



THE BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

GBGV BREED NOTES 2026

7/1/26

Firstly, Happy New Year to you all and secondly, I am very sorry there haven't been any notes for a number of weeks... Life had to take priority but we're back on track and hopefully I'll get back to routine as soon as possible. Petit report now and the Grands to follow.

I'm sure most of you have seen the very sad news that committee member and Vice Chairman Peter Marks passed away recently. He gave so much of his time to the club and both the GBGV & PBGV and will be sorely missed.

A gentle reminder to get any membership renewals paid!

12/1/26

Top Dog awards are now available and Top GBGV 2025 went to Amanda O'Day, Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren's Ch Tarmachan Black Ice VW (Multi Ch Frosty Snowman x Ch Tarmachan Florentine), with Top Puppy going to Jayanel Alfabeti Spageti (Ch Macaroni v Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp Nld) x Ch Jayanel Peppermint Patty), owned by Katherine Collier. Top Stud was Ch Macaroni v Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp Nld) (Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Cartier x Rimini v Tum-Tums Vriendjes), owned by Fiona & Michael, and Top Brood went to their Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond (Multi Ch Frosty Snowman x Ch Tarmachan Florentine). The Tarmachan kennel also took home the Top GBGV Breeder award too.

In the USA Ch Sidekick's Courage Of The North At Crossroad (Help Des Hautes Clauzes x Ch Sidekick's Life Of The Party at Talus), owned by Laurie Green, was #1 GBGV All Breed points and Breed points.

Robert Bailey informed me that his and Andrew Yates' Wilmit Mirabelle for Boneveon (Stinton Solitaire Avec Braillement x Ch Wilmit Jugeote) was Best of Breed at Lichfield Open Show last weekend.

Overseas to this weekend just gone now where Int Ch Grand Awards Butterfree (Grand Awards Charles Notcutt x Int Ch Miss Magic v Tum-Tums Vriendjes), owned by Linda & Eerik Helasmäki, won the group at the two-day Kainuu International show in Finland.

Manchester Championship show kicks off the year this week and Hounds are on Sunday. Grands hit the ring first to be judged by Jeff Horswell where he has 21 entered, and 33 Petits follow, judged by Frank Whyte.

20/1/26

A new champion for the breed on the weekend after Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren's **Tarmachan Tre Valli** (Ch Macaroni v Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp Nld) x Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond) took his third CC under judge Jeff Horswell. The RCC to him went to **Jayanel Alfabeti Spageti** (Ch Macaroni v Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp Nld) x Ch Jayanel Peppermint Patty), owned by Katherine Collier. The BCC was won by Anita Roberts' **Tarmachan D'ora Ligure** (Ch Macaroni v Tum-Tums Vriendjes of Tarmachan (Imp Nld) x Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond) meaning litter mates did the double. The RBCC and Best Puppy went to a new Polish import, **Tiara Dusza Lesna At Arapelo** (Boschendal De Bucamie x Pol Ch Princess Previa Z Chybowego Gniazda), owned by Karen Bayliss. Best Veteran was **Ch & Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool VW** (Ch & Multi Ch Frosty Snowman x Ch Tarmachan Florentine), owned by Robert & Andrew and Best Special Beginner went to Judith Shaw & Ray McVey's **Soufriere Artimon** (Ch Claela You And I Are A Team x Silvamoon Saffron at Soufriere VW).

Crufts is the next big show for us all to look forward to. Entries were due to close today but have now been extended until 26th January. Any open show results please let me know!

27/1/26

Westminster Kennel Club will be celebrating their 150th anniversary starting this weekend, with Best in Show finishing the event on February 3rd in Madison Square Garden, New York City. From the UK, the judge for GBGV's and PBGV's will be Gavin Robertson (Soletrader). This show has a huge history and for those who wish to know more about it, it's worth having a google and reading up about one of America's oldest sporting events. It's even older than Crufts! Gavin has 5 GBGV's (2 dogs, 3 b*tches) and 13 PBGV's (7 dogs, 6 b*tches) to judge on Monday. Full report next week. Crufts entries have once again been extended.

I hope those of us in the UK who have been battered by the rain recently are ok. Living on the Somerset Levels has given us a little bit of a 'mini island' situation in the village after quite a few big bits of water were preventing normal vehicles from getting in and out for a time. Not that our youngest PBGV seemed to mind racing through them!

I'm unaware of any UK GBGV results so I'll go straight to any overseas ones.

In Lithuania at the Kaunas Triple International show, **Minskuhoff's You Only Live Twice** (Bolero van Tum-Tums Vriendjes x Minskuhoff's Grand Notre-Dame), owned by Mia Aaltovirta, was Best in Show 5 Veteran, whilst Mia's **Minskuhoff's Sparkling Dream** (Int Ch Minskuhoff's Grand X-presso x Int Ch Minskuhoff's Frozen Heart), was third in the group one day and then won the group another.

In Australia at the Gold Coast Canine Club show on Friday in Queensland, Jacky Harnett, Gwen Huikeshoven & Shellie Marshall's **A20 Gr Ch Aust Sup Ch Tumtums Chocolat Ganache** (Aust Sup Ch/Int & UK Ch Frosty Snowman x Nut Cracker v Tum-Tums Vriendjes) was Runner Up in Group and Intermediate in

Group. On the Saturday he repeated both results and ended the day with Intermediate in Show, as well as Intermediate in Group at the Open show. Sunday saw him take the group and another Intermediate in Group and Intermediate in Show.

4/2/26

Westminster Kennel Club in New York is over for another year and the 150th celebrations looked very much in full swing. The UK's Gavin Robertson was judging both the GBGV (5) & PBGV (13) and results are as follows.

GBGV Westminster Results

Best of Breed - **GCh Aragonex Du Greffier Du Roi** (Dit Rien Du Greffier du Roi x Amalia Do Casal Dos Chopous), owned by Laurie Green, Brent Humphrey & Jody Paquette Garcini

Best Opposite Sex - **GChB Sidekick's Courage Of The North At Crossroad** (Help Des Hautes Clauzes x Ch Sidekick's Life Of The Party at Talus), owned by Laurie Green

Select Dog – **GCh Sidekick's This Year's Eye Candy** (Ch Sidekick's Royal Guard of Arendale x GCh Dit Rien De Plus Du Greffier Du Roi), owned by Teresa Turner & Brent Humphrey

Select Bitch – **GCh Sidekick's Through The Years** (Ch Sidekick's Royal Guard of Arendale x GCh Dit Rien De Plus Du Greffier Du Roi), owned by Gretchen and Gerald Tanenbaum & Brent Humphrey

Award of Merit - **Ch Ethos Walking On Air** (Ch Ethos Loaded Up And Truckin x Ch Ethos Game Set Match At Kaizen), owned by Nancy McLean

Crufts entries have finally closed so hopefully entry numbers will be out soon.

11/2/26

No GBGV notes this week, Crufts entry figures have been released and PBGV's have 71 dogs making 72 entries, and GBGV's 29 dogs making 30 entries.

18/2/26

At the SKC Show Dog of the Year, **Ch Tarmachan Cloutie Dumpling** (Ir Ch Tarmachan Albanwr x Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond), owned by Fiona Buchanan & Michael MacLaren, had qualified as one of the Top 24 dogs in Scotland, being the third generation Tarmachan hound to compete in the competition. No top honours but it is always a good thing when our breeds can be represented.

In Victoria, Australia, at the Sunshine KC, **Tumtums Billecart Salmon (Al)** (UK Ch Gairside Good Lord x Aust Ch Sunflower v Tum-Tums Vriendjes), owned by Shellie Marshall & Gwen Huikeshoven, was Junior in Group and Junior in Show.

Still rather wet down here in Somerset and there's some snow around the UK in places too. Hopefully Spring will start making an appearance as soon as possible!!