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Merry Christmas to everyone

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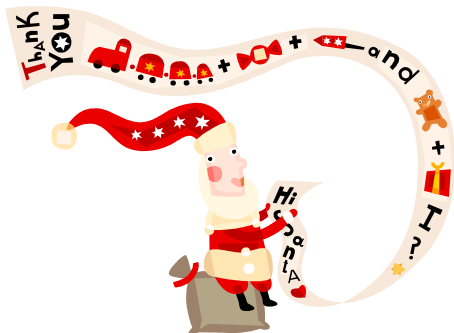
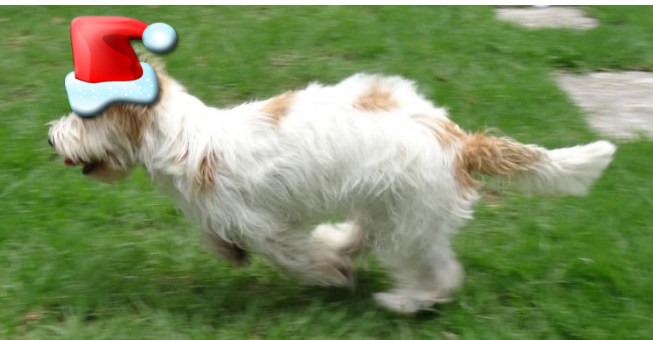
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Racing to find Santa



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*Don't look up now
Sam, but I think its
Santa!!*





From the President

I would like to sincerely thank our outgoing president Beryl Hession and committee for their effort and support given to the club in our inaugural years.

We held our 2nd championship show in August which was very successful and our plans for our 3rd championship show for Good Friday 2014 are well underway. With our show and the Royal only 2 days apart we should draw a good entry.

I hope everyone will support our new committee this year. We are still looking for a Treasurer to take over the reins from Janelle. Thank you Janelle for all your hard work ! If anyone would like to take up this position, please contact Claire.

As we are a small club we need the support of all members no matter how small a contribution. I would like to thank those who have already donated so generously to the club.

Regards

Robert Lauder



From the Editor

Since the last newsletter the club has had the AGM and Beryl Hession stood down as President due to her commitments with Dogs NSW. Her role as our first President saw the club become established and successfully hold two Championship shows. Robert Lauder has now taken over as President and Janelle Tremenheere replaces him as Vice President. At the moment we still do not have a Treasurer so would call upon any member who feels that they could help in this

position.

In this newsletter we have the schedule for our next Championship show to be held on Good Friday 2014. There are a number of other shows, including Sydney Royal on at the same time so it should appeal to exhibitors. Details of the other shows are in the newsletter.

I would like to thank those members who contributes to the newsletter with news, information and articles .

On behalf of the Club I would like to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year



Vendéen Views and News



Eukanuba World Challenge.

An amazing situation has arisen with the Eukanuba World Challenge this year with two PBGV's representing two different countries in the challenge.

Considering that the representatives from each country are the top winning dogs in their own

country, this is an amazing feat for such a rare breed.

Making it even more incredible is the fact that both PBGV's have been bred by the Soletrader

kennels of Gavin and Sarah Robertson and both are co owned by Wendy Doherty of Canada



The Netherlands representative is The Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen, **Ch Soletrader Bjorn Borg**, Owned by Wendy Doherty, Martin Doherty, Sara Robertson and Gwen Huikeshoven, he was bred in the UK , shown and titled in Canada before moving to the Netherlands to be campaigned by Gwen Huikeshoven.

While in Europe he has not only notched up another bunch of titles, he has had some very impressive BIS wins at some of the major shows.

The UK representative is the well known Jilly, **Eng Ch Soletrader Peek A Boo**, Crufts 2013 BIS. Jilly has become a legend in her own lifetime with not only her Crufts BIS but also a Crufts Runner up in Show 2 years earlier. She has also won numerous BIS at some of the largest shows in the UK . Bred again by Soletrader and usually handled by Gavin Robertson she is co owned by Mrs S & Mr W Robertson &W Doherty.

Bjorn is Jilly's grandfather

Both Jilly and Bjorn had made it through to the finals. This must be a first – two dogs of the same breed, bred by the same breeder, representing two different countries, both in the Final of the World Challenge against the top winning dogs from around the world. The show was eventually won by a Poodle





Jilly strutting her stuff



Photos from The World Challenge



Bjorn in the ring



GBGV's are only just becoming accepted in the USA and **Sidekick's Dudley Do Right** made US history by becoming the FIRST GBGV to earn an AKC "Certificate of Merit" in conformation at the Hutchinson Minnesota shows!



The Grand has not yet been recognised by the AKC but next year they will be able to enter the Miscellaneous classes, another step on the way to full recognition

Life Is Grand!
 The GBGV is entering the AKC
 Miscellaneous class in January, 2014!
 Ethos Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen

"Greff" Multi Ch. Debucher Greffier Puppies Available Occasionally "Isabeau" UKC Ch. Wilmit Fantaisie

Be a Part...
 of Something Grand!

Step by the GBGVCA
 Meet The Breed Bench
 at Falmouth!

Nancy McLean · Cheryl Crabtree · Lisa Willman
 New London, MD · www.LifeIsGrand.us · 573-221-9663
 November, December, 2013

As well as PBGV's and Golden Retrievers, Jo Hession has another obsession – Teddy Bears!!

Here is a photo of some of her collection – and



amazingly still intact with no PBGV trying to steal them.

RONALD RAVEN
 Finished his American Championship this past weekend, winning the Breed from the classes at the Hound Specialty in Michigan under Hound specialist Ms. Ann Roth.

WATCH FOR RONALD AND DOUG IN FLORIDA

RONALD RAVEN

CAN-AM CH SOLETRADER RONALD RAVEN
 Breeder: Gavin & Sara Robertson
 Owner: Martin & Wendy Doherty, Donna Moore & Janice Hayes
 Presented By: Doug Belter

DOG CLUB
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BEST OF BREED/VARIETY
 HATBORO, D.C.
 WILMINGTON, OCT. 4, 2013
 Ann Roth

Another Soletrader dog is making his mark in the USA. **Soletrader Ronald Raven** has recently gained both his Canadian and American titles and looks to have a big future



In the last newsletter I mentioned several new litters of PBGVs and GBGVs. Since then some of these babies have made their show debuts with a splash:

Jo and Beryl Hession have been having fun with their first ever Goldtreve PBGV. Young **Goldtreve Reymundo** has been to 10 shows for 10 Baby Puppy in Groups and 2 Baby Puppy in Show awards.



He won his 10th Baby in Group under hound specialist Mr T Tancred. However he was very naughty in General Specials decided he didn't want to stand he wanted to lay down!!...I can remember seeing his Uncle Mr Darcy doing the exact same thing – must be naughty genes on the family!!

Reymundo's sister **Goldtreve French Kisses** (Candy) is currently being campaigned in Tasmania by Lisa Marie Ford and she won 3rd in Baby Sweepstakes in her very first show. She has just won a Baby in Group under Shellie Marshall at the Tasmanian Kennel Club show.

She has won the family over with her happy Peeb personality



And not to be outdone, their father, **Jasper (SUP Grand CH Rokeena Versailles)** also won 2 RUBIG and Aust bred In Show and Cons. to RUBIS at the Orange shows – just showing the kids how it is done!!



The other PBGV litter that has hit the ring is the Lafolie litter bred by Claire Parker. One of the girls from this litter, **Patsy -Lafolie Absolutely Fabulous** has gone to **Shellie Marshall** in Victoria and she is also making her mark winning a Baby Puppy In Show and a Baby Puppy in Group.



Carmen Prendergast has also recently announced her first litter of PBGV's. *We are very proud to announce the safe arrival of 4 beautiful puppies, 2 boys and 2 girls to our PBGV Bonnie Aust Ch Yongyuan Bonnie Parker. Dad is the lovely Grand Ch Rokeena Esprit Naturel.*



Robert Lauder and Jackson – Ch Rokeena Man before Midnight won Runner Up in Group at the Children's Cancer show in Sydney under Hound specialist, John Binks



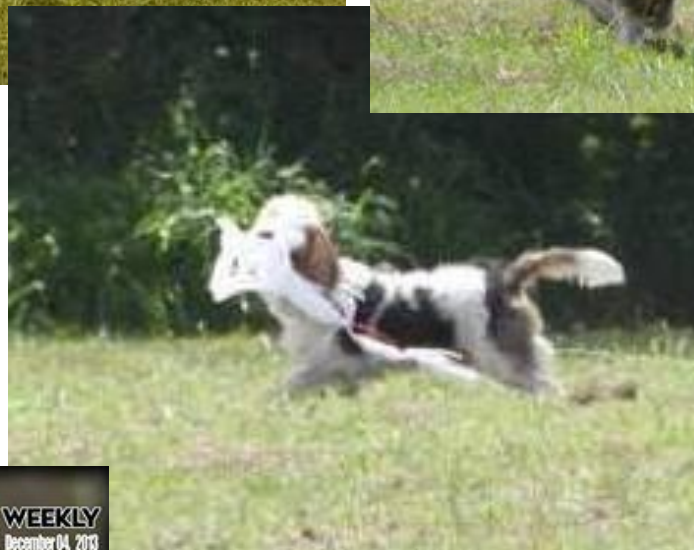


In Queensland the GBGV, **Ch Rickaby Bound for Glory, Quincy** won another Best in Group at Combined CCC show judge Miss C Stuart NSW.

And to show that he is not just a pretty face he went Lure Coursing at the Qld. Sighthound Ass. Like a good working hound he caught his prey, - the plastic bag!! Jackie said that he was so proud of



himself and his captured plastic bag.



Jilly, mentioned earlier in this column has made the front cover of the Top Dog Weekly magazine for December. A prestigious spot for a PBGV





Robyn Wallis has a lovely story about a new exhibitor, Heather Notting

I want to give a BIG Congratulations to Heather Notting and Richard today on winnin BIG and Best Junior in Show. YIPPEE!!

There is a lesson here for everyone, especially those that are new to the dog world. Heather started showing dogs only 8 months ago. She had never been to a dog show before that. She started by just coming to shows and helping anyone that need a hand and learnt as much as she could about shows after she had ordered a puppy from me. She just stayed in the background and helped and helped. After getting her first baby she took it upon herself to take handling lessons from Ashley Reid, driving miles each time to do so, she even flew herself up to Sydney Royal this year just to watch the PBGV's judged. She then doggedly went to shows, never worrying that she had to compete against the older

more well known dogs, happy with her ribbons no matter what they were, then just continued to go to shows if not with someone from Team Rokeena on her own. Today with her junior dog 'Richard', she handled him herself to Best In Hound Group and Best Junior in show at a 700+ Dog show. So it just proves that determination and faith in your own ability pays off. Heather I am so very proud of you. So to all those out there that say it is not fair, I can't beat the faces, I can't win..... YOU CAN just ask Heather.



**Guide in grooming
PBGV/GBGV**

Grand & Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen



Homepage: www.bgvclub.nl

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This book has recently come to my attention, published by the Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of the Netherlands, it has grooming tips on what to do and what not to do.

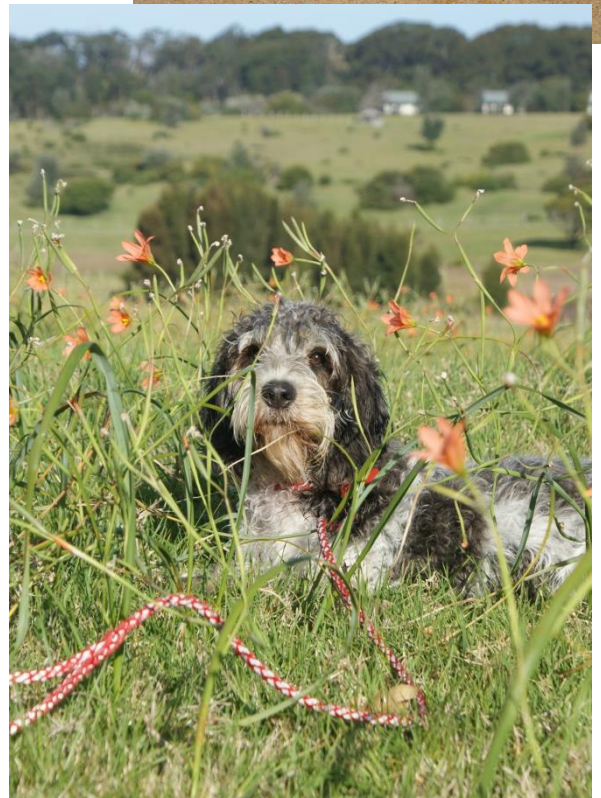
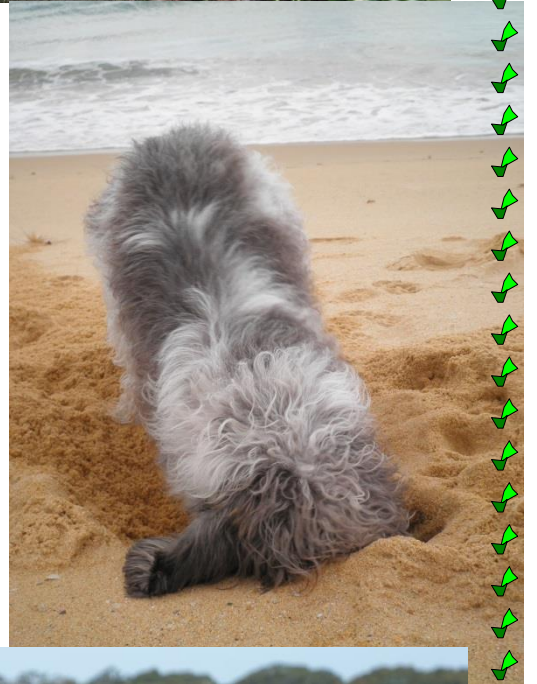
Sam and his little Griffon friend Dolly, who uses him as a cushion, send Christmas wishes to everyone.





Summer Fun

Some photos of Bosley and Izzy enjoying their Christmas weather. Sent by Ashley and Wade Jones



2013 AGM Minutes

The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of NSW

Annual General Meeting

19th of October 2013

Location: Castle Hill Showground

Meeting Opened 6:30 pm

Present: Beryl Hession, Claire Parker, Robert Lauder, Michelle Lauder, Yvonne Lauder, Michelle Parker Brien & Jannelle Tremenheere.

Apologies: Jo Hession, Kirsty Knowles, Jackie Knowles, Robyn Williams, Jane Quinn.

Minutes of 2012 AGM were tabled by Claire Parker, Moved by Robert Lauder. Seconded by Yvonne Lauder. Passed.

Presidents Report was tabled by Beryl Hession, Moved by Michelle Parker Brien, Seconded by Michelle Lauder. Passed.

Treasurers Report was tabled by Jannelle Tremenheere, Moved by Yvonne Lauder, Seconded by Claire Parker. Passed

Secretary's Report was tabled by Claire Parker, Moved by Jannelle Tremenheere, Seconded by Robert Lauder. Passed.

All Positions were stood down. Returning Officer: Robert Lauder.

Election:

President: Robert Lauder was nominated by Beryl Hession, Seconded by Michelle Lauder. Elected.

Vice President: Jannelle Tremenheere was nominated by Claire Parker, Seconded by Robert Lauder. Elected.

Treasurer: Pending

Secretary: Claire Parker was nominated by Beryl Hession, Seconded by Yvonne Lauder. Elected.

Publicity Officer/ Magazine Editor: Michelle Parker Brien was nominated by Yvonne Lauder, Seconded by Beryl Hession. Elected.

Membership Secretary: Jane Quinn was nominated by Claire Parker, Seconded by Yvonne Lauder. Elected.

Committee:

Yvonne Lauder was nominated by Claire Parker, Seconded by Jannelle Tremenheere. Elected.

Michelle Lauder was nominated by Michelle Parker Brien, Seconded by Claire Parker. Elected.

Jannelle Tremenheere was nominated by Robert Lauder, Seconded by Michelle Parker Brien. Elected

Jo Meadows was nominated by Claire Parker, Seconded by Jannelle Tremenheere. Elected

Michelle Parker Brien was nominated by Michelle Lauder, Seconded by Beryl Hession. Elected.

General Business:

Membership Fees: Robert Lauder moved the club continue with the current fees of \$25 Dual, \$20 Single and \$10 for a member joining up a new puppy owner. Seconded Jannelle Tremenheere. Passed.

Show Entry Fees: Yvonne Lauder moved that the club adjust the entry fees to \$15 first, \$10 subsequent and \$5 sweepstakes. Catalogues \$5. Seconded Janelle Tremenheere. Passed

Meeting Closed 7pm.



The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of NSW

General Meeting

19th of October 2013

Location: Castle Hill Showground

Meeting Opened 7pm

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Apologies: Jo Hession, Kirsty Knowles, Jackie Knowles, Robyn Williams, Jane Quinn.

Minutes of last meeting tabled by Claire Parker. Moved by Janelle Tremenheere. Passed.

Correspondence In:

- * Letter from Dogs NSW approving our 2014 Show Schedule
- * Letter from Kirsty and Jackie Knowles giving their apologies and stating that they would not be able to join the committee in the next election.
- * Letter from the Saluki Club re: judge for our 2014 show
- * Letter from Jane Quinn Re: Meeting and Southern Hound Show.

Correspondence Out:

- * Draft Schedule for 2014 Show to Dogs NSW.

Business Arising from Correspondence: Thanks given to Kirsty and Jackie Knowles for all the assistance they have given to the club. Other items of business to be brought up at relevant points during the meeting.

New Members: Claire Parker moved that Kylie Delacourt and Carmen Prendergast be accepted as new members. Seconded by Robert Lauder. Passed.

Business Arising from last meeting.

Yvonne Lauder reported that she would source appropriate dates for Eye Clinic from Dr Robertson.

Show Business:

2014

Claire Parker reported that Dogs NSW had approved our 2014 schedule with Gunner Nyman (Normal Classes) and Holger Busk (Sweepstakes and Property Classes) as the judges. The show is to be held in the central ring at Castle Hill Showgrounds and will not begin before 5pm.

Robert Lauder moved that Claire Parker contact Mr Nyman and Mr Busk to obtain resumes to assist in the promotion of the show. Seconded Janelle Tremenheere. Passed.

Yvonne Lauder moved that due to the success of the Royal Canin Sponsorship at our 2013 show, Claire Parker contact them, thanking them for their generous donations and requesting them to sponsor our 2014 Show. Seconded Michelle Parker Brien. Passed.

Sweepstakes Classes: Claire Parker moved the club hold the following sweepstakes classes: 3-6 months, 6 – 12 months, Champion (including Grand & Supreme) and Veteran. Seconded Michelle Lauder. Passed.

Property Classes: Yvonne Lauder moved that we hold Best Gaited and Best Coated classes separated into GBGV's and PBGV's and Ladies and Gentleman's Property classes for the cost of a gold coin. Entry on the day of the show. Seconded Janelle Tremenheere. Passed.

Michelle Parker Brien moved that the club request Jo Meadows to do the official photography and co-ordinate the catalogue advertising. Seconded Michelle Lauder. Passed.

Janelle Tremenheere moved that we charge \$20 a page for catalogue advertising. Seconded Robert Lauder. Passed.

Prizes: Yvonne Lauder Moved that we continue with the same show sponsorship program as last year, with the addition of \$20 for the sweepstakes classes. Seconded Claire Parker. Passed.

Yvonne and Michelle Lauder offered to be the Trophy managers and co-ordinate and purchase the trophies. Janelle Tremenheere, moved that we accept this offer and allow them to buy what trophies they felt were appropriate. Seconded Michelle Parker Brien. Passed.

Claire Parker nominated Robert Lauder as Show Manager. Seconded Michelle Lauder. Passed.

Michelle Parker Brien moved that the Show Committee consist of: Robert Lauder, Michelle Lauder, Yvonne Lauder & Claire Parker. Seconded Janelle Tremenheere. Passed.

Southern Region Hound Show:

Claire Parker reported that Jane Quinn had spoken to The Southern Region Hound Club about holding a Club show in conjunction with their show, to help cater for country and out of state members. Discussion in regards to this felt that it was a good idea, but due to the large size of our 2014 show it would be something that would be looked at from 2015 onwards depending on the time of the show and which judges would be available for subcontracting.

2015 Show:

Claire Parker reported that she had, had a letter from the Saluki club offering the services of an English judge, Mr N Bryce-Smith judge for our 2015 show. It was decided that we would not accept this offer as Mr Bryce Smith is only eligible to judge PBGV's which would mean additional costs to contract another judge for GBGV's and General Specials.

Fundraising.

Yvonne Lauder reported that the Best In Show Sweep held at County of Cumberland was extremely successful and moved that we hold another at an upcoming show. Seconded M Parker-Brien. Passed.

Claire Parker is to look at appropriate shows to hold this and request permission.

Raffle to be held at 2015 show.

Any Other Business.

Claire Parker reported that she had received a request to hold meetings through Skype and or online chat options. After some discussion and input through members that had had experience of this it was decided that it would not be viable due the delays on these services and the difficulty of discussion by multiple parties.

Claire Parker reported that she had received requests into whether or not it would be possible to include Basset Fauve De Bretagnes in the club. While nobody objected to their inclusion, it was decided that it would not be practical due to amount of paperwork through a number of organizations that would be involved.

Hills Sponsorship for the 2014 Show

The show committee are very happy to report that the club has secured sponsorship from Hill's Ideal Balance for our 2014 show. They are supplying some very generous prizes!



Shows at Easter for Exhibitors

- **18th April** – Basset Griffon Vendéen Club Championship Show. Castle Hill. Details in this newsletter
- **20th April**. PBGVs and GBGVs at **Sydney Royal** <http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au/344.htm>
- **24th April** **County of Cumberland AB show**. Bill Spilstead Complex Orchard Hills
- **25th April** **County of Cumberland AB show**. Bill Spilstead Complex Orchard Hills
- **26th April**- **Fairfield & Dist AB** - Bill Spilstead Complex Orchard Hills

A total of 5 shows in 9 days – one specialty, Sydney Royal and 3 All Breeds shows.

Camping is available at the Bill Spilstead Complex Orchard Hills

Sydney Royal 2014

Sunday 20th April

Both GBGVs and PBGVs will be judged on **Sunday 20th April** by **MS LINDA C MORE (USA)**

Linda grew up with Shetland Sheepdogs, and started showing in Breed, Obedience and Juniors at age 12. She bred Shelties for about 20 years and Keeshonden more briefly. Her dogs earned Obedience titles through Utility as well as Championships. In the early 1970's Linda was granted a handler's license and before long was busy as a full-time professional handler based in Connecticut. In 1989 Linda was honoured with a nomination for the Kennel Review Best Female Professional Handler award. By the time she retired from handling in 1991, Linda had shown clients' dogs in some 60 different breeds representing all seven Groups, and campaigned Specialty and All-Breed BIS winners in Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier and Herding breeds.

In November of 1991 Linda was granted AKC approval to judge, starting with the Herding Group. She joined AKC as a conformation field representative in 1997, worked in the Raleigh office from 1999 to 2003, and is now retired. She currently judges the Sporting, Hound, Terrier and Herding groups, Siberian Huskies, and Junior Showmanship, and has had the pleasure of judging numerous national and regional specialties. Linda had German Shepherd Dogs as companions from 1992 through 2008, and the current resident entertainer is a Border Collie, training in agility and tracking. Linda is a member of the Dog Judges Association of America and at present is the Judges' Education Chairman for the American Shetland Sheepdog Association.

The link for online Royal entries can be seen below

<http://www.sydneymaral.com.au/344.htm>



The late Queen Alexandra had a small kennel of Rough-haired and Smooth Bassetts at Sandringham. The above are some of them.

Blast from the Past

Rough coated Basset hounds owned by Queen Alexandra in the early 1900's.



Entries Close 10th of April 2014

The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of NSW

Championship Show

Castle Hill Showground, Carrington Rd, Castle Hill

Good Friday 18th of April 2014.

Classes to be judged: 1,2,3,4,5,10,11, Veteran & 18 (Dogs & Bitches)

Sweepstakes: 3-6 months, 6-12 months, Champion (including Grand & Supreme) & Veteran.

Property Classes: Best Coated PBGV, Best Coated GBGV, Best Gaited PBGV, Best Gaited GBGV, Ladies Handlers, Gentleman's Handlers.

Entries To: The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of NSW, 2/3 Abbott St, Coogee, NSW, 2034.

Order of Judging: Sweepstakes, General Classes, Property Classes.

Judges:

Mr Gunnar Nyman (DMK): General Classes. **Mr Holgar Busk (DMK):** Sweepstakes & Property Classes

Both Mr Nyman & Mr Busk are from the famous "Chouan" Kennel in Denmark.

Show Commences: 5pm

Entry Fees: \$15 (first entry) \$10 (subsequent)

Sweepstakes: \$5

Property Classes: Gold Coin Donation on the Day

Catalogues: \$5.

Catalogue Advertising available at the cost of \$20 a page (full colour)



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Donations for Trophies for the Championship Show

We are inviting members and friends to donate towards a trophy for our next Championship show. The classes and the value for each class can be seen listed below. All donations will be acknowledged in our show catalogue

If you would like to donate to a Class in show trophy or for an Opposite in Show please contact our Secretary Claire Parker at lafoliepbgv@yahoo.com indicating the class you would like to support.

We are only a small club and because we keep our membership costs low we do not have a lot of money so I would ask you all to support the club in this way

Award	Value	Donated by
Best In Show	\$150	
Runner Up Best In Show	\$75	
Opposite in Show	\$30	
Dog Challenge	\$30	
Reserve Dog Challenge	\$20	
Bitch Challenge	\$30	
Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$20	
Baby In Show	\$50	
Opposite Baby In Show	\$25	
Minor In Show	\$50	
Opposite Minor In Show	\$25	
Puppy In Show	\$50	
Opposite Puppy in Show	\$25	
Junior In Show	\$50	
Opposite junior In Show	\$25	
Intermediate In Show	\$50	
Opposite Intermediate In Show	\$25	
Aust Bred in Show	\$50	
Opposite Aust Bred In Show	\$25	
Open In Show	\$50	
Opposite Open In Show	\$25	
Veteran In Show	\$50	
Opposite Veteran In Show	\$25	
Neuter In Show	\$50	
Opposite Neuter In Show	\$25	
Parade of Golden Oldies	\$10 (All entrants given a prize	
Ribbons		
Sweepstakes		
3 – 6 months	\$20	
6 – 12 months	\$20	
Champion (inc Grand & Supreme)	\$20	
Veteran	\$20	
Special Classes		
Best Gaited PBGV	\$10	
Best Gaited GBGV	\$10	
Best Coated PBGV	\$10	
Best Coated GBGV	\$10	
Best Lady Handler	\$10	
Best Gentleman Handler	\$10	

New Champion

Ch Citronaire Buddy Amazing

CH Gemshorn Watever You Want IMP UK-- CH Citronaire Mistique

Congratulations to Brian Pengelly and Citronaire Buddy Amazing.

He gained his Championship with multiple classes of In show and In group awards.

He has gained his title at only 10 months of age.

Ch Citronaire Buddy Amazing



His sister **Citronaire Fantastique** is on 98points and Brian tell me that she should also become a Champion very soon.

Congratulations to Brian on this achievement.



Christmas photos



Where my present?

Merry Christmas from the Lauders.



Bosley and Izzy wish everyone a Merry Christmas and hope that Santa is good to you



Training Dogs

Thanks to Robyn Wallis for this interesting article.

In my experience PBGV's respond very well to positive reinforcement training methods

The Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) recommends the use of positive reinforcement training methods for dogs as the preferred method of training.

Introduction

The use of positive punishment (applying something the dog doesn't like to make behaviour less likely to occur in the future) is often a first approach used in dog training and for modifying problems in behaviour. However this method is not preferred by most behavioural specialists as dog training techniques that a dog doesn't like can be dangerous for both owners and dogs.

How dogs learn

It's important to recognise that learning is an adaptive process used by a dog to cope with a changing environment. When there is a change in the environment the dog will respond physiologically or with a change in behaviour.

Some responses are instinctive (such as a newborn pup seeking a nipple), some responses are due to the environment (such as drinking when thirsty), and

some responses are due to learning. The consequence of this response will influence the likelihood of the behaviour occurring again.

In many ways dogs learn the same way we do, by making connections between neurons. Pathways are strengthened through repetition and are weakened through lack of use.



Classical conditioning is an involuntary process that happens when a dog makes an association between a previously "neutral" object (such as a set of car keys) and a reflexive action or emotional response (such as the excitement of the possibility of going to the beach). The dog has no control over its behavioural response.

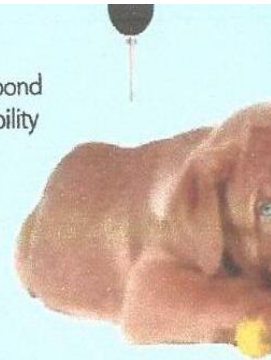
Instrumental conditioning takes place when an association is made between a neutral stimulus (such as the word "sit") and a voluntary response (placing bottom on ground). This type of behaviour is modified by the consequence of the dog's response. For example, if the consequence is rewarding, the behaviour is more likely to increase in frequency. If the consequence of the chosen behaviour is unrewarding to



the dog, the behaviour is likely to decrease in frequency. Dogs, like all animals, learn to respond to stimuli that enhance the possibility of a good outcome.

Rewarding means that the dog receives something it wants, or values, as a consequence of its behaviour. These are called "reinforcers".

Primary reinforcers are essential for survival, such as food, water and reproduction. Secondary reinforcers are neutral things such as words which have been associated with primary reinforcers to become desirable to the dog. For example, the words "good dog" or the sound of a clicker means nothing to a dog until the dog has associated it with a treat for example.



Positive punishment is applying something the dog doesn't like to make the behaviour less likely to occur again. For example, smacking a dog on the nose (an aversive stimulus) when it approaches to take a biscuit off the table reduces his scavenging behaviour around the table.

Pitfalls of positive punishment

Positive punishment has to be delivered immediately and consistently and be of the appropriate intensity to be effective in reducing the likelihood of a behaviour occurring (Overall 2006). This can be very difficult to achieve.

It stops a behaviour but fails to replace it with a desired behaviour, thus creating a "behavioural vacuum".

The dog doesn't learn what is "right" or what is wanted from him.

- It's likely to increase anxiety in dogs (Schilder 2004, Overall 2007).
- It can lead to defensive aggressive behaviour in many species of animals, putting the person administering it or any person or animal near the dog at risk of being bitten or attacked (Hetts 1999).
- Animals can habituate to punishment so the owner may feel the need to escalate the intensity of the punishment or to cause physical injury in order to be effective (Landsberg 2005).
- Punishment may be used as a substitute for losing one's temper and lashing out.
- Punishment may elicit a strong fear response and this response can generalise to things that sound or look similar to the punishment.
- Learned helplessness can develop (i.e. depression, learning problems, decreased motivation) (Lindsay 2000).
- It doesn't support a healthy human-animal bond.



Negative punishment means taking away something the dog wants to make the behaviour less likely to occur again. For example, removing all biscuits from the table as the dog approaches the table (removal of something the dog wants) reduces the likelihood of the dog scavenging around the table.



Reinforcement as a training method

There are two types of reinforcement techniques

Positive reinforcement involves giving the dog something it wants to make the behaviour more likely to occur again. This occurs if asking the dog to sit and stay and giving it a reward (something the dog wants) for staying away from the biscuit on the table increases his likelihood of doing as asked again.

Negative reinforcement involves removing something aversive to make the behaviour more likely to occur again. This occurs if holding the dog back from the table by a tight choker chain (an aversive stimulus), and releasing the pressure when the dog sits down and stops leaning in towards the biscuits. This results in the dog being less likely to try and approach food on the table in the future. Note that an aversive stimulus had to be present (the choker) for the dog to have to work to escape, so negative reinforcement can also be called escape or avoidance learning.

The use of positive reinforcement is the most humane and effective training method as it avoids undesirable behavioural side effects. It also makes training more enjoyable and helps to improve the bond with the pet.

Problems with using punishment in training



Training methods that use positive punishment and negative reinforcement have been linked with undesirable side effects for dogs and behavioural problems such as escape and avoidance behaviour (to avoid the punishment), aggressive behaviour (in self-defence), response suppression (habituation or learned helplessness) and fear of people or things in the environment where the aversive stimulus was present (fear conditioning and generalisation). (Blackwell 2008)



Further information about encouraging positive behaviour in dogs

It's much better to prevent behaviour problems than modify them. Behaviour is the result of the interweaving of genetics, learning and the environment.

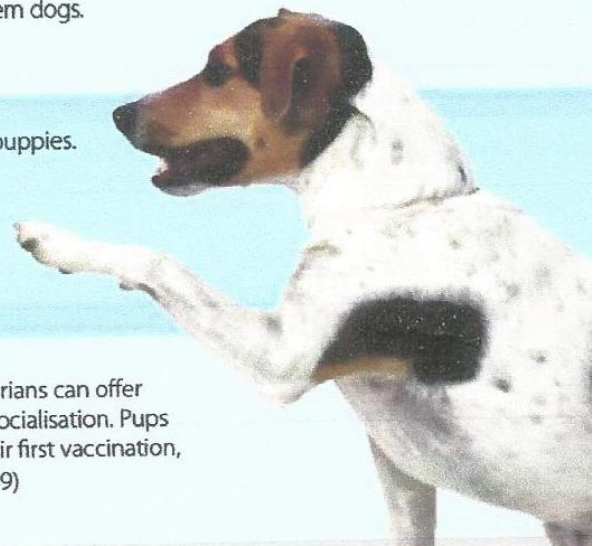
Breeding from dogs with good temperaments is one way of reducing the likelihood of some behavioural problems, although "genetics influence the probability of a behaviour, rather than controlling it in an iron-clad way. Both genes and environment impact on the formation of temperament and the expression of behaviour." (Carter 2009)

It is quite clear that puppies benefit from appropriate (meaning positive and harmless) socialisation. This has been shown to decrease inter-dog reactivity and fearfulness of people, places and situations. (Lindsay 2000, Pageat 2007)

If they are deprived of this contact (as in some kennels or refuges) during the critical period for socialisation, there can be severe long-term effects on the ability of the pet to live successfully in a family environment. These dogs are more likely to develop antisocial behaviour, and many will eventually be referred to animal behaviourists or contribute to the number of unwanted problem dogs. (AVA policy 6.11)

The first 16 weeks of life are a critical learning period for puppies. During this time, social and behavioural patterns are established. For optimum socialisation, it is essential that puppies have regular social contact with humans, with other dogs and with the mother and littermates.

Puppy classes are one of the most important services veterinarians can offer clients and their puppies to ensure effective continuation of socialisation. Pups attending puppy classes should be healthy, have received their first vaccination, and the environment should be thoroughly clean. (Seksel 2009)



Helpful advice for dog owners

Other strategies to modify behaviour include giving advice and help to owners such as:

- Seeking the help of a qualified trainer who uses reward-based training techniques.
- Having the dog medically checked by a veterinarian to rule out any underlying medical problem that might be contributing to the undesirable behaviour.
- Seeking further advice from a veterinary behavioural specialist or veterinary behaviourist if required so that a diagnosis can be established, and a behavioural modification plan can be tailored to the dog's needs.

Following up on this Karen Johnson has just started doing Nose Work with my GBGV Abbey and this short video shows a little of her early training . As you can see from the link below, Karen uses the clicker to reinforce the reward

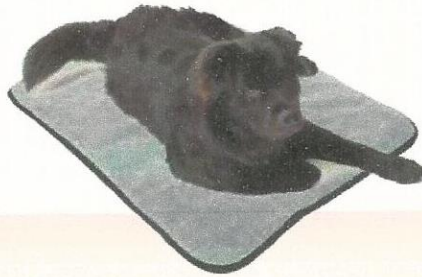
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Examples of reward based training techniques



1 Behaviour: Sassy jumps up to greet people: her owners have tried pushing her down and kneeling her to knock her off balance when she jumps. This has not worked, in fact she now jumps from further away to avoid the knee.

Training technique: Sassy should be ignored if she jumps and only receive attention (including eye contact) when she has four paws on the ground. Only when she is standing or sitting should she be rewarded with attention and treats.



2 Behaviour: Fred likes to sit on the kids' artwork when they have it sprawled on the floor for colouring in, and often chews on the texts. They have tried pushing him away, saying "no" and chasing him when he chews on their texts.

Training technique: Fred can be lured onto a special mat or cushion with food and rewarded when he gets on the mat. When he takes a texta they can ask him to come to them, sit and then swap the texta for a tasty treat or chew toy. Ultimately they can treat him to "go to bed" and to "give". Fred can be trained to go to his mat and stay there using lure and reward methods that will gradually build the duration he can remain settled there.



3 Behaviour: Pumpkin growls and bites her owner's hand when she has her harness put on. The owner has tried pulling her hand away, saying "no" and smacking Pumpkin. The problem is getting worse and Pumpkin is biting sooner and harder.

Training technique: The owner should consider trying a collar instead of a harness, to remove the source of the problem and start a program of counterconditioning and desensitisation to the harness. This involves giving Pumpkin treats whenever she sees the harness (a distance away from her that does not cause her to growl). Gradually the harness can be brought closer, with treats given for calm, non-fearful behaviour from Pumpkin. With correct timing and much repetition, Pumpkin will associate the harness with treats and be happy to see the harness. In tiny increments, the harness is brought closer and closer and eventually placed on Pumpkin. Pumpkin can also be taught with treats to enjoy being handled.

Summary

Animal welfare is paramount when training animals. It is part of the duty of care society owes each animal whose behaviour we seek to change. Reward-based training should be used as the primary method of training because of the benefits it offers.

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The Rarer Basset Hound Club

See below the membership form for the new club in Victoria. This club will include PBGV's, BGBV's Basset Fauve de Bretagnes, and I imagine the Basset Blue de Gascogne as well, if they ever come to Australia.

This club will be our sister club in Victoria and they are asking for our support to get up and running. If you are able to join the club to support them please fill out the form below.



The Rarer Basset Hound Club Of Victoria

Membership Application Form

Membership Fees: Initial Joining fee: \$25 Single:\$20 Couple/Family:\$30

**The initial joining fee is a one-time payment. Only Cash and Cheque accepted.*

*Please complete this form for all new/renewal memberships with cash/cheque enclosed and return to:

The Treasurer: Darren Wright 22 Hilgay Street

Coolaroo, 3048 VIC

Ph: 0423014752

Name/s: _____

Dogs Vic Membership Number: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Breed/s: _____

Prefix (If Applicable): _____

I/we would like to join/ renew membership with the Rarer Basset Hound Club of Victoria. Please find enclosed the sum of \$_____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

On the 13th Day of Christmas my true love gave to me – 12 Grand puppies....

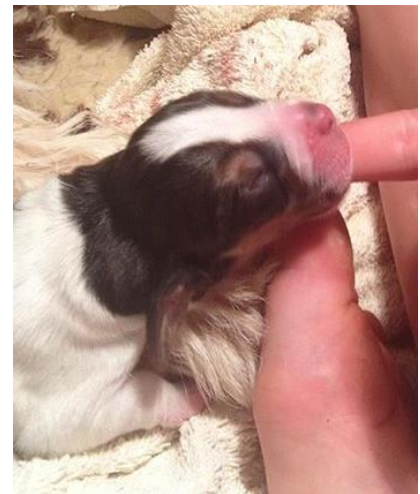


Jane Quinn is having a very Grand Christmas because on the the 13th December her GBGV, Mitzi, CH Tarmachan Flocon de Neige gave birth to 12 puppies- 7 boys and 5 girls. The sire is Mack, CH Holmchappell Marceau

Jane is thrilled by this litter which is larger than she anticipated.

"I'd given up on hoping for a litter from Mitzi and Mack (CH Tarmachan Flocon de Neige x CH Holmchappell Marceau) as we had tried before and no luck, so we just left them to their own devices and, hey presto, 12 pups born on 13/12/13! I had been hoping for one and along came a dozen!"

Mitzi took 12 hours to whelp the pups – which averages out at one pup per hour – It was a long haul for her and her midwives but all pups are doing well so far



Even though Mitzi

was coping well with the pups she has had a bit of extra help from her friend Squishy (Vhandham Farfalla) the bulldog. Jane wrote: *Squishy the bulldog is lending a hand with keeping all those little bellies full now that mum has passed on some colostrum. We are very grateful for our natural extra pair of hands in feeding all these little mouths! So lucky we had one girl weaning as another girl was delivering, just very lucky timing! True French / Anglais collaboration.*

At the time of writing Jane says that the puppies are 4 days old and all doing well! All the pups have gained at least 10-15% body weight and are snoozy and contented. Mitzi is now recovered from the surprise of the great arrival and coping well with her brood. Squishy is still helping out and everything is going well .

Vivian Philips of Debucher BGVs said that the largest litter she whelped was 13 pups and the mother coped well. Obviously they are grand mothers! Pardon the pun.

We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing more lovely GBGV's in the ring in 2014.

Grand news from Overseas



The GBGV Club of America hosted a meet-the-breed booth at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando Florida. The booth won a blue ribbon for its design and educational

efforts about the noble French hounds. The club is working hard in the USA to get full recognition for the breed. We wish them

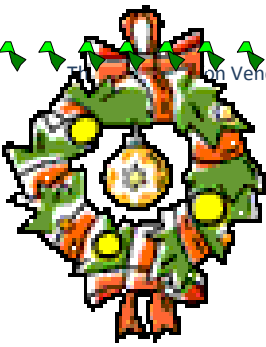


success in their goals



Photos and information from Corey Benedict





Interview With The Dog

the silence is broken

We asked a dog to pull aside the shroud of secrecy and be interviewed. He asked that his name not be used, but for the good of all dogs he agreed to share these ten insights with humans.

- 1 My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be painful to me. Remember that before you buy me.
 - 2 Give me some time to understand what you want from me.
 - 3 Place your trust in me. It's crucial to my well-being.
 - 4 Don't be angry with me for long, and don't isolate me as punishment. You have your work, your entertainment and your friends. I only have you.
 - 5 Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words - I understand your voice.
 - 6 Be aware that however you treat me, I will not be able to forget it.
 - 7 Remember before you hit me that I have powerful teeth, but I choose not to use them.
 - 8 Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate or lazy, ask yourself if something might be wrong with me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, or I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart is getting older and weaker.
 - 9 Take care of me when I get old. You'll be old one day.
 - 10 Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say: "I can't watch-it's too painful. Everything is easier when you are with me.
- And through it all:
Remember that I love you.



a place to love dogs





The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of NSW

Membership Application Form

Please complete this form for all new/renewal memberships and return to:

The Secretary, 2/3 Abbott St, Coogee, NSW, 2034.

Single: \$20 Dual: \$25

Name/s:		Dogs NSW Membership No:
Address:		
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Prefix (if applicable):		Number of GBGV: Number PBGV:
<p>I/we would like to renew/join my/our membership to The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of NSW</p> <p>please find attached the sum of \$.....</p> <p>I/we would also like to donate the sum of \$..... to The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of NSW health account.</p> <p>I/We agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and ethics as set out in The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of NSW rules and regulations.</p> <p>SignedSigned</p> <p>Date</p>		