

BGV Championship Show 21.03.26 Critiques

PBGV Critique, judge Heidi Allenby

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I am in my 30th year of owning this breed and what an honour it was to judge the breed club show. Thank you to my wonderful stewards and to the exhibitors for a great entry and such a lovely atmosphere. BPD (2) 1. Bartley, Erylan Astraeus. A 4-month-old tricolour with a fabulous coat for one so young. Lovely head, straight front and good bone. Prominent forechest, nice length of rib, level topline and good tailset. Had a lovely puppy attitude and moved well around the ring. 2. Fordham, Soletrader Field Marshall. Another puppy with a nice harsh coat, 5 months old. Really handsome head, good forechest and ribbing, correct length of back, rear angulation and tail. Very happy and moved well. I just preferred the straighter front of the winner. PD (1) 1. Guernari & Dane, Soletrader Basil Fawlt. An 11-month-old dog, heavier in type, with a very dense, thick, harsh coat. Masculine head, good length of ear and excellent pigment, as expected in one so dark. Very good bone, deep forechest, strong topline and well-muscled rear. Front needs to tighten. Moved freely around the ring with drive. JD (2) 1. Robertson, Soletrader Puppet Master. An 11-month-old tricolour with an amazing harsh coat of correct length and texture. Super masculine head whilst retaining that typical cheeky Petit expression. Good forechest, length of rib, straight front with lovely feet, excellent topline, tailset and carriage. Powerful muscular rear for one so young. Moved around the ring with plenty of reach and drive. Pleased to award him the CC and BPIB. He also won Best Opposite Sex in Show and BPIS. 2. Wheeler, Probert Doc Martin. A 14-month-old tricolour. Very typical Petit head with super pigment. Straight front, although I would like a little more bone. Harsh coat, nice topline with good tailset and good length of rib. Moved OK around the ring. YD (3) 1. Boyd, Ir Ch Soletrader Finger Flick. Twenty-two months old and tricolour. Excellent type and size, lovely head with great pigment, although a little over-groomed for me. Nice short ears, tight elbows, good front and length of rib. Solid topline and well-muscled throughout. Moved around the ring with ease and a nice free action. 2. Guilley & Allen, Ballencrieff Berneray. A 14-month-old tricolour. I really liked this Petit but sadly he was spooked today and did not look happy. Very nice thick harsh coat, straight front and good feet. Masculine head with a lovely expression, nice bone, good ribbing and topline, and good rear angulation. Moved OK but was unsettled. 3. Brown, Vysaris Baccus Dieu Du Vin JW. A 20-month-old tricolour of good size, masculine head with great pigment and nice ears of correct length. Lovely harsh jacket in great condition and a lovely short tail. Moved well but heavier in type. PGD (1) 1. Watson & Kenna, Cynetkoy Charlie Brown. An 18-month-old tricolour. Lovely head and expression, good forechest, nice length of rib, tight elbows, good rear shape, good topline and tailset with a lovely tail. I liked him for type and size but would like to see him stride out more on the move. LD (7) 1. Reid, Maudaxi Billy Bookcase. A 2-year-old with an excellent coat of lovely thick, hard texture. Good head, correct length of muzzle and ears, and great pigment. Very good front construction with nice forechest, good rear angulation and well-muscled throughout. Short tail carried well. Moved around the ring with reach and drive. 2. Brown, Soletrader Finger Lickin. Twenty months old and a lovely boy to go over. Good head with reach of neck into nice shoulders, straight front with good feet and nice length of rib. Harsh coat, nice short tail carried well. Moved around the ring with a good rear; I just preferred the front of 1. 3. Guernari & Dane, Cynetkoy's Tinker Tailor. A 4-year-old presented in excellent condition. A little note - best nose so far! Masculine head, long neck, deep forechest and good straight front. Harsh dense coat and correct hind angulation. Moved well around the ring with ease, just a little long in body. OD (5) 1. Bartley, Ch Erylan Poseidon De La Mer JW ShCEX OSW. A 3-year-old tricolour shown in perfect condition. A very lovely, easy mover, covering the ground with ease. Masculine head, good neck leading into nice shoulders, prominent forechest, tight elbows, level topline, good length of rib and short tail. Excellent harsh jacket. Pushed hard for the CC; I just preferred the drive of the winner. RCC. 2. Robertson & Cadmore, Soletrader Rudimental. A 2-year-old with a truly masculine hound head. Very solid front with a good forechest, nice length of rib and correct rear angulation. Harsh coat and a confident mover, striding out well. A very happy

young man. 3. Brown, Ch Soletrader Fabio Quartararo. A 3-year-old male of nice type. Lovely head and ear proportions, prominent forechest, good ribbing and a well-muscled rear. Excellent harsh jacket and moved well with reach and drive. I just preferred the front of the winner. VD (5) 1. Skerritt & Betts, Beaujons Vagabond Of Monkham's ShCEx VW. An 8-year-old in fabulous condition for his age. Lovely type with a very Petit head, lovely ears and dark nose. Good forechest and front assembly with straight legs, good ribbing, nice topline and short tail. Correct rear angulation. Moved soundly around the ring as though he owned it. BVIB and BVIS. 2. Bartley, Erylan Loki Maitre Du Mal VW. A 9-year-old of slightly heavier type but so very sound and moving really well. Masculine head, excellent front assembly, strong topline and a well-muscled rear. 3. Bartley, Erylan Zeus Roi Des Dieux ShCEx VW. An 8-year-old dog I have long admired, although sadly out of coat today. Masculine head, good front, excellent topline and tailset, correct rear angulation and moved well, covering the ring with ease. Breeders Dog (1) 1. Gudbjartsdottir, Made U Look Big Apple Bonanza ISR/NORD JCH. Eighteen months old and of nice type. Good harsh coat, masculine head, although slightly over-groomed. Correct forechest and front with straight legs and nice feet. Level topline with a short tail. Moved OK, although I would like a little more drive from the rear. BPB (1) 1. Foote & McAuley, Erylan Terra Mater. A 4-month-old delightful little lady. Cute head, so Petit and very feminine. Good front and forechest for one so young, lovely length of ribbing and nicely developed rear. Good topline, tailset and tail. Moves so confidently and well around the ring. Best Baby Puppy in Breed. MPB (3) 1. Foote & McAuley, Erylan Queen Maeve. A 6-month-old with a lovely head and expression, so feminine. Good front assembly, excellent ribbing and a well-muscled rear already for one so young. Nice topline and tail. Moved with reach and drive. I will watch her career with interest to see how she develops. 2. Wood, Beaujons Susannah. Seven months old, nice size and shape with a very pretty head, good front and strong topline. Correct rear angulation but sadly very out of coat today and not very happy on the move. 3. Harcourt, Probert's Call Me. Seven months old and slightly shy on the table. Nice type, good head, very harsh coat and good body. Moved really well once settled. PB (2) 1. Cooper & Cadmore, Soletrader Good Golly Miss Molly. A 10-month-old in excellent coat. Lovely shape and size, pretty Petit head, straight front, nice forechest, good short topline and excellent rear angulation. Moved out with reach and drive. 2. Cadmore, Soletrader Sybil Fawty. Eleven months old and slightly longer cast than 1. Correct head proportions with a nice dark eye. Straight front with a slight forechest, good length of rib, excellent topline and good tailset. A great mover with plenty of Petit attitude. I just preferred the shape of 1. PGB (4) 1. Granum & Cadmore, Soletrader Prue Leith. A 2-year-old of lovely shape. Pretty feminine head, lovely ears and expression. Good length of rib, strong topline, lovely rear, well muscled and correctly angulated. Nice tail and correctly set. Moved well around the ring with a happy attitude. 2. Reid, Maudaxi Rebel Diamonds. Eighteen months old and slightly heavier than 1. Such a pretty head with good pigment and dark eye. Excellent front and feet, strong forechest and a heavy harsh coat of correct texture. Correct rear angulation and level topline. Moved well with drive. I just preferred the shape of 1. 3. Moore, Probert Calypso. A 3-year-old of lovely type and size. Feminine head of correct proportions with nice ears. Good straight front, length of ribbing reaching well back, well muscled and moved out really well with a lovely attitude. LB (4,0) 1. Skerritt & Betts, Monkham's Nightingale JW. A 3-year-old orange and white bitch oozing type, with a very Petit head and correct ear placement. Straight front, good length of rib and nice rear. Level topline with good tail carriage, used well on the move. Harsh coat and moved with reach and drive. 2. Townsend, Overbecks Esme Shelby At Roxastan. A 3-year-old tricolour of lovely Petit type. Such a pretty feminine head with beautiful dark eyes and pigment. Nice front assembly and straight forelegs, good ribbing, strong topline and correct tail carriage. Moved really well with reach and drive. Coat needs a little attention. 3. Scott & Brundle, Overbecks Ruby Shelby. A 2-year-old tricolour, heavier in type. Lovely harsh jacket, nice head with good expression, good front, strong forechest, excellent ribbing and correct rear angulation. Moved well; I would just like a little more animation. OB (3) 1. Reid, Ch Fox's Nightmare Lara Fabian At Maudaxi (Imp Rus). A 4-year-old whom I loved. Oozed type and soundness. Lovely shape and size, pretty feminine head of correct proportions and cheeky expression. Beautiful neck leading into lovely shoulders, excellent front, straight legs, nice forechest and length of rib. Very well muscled and beautifully handled. Moved with reach and drive and pushed hard for the CC; I just

preferred the animation of the CC winner. RCC, RBOB and RBIS. 2. Cadmore, Ch Soletrader Splish Splash. A 2-year-old and so fabulously cheeky. Lovely head with beautiful dark pigment, nice straight forelegs, good length of rib, muscular rear, short tail and excellent coat. Moved freely around the ring. 3. Foote & McAuley, Erylan Fantastique Freya. A 5-year-old of lovely type with the most beautiful expression. Very good front with correct forechest, lovely compact shape, level topline, nice tailset and tail, and a very good harsh coat. Moved really well around the ring. VB (1,0) 1. Bishop, Jamar Ina The Countessa. A 7-year-old tricolour. Very good harsh coat, pretty feminine head, prominent forechest, straight front and good length of rib. In very good condition for her age and moved well with a good attitude. Breeders Bitch (4). What a wonderful class. 1. Robertson, Ch Soletrader FOMO. A 21-month-old tricolour and simply a beautiful bitch. Super head with such a cheeky, naughty expression and dark pigmentation. Her front assembly is probably the best I have gone over, flowing together with everything in the right place. Good forechest, length of rib and strong topline. Excellent harsh coat in natural condition. Powerful rear, which she used to full advantage on the move. Moved around the ring as though she owned it, with fabulous reach and drive. CC, BOB and BIS. 2. Foote & McAuley, Erylan. Another beautiful tricolour bitch of 22 months. Lovely type and size, pretty head and expression with dark pigment. Good front with straight forelegs, nice neck and shoulders. Correct rear angulation and well muscled. Excellent topline, tailset and carriage. Just not the drive of 1 on the move today. 3. Reid, Maudaxi Joanie Loves Chacha JW. A 3-year-old tricolour. Lovely feminine head, dark pigmentation and a cheeky expression. Good front with deep forechest and straight forelegs. Tight elbows, well-rounded ribs extending well back, excellent rear angulation and well muscled. Firm topline with correct tailset and short tail. Moved really well front and back and in profile. I would just like a little more leg length to complete the picture.

Heidi Allenby

Stakes Classes Critiques, judge Maisie Allenby

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I want to thank the show for giving me this amazing opportunity to judge the range of dogs here. In both breeds, there is a variety of types that suit different judges, but I am wary that on some dogs their height is too tall. I am incredibly pleased with my winners and and grateful! Basset Griffon Vendeen (Grand) JD/B (2,0) 1 Buchanan & Maclaren, Tarmachan Mac Talla. A sturdy 14 month old dog with good movement, striding out enough. Has a very strong and proportionate head and correct eyes and ears. Elbows are close to body with straight forelegs. A very good coat to adds to the overall view of the dog. 2 McGregor Goudoulait Du Greffier Du Roi Avec Claela. 7 month old bitch who is yet to mature. She is more feminine than the dog which I like, she moves well and has straight forelegs. She is proportionate however the coat texture is softer than 1. Still a youngster. OD/B (4,0) 1 Collier, Jayanel Alfabeti Spageti. A 20 and a half old male who is well proportioned, has a strong and well held up head. Moves well, driving forward and carries tail correctly. A good breed type male very worthy of 1. 2 Bailey & Yates, Ch/Ir Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool VW. A 9 year old dog with a good head and a sound mover. Due to age teeth were deteriorating despite that was a muscular dog in proportion and had straight forelegs and front with elbows close to body. Was good competition to 1. 3 Bailey & Yates, Gairside Special Event For Boneveon. A 6 year old bitch who had a more feminine head who was proportionate however did appear smaller than the others. Carries herself proudly however could carry tail higher. Had a good front. 4 McGregor, Claela Lets Drink A Toast. Champion D/B (5,1) 1 McGregor Ir Ch Claela Sweet Afton At Arona. A 3 year old bitch with a lovely head and is proportionate to her body. She has elbows that are close to her body and a very nice coat that is of a good length. She had a good front and kept that on the move. She strode out well. Worthy first in the class. 2 Robert, Ch Tarmachan D'Ora Ligure. A 2 and a half year old bitch who was nice however on the day the coat was shorter than I preferred. Despite that she moved very well

had a very nice feminine head. Had a straight front with close elbows. Had a sufficient amount of muscle. 3 Cooper & O'Brien Ch Jayanel Royal Affair At Katillien. A 3 year old boy who is sound and full of muscle. He has a lovely masculine head and a good top coat but lacks undercoat. I would also say he appears taller compared to the others in the class. But strode off very well. 4 McGregor, Ch/Ir Ch Claela Infinity and Beyond. Basset Griffon Vendeen (Petit) JD/B (4,0) 1 Robertson Soletrader Puppet Master. A well built 10 month old boy who was well proportioned with a level top line and good muscle. He had a strong, masculine head with well let down hocks and not over furnished. On the move the top line remained level and strode out well around the ring. A lovely young dog. 2 Guilluley & Allen, Ballencrieff Berneray. A 14 month old dog who was strong with muscle and an obvious masculine head. Moved well around the ring and overall was proportionate. Could maybe have the front legs straightens and elbows closer to body to tighten up image. 3 Cooper & Cadmore, Soletrader Golly Miss Molly. A 10-month-old feminine bitch. Showed off the cheek personality of a petit whilst in the ring. At the minute her head is smaller than I would prefer however moves well and has good muscle. Just needs to mature slightly further. 4 Wheeler, Probert Doc Martin. PGD/B (2) 1 Reid, Maudaxi Rebel Diamonds. A one and a half year old bitch with a lovely head and a proportionate body. Moves off well. Also has a lovely coat with let down hocks and muscular thighs. The overall view of her stood was lovely to see. 2 Moore, Probert Calypso. A three-year-old bitch that moved well around the ring with a nice head. Had well set down hocks however tail appeared disproportionate to body. Coat was too long but harsh however would be hard to work in for the dog. Od/B (5,0) 1 Boyd, IR CH Soletrader Finger Flick. A two-year-old dog who was well muscled in proportion with a level top line. Moved well striding out with correctly set tail. His head was nice and masculine enough. As well has a good coat and a good proportional body. A lovely winner in a very nice class. 2 Brown, Soletrader Finger Lickin. A good two-year-old dog who moved out well around the ring. Slightly larger than 1 but was in proportion with well let down hocks and a lovely head. Another nice dog against lots of other nice dogs. 3 Reid, Maudaxi Joanie Loves Chacha JW. A smaller, workmanlike bitch that is three years old. A very good temperament showing off her happy and cheeky side! Although smaller than the first two was still proportional with a level topline and well let down hocks. She moved well round the ring. On other days could be higher up but was a lovely class. 4 Townsend, Overbecks Esme Shelby At Roxastan. 5 Fordham, Elsie Monsieur Oakley. Champion D/B (3,0) 1 Bartley, CH Erylan Poseidon De La Mer JW ShCEx OSW. A lovely three-year-old dog of substance. A good moved striding out although tail set could be lower. Head is nicely proportional to body and size, with a lovely coat and consistent level topline. A worthy winner of the class. 2 Cadmore, CH Soletrader Splish Splash JW. A two-year-old bitch that is nice however less proportional than 1. A nice harsh coat, a nice head, and overall well muscled. Well let down hocks with level topline. On the move crabbed slightly in areas but her front strode out covering ground. 3 Brown, CH Soletrader Fabioquartaro. A four-year-old dog that was nice. Had less furnishing but moved well. Tail set was nice however slightly off in proportion to the head. Elbows were not in causing a less correct front which caused third. However despite that a nice dog to go over.

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Best in Show Critique, Judge Pam Aldous-Town

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Championship Show I was honoured to be invited to judge Best in Show at this show. This is a general report of the two breeds present. All of the Petits in the respective challengers were of top class with true depiction of the breed showing good movement fore, aft and profile, heads and expression first class, all coats were of correct texture covering the body without exaggeration. BOB Best in Show Ch. Soletrader Fomo. Reserve Best in Show Ch. Foxes Nightmare - Lara Fabien at Maudaxi. Best Puppy in Show Soletrader Puppet Master. Best Opposite Sex As Above. There were some very worthy Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen here

today. Very unlucky to meet the Petit winners. Only one with a slightly wider foreface but in general heads were pleasing, correct furnishings and well turned ears. Impressed with their solid feet and positive movement. Lovely veteran. Grand Best Veteran in Show Multi Ch. Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEX CW19 VW. Reserve Best Veteran Beaujons Vagabond of Monkams. Reserve Best Puppy in Show Tiara Dusza Lesna at Arapello. Of course a full report will be forthcoming from the respective breed judges Heidi Allenby and John Thirlwell. Junior Handling Winners (6-11 years) 1 Reid Tried hard with a very fidgety hound, practise makes perfect. Good loose lead. (12-16 years) 1 Collier Very sympathetically handled, relaxed handler, dog behaves, Best Junior Handler Harcourt Puppy giving her handler a hard time but she mastered her eventually, well done. Thank you to the BGV Club for the friendly welcome to the venue, it was nice to catch up with old friends but sad to hear of one or two passing, Good luck to all of the exhibitors for the future.

Pam Aldous-Town

GBGV Critique, judge John Thirlwell

Championship Show Basset Griffon Vendeen (Grand) DCC Jayanel Alfabeti Spageti (Collier) RDCC Tarmachan Mac Talla (Buchanan & Maclaren) BVD Multi Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEX Cw19 VW (Makey) BCC Ch Tarmachan Cloutie Dumpling (Buchanan & Maclaren) RBCC Wilmit Mirabelle for Boneveon (Bailey & Yates) BPB Tiara Dusza Lesna at Arapelo (Imp Pol) (Bayliss) BVB Ch/nld/int Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond Bw'be18 Bw'nl18 (Buchanan & Maclaren) BOB Ch Tarmachan Cloutie Dumpling (Buchanan & Maclaren) RBOB Jayanel Alfabeti Spageti (Collier) BOS Jayanel Alfabeti Spageti (Collier) BP Tiara Dusza Lesna at Arapelo (Imp Pol) (Bayliss) BP Tiara Dusza Lesna at Arapelo (Imp Pol) (Bayliss) BV Multi Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEX Cw19 VW (Makey) JD (1) 1 Tarmachan Mac Talla (Buchanan & Maclaren) Very promising young dog of 14 months, with a pleasing head, balanced body with good bone and substance, well constructed front, well ribbed body with muscular well developed and angled hindquarters. Shown in good coat & condition and moving soundly with good ground covering stride, just needs a little more maturity Res CC YD (1) 1 Jayanel Alfabeti Spageti (Collier) Smart well constructed young dog who I found balanced from a good head and eye, through well made balanced body to strong powerful quarter. He presented a complete picture standing and on the move, with strong topline and well carried tail. His movement was sound, effortless with good side gait, and was shown in good coat and condition. When it came to BOB he just lacked the maturity of the bitch, however I was pleased to award him CC OD (3) 1 Ch Tarmachan Tre Valli (Buchanan & Maclaren) Well made mature male with a masculine head, balanced body with plenty rib and well constructed front and rear. Shown in good coat and muscular condition. He moved positively with a good stride to win the class. 2 Claela Lets Drink A Toast (Mcgregor) Similar overall type and balance to 1, just preferred shoulder and freer movement on winner. Good head, well balanced throughout with good bone and substance and shown in excellent coat & condition. 3 Ch Jayanel Royal Affair at Katillien (Cooper & O'brien) Slightly bigger framed male who lacked a little in body condition compared to winners. Masculine head, and pleasing overall construction with a good outline. Moved with a good side gait just a little close in rear. Presented in good condition. VD (2) 1 Multi Ch Gairside Good Lord JW ShCM ShCEX Cw19 VW (Makey) At nearly 11 this dog can still hold his own, he is in super coat and condition for age and still maintains his outline. I have previously awarded him a CC and still admire his type, construction, balance together with his positive movement, I was pleased to award him Best Veteran 2 Ch/lr Ch Tarmachan Ice Cool VW (Bailey & Yates)

Worthy Champion with good overall construction, slightly finer headed male and preferred winner

in shoulder. Balanced outline strong quarters, shown in good coat & condition. Breeders D (1) 1 Ch/Ir Ch Claela Infinity and Beyond (Mcgregor) Masculine headed dog with lovely bone and substance, well constructed body with strong topline and adequate rear angulation. Shown in excellent coat & condition and presented a pleasing balanced outline. Moved with drive would prefer more reach in front. MPB (1) 1 Goudoulait Du Greffier Du Roi avec Claela (Mcgregor) Smart quality pup at her 1st show and just needs time. Pretty feminine head with a pleasing neck let into well constructed front with plenty of rib and substance. Balanced outline and well muscled rear. Moved happily just needs to settle with experience. PB (1) 1 Tiara Dusza Lesna at Arapelo (Imp Pol) (Bayliss) Feminine headed bitch of good proportions and pleasing expression, well constructed front in a deep balanced body with good rear angulation. Presented a good outline standing and on the move which she did positively with a happy attitude and good ground covering stride. BP OB (4) 1 Ch Tarmachan Clotie Dumpling (Buchanan & Maclaren) Quality bitch shown and presented in 1st class coat and condition, I awarded her BP last time and was pleased to see she has fulfilled her early promise. She is balanced and well constructed throughout and moved with a positive effortless stride showing her good conformation at work. CC & BOB 2 Wilmit Mirabelle for Boneveon (Bailey & Yates) Another top class bitch with lots of similar qualities. I found her balanced with pleasing head, well made body, with plenty bone and substance. She presented a mature strong outline and moved soundly with drive. Res CC 3 Ch Tarmachan D'ora Ligure (Roberts) Feminine headed bitch shown in good coat & condition, she is balanced and well made just preferred shoulder on winners. Moved soundly. VB (3,2) 1 Ch/nld/int Ch Tarmachan Ice Diamond Bw'be18 Bw'nl18 (Buchanan & Maclaren) Lovely overall type and construction she is well balanced throughout with good front and rear a quality bitch just carrying too much weight which spoilt her outline and although she moved soundly lacked enthusiasm Breeders B (2) 1 Ch Jayanel Peppermint Patty (Cooper) Lovely overall type and well made with plenty bone and substance, pleasing head shape, balanced well made body with adequate rear angulation and strong topline. Shown in good coat just carrying a little excess weight. Moved soundly. 2 Gairside Special Interest (Makey) Pleasing in type with a feminine head, balanced body of good proportions, plenty of bone and substance. Moved ok just lacked animation

John Thirlwell (Ferndel)