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The Trophy Table with Judge Mr J Bink

2012 Championship Show Edition

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Cover Photo- The Trophy Table at the Inaugural BGV Club of NSW Championship Show 2012 with judge Mr J Binks



And the winner is announced....



From the President

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Basset Griffon Vendéen Newsletter.

Our Inaugural Championship Show was held on 25th April 2012 at Erskine Park and was a great success. I would like to thank members and sponsors for their contribution and to all exhibitors, especially those that had to travel long distances.

Overall entry was 34, (full results will appear elsewhere in the Newsletter). Congratulations to Robyn & Russ Wallis, Robyn Hay and Shellie Marshall on Ch/ NZ Gr Ch Rokeena Garcon Reveur (Imp NZ) winning Best in Show.

Just a reminder - if you have not paid your Membership fees they are now due. Please make sure you are financial.

It is pleasing to note that Petits and Grands are now winning top awards in the Hound Group as well as In-Show, keep up the good work.

Until next time

Beryl



From the Editor

This edition is a special bumper edition as it commemorates our first ever Championship show which was held Anzac Day 25th April 2012 at Erskine Park. I hope your computers can cope with the downloading as I have included lots of the fabulous photos taken by Jo Meadows who did a fantastic job not only with the photos but also with the catalogue.

The show was in conjunction with the large County of Cumberland All Breeds show and they were very obliging and generous, providing a ring for us alongside the Hound ring and helping where they were able.

We also have two very interesting articles provided by Robyn Wallis which I am sure that you will find interesting

One of the articles is about PBGVs as hunters and having read it I can see where our PBGVs get so many of their behaviours. Ours like nothing better than forage through the scrub and get as dirty and mucky as they can – obviously those hunting instincts coming out

Show Photos

The fabulous photos that are featured in this edition have been taken by Jo Meadows. They are available to be purchased.

Just contact Jo at her email on meadowsjo@hotmail.com and get your special memories of the first ever BGV Show to be held in Australia. She also has some great photos from the Royal as well



Vendeen Views and News

We begin this section with two very sad losses from our members.

Vale: Ch Rokeena Alyons Amusement

For many people Jean Claude Ch Rokeena Alyons Amusement was one of the first PBGV's that they met and I know that he was responsible for a lot of us falling in love with the breed. Bred from the first ever Rokeena litter, he was one of the only two pups produced by Whispa, Ch Plushcourt Promesse(UK).

His outgoing and happy personality endeared many people to him and he was also an influential sire of PBGV's in Australian and overseas. After his show career was over he retired to live in Western Australia with Maureen & Dave, where he was a much loved pet. He sadly died on 30th March from stomach cancer.



Robyn wrote: *Russ & I were shocked and so sadden over the weekend when Maureen rang me to tell me Jean Claude had stomach cancer and had to be put to sleep. He was only 10 years old and it is with such sadness that I write about him now. Russ and I both feel a great loss of this wonderful little fellow who was such a great Ambassador for the breed and had an amazing influence on the breed not only here but overseas as well. Jean Claude was the first PBGV we bred and showed and he did us and the breed proud. He was such a happy little fellow who loved people to the max.*

He started his show career with an amazing Runner UP in Group and Puppy in Group at Sydney Royal at only 8 months old under a Scandinavian Judge at a time when there were very few PBGVs being shown in Australia. People & judges really began to look at the PBGV in the ring more closely after that. As for his influence on the breed he has sired Champions in six countries around the world. Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Finland & Denmark. (Not bad for a little PBGV from Downunder).

He was by the wonderful dog Aust, Am, Jap Ch. Charlen's Make Mine A Double, out of the bitch Ch. Plushcourt Promesse that we imported from the UK who was by two French Imports. Not only did Jean Claude put lots of wonderful PBGVs with amazing type and movement in the ring, he put LOTS of amazing puppies into to wonderful family homes all with his sunny happy nature.

A number of people feel the loss of this great little character. Along with Russ & I, Matt Penman who showed him for us in his early career, Bev and Dave who he lived with and loved him so much and last of all Maureen & Dave who he has lived with for most of his life and who love his as a child. Jean Claude slept on their bed, and went with them to work every day. The early end to his life has shattered them and I can only hope the memories they have of him will help them through this difficult time.

I salute this great little fellow and thank him for what he has done for Rokeena and so many people that he touched in one way or another. RIP my dear little Jean Claude.



Vale: LaFolie Le Roy Soliel

Louis was bred by Claire Parker and sent to Robyn Hay in New Zealand. Robyn planned to rehome him into a loving pet home when he did not turn out as a show dog

On the 30th May he was sent to Hamilton on the North Island and was collected by a family who were to be his new owners. Whilst in the airport carport something frightened him and he ran away, squeezing through a hole on the wire fencing, with his

collar& lead still attached. For five days there were sightings of him in the area. He appeared to be hiding in a densely covered gully but he was so frightened that he would not allow anyone to come close to him.

Large numbers of people with all breeds of dogs joined in the search without success. Robyn flew up from the South Island to see if he would come to her but sadly did not make it in time. Tragically, only 30 minutes before she reached the location he ran out onto a busy road and was killed instantly.

*Robyn wrote: So sad..... took flight yesterday to Hamilton to assist in search for Louis. Unfortunately this morning he returned to the airport where he went missing from, and while staff were trying to catch him, he bolted across a main highway.....Thank you so much to all the residents who helped look, and the amazing support and help from the NZKC members
RIP little Louis, miss u little guy xxxx*

Some happier news – **Darryl and Debbie Matthews** are excited about their latest GBGV import **UK CH Wilmit Braconnier De Debucher (UK)** who is co-owned in partnership with Vivien Phillips (Debucher Kennels UK). Poacher’s arrival in Australia is very exciting to the development of the breed as he is the top winning Grand in the UK.

His wins include:

- 11 CC’s
- DCC at Crufts
- 2010 BOB and Group 4 Windsor Championship Show

He is also a proven sire of Champion get and his offspring include:

- Sire of CH/IR CH Wilmit Domino
- Grand Sire of CH Debucher Rigole
- Great Grand Sire of CH Debucher Xport Quality



Poacher is one of the many quality imports in GBVG's brought in by Darryl & Debbie as they work to establish the breed in Australia and he will be a valuable addition to the lines that they are establishing.



This is the 3rd litter only of GBGV's ever bred in Australia and again will be a valuable addition.

Debbie & Darryl have also produced their 2nd GBGV litter for **Rickaby Kennels** with the birth, on the 22nd March, of 9 GBGV puppies (6 bitches/ 3 dogs). The sire is Eng Ch/Ch Debucher Picobello and the dam is one of my favourite girls Ch Debucher Waltzer.



Brian Pengelly was able to introduce his new PBGV import at the BGV Club of NSW show. **Gemshorn Whatever You Want.** (Sire: Ch Gemshorn Rocky. Dam: Gemshorn Ding Dong)

He had only just come out of quarantine and was a bit overwhelmed by the changes but I am sure that once he settles down with Brian and the PBGV gang he will do very well – as long as Al doesn't teach him how to climb fences and walls!

He carries some new and different bloodlines to the PBGV lines that we have in Australia and will be a valuable contribution to the gene pool. I saw his father Ch Gemshorn Rocky at Crufts last year and he is a very typey PBGV with a lot of features to offer our dogs





Minutes of the Meeting

Held 1.30.pm

25th April 2012

Erskine Park

Present: Beryl Hession (chair) Robyn Wallis, Robyn Williams, Jo Meadows, Robert Lauder, Yvonne Lauder, Jannelle Tremeneheere, Michelle Parker-Brien, Jackie Knowles, Kirsty Knowles, Claire Parker, Samantha Knowles
Minutes from last meeting were lost.

Treasurers Report: tabled by Jannelle Tremeneheere, Moved Michelle Parker Brien, Seconded Jo Meadows, Passed.

New Members: Claire Parker moved Catherine Wilson, Andrew Casperson and Carmen Prendergast be accepted as new members. Seconded by Robert Lauder. Passed.

Discussion Re when Membership would be due. It was decided that it would be best to have a spate membership secretary to manage the membership. Jane Quinn volunteered to be membership secretary. Yvonne Lauder moved that Jane Quinn be elected as membership secretary and membership renewals be due by the 30th of June. Seconded by Robyn Williams. Passed.

Discussion re the 2013 show. Claire Parker moved that she research and possibly conduct an email survey to see what date would suit most people. Seconded Robyn Wallis. Passed.

Discussion Re Meeting and AGM dates. It was agreed that we needed to have more meetings. Robyn Williams moved that Michelle Parker Brien present a list of suggested dates and that the AGM should be conducted sometime in July. Seconded Jackie Knowles. Passed.

Robyn Wallis informed the meeting that she would be conducting a lecture on GBGV's and PBGV's at the world congress in The UK in November. She invited club members to send her photos and information for inclusion.

Claire Parker reminded club members to fill out the health survey that was being conducted jointly with the world congress.

Claire Parker moved that the club contact the English and American breed clubs to express our willingness to participate in any health research they are doing. Seconded Robyn Wallis. Passed.

Robyn Wallis moved that the club introduce a Pet Program where members could join up Puppy Buyers for \$5 each to increase club membership. Seconded Jackie Knowles. Passed.

Meeting ended 2.30pm



The PBGV as a Hunter

I was reading through some old material I had the other day and came across a handout from Susan Buttivant's Chaparral Kennels in Ontario Canada. Susan is one of the few people who is passionate about hunting her PBGVs in a country out of Europe and she has reflected her ideas she has learnt the breed's hunting ability and added some opinions of others that have obviously been amazed by this great little dog. I decided to share this with you as I found it interesting to read about another side of our pet and show dogs as we mostly know them to be here in Australia. Susan also did a great PowerPoint presentation for the last World Congress in the USA of which I have taken the liberty of extracting adding some photos of her dogs hunting to add to this article. (I am sure she will not mind as she loves as many people to understand the breed as possible. I hope you enjoy it also.

Robyn Wallis

Excerpts from an article by Susan Buttivant of Chaparral Kennels in Canada

Hunting with the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen



The PBGV is the smallest of the Griffon Vendéen family and ideally suited to hunting hare or rabbit in the harshest of environments. He is truly a passionate hunter with great courage and tenacity. Both physically and mentally though, he is not deterred by thorns, rough ground or outside distractions. His voice, which he enjoys using, can be heard for great distances and his sensitive nose is superior to many breeds. This makes him very useful on cold tracks.





Susan with her Pack of PBGV's and Hunting in the Snow



Although there are a couple of large packs of pure and mixed bred PBGVs, the breed is best suited to hunting individually, in a brace or in a small pack. His independent nature seems to be stronger than his packing instinct and large numbers of them are difficult to control.

He is often more intelligent at figuring the tricks of the game than bigger dogs and coupled with his speed he is well suited to hunting with or without a gun depending on the territory. Each hound tracks the game independently of the others and their enthusiasm is never lacking. He is almost too fast for his nose.



The Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen is first and foremost a hunting hound.

Following are a few quotes from hunters.....

"The Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen is the ideal dog for rabbit hunters. Its small size and busy nature make it a real beater of the thickets. It will hunt any furred game, and many used it to put up pheasants. It is the maid-of-all-work of the small hunter"





"The PBGV keeps all the famous hunting qualities of the breed: the diligence with which they perform their task, the fearlessness in the undergrowth, the bustle and the vigor" **(Paul Baubigne)**

"All over a hunting dog, he combines a legendary strength with swiftness; he is much faster than other dogs of the same size. His stamina and spirit of enterprise are equal to those of larger dogs, and in dense undergrowth, with a sharp nose and great intelligence he solves problems which would bring half a dozen other breeds to a full stop" **(Anon)**

"Most PBGVs possess the desire to hunt; they have the ability. In fact, on nose and voice, I have yet to see their equal" **(Nick Valentine, Bradley Vale Pack)**



"I have hunted my hounds with other of different breeds and confess that I would have a much easier task in achieving excellence with Beagles.....but nothing I have seen can compare for nose, voice and drive combined to the extent that the PBGV does" **(Nick Valentine, Huntsman)**



“Being a hunting sportsman of longstanding and a breeder of both bird dogs and scenting hounds, I consider the PBGV to be one of the most original style hunting breeds I have ever encountered. Their drive and natural ability make these dogs – for those who crave excitement and results afield – a ‘must have’.

This combined with a faithful household companion makes him exceptions.

Once they become more popular, a larger sector of the sportsmen will acknowledge them on their natural

traits and they will



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Photos from the show



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2012 Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of NSW Inaugural Championship Show Report

The Inaugural Championship show was held at Erskine Park on 25th April 2012, in conjunction with the County of Cumberland All Breeds show. The show was judged by Hound specialist, Mr John Bink from the ACT, who is well known for his Basset Hounds but has also owned champion PBGV's in the past as well.

A commemorative catalogue was produced and Jo Meadows did a fabulous job in not only designing the catalogue but also in designing the full page advertisements from the members.

Jo was also the official photographer on the day and the official and candid shots that you see in this report are all from Jo. She provided her services to the club for free and we are very grateful for her generosity and time.

All of our members were very generous with their support for this show and trophies were donated by Beryl & Jo Hession, Robyn & Lesley Williams, Claire Parker, Debbie & Darryl Matthews, Robyn & Russell Wallis, Michelle Parker Brien, Brian Pengelly, Don & Francis Bruce and Robert & Yvonne Lauder.

Beryl & Jo, not only donated some trophies, they also approached others and were able to get some additional donations from Buffalo Kennels, Waynes Leather Leads and Plush Puppy.

Lesley Williams is skilled at wood turning and he made lovely hand turned Huon pine pens for all the Challenge winners and Yvonne and Robert Lauder organised and donated all the ribbons for the show.

Our entry was 34, made up of 8 GBGV's and 26 PBGV's which was a good entry considering that the breed is still rare and there are only 2 GBGV breeders in the whole country and 11 PBGV breeders.

We were happy to welcome Don and Francis Bruce who made the long drive from Mildura to support our show, and Robyn Wallis who came up from Victoria.

The weather was perfect for both the handlers and the dogs – not too hot and not too cold and all in all it was a very pleasant and relaxed day.

At the end the show there was a Child Handlers class as well and our budding Future handling stars showed just how well they could perform- and the hounds showed themselves off beautifully for them.

As it turned out the BIS and Runner UP BIS were full brothers from a repeated mating by Rokeena Kennels.

Judge's Comments

I would like to thank the Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of NSW for inviting me to judge their inaugural championship show in April. It was a pleasure to judge the show and a very enjoyable day. I had a large entry of Grands and felt the heads, coats and tail carriage of the dogs I judged were excellent. All the dogs were sound and I feel there is a great future for the breed here in Australia.

The Petites were also a pleasure to judge. I found my winners to be of world class and of beautiful type. The heads were lovely, correct eye shape, correct coats and sound movement. There was not a lot between my Best in Show and my Runner up, both were lovely dogs.

John Bink

Championship Show Results



Best in Show PBGV – NZ Gr Ch Rokeena Garcon Reveur

S: Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Natural

D: Ch Rokeena Fille Gitane

Bred by R & R Wallis.

Owned by R & R Wallis, R Hay, S. Marshall. Handled by S Marshall

Runner Up Best in Show – PBGV - Ch Rokeena Versailles

S: Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Natural

D: Ch Rokeena Fille Gitane

Bred by R & R Wallis.

Owned by B Hession & J Hession

Handled by J Hession





Baby Puppy in Show- PBGV- Learnr PB Billy the Kid

Sire : Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)

Dam: Ch Lafolie Anglomania

Bred, owned & handled by R Williams

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Minor Puppy in Show – PBGV - Jimab Mr Briteside

Sire : Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)

Dam: Soletrader Ruby Tuesday (imp Ire)

Owned , bred & handled by J Knowles



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Puppy in Show – PBGV - Rokeena Man After Midnight

Sire : Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)

Dam: Gr Ch Rokeena Fille De Paris

Bred & owned by R & R Wallis

Handled by R Lauder



**Junior in Show – GBGV – Lasarre
Moon on Rising**

Sire: Ch Debucher Milord (imp UK)

Dam: Ch Tarmachan Flocon de Neige (imp UK)

Bred, & Handled by J Casperson Quinn

Owned by J Casperson Quinn & D
Tophill

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Intermediate in Show – PBGV-

Ch Lafolie Very Valentino

Sire : Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Naturel

Dam: Gr Ch Rokeena Jolie Diamant CD

Bred by C Parker

Owned by R & Y Lauder, L Shaw &
C Parker

Handled by Y Lauder



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Aust Bred in Show & Runner Up

Ch Rokeena Versailles

S: Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Natural

D: Ch Rokeena Fille Gitane

Bred by R & R Wallis.

Owned by B Hession & J Hession

Handled by J Hession



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Open in Show & BIS

NZ Gr Ch Rokeena Garcon Reveur

S: Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Natural

D: Ch Rokeena Fille Gitane

Bred by R & R Wallis.

Owned by R & R Wallis, R Hay, S Marshall. Handled by S Marshall

Veteran in Show – PBGV- Gr Ch Rokeena Jolie Diamant CD

Sire:Ch Rokeena Alyons
Amusement

Dam: Am Ch Chouan Pret a
Porter (imp Den)

Bred by R& R Wallis

Owned by C Parker & M
Parker Brien

Handled by M Parker
Brien



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Judging Best in Show



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Grand Results

BOB & DCC GBGV

Ch Debucher Milord (imp UK)

Sire: Nireau Du Barbillot Des Maladieres

Dam: Debucher Idyllique

Bred by V. Phillips

Owned & handled by D& D Matthews



Grand Dog Challenge Line Up



Runner Up BOB & DCC GBGV

Ch Tarmachan Flocan de Neige (imp UK)

Sire: Nord Ch Surcouf De Loustal (Fra)

Dam: IrCh Melanter Tout a Lou of Tarmachan

Grand Bitch Challenge Line up



Petit Results

Dog CC results as for BIS & Runner Up in Show



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Petit Dog Challenge Lineup



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Petit Bitch Challenge Line Up



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Petit Best of Breed

Grand Class Winners DOGS



**1st Puppy Dog –
Holmchapple
Marceau
(imp UK)**

Sire A'Lascar
Dam: La Belle
Vie



1st Junior Dog – Laserre Moon on Rising

Sire: Ch Debucher Milord. Dam: Ch Tarmachan Flocon de Neige



1st Intermediate Dog and Res Dog CC– Debucher Xport Quality (imp UK)

Sire: Ch Debucher Rigole. Dam: Grefierduroi Foile A Debucher



1st Open and Dog CC – Ch Debucher Milord

Sire: Nireau Du Barbillot Des Maladieres

Dam: Debucher Idyllique



Veteran Dog & Best GBGV Veteran

Eng Ch Debucher Picobello (imp

Sire: Debucher Xtrovert.

Dam: Debucher Whispa

GBGV BITCHES



1st Junior Bitch and Res Bitch CC – Laserre Fly by Night

Sire Ch Debucher Milord. Dam Ch Tarmachan Flocan de Neige



2nd Junior Bitch – Laserre Bon Voyage

Sire Ch Debucher Milord. Dam Ch Tarmachan Flocan de Neige



Open Bitch and Bitch CC– Ch Tarmachan Flocan de Neige (imp UK)

Sire: Nord Ch Surcouf De Loustal (Fra)

Dam: IrCh Melanter Tout a Lou of Tarmachan



Grands at the show



Petit Class Winners DOGS



1st Baby Puppy- Leannr Billy the Kid

Sire : Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)

Dam: Ch Lafolie Anglomania

1st Minor Puppy – Jimab Mr Brightside

Sire : Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)

Dam: Soletrader Ruby Tuesday (imp Ire)



1st Puppy – Rokeena Man After Midnight

Sire : Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)

Dam: Gr Ch Rokeena Fille De Paris

2nd Puppy – Gemshorn Whatever You Want.

Sire: Ch Gemshorn Rocky.
Dam: Gemshorn Ding Dong



1st Intermediate- Ch Lafolie Very Valentino

Sire : Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Naturel
Dam: Gr Ch Rokeena Jolie Diamant CD

2nd Intermediate- Ch Lafolie Un Jardin Sur Le Nil

Sire : Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Naturel
Dam: Gr Ch Rokeena Jolie Diamant CD





1st Aust Bred and Res Dog CC- Ch Rokeena Versailles

S: Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Natural

D: Ch Rokeena Fille Gitane

2nd Aust Bred- Ch Citronaire Maximillian

Sire; Ch Afterglow Ralph Lauren.

Dam: Duel Ch Rokeena Tres Bien TDX



3rd Aust Bred – Ch Lafolie Agent Provocateur

Sire: Gr Ch Citronaire Aramis

Dam: Gr Ch Rokeena Jolie Diamant CD



4th Aust Bred – Citronaire Pure Magic

Sire: Ch Citronaire Master Merlin

Dam: Am Ch Citronaire Angelique



1st Open Dog- NZ Gr Ch Rokeena Garcon Reveur

S: Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Natural

D: Ch Rokeena Fille Gitane

2nd Open Dog – Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Natural

Sire: Am Ch/Gr Ch Rokeena Carte Blanche

Dam: Ch Sidekicks Daisy Mae





3rd Open – Ir Jnr Ch/ Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp IRE)

Sire: Ch Switherland the karate Kid. Dam: Ch Switherland Mystique At Ladore



4th Open – Ch Citronaire Master Merlin

Sire: Ch Afterglow Ralph Lauren
 Dam: Duel Ch Rokeena Tres Bien TDX



PBGV BITCHES

1st Baby Puppy- Leanr PB Inis Rose

Sire: Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)
 Dam: Ch Lafolie Anglomania



2nd Baby Puppy - - Leanr PB Inis Moonlight

Sire: Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)
 Dam: Ch Lafolie Anglomania



1st Minor Puppy – Jimab All My Loving

Sire : Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)
 Dam: Soletrader Ruby Tuesday (imp Ire)



1st Puppy – Jimab Love Me Do

Sire : Ir Jnr Ch/Ch Switherland the Outlaw (imp Ire)
 Dam: Soletrader Ruby Tuesday (imp Ire)



1st Junior and Res Bitch Challenge- Ch Rokeena Nutz about Snickerz

Sire: Ch/NZ Ch Soletrader Jack in the Box(UK)

Dam: Ch Rokeena Tres Qualite

2nd Junior – Ch Rokeena Petite Yvette

Sire: Ch/NZ Ch Soletrader Jack in the Box(UK)

Dam: Ch Sidekicks Daisy Mae



1st Intermediate – Ch Lafolie Anglomania

Sire: Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Naturel

Dam: Gr Ch Rokeena Jolie Diamant CD



1st Aust Bred – Ch Rokeena Vivre Sa Vie

Sire:Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Natural

Dam: Ch Rokeena Fille Gitane



2nd Aust Bred – Ch Citronaire Misstique

Sire: Ch Citronaire Master Merl

Dam: Am Ch Citronaire Angelique



1st Open – Ch Lafolie Comme Des Garcons

Sire: Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Naturel

Dam: Gr Ch Rokeena Jolie Diamant CD



1st Veteran & Bitch CC- Gr Ch Rokeena Jolie Diamant CD

Sire: Ch Rokeena Alyns Amusement

Dam: Am Ch Chouan Pret a Porter (imp Den)

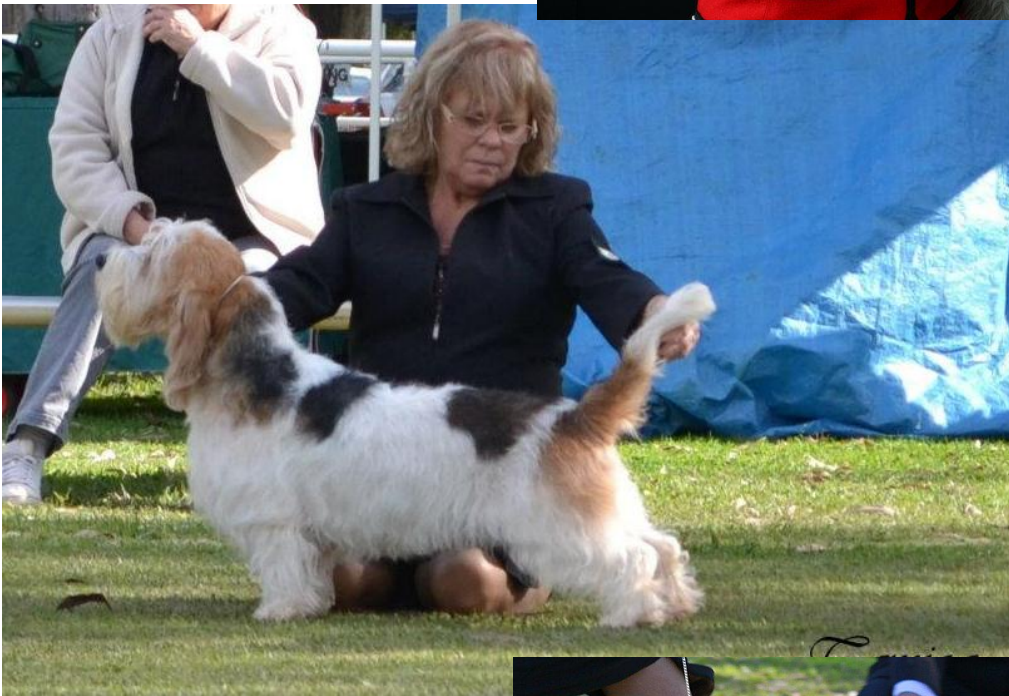
New Grand Champion

Gr Ch Rokeena Versailles

Congratulations to Beryl & Jo Hession and of course Jasper –**Gr Ch Rokeena Versailles** on gaining his Grand Championship title.

Jasper won it in style by winning Best in Show to get his final points towards his title.

Jasper hit the highlights shortly after coming to NSW when he won Puppy



in Show at the 2011 Sydney Royal and after that win he has never looked back.

Jasper is sired by Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Naturel from Ch Rokeena Fille Gitane. This mating was a repeat of the earlier successful mating that produced his older brother NZ Gr Ch Rokeena Garcon

Reveur.

Rokeena can be proud to add another Grand Champion to their already impressive list which includes 3 generations of Grand Champions.

Jasper has already achieved the requirements for the new Supreme Champion title and just needs to win one challenge certificate in July when the new award comes in. He looks like he may be the first Supreme Champion PBGV in Australia. Congratulations Jo, who handles him, Beryl and of course Jasper. What a fabulous introduction to the breed!



JUDGING THE PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDÉEN

By

Robyn Wallis (Australia)

First Impressions are important. Before you even put your hands on the PBGV in the ring, does it strike you as being -



A Small/medium sized, slightly elongated but compact dog with a rough unrefined outline, portraying a confident, happy manner which is characterized by a proud head & tail carriage.

If it does not then it is not a correct example of the breed.

Knowing the breed standard well, is very important for both judges and breeders alike, but sometimes one can get so bogged down with facts, figures and faults that the whole picture of the dog is lost. The best dog is always the one that fits the silhouette or template that portrays the correct balance for that breed and to which you add the sum total of breed type and characteristics it possesses. The soundest dog with the best movement can never be the best PBGV if it does not fit the correct breed silhouette. We will look more closely at silhouettes in a minute.

When assessing the PBGV (or any other dog for that matter) a judge should ask themselves a number of questions.

As judging is a combination of *eye and hand logic*, one has to ask, if the hands feels what the eye is seeing? Often creative preparation of a dog for the show ring can create illusions aimed at confusing the eye. The dog can be made look much better in some areas than it actually is. On the other hand sometimes these illusions can also spoil the appearance of a very good example of the breed. In both these cases the hands should tell you the story.

In the case of *deceptive illusion*, where your hands find an excellent PBGV breed type that has been sculptured to the extent of losing correct breed appearance, a heavy responsibility is placed on a judge.

I do not think a judge should ever put up an inferior dog over an excellent specimen with a good temperament, as this does the breed a great injustice for unfortunately many times dogs are used in

breeding programs, just because they win and bad grooming/trimming will never have an adverse affect on future progeny. Therefore as much as I abhor badly, over trimmed PBGVs, if the dog was the best specimen of the breed in the ring, I would have to award it BOB but at the same time mention to the handler it was such a shame the outline of the dog was ruined and I would not be prepared to take it any further in the group. Then of course this is my opinion only.

The PBGV is a somewhat longer or a *slightly elongated*, compact dog. There are always *parameters* that allow a small allowance for measurements related to general statements such as this. What you have to ask yourself is *does the dog in front of me fit into acceptable parameters for the correct balance of the breed*.

So now you have looked at the balance of the dog, you next need to think about *type*. Type is the sum total of breed type characteristics which make the PBGV able to do the work for which it was originally developed. When judging you need to ask yourself does the dog you are assessing have a sum total which makes it a good or acceptable type of PBGV?

Finally you need to address *soundness*, asking yourself if this dog has enough sound anatomy to do the job for which it was bred.

With all this in mind the best PBGV on the day has to be the one that has the most ticks to all your answers to the above questions.

I mentioned earlier, the correct silhouette for the breed is of extreme importance, so let's look at some examples of this which should make recognizing this more clearly.



*Fig 1.
Correct Balance for the PBGV
(Slightly elongated but compact dog)*

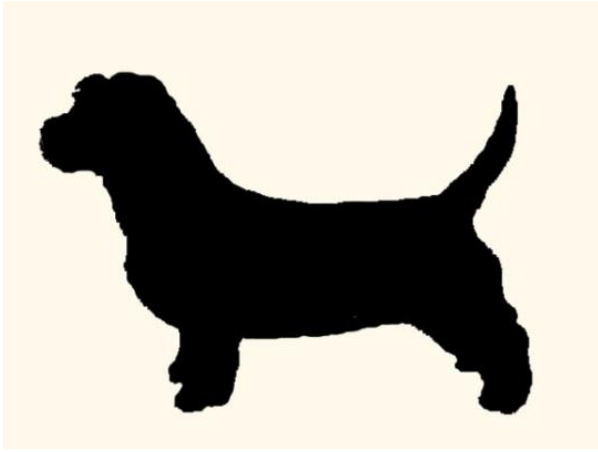


Fig. 2 Too long in body for the correct balance



Fig.3 Too high up on leg for correct balance



Fig.4 Too low on leg for correct balance

If the PBGV you are judging does not fit the silhouette of *Fig.1* you have to ask yourself does it still fit into the parameters that you believe are acceptable? If not, it is not an acceptable representative of the breed and you need to judge it accordingly.

Head balance is also important when making your judgment of the breed. The standard asks for the muzzle to be slightly shorter than the skull. If it is too long and it makes the head look more like its cousin the GBGV and if too short it gives it presents a 'toy' appearance.

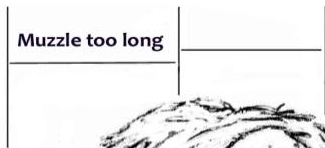


Fig A Muzzle Too Long

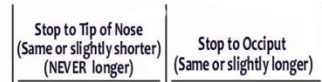


Fig B Correct head proportions

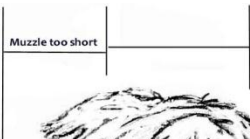


Fig. C Muzzle too short



Once you understand the balance of the PBGV, it is not a difficult breed to judge as it does not have any unusual conformation anomalies.

To make judging the PBGV easier it is a good idea to make up your own *mantra* that contains the main characteristics of the breed to repeat to yourself as you go over it.

Therefore, after deciding if the dog fits the 13 to 15inch breed standard requirement, as your hands go over the dog, you should be saying to yourself has this PBGV got -

- A muzzle shorter than the skull, a good stop, oval skull, ears not reaching beyond the muzzle and big dark eye that are easily noticeable under the long eyebrows?
- Does it have an adequate mustache & beard, and a neck long and strong enough to carry this head high?
- Can I feel an equal and well angled front assembly?
- Can I feel strong, without being coarse, straight bone in the legs and are the feet hard & tight?
- Can I feel the front sternum and does the length of keel finish far enough back?
- Is the ribcage long enough and is the Topline firm and the loin not too long or weak?
- Does the hind angulation match the front?
- Is the tail set on in the correct high position to be able to carry it proudly
- And finally is the, rough coat of correct length and texture.

Add your summation of what you have found in your examination to the ideal balanced silhouette along with the disposition and movement of the dog and you will find judging the PBGV a very pleasant experience.



**Child
Handlers at
the Show**



Sydney Royal Results

GRAND BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN



Best of Breed & Bitch Challenge: Laserre Fly By Night

Runner Up Best of Breed & Dog Challenge: Ch. Debucher Milord (Imp UK)

Res Dog Challenge Not given on the Royal



results page



Res Challenge Bitch CH. Tarmachan Flocon De Neige

Grand Dog CC Line Up



PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN



Best of Breed & Dog Challenge- N.Z. GRD. CH.
Rokeena Garcon Reveur



Runner Up Best of Breed & Res Dog Challenge -
Rokeena Hersheyz Kissezz



Challenge Bitch CH. Rokeena Tres Qualite



Reserve Challenge Bitch - Jimab Love Me Do



Petit Bitch CC Lineup



Petit Dog CC
Line Up



Random Shots from the Royal & the Championship Show





The Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of NSW

Membership Application Form

Please complete form and return to: The Treasurer, 10 Allandale St, Pelaw Main, 2327

Single: \$20 Dual: \$25 Junior: \$10 Family: \$50

Name/s:		Dogs NSW Membership No:
Address:		
Ph:	Mobile:	Email:
Prefix (if applicable)		Number of GBGV and/or PBGV owned:
<p>We/I wish to join/renew our membership of The Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of NSW</p> <p>And we enclose the sum of \$..... for our membership/s</p> <p>Signed.....</p>		