style among Valefell).

Lana Delray later came first in the Bitch classes for the day's Eukanuba Reserve BOS Winners under judge Mark Ord and congratulations go to Rita Townsend whose Stanley (Afterglow Curtain Call avec Roxastan) passed his Good Citizen Bronze award.

Postal entries for the BGV Club championship show close shortly on 3 October, online on 9 October. There is an amendment to the schedule as the show will not now be taking place in the Arena (Cricket Hall) at the Sports Connexion but in the Main Hall. This is in the main building to the right.

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THERE WAS ONLY ONE PBGV present from the two entered at Belfast. Ch/Ir Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike ex Ch Around Zlightly Different with Soletrader [imp Swe]), owned by Oliver & Erin Robertson, was awarded Best of Breed by judge Zita Fogarty (Ir). With the days now turning chilly and damper, the next championship show is the four-day South Wales KA at Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells. Hounds are on the last day, Sunday 9 October, and judge Heidi Allenby has an entry of 30.

A few open show results: at Sheringham Kathryn Moulding's 3yr old Nykarth Quite the Surprise (Beaujons Vagabond of Monkham's ex Wizzkarth Meant To Be) went BOB and her daughter Nykarth Touch of Class (sire Nykarth O'Be Serious) was BP and RBOB. The judge was Robert Cross. Kathryn says it was a new venue at the side of an airfield. Luckily only two small helicopters and a plane went overhead all day. The weather proved to be windy with a few showers but it didn't spoil the day.

At Huddersfield & District CA held at Thirsk BOB and Hound Group 2 went to Tim & Deborah Bartley's Erylan Zeus Roi Des Dieux. Not to be beaten their young Erylan Stormin Norman (Ch Soletrader Freddie Mercury ex Erylan Deesse Des Fleurs) went BP and Puppy Group 2. The judge was Russell Mosedale. And on the second day of the Great Yarmouth, Gorleston & DCS Premier Show where Marion Sergeant had an excellent entry of 11, from Limit, BOB went to Rita Townsend's Afterglow Curtain Call avec Roxastan (Caldewriver Despicable Me ex Kan Trace Back to Afterglow). BP and RBOB was Paul Dane & Lisa Guernari's Cynetkoy Tinker Tailor (Pat On The Back ex Cynetkoy Pick Pocket) who went on to Hound Puppy Group 4 under Sharon Pinkerton.

Very many congratulations to PBGV owner Christine Marette who, with husband Mick, has just won the Pride of Jersey Inspirational Leader award. Christine says they will be dividing the £1,000 prize money between the Jersey Scout Band, Jersey Hospice & Dog Handlers. Many of you will remember Christine's Limier Didier at Gayteckels (Ch Soletrader Peter Pan ex Limier Chamois) who, having done well in the show ring, went on to become a PAT dog helping to enhance the literacy skill of local primary school children. They seem naturally comfortable in the presence of dogs and in a relaxed environment sitting together which

encourages physical interaction. What better than a PBGV to act as a non-judgemental listener, offering comfort to a child who may find reading difficult or stressful.

I was sorry to hear from Linda Lewis that Tangaer Roulette (Tidou de la Font Française de Debucher (imp Fra) ex Tangaer Oopsadaisy) has died. She was born on 28 April 2008 and was the litter sister of Lorna Wyllie's Ch Tangaer Rhapsody at Callydena ShCM, VW. Duffy had three litters, her last one in 2016 produced Linda's Ch Tangaer Bryntelych whose sire was Ch Taglines Double The Fun with Soletrader (imp Swe). In her later years, Duffy went to live a very comfortable life with Linda's good friends who live only a few miles away.

As you now know, this will be my last breed notes appearing on the Club facebook page and website. Having succeeded Ruth Brucker as Our Dogs breed note writer many years ago, Val Jackson has now decided it is time to hang up her own hat and I accepted the invitation to take over. I realise this does alter the reader base somewhat as unless owners subscribe to Our Dogs (digital for overseas readers), they will no longer be able to see my notes via BGV Club media. However, it will allow those without a computer or not on facebook to read them and, I know from past experience of writing notes for Dog World, some scan a dog journal cover to cover and enjoy reading about all breeds. Thank you to all who have followed my notes and in tune with the sentiments I penned on the previous Club website "As one door closes, another opens".

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This week is my first set of breed notes so hopefully I do an acceptable job for you all.

Firstly, many thanks to the committee for approaching me to fill the position now Linda Skerritt has taken over from Val Jackson to write the PBGV notes for the Our Dogs paper. I'm sure we all look forward to reading her notes, or at least those of us who still receive the dog paper through the letterbox each week. I certainly don't have Linda's historical knowledge on the breed as of yet, neither do I have the additional knowledge she shared with us through her weekly notes, but hopefully I can find my own rhythm in time and share my own views and thoughts which I hope we can all discuss when required.

This weekend we saw South Wales Kennel Association return for the first time since 2019, held in the ever familiar Builth Wells, which quite a few of us had recently ventured to in August for Welsh Kennel Club. Heidi Allenby (Rangali) was our judge this time where she drew in a good entry of 30 PBGV's with just three absentees. Ch Vilaudens Magnificent Mile (Imp Nld) (Multi Ch Boom Chicago v Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Fin Ch Vilaudens Zara), owned by Phil & Dianne Reid was awarded the DCC, and RCC went to Gemma McCartney's Ch Soletrader Freddie Mercury JW (Multi Ch Around Another Bad Hair Day x Ch Soletrader Rita Ora). The BCC & BOB was Soletrader Flora Good Time (Ogham Des Terres Du Templier with Soletrader (Imp Fra) x Ch Soletrader Rita Ora), owned by myself and Brianne Major, making this her third CC and therefore a new champion. We were so thrilled by this and she was also pulled into the shortlist in the Hound group later on in the day! The RCC went to Lynne Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose for Overbecks (Multi Ch Soletrader Chip N'Pin x Soletrader Toffee Crisp). Best Puppy In Breed was awarded to Jane Brown's Soletrader Fabioquartaro (Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back x Soletrader Simply Suzy) on his debut at just six months. Although there was no Best Veteran award, winner of Veteran Dog was Jane Brown's Ch Soletrader Valentino Rossi (Ch Soletrader Noble Kinsman x Soletrader Bumble Bee). Heidi was extremely generous to provide her own gifts to the BOB & BOS winner in the way of individual mugs for them both.

I'd like to try and do a brief weekly round up of PBGV results I come across from all over the world, and of course this will not always be possible for every country or state (looking at you USA & Australia), but I'll do my best to include what I can. I feel it really gives us an idea as to what dogs are around outside of the UK, as well as their pedigrees and their successes.

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Our BGV Club show entries have closed and entry numbers released. Claire Cooper (Jayanel) is our Stakes judge with 24 entries, whilst Brian Foster (Stormpasture) has the job of the breed judge and he has drawn in a good entry of 54 making 55. A reminder that the show this year is in the Main Hall at The Sports Connexion, Ryton-on-Dunsmore CV8 3FL, and not in the usual hall. Debbie O'Brien has announced that the usual club calendar is now available to purchase and can be collected from the show for £10, but if you sadly can't make the event, postage is available for an extra £2. If you'd like to purchase one you can email bgv.calendar@btinternet.com. As well as this, Claire Gilluley has asked for last year's trophy winners to please return them at the club show this weekend.

Discover Dogs at the ExCel in London has been and gone for another year and judging by the photos posted on this page, the stand looked incredible. A huge thank you to all the volunteers and their dogs who gave up their time to show our wonderful breed to the public.

No Championship Show results to update anyone on this weekend but there was a PBGV BIS win at the Hound Association of Scotland Open Show. Under judge Claire Hindley, Erin McAulay's and Gail & Raymond Foote's Rosie (Ir Ch Erylan Hera La Reine (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb x Ir Ch & Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle)) took the top spot - congratulations to them! PBGV's also featured in the Veteran Stakes with Erin, Gail & Raymond's Maisie (Ir Ch Clonallan Just Beginning Avec Erylan ShCM VW (Ir Ch Chouan Total Vision At Clonallan x Ir Ch Clonallan Chase)) taking 2nd in AV Veteran Bitch and Claire Gilluley's Bilbo (Ir CH Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEx VW (Ch Haliston Velu x Haliston Yelena) taking 3rd in AV Veteran Dog.

Overseas, again a quiet one for PBGV's. Only two featured in group placings in America - GCh M&M's Stellar Spotify (GCH Soletrader Right Said Fred x GCH & Ch Soletrader Annie Mac) took two Group 2's in Nevada, whilst GCH Soletrader Dean Martin won the Hound Group twice and a RBIS in Wyoming.

Rain has stopped play again in Australia with a number of shows in Victoria and New South Wales cancelling. Some have been going ahead but no PBGV's were entered. Something we don't see here in the UK is AM & PM shows, but Australia seems to put these back to back shows on a lot of the time, meaning over a two day weekend, there are four shows available to enter. In Tasmania, Maree & David Aitchison and Shellie Marshall and Robyn Wallis had a successful weekend with their team of three PBGV's. On Saturday at the AM show, Rokeena Stash The Cash (aka Cash) won Best In Group & Best Minor Puppy In Show, whilst Rokeena Million Dollar Baby won Best Puppy In Group. At the PM show, Cash again won Best Minor Puppy In Group as well as Runner Up In Group. The following day, Cash once again won Minor Puppy In Group at both the AM & PM shows, with a Best Minor Puppy In Show to add at the PM show. Sup Ch Rokeena Gin Fizz was Runner Up In Group at the PM show.

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26/10/22

Once again our BGV Club Show has been and gone. A big thank you to the hard working committee for putting together the show for us all, it certainly made a nice change in my opinion being in the opposite hall providing us with more space and slightly bigger rings. Even the Stakes classes held at the start of the day had both rings opened up into one which meant even more room for us to move our happy little hounds in.

Brian Foster was our judge on Saturday and he awarded Phil & Dianne Reid's Ch Vilauddens Magnificent Mile (Imp NLD) (Multi Ch Boom Chicago v Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Vilauddens Zara) the DCC & BOB, handled by Lilly O'Brien, who then went onto win Best In Show under Marita Rodgers. A big congratulations to you all! The RCC went to Ch Soletrader Freddie Mercury JW (Multi Ch Around Another Bad Hair Day x Ch Soletrader Rita Ora), owned by Gemma McCartney. Best Puppy Dog was awarded to Lisa Guernari & Paul Dane's Cynetkoy Tinker Tailor (Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back x Cynetkoy Pick Pocket) and Best Veteran Dog was Claire Gilluley & Susan Allen's Ir Ch Haliston Didier ShCM ShCEx (Ch Haliston Velu x Haliston Yelena). There was another new Soletrader champion crowned for 2022 when Erin Robertson's Soletrader Ivy League (Soletrader Marvellous Mo x Ch Around Zlightly Different With Soletrader (Imp Swe)) was awarded her crowning CC, whilst the RCC went to Gail & Raymond Foote & Erin McAulay's Erylan Here La Reine (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb x Ch & Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle). Best Puppy Bitch and Best Puppy in Breed, on her debut, was Gavin & Sara Robertson's Soletrader Missy Elliot (Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back x Ch Soletrader Party In Paris), who also took Best Puppy In Show under Marita. Best Veteran Bitch, and ultimately Best Veteran in Breed, and In Show, was my very own sofa companion Ch Soletrader Rita Ora (Multi Ch Boom Chicago v Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Ch Soletrader Peek A Boo). A good day for the PBGV's! Claire Cooper judged the three Stakes classes and her winners are as follows. The Special Junior class was won by Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect (After Me Back To Basics With Soletrader (Imp Fin) x Soletrader Treacle Tart); Special Post Graduate's winner was Claire Gilluley & Susan Allen's Ballencriff Jingle Belle (Caldewriver Despicable Me x Afterglow Cinnamon Buns With Ballencriff); and Special Open was won by Erin Robertson's Soletrader Ivy League.

Over in Ireland, Erin & Oliver Robertson & Cathy Neill's Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike x Ch Around Zlightly Different With Soletrader (Imp Swe), who is current Top Dog in Ireland this year, went BIS-3 at Cloghran All Breed Ch.

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Open shows are coming in thick and fast now so please share any results with me by lizzie.greenslade@gmail.com or through messenger. Likewise the same with overseas or any other results!

2/11/22

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We now go overseas! In Tasmania, Australia, at Ulverstone Kennel Club Inc, Aust Ch Rokeena Stash The Cash (Aust Ch Dance Monkey v Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Aust Rokeena I'm A Party Girl) added another two Best in Group, and two Best Puppy in Group wins to his already impressive show record. In New South Wales, at Kyogle & District KC, Amanda Cooney's Bondestin Front Page News (Aust Ch Bonhaven Northern Angel x Bondestin So Wat Ima Rockstar) went Best Puppy in Group. He also won Best Puppy In Group yesterday at Maree Kennel Club Inc Melbourne Cup Show in Queensland on Tuesday. Over to All Breeds Dog Club of S.A. Inc, Gwen Huikeshoven & Shellie Marshall's Tumtums Paddington (Rokeena Hollywood Boulevard x Bonbon De Noel V. Tum-Tums Vriendjes) won three Baby Puppy in Groups. On Monday at Victorian Womens Dog Cub Inc in Victoria, Shellie Marshall handled hers and Gwen's Aust Ch Dance Monkey v Tum-Tums Vriendjes (Banana Chip V. Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Champagne V. Tum-Tums Vriendjes) to another Best in Group win. 'Monkey' is one of the top hounds in Australia and has topped the 'Royal' groups in Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra this year.

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In Europe I have only seen one result which was in Norway at the Gudbrandsdal Dog Club Puppy Show, held in Tretten, where Around Off You Go (Nor Ch Bluff's Common Chaos x Swe/Den Ch Around Instant Crush), bred by Annicka Lofgren, won Best In Show out of 80 puppies.

Halloween has been and gone for another year, it's finally a dry and sunny morning, and soon it'll be time for Christmas. Entries close soon for the final championship show of the year, held in December and an extremely festive show, The Ladies Kennel Association (LKA), held at the NEC in Birmingham. Mrs F Hanney-Mitchell is our judge so don't miss the closing date if you wish to enter, especially now it's been extended until next week! Usually by this show the Crufts schedules are out so the countdown will be on for us to return to the NEC for the World's Greatest Dog Show.

9/11/22

Last week I mentioned mantrailing as another activity you can do with your PBGV and I am aware of one who is currently starting out and loving every second of it. Megan Allen and Eevee (Soletrader Elegant Eevee (Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back x Ch Soletrader Vocal In Venice)) have been mantrailing for three months and to be able to put the PBGV nose to use has been very enriching for Eevee. Each trail is adapted to suit the needs of each dog and during the trail they wear a harness and long line to ensure they're kept safe. The most important thing is the dog needs to have fun and at the end they receive a big reward when they've found the missing person. If you are interested in knowing more, there is a website where you can find an instructor local to you.

Just a couple show results that I am aware of this week. Tim & Deborah Bartley's Erylan Zeus Roi Des Dieux (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb x Ch & Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle) attended Rhyl Canine Society Open Show and came away with a Group 3 and Paul Dane & Lisa Guernari's Cynetkoy Tinker Tailor (Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back x Cynetkoy Pick Pocket) won the Hound Group & the Hound Puppy Group at Clacton & District Canine Society Limit Show, then went onto win Best Puppy in Show!

In Europe, Marianna Litou's Rose Des Terres Des Dieux Goldie O'Gilt (Ossian Des Terres Du Templier x Mithra-Rigana Des Terres Du Templier) was BIS4 in Greece, under the well known and respected Gunnar Nymann of Chouan PBGV fame. Hanna Leinonen's Rosarian Islamorada with MG's (Picasso v Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Vilaudens Cloud Gate) was BIG4 twice over the weekend in Estonia at the Tartu International Dog Show. Vântans Yalla Yalla (Irish Coffee Des Vignes Pourpres x Fin Ch/Den Ch/Int Ch Vântans Qära Qerstin), owned by Inge Hansen and Lilybeth Jernberg, was BIG 2 Puppy in Karlstad, Sweden. Tatiana Zaderenko's (Rus Ch Maudaxi Chrimbo Limbo Jimbo x Multi Ch Black Majesty Secret of Legoland) won two Reserve in Groups.

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A quieter week this time for results but hopefully more open shows will be on the horizon. LKA entries have extended again so be sure to check the final date.

16/11/22

I don't believe there are any open show results to announce this week I'm afraid so I'll just stick to any international results I've found. Any UK results, please do let me know as I don't always see them on my social media so apologies if I have missed anyone.

We'll start in Europe. At the Baltic Winners Show, Moonwood Ain't She Sweet (Cro/Int Ch Around Double Magic x Lt Ch/Ee Ch/Lv Ch Black Majesty Bee's Knees), owned by Pille Lipson & Katarina Lipson won the Group and then BIS V. In Denmark, at the International Dog Show in Herning, Dk Ch Fodnote Coffee And Cake (Dk Ch Alfa Kalibro Ace Of Spades x Dk Ch Fodnote Ohh What A Kiss) was BOG 2.

In the USA, GCh M&M's Stellar Spotify (GCh Soletrader Right Said Fred x GCh & Ch Soletrader Annie Mac), owned by Janice Hayes, Donna Moore, Wendy Doherty, Eric Ciceron and Janice Brown, handled by Janice Hayes, won two G2's and a G3 in Arizona; GCh Soletrader Dean Martin (Multi Ch Around Another Bad Hair Day x Ch Soletrader Rita Ora) owned by Nick Frost and Clint & Karen Livingstone, handled by Clint, won the group twice and a G3 in Colorado, and GChS Lacey's Not My Circus (Am Ch Fanta's Brand N Lacey's Nuff Said x Am Ch Lacey's Sweet Annie), owned by Donna Bruce, Juli Lacey-Black & Jill Neuschaefer, handled by Juli, took two G2's in Massachusetts. The AKC National Championship in Orlando, Florida next month has just announced that it has a record breaking entry in its 22 year history with an overall entry of 5,385 dogs so it will be interesting to see how many PBGV's are entered here as it usually draws a fair few in from across the country. The PBGVCA has a specialty held during the week in Florida too so I hope I can find someone to livestream the judging! Over to Australia, Alex Heitmann's Taraikha Re Renaissance Reveur (Aust Grand Ch Bondestin I Want It All x Taraikha Shantay You Stay) was Best Puppy In Group at the Adelaide Districts Working Dog Club & Welsh Corgi Club (Sat AM Show); newly crowned Aust Supreme Ch Mistypoint Sharp Dressed Man (Aust Ch/Ir Ch/Ch Soletrader Buddy Holly x Aust Gr Ch Mistypoint Glitz N Glamour), owned by Tracie Edwards, won the group at Adelaide Districts Working Dog Club & Welsh Corgi Club (Sat PM Show); and finally in Tasmania, a name I'm sure we're becoming familiar with at the moment due to his winning record, owned by Maree & David Aitchison and Shellie Marshall and Robyn Wallis, is Aust Ch Rokeena Stash The Cash (Aust Ch Dance Monkey V Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Aust Ch Rokeena Im A Party Girl), won Best Puppy in Group at the Huon Agricultural Society Inc (AM Show), and the Huon & Channel Kennel Club Inc (PM Show), where he also went BIG 4.

I'm sure we're now all aware that Crufts is available to enter and tickets are available for the general public, but sadly for some, no paper schedules will be printed this year so we must all start adapting to only having it online. Something I think most, if not all shows will start doing soon. We have just over two months to get our entries in and qualify those dogs that haven't yet qualified, but as usual I'm sure it will be a great day with a fantastic atmosphere and hopefully some will make the trip from overseas so we can see some dogs we only see in photos, but in the flesh.

No more news from me this week. LKA has now finally closed so entry figures will soon be out and those who have entered will be making their final championship show journey of the year. I've heard that no mats will be used in the rings again so I hope that won't make too much of a difference to dogs who haven't experienced the hall before.

23/11/22

It'll be a short and sweet set of notes this week as I don't believe PBGV's have featured in any open show results here so once again it'll be a round up of worldwide results. Hopefully soon I will be able to bring you news of winning PBGV's in the UK but unless I'm sent them, or I happen to see them on my Facebook, I won't know about them so please do let me know! If you can get a photo too of any wins that would be great too. They always make a lovely addition to the notes I feel.

In Ekaterinburg, Russia, Tatiana Zaderenko's EuW'21 Multi BIS Legoland Believe In Magic (Multi Ch Around Another Bad Hair Day x Multi Ch Fanta's Brand Naughty Whiskey) won Best In Group twice, and then went one further and was awarded Best In Show 3. On the Geneva circuit, Nightdream Teresa Di Vincenzo (Bayclan Captain America x Nightdream Paris Jackson), owned by Luca Ruggeri, was third in Group 6.

This week the Irish Kennel Club celebrated their centenary year and it was confirmed that Ir Ch & Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike x Ch Around Slightly Different With Soletrader (Imp Swe)) was Ireland's Top Dog 2022. He is handled and co-owned by Cathy Neill who was awarded the trophy. This is not the first time Cathy has handled a PBGV to the Top Dog award. In 2018 she campaigned Pat's half brother Aust Ch/Ir Ch & Ch Soletrader Buddy Holly (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike x Debucher Ristourne With Soletrader) to the top spot too!

Across to the other side of the world in Tasmania, Australia. Mrs Wallis, Mr & Mrs Aitchison and Mrs Marshall's Aust Sup Ch Rokeena Gin Fizz (Multi Ch Boom Chicago V. TumTums Vriendjes x Ch Rokeena Im A Party Girl) won Best in Group at the Southern Classic Dog Show on Saturday, as well as Best Aust Bred in Show. Amanda Cooney's Bondestin Front Page News (Aust Ch Bonhaven Northern Angel x Bondestin So Wat Ima Rockstar) won Best Puppy In Group at Bundaberg Canine Club Inc in Queensland.

Over to America, at the Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association, Greg Strong handled GCHS CJ's Oh Happy Day On Five Mile (Celestial CJ's Ringmaster at Talus x GCH CJ's Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile) to a G3 and G4; in Arizona at the Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club, KayCee Klang handled GChB M&M's Stellar Spotify (GCh Soletrader Right Said Fred x GCh & Ch Soletrader Annie Mac), owned by Janice Hayes, Donna Moore, Wendy Doherty, Eric Ciceron and Janice Brown, to a G3; also winning a G3, but at the Columbia Kennel Club in North Carolina, was GChP Talus Stonehouse I'm A Travelin' Man (GCHS CH Hicotton Can'T Stop Rockin SCN SIN - CH Celestial Cj Queen Of The Air At Talus), owned by Cindy & Gary Wood, handled by Zack Helmer. Sticking with the USA for a minute, Westminster Kennel Club will not be held at the usual Madison Square Garden in NYC next year, usually during February, although since Covid, it has been held at the Lyndhurst Estate in NY. In May 2023, the American dog fancy will be making their way to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, NY. A slight change from the norm but something a bit different! Judges have been announced and our Crufts judge from earlier this year, Mark Cocozza, will be judging our breed there.

LKA entry figures have been released and there is a great entry for our judge with 51 dogs, making 48 entries, which I believe is one of the highest this year. The LKA committee have also announced that they are moving the show next year from the NEC to Stafford County Showground. There are certainly pros and cons with each venue, but I for one will miss the atmosphere that always makes LKA the festive show it is. Stafford is great, don't get me wrong, but it just won't be the same.

Is anyone else fed up of this horrid weather yet?!

Any other news, feel free to let me know!

30/11/22

Only two open show results that I am aware of this weekend. Gail & Raymond Foote & Erin McAulay's Multi Ch Erylan Hebe La Fille Jeune (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb x Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle) was Reserve Best In Show at Tyne, Wear and Tees Hound Association and Ch Afterglow Agnes Gru Avec Jayanel (Caldewriver Despicable Me x Can Trace Back To Afterglow), owned by Claire Cooper, Debbie O'Brien and Lynne Ellingford, was placed fourth in the hound group at Sunderland and District Canine Society.

Overseas, the PBGV's have been slightly busy featuring in group placings this week!

We'll start in Europe. Multi JBIS JBIS Jun Slo Cro Ch Black Majesty Some Say (Orsay des Terres du Templier x WW'22 Multi Ch Black Majesty New York), owned by Iva Raic in Croatia, had a fantastic set of results this weekend in Zagreb. She won 3rd Junior Best In Show, Junior Best In Show, Reserve Junior Best In Show and Best Of Group. Iva's WW'16 JWW'15 EuJW'14 JBIS BIS Ch Black Majesty Gives U Goose Bumps (BIS BISS Multi Ch Around No Problems x Multi Ch FiorDiLatte

del Lago Degli Orsi) also won Reserve Best In Show Veteran and Best In Show Veteran. Tatiana Zaderenko's EuW'21 Multi BIS Legoland Believe In Magic (Multi Ch Around Another Bad Hair Day x Multi Ch Fanta's Brand Naughty Whisky) was BIS 3 at the biggest show in Russia.

In Chile, Macarena Robledo Thompson's Cl Ch & Ar Ch Kybalion Tres Charmant (Multi Ch Auriga's Soletrader Tony Tiger x Cl Ch Alfa Kalibro Apocalyptica) finishes his year as #1 dog in Group 6.

Across to Australia where Victoria's Top Hound, Aust Ch Dance Monkey V Tum-Tums Vriendjes (Imp Nld) (Banana Chip V. Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Champagne V. Tum-Tums Vriendjes), owned by Gwen Huikeshoven & Shellie Marshall, won Best In Show at Daylesford & District Agricultural Society Inc, and Runner Up In Show at Cranbourne Dog Club Inc (PM Show). At Daylesford & District show, Rokeena Dirty Dancing (Banana Chip v Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Aust Ch Rokeena Tattletail), owned by Robyn & Russ Wallis, won Best Puppy In Group. Aust Sup Ch Rokeena Make My Day (Int Ch & Aust Ch Black Majesty Hollywood x Aust Ch Rokeena I'm A Party Girl), also owned by Robyn & Russ Wallis, was fourth in the group at Cranbourne Dog Club Inc (AM Show).

Over to America. In Arizona, GChB M&M's Stellar Spotify (GCh Soletrader Right Said Fred x GCh & Ch Soletrader Annie Mac), owned by Janice Hayes, Donna Moore, Wendy Doherty, Eric Ciceron and Janice Brown, won a G3 and a G1; in Alabama, GCh Rosewood's Citrus Got Real (GCh Vilaudens Aslak x GCh Tetu's Pink Star Diamond), owned by Dina Planche, Marina Rose and Tiffany Cannon, handled by Lois DeMers, took a G4 & G3; and GChG Lacey's Not My Circus (Am Ch Fanta's Brand N Lacey's Nuff Said x Am Ch Lacey's Sweet Annie), owned by Donna Bruce, Juli Lacey-Black & Jill Neuschaefer, handled by Juli, took a G2 in Massachusetts.

Before we know it Christmas will soon be here and the New Year will be upon us. Boston & District is our first Championship Show of the year, to be held as usual in Peterborough, and although there are no CC's on offer for us, we do have classes available and our judge is Mathew Garnham. Entries have been extended until the 4th December. Manchester Championship Show, held at the ever familiar Stafford County Showground, is soon after and our judge is Frank Kane. Entries close on December 14th at midday for this one but they have also added quietly into their schedule that 'Entries made online on or after 8th December will incur a £2 surcharge'. Just in case you didn't spot that yourselves!

7/12/22

First set of notes for the last month of the year and there are a few results to mention!

We'll start, as usual, with any results here in the UK. I do have a few that I have been informed about recently from previous weeks. Kathryn Moulding tells me at Crystal Palace Canine Association on Sunday 27th November that BOB went to Linda Skerritt and Jenna Bett's Beaujous Vagabond of Monkham's (Petit Hereos Canned Heat x Beaujous Ticked Pink), and BP was Holt's Nykarth Under Wraps (Nykarth O'Be Serious x Nykarth Meant To Be). Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect For Vynesbrook (After Me Back To Basics With Soletrader (Imp Fin) x Soletrader Treacle Tart) was Best In Show at Humberside Hound a few weeks back and he also won the Hound Group at Sedgley and Gornal open show last weekend.

Now to this weekend. Erylan Chaud Comme Hades (Ogham Des Terres Du Templier With Soletrader (Imp Fra) x Clonallan Just Beginning Avec Erylan), owned by Craig, Linda and Stefanie Brown was Group 4 at Land O'Burns Open Show.

Staying in Europe. At the Helsinki Winner Show, Multi Ch Taglines Double The Fun With Soletrader, owned by Kristina Bergström, Sara Robertson & Wendy Doherty, was second in Group 6. At the Basset Club in Denmark, Birgitte Arildsen's Fodnote Kalorius was BIS 2 Puppy on his debut and kennel mate Nightdream Daniel Day-Lewis (Nightdream Tito Puente x Nightdream Paris Jackson) was Best Opposite Sex In Show. Their other kennel mate Fodnote Jojo Jolene was BIS Junior! Best In Show that day went to Jette Vind Ramvad's Dk Ch After Me A Piece of Heaven (Fin Ch Nightdream Christiano Ronaldo x Multi Ch Soletrader Just Jazz). Cro Ch Black Majesty New York (Cro Ch & Int Ch Around Double Magic x Multi Ch Black Majesty Griotte), owned by Iva Raic and Natascha Hochhold, was BOG 3 and Reserve Best of Group at the weekend shows at Int Wels.

Across to the other side of the world in Australia. Shellie Marshall and Gwen Huikeshoven's Aust Ch Dance Monkey v Tum-Tums Vriendjes (Banana Chip V. Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Champagne V. Tum-Tums Vriendjes) was Best in Group and then Runner Up Best In Show at Dogs Victoria Royal Canin Summer Spectacular. In New South Wales, at the Harden Murrumburrah Kennel Club, Azucroft Mirror Mirror (Sup Ch Azucroft Dom Perignon x Aust Ch Rokeena Jingle Bells), owned by Robert & Yvonne Lauder, was Best Junior In Group. Staying in New South Wales, at the St George District Kennel Club (White Show), Aust Ch, Ir Ch & Ch Soletrader Buddy Holly (Ch Soletrader Magic Mike x Debucher Ristourne With Soletrader), owned by Leanne Duval, myself, and Cathy Neill, won Best In Group and then Runner Up Best In Show. In Tasmania, Maree & David Aitchison and Shellie Marshall and Robyn Wallis, is Aust Ch Rokeena Stash The Cash (Aust Ch Dance Monkey V Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Aust Ch Rokeena Im A Party Girl) was Runner Up In Group and Best Puppy In Show at Ulverstone Kennel Club Inc (Show A), kennel mate Sup Ch Rokeena Gin Fizz (Multi Ch Boom Chicago V. Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Ch Rokeena I'm A Party Girl), was Best In Group at Show B, and Runner Up In Group and Best Australian Bred In Show at Show C.

In Arizona, USA, GChB M&M's Stellar Spotify (GCh Soletrader Right Said Fred x GCh & Ch Soletrader Annie Mac), owned by Janice Hayes, Donna Moore, Wendy Doherty, Eric Ciceron and Janice Brown, won a G3 and two G4's; and in Texas, GCh Soletrader Dean Martin (Mutli Ch Around Another Bad Hair Day x Ch Soletrader Rita Ora), owned by Nick Frost and Karen & Clint Livingstone, was G3.

This week there has been a bit of worldwide discussion regarding the over-presentation of our rustic little hounds from all corners of the globe. This was triggered by a photo of a PBGV with what looks like a shaved to the skin neck. Yes, this is on the extreme end of the scale and thankfully we don't see this in the UK, but where does it stop? We seem to have this discussion creep up on us from time to time and the large majority of people agree that exhibitors should be doing their best to retain our breeds history and function by not walking into the ring with a Schnauzer or Wire Fox Terrier lookalike. By all means keep your dogs clean and tidy, but there's a balance between what is functional and true to the breed, and what is not. I know it is a show ring, but we don't want to fall into the trap of over presented breeds who don't look like they could do the job they were bred to do. If the judges won't penalise these over-presented dogs then it is up to us as owners/breeders/exhibitors to do our best to keep our breed looking as they should. Rustic rustic rustic!

LKA this weekend, Boston entries have extended again and closing this evening I believe, and Manchester will be closing soon too. Colder weather has now set in and I for one am grateful that it's dry!

Please remember to send me any results and photos from shows! Photos don't need to be stacked, it's nice to see a relaxed photo of the dogs too.

14/12/22

This Sunday saw the final Championship of the year and the last LKA at the NEC before it moves to Stafford County Showground next year. Let's hope the weather will be ok for exhibitors in 2023 as this area of the country does seem to attract snow. That being said, many of us had to negotiate snow showers on our way to the NEC this year, whilst others went home to a winter wonderland. It is December after all so we shouldn't be too surprised! But then we are in the UK and the weather is always a topic of discussion..

So the results! Top PBGV for this year, Ch Vilaudens Magnificent Mile (Imp Nld) (Multi Ch Boom Chicago v Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Vilaudens Zara), owned by Dianne & Phil Reid, handled as usual by Dianne, added another CC to his name, whilst the BCC & BOB went to Gail & Raymond Foote & Erin McAulay's Ir Ch Erylan Here La Reine (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb x Ch & Ir Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle). Handled today by Donna Kirkwood-Emery in the breed before Erin took over for the group, this makes this her third CC and therefore a NEW CHAMPION - congratulations! Her other two CC's came from Lynne Scott at Bournemouth last year, and then Jeff Horswell at Bath in August of this year, all with BOB. RCC in the dogs went to Mike Lewin's Soletrader Special Effect For Vynesbrook (After Me Back To Basics With Soletrader (Imp Fin) x Soletrader Treacle Tart), and in the girls, the RCC was to Lynne Scott's Soletrader Langham Rose For Overbecks (Multi Ch Soletrader Chip N Pin x Soletrader Toffee Crisp). Best Puppy In Breed, although no puppy group, was Jane Brown's Soletrader Fabioquartaro (Ch Soletrader Pat On The Back x Soletrader Simply Suzy).

I was informed at the show that Beaujous Leading Lady gained her Junior Warrant a few weeks back - congratulations to her owners too!

This year is over and we have a few weeks break before Boston and Manchester are at the forefront of the minds for those who have entered. Boston entry figures have been released and there are 29 dogs, making 39 entries for judge Mathew Garnham. Order of judging has us as fourth in the ring. Manchester closes tomorrow for those who are yet to enter.

The World Dog Show this year was held in Brazil so understandably the entries were on the lower end of the scale but that didn't stop Tatiana Zaderenko making the massive trip from Russia worthwhile, after her EuW'21 Multi BIS Legoland Believe In Magic (Multi Ch Around Another Bad Hair Day x Multi Ch Fanta's Brand

Naughty Whisky) won the group! At the Swedish Winner Show, Hanna Leinonen's Rosarian Islamorada with MG's (Picasso v Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Vilauddens Cloud Gate) won Best In Show 4.

Only one result from Australia that I can find. At the Tasmanian Canine Association Inc. show, Aust Sup Ch Rokeena Gin Fizz (Multi Ch Boom Chicago V. TumTums Vriendjes x Ch Rokeena Im A Party Girl), owned by Maree & Daniel Aitchison and Shellie Marshall and Robyn Wallis, was Runner Up In Group and Best Australian Bred In Group.

In America, GChS Lacey's Not My Circus (Am Ch Fanta's Brand N Lacey's Nuff Said x Am Ch Lacey's Sweet Annie), owned by Donna Bruce, Juli Lacey-Black & Jill Neuschaefer, handled by Juli, took a G4, G3 in Massachusetts; in California, GChB M&M's Stellar Spotify (GCh Soletrader Right Said Fred x GCh & Ch Soletrader Annie Mac), owned by Janice Hayes, Donna Moore, Wendy Doherty, Eric Ciceron and Janice Brown, won a G1, topping off with RBIS, and, a G2; whilst in Florida, GCh Soletrader Dean Martin (Multi Ch Around Another Bad Hair Day x Ch Soletrader Rita Ora) owned by Nick Frost and Clint & Karen Livingstone, handled by Clint, won a G1.

This week sees the start of the big AKC Royal Canin show in Orlando, Florida, where there are a number of showing days and a supported PBGV specialty too. Results for this will be in next weeks notes.

Martin Bishop has informed all BGV Club members that membership subscriptions are due by January 1st, and for anyone wanting a Limited Odds number, or to renew their subscription for this, that they are also due.



21/12/22

It's unbelievable that we're nearly at the end of the year already and The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year to quote Andy Williams, is upon us. I hope each and every one of you has a wonderful festive break with your PBGV's, friends and family, wherever you are in the world.

I am only aware of two Open show results from the weekend and they are both for Tim & Deborah Bartley's Erylan Zeus Roi Des Dieux (Ch Soletrader Tom Thumb x Ch Erylan Aphrodite La Belle), who was BOB and Group 3 at Darwen CS Premier Open Show on Saturday, and on the Sunday was Group 4 at Oakengates & District CS. Not a bad set of results!

As promised, a round up from the Florida shows in Orlando. Sorry it's a bit results heavy but it's not often there's this many PBGV's in one place at the shows in the USA so I'll make the most of it and enjoy reporting them!

On Tuesday at Space Coast Kennel Club Of Palm Bay, BOB was awarded to GCHS CJ's Oh Happy Day On Five Mile (Celestial CJ's Ringmaster at Talus x GCH CJ's Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile), BOS to GCH Soletrader Dean Martin (Multi Ch Around Another Bad Hair Day x Ch Soletrader Rita Ora), Select Dog was GCHG Lacey's Not My Circus (Fanta's Brand N Lacey's Nuff Said x US Ch Lacey's Sweet Annie), Select B*tch to Ch Always Tetu Perfect Manhattan (CH Jus Fly Me To The Moon x GCH Always Belle Of Ellis Island), and BOW to Lacey's Here Hold My Rab't 'N Watch This (Ch Fanta's Brand N Lacey's Nuff Said x GCH Lacey's Gonna Be A Lady If It Kills Me).

The following day was Brevard Kennel Club and BOB was GCH Soletrader Dean Martin, BOS GCHB Brownstone I Am The Storm At Goose Creek (CH Howling Hounds Stormin' Norman DCAT CA PCJH x CH Brownstone Mille Tonnerres De Goose Creek), Select Dog GCHP Talus Stonehouse I'm A Travelin' Man (GCHS Hicotton Can't Stop Rockin x Ch Celestial CJ Queen Of The Air At Talus), Select B*tch GCHS CJ's Oh Happy Day On Five Mile, and BOW Gebeba Westwind Cheesemonger (Symphonys Init To Win It At Westwind - Gebeba Westwinds Lulamae Luvs Her Moonshine).

Thursday saw Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc. BOB was GCHG Lacey's Not My Circus, BOS GCHS CJ's Oh Happy Day On Five Mile, Select Dog GCH Soletrader Dean Martin, Select B*tch Ch Talus CJ Midnight At The Plaza On Five Mile (GCHS Always Mind Eraser x CH CJ Five Mile Meriwether Of Talus), and BOW was Dehra Xclusive (CH Dehra Orpheus x CH Dehra Vivace).

The Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club Of America held a Parent Specialty on Friday. Sadly I only know the results for BOB which was GCHG Lacey's Not My Circus, Select Dog who was Ch M&M's Stellar Mayhem and Madness (GCH Soletrader Dean Martin x GCHS M&M's Calamity Jane) and Select B*tch who went to GCH Black Majesty Ballet de Chantilly (Around Double Magic x Rokeena Corroboree).

The final day on Saturday, at the AKC National Championship, BOB was again, GCHG Lacey's Not My Circus, BOS GCHB Crepu Visage Aged To Perfection At Stonehouse (CH Mcrudge Centerstage Fun Time In Rio At Morganmi-GCH CH Crepu Visage & Sutton's Get The Party Start), Select Dog GCHP Talus Stonehouse I'm A Travelin' Man, Select B*tch GCHB Brownstone I Am The Storm At Goose Creek, and BOW Lacey's Here Hold My Rab't 'N Watch This.

In Australia, Amanda Cooney's Bondestin Front Page News (Aust Ch Bonhaven Northern Angel x Bondestin So Wat Ima Rockstar) was Best Puppy In Group and Runner Up Best In Group at the Dogs QLD Fundraising Show; and at the Dogs NSW Public Relations Committee Christmas show, Aust Ch Rokeena Jingle Bells (Multi Ch. Boom Chicago V. Tum Tums Vriendjes x Ch Rokeena Petite Yvette), owned by Robyn & Russ Wallis, was Best Australian Bred In Group.

Unsurprisingly there won't be any notes from me now until the new year, more than likely after Boston, but I just wanted to say a super quick thank you to those who have kindly sent me messages and spoken to me personally regarding my taking over of the breed notes. I do hope you enjoy them if you read them! Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and best wishes to you all. See you in 2023!