



Newsletter Number Four Summer 2012



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Zoomie the GBGV doing dancing with Dogs in Europe

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Cover Photo- Edward - Ire Ch/Aust Ch Switherland the Outlaw – up close and personal



STOP Press

I have just heard that this weekend has been a remarkable one for the PBGV's

In Victoria NZ Gr Ch Rokeena has just won 1 best in Show plus a Runner Up In Show

In NSW his half brother, Ch Rokeena Versailles has won 1 Best in Show, 1 Best in Group, and 2 Runner Up In Groups

Congratulations to everyone.





From the President:

It has been an unusual summer with just a few hot days and in most States nothing but rain and floods, Has not been 'the best weather for showing BGV's. Let's hope better weather is ahead.

The Club's first year is fast approaching, and on the 26th April we will be holding our inaugural show in conjunction with County of Cumberland Championship Show.

Don't forget to get your entries in. We have Basset breeder/ Exhibitor, Mr John Bink from ACT, officiating. Should you wish to donate cash or a prize for the trophy table it would be much appreciated. Just contact Claire

Also, the Sydney Royal is only weeks away and I think we should have a very good representation of both Petits and Grands this year. Hope to see you all there.

I would like to congratulate Robyn Williams who recently gained her licence for the Non Sporting Group, leaving her just Toy and Terrier Groups to complete her All Breeds status. Until the Royal .

Beryl



From the Editor

There has been a flurry of activity this year following a very short Christmas break for most people.

There have been some excellent show results as the New Year begins with a number of group and show awards. These results can be seen later in the newsletter.

The club is also very busy at the moment preparing for the first ever Championship show to be held on Anzac day in conjunction with The County of Cumberland Show. Details of the show can also be seen in the newsletter and we ask all members to support this show.

As I write this Crufts has just concluded with Jilly the PBGV going 2nd in the Hound Group this year. Full results are also in the newsletter

I won't be at the Royal as I will be in Europe on a river cruise and then to England to watch the Griffon Bruxellois Championship show and hopefully see some PBGV's and some GBGV's so I will wish all who are going good luck.



Vendeen Views and News

Robyn Wallis and Robyn Hays have been thrilled with the progress of NZ Gr Ch Rokeena Garcon Reveur, Mr Darcy who arrived in

Australia at the end of 2011 to begin his Australian campaign. Since the beginning of the year he has won 1 Best in Show, 1 Runner Up in Show and 1 Runner up in Group. At the time of writing he is the Number 3 Hound on the point score in Victoria. He is co-owned and expertly handled by Shellie Marshall.



Following Mr Darcy on the point score competition is his



younger brother **Ch Rokeena Versailles,**

Jasper who has won 1 runner up in Show, 3 runner up in Groups and 1 best in Group as well as leading the BOB point score. Owned **by Beryl & Jo Hession,** Jasper has had a wonderful show career since arriving in NSW last year.

Interestingly both of these boys have been sired by Sam, Grand Ch Rokeena Esprit Naturel

Congratulations to **Robyn Williams** passed her Non Sporting judges exam. She managed to do this at the same time as running the Gundog training, whelping a litter of PBGV's and working full time. Congratulations Robyn. Perhaps you should write a book on time management as you certainly seem to have the knack.

Speaking of litters, **Robyn William's** babies, sired by Edward(Ire/Aust Ch Switherland the Outlaw), will be old enough for their first show any time now and are



looking very promising. Robyn named the bitches after Irish

perfumes and has actually been able to get some bottles of the perfumes. When she shows she will be able to match the perfume to the dog. Pictured is Rose.



Pups from **Edward(Ire/Aust Ch Switherland the Outlaw)** by other bitches have also been doing well in the ring in two states. **Jackie Knowles** bred her first litter in Australia and kept 3 pups. They have been taking it in turns to win Baby

Puppy in Groups with Roxy (Jimab Love Me Do_ having won 2 baby in Groups and Tyler (Jimab Mr Briteside) recently winning one at Robertson.

In Victoria Robyn Wallis has also been having some fun with Edwards pups. Chilli (Rokeena Kisses of Fire) has won a Minor in group and a Minor in Show. **Chilli (Rokeena Kisses of Fire)**



Her brother Jackson (Rokeena Man After Midnight) has won 2 Minor in Groups

Jackson (Rokeena Man After Midnight)

While yet another

sister, Nina (Rokeena Pretty Ballarina) has won one Minor in Group **Nina (Rokeena Pretty Ballarina)**



Basset Griffon Vendéen Club

Inaugural Championship Show

On the next two pages you will see information regarding our first ever championship show. This is a very exciting even for the two breeds and although we are a small club everyone has been working hard to ensure that it is a success.

The show will be held on Anzac Day, 25th of April at Erskine Park and will be in conjunction with The County of Cumberland All Breeds show, a large prestigious show.

County of Cumberland have been very generous to our club and have arranged to have the Basset Griffon Vendéen Club ring right next to the Hound ring so that exhibitors will be able to show at both shows with a minimum of fuss.

Our judge for the Championship show is John Binks. John is an experienced judge who has a depth of experience in the Basset breeds and is well known for his Basset Hounds. He has also owned and very successfully campaigned PBGV's in the past.

The club is asking for donations for trophies and is happy to accept either money or donations of items.

All donations will be acknowledged in the catalogue. You may request your donation to go towards a particular class if you wish and if possible this will be allocated. However some classes have been filled already.

The classes are:

- Baby Puppy
- Minor Puppy
- Puppy
- Junior
- Intermediate
- Australian bred
- Open
- Veteran
- Neuter





The Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of NSW.

Championship Show

The Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, Erskine Park

25th of April 2012

Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3,4,5,10,11, Veteran, 18 (dogs and bitches)

(Veterans will be included in the challenge lineup)

Entries to: Show Secretary, 8 Roy Place, Marayong, 2148

Entries Close: 17th April, 2012 (No late entries)

JUDGE: Mr. J Bink (ACT)

Order of judging: Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen, Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen

Judging Commences: 10am

Dogs NSW Representative: Miss R Taylor

Entry Fees: \$15 first entry including catalog, \$10 subsequent entries

Refreshments: Available

Camping: Available

This show is held in conjunction with the County of Cumberland Kennel

Association All Breeds Championship Show.

Prizes: General specials and Challenge winners: Trophy and Sash



Entries Close 26 March, 2012

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND KENNEL ASSOCIATION INC

ANZAC DAY ALL BREEDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

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OFFERING TEN DOLLARS FOR EVERY BEST OF BREED



THE BILL SPILSTEAD COMPLEX FOR CANINE AFFAIRS,
44 LUDDENHAM RD, ERSKINE PARK



ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL, 2012

Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 & 18 (dogs & bitches), Breeder's Teams

Entries to: Mrs P Scales, 31 Segers Ave, Padstow 2211 Ph & Extreme Weather Ph (02) 9773 9767
Cheques made payable to: The County of Cumberland Kennel Association Inc



JUDGES

Mr T Thomas (QLD)
Mr P Berman (NSW)
Mr H Glynn (SA)
Mr J Burgess (QLD)
Mr M H Brown (SA)
Ms V Perkins (VIC)
Mr T Kyman (VIC)

Toys
Terriers
Gundogs
Hounds, General Specials, Breeders Teams Final
Working Dogs
Utility
Non Sporting

Dogs NSW Junior Handlers will be judged at this Show. Accredited Judges to be advised



Order of Judging Alphabetically as per schedule. Breeder's team heats to be judged at Group level by Group Judges, prior to Group Specials. Final judged prior to General Specials, Junior Handlers in lunch break

Judging Commences 9.00 am Breed Classes, 8.30 am Anzac Day Service, followed by Judges introduction

Dogs NSW Representative Mrs P Bentham

Entry Fees Member please contact Secretary, Non Members \$10.00, Baby Puppies \$6.00
Special Classes \$10.00 per Breeder's Team, Junior Handlers Nil

Catalogues \$4.00 Refreshments Available

Camping Available at the dog complex Erskine Park. Bookings can be made by calling Ilinka at Dogs NSW (02) 9834 0209

Point Scores: The Alaskan Malamute Club of NSW, The Australian Working Dog Club of NSW - Border Collie & Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dogs, The Dachshund Club of NSW, The Hound Club of NSW, The Samoyed Club NSW, The Schnauzer Club of NSW, The Weimaraner Club of NSW

Please enclose stamped self addressed envelope

The CCKA reserves the right to substitute a Judge when necessary

Breeder's Teams maximum of 4 dogs, to be judged at group level prior to Group Specials. Final will be judged prior to General Specials judging.

The CCKA wish to thank their sponsors for their continued support

CCKA invite return service persons and their family to join the Committee in Ring 1 for the Anzac Day Service wearing their medals if possible

Thank you to Janet Smith & Chambers Show Ribbons for their kind donation

\$10.00 cash for every Best of Breed

The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of NSW Inc will hold it's inaugural show in conjunction with CCKA in the alternate Hound ring. Arrangements will be made so it is possible to exhibit at the specialty and CCKA in adjoining rings

PRIZES - Category A: General Specials BIS Trophy & Rosette, R/Up and all Classes in Show Trophy & Sash, Advance Product as donated, Plush Puppy Voucher, BIS, Runner Up & all Classes in Show, Baby Puppy in Show PP Travel Crate donated by Animal Travel, Sash for Breeder of BIS donated by Chambers Ribbons Group Specials Trophy & Sash, Advance Product where donated, Plush Puppy Voucher BIG & Runner Up to BIG only Best of Breed \$10.00 donated by County of Cumberland for every BOB

Point Scores Trophy & Sash for BOB, Sash for Best of all Classes

Breeder's Team Final 1st place Rosette & Trophy Donation by Janet Smith Preparing Blue Ribbon Catalogues, all finalists Sash CCKA Animal Travel will donate 5x \$100.00 Domestic Travel Vouchers given to exhibitors at intervals during the show
Dogs NSW Junior Handlers Trophy & Sash



Club Web Site

Our club now has a website created by our secretary and now webmaster Claire Parker.

The web address is <http://oz.dogs.net.au/bgvclubnsw/default.asp>

You can also access if you go to the PBGV or GBGV breed page on Dogz on Line and you will see the link.

Club Calendar

There are still some calendars left so don't miss out

It is a glossy full sized wall calendar for 2012. Cost is \$22.00.

Please contact the secretary at lafoliepbgv@yahoo.com.au if you are interested in a copy.

If you placed a photo in the calendar and haven't yet paid for it please contact the Treasurer urgently at

The World Conference

The World Conference next year in England to be held on the 16th – 18th of November 2012.

There is to be an international health survey for this conference and all BGV owners are asked to participate. Robyn Wallis writes: I urge everyone to go on line and fill this survey in. Even pet owners as it is very important that the information on as many PBGV's around the world as possible be included. It is as important for dogs that DON'T have any problems to be included as it is for those that do, as this gives a more accurate estimation of the percentage of the breed a problem does affect.

See details on the next page

So please if you own a PBGV or breed PBGV's or if you own a GBGV or breed GBGV's make the effort to do so with all or as many of your dogs as you can. It is anonymous and no information will be passed on to any other breeders or owners. The link can be found below:

[The Basset Griffon Vendéen Club www.bgvclub.co.uk](http://www.bgvclub.co.uk)



Shows are just so exhausting



The 3rd World Congress for the Basset Griffon Vendéen is taking place in England!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to meet other BGV breeders and owners
and to talk

EVERYTHING BGV **EVERYTHING BGV**

Not only this – but you will be celebrating with us
the **Basset Griffon Vendéen Club's**

25th Anniversary Championship Show

when Grands and Petits Bassets Griffons Vendéens will be judged by
international breed experts

Lydia Erhart (Netherlands) and Nick Frost (USA).

Book the date now -

16 – 18 November 2012

The venue - Brook Honiley Court Hotel

Honiley, near Warwick, Warwickshire

<http://www.brook-hotels.co.uk/hotels/honiley-court-hotel-warwick>

Special room rates available for anyone attending the World Congress

And why not consider taking in –

Discover Dogs, Earl's Court London – 10-11 November 2012 (*dates to be confirmed*)

The Winner Show, Amsterdam – 24/25 November 2012
(Group 6, Scenthounds, Sunday 25 November)

Take advantage of low season air fares! Come and join us

YOU WILL BE VERY WELCOME

Watch for more information on –

www.bgvclub.co.uk



Overseas News

Finland

The top show PBGV bitch for 2011 was

CH. Nightdream Isidore Ducasse

(Ch. Curd Graf Von Schwerin - Ch. Nightdream Rhyme De Moines)

Owned & bred by : Sirkka Sundström

Denmark

DKCH INTCH KBHV09 KLBCH KBHV10 DKV10 DKKV10 DKKV11 Chouan Out Spoken was the Best PBGV Stud dog in The Bassetclub 2011, Breed winner in The Danish Kennel Club and Best male in the Bassetclub 2011, co owned by Birgitte Winter Arildsen, Bred and co owned with Kennel Chouan.



The Netherlands

Fido Dido Van Tum tums Vriendjes

In March Gwen Huikeshoven exhibited at International show in Groningen with great results in both breeds. The GBGV judge was Marita Rodgers of the famous Montravia kennel in the UK and she gave Best of Breed to her young boy

Fido Dido Van Tum Tums Vriendjes and his sister Florence was reserve bitch and got the full CAC as well!

Fido ended the show with a 4th in Group under Dutch judge Hans van de Berg.

Party girl Van Tum Tums Vriendjes

The Petits were judged by Phil Freer from the UK, owner of the famous Switherland kennel. Party girl Van Tum Tums Vriendjes, at only 13 months old won Best of Breed at her very first Dutch show. She is owned by Sara Robertson. In the Group judging she came 2nd in group. An outstanding achievement to get two group placings with the two breeds. Video of these two in the ring can be seen on the You Tube link below



[Fido Dido and Party in the group ring at the International show in Groningen](#)

www.youtube.com

Australian 2011 Show Results

The Dogz on Line point score results for 2011 have been completed now and the winners announced. They are: (drum roll please)

Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen

All Breed Competition - Ch Rokeena Versaille - J & B Hession

Rising Star Competition – Ch Rokeena Versaille - J & B Hession

Jasper (Ch Rokeena Versaille) was also the **No 1 Rising Star Hound Group NSW**. A fabulous result for a rare breed.



Jasper on the move



Best of Breed

Competition – Gr Ch Rokeena Esprit Naturel – C Parker & R & R Wallis

Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen



All Breeds Competition – Ch Debucher Xport Quality –D & D Matthews

Best of Breed Competition – Ch Debucher Waltzer - D & D Matthews

Rising Star Competition – Ch Debucher Waltzer -- D & D Matthews

Congratulations to all the winners.

Other Show Results

Canberra Royal

Canberra Royal was held at the end of February and the weather was very hot.

PBGV's

BOB and Dog Challenge : Ch/Ire Ch Switherland the Outlaw - J Knowles

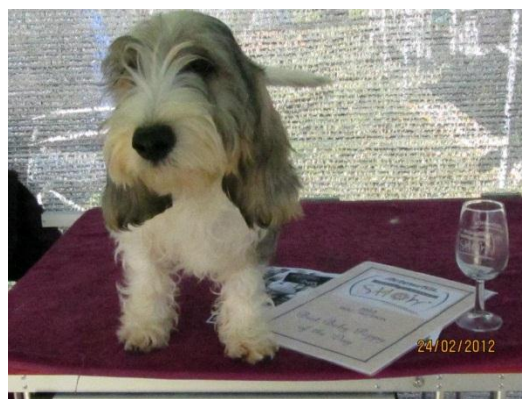


Love Me Do (Roxy) – J Knowles

Runner Up BOB & Bitch Challenge: Ch LaFolie Comme des Garcons – C Parker



Best Baby Puppy of Breed and Puppy of the Day was Jimab



Roxy with her certificate

GBGV's



BOB & Bitch Challenge : Ch Tarmachan Flocon de Neige – J Quinn.

Dog Challenge: Laserre Moon on Rising – J Quinn



Puppy of Breed: Holmchappell Marceau J Quinn

Other Shows

Ch Rokeena Versailles



3/2/2012 RYDAL AH&I SHOW Best Exhibit in Group

11-2-12 Parramatta Intermediate in Group

12-Feb-12 The Sydney Kennel Club Inc (NSW) R/Up in Group Intermediate in Group and IN-SHOW

18/2/2012 HUNTER RIVER A&H Intermediate in Group and IN-SHOW

19-Feb-12 Oberon Show Society Inc (NSW) R/Up in Group Intermediate in Group and IN –SHOW

24-Feb-12 Cessnock & District Agricultural Society Inc (NSW) R/Up in Group

25-Feb-12 Rylstone Kandos Show Society Inc (NSW) Best in Group Intermediate in Group and IN-SHOW

26-Feb-12 Sofala & District Show Society Inc (NSW) R/Up in Show

10-Mar-12 Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc (NSW) R/Up in Group Intermediate In Group And Intermediate In Show'

11-Mar-12 Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc (NSW) R/Up in Group

16-Mar-12 Newcastle A H & I Association Inc (NSW) Best in Group

17 Mar -12 Lake Dist KC Runner up in Group

NZ Gr Ch Rokeena Garcon Reveur

7-Jan-12 Central Gippsland Kennel Club Inc (VIC) Best in Show

14-Jan-12 South Eastern Kennel Club Inc (VIC) R/Up in Group

28-Jan-12 Australia Day International Dog Club Inc (VIC) R/Up in Show



Ch Rokeena Art Nouveau

25-Feb-12 Warrnambool & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc (VIC) R/Up in Show

26-Feb-12 Lady Bay Kennel Club Inc (VIC) Best in Group

Rokeena Hersheyz Kissezz

13-Jan-12 South Eastern Kennel Club Inc (VIC) R/Up in Group

19-Feb-12 Berwick All Breeds Kennel Club Inc (VIC) Junior in Group



Aust Ch Rokeena Nutz about Snickerz



7-Jan-12 Wollondilly All Breeds Kennel Club Inc Puppy in Group

12-Feb-12 The Sydney Kennel Club Inc Puppy in Group

10-Mar-12 Blacktown Kennel & Training Club Inc Junior in Show

Rokeena Kisses of Fire

21-Jan-12 Lang Lang P A & H Association Inc Minor Puppy in Group

26-Jan-12 Australia Day International Dog Club Inc Minor Puppy in Show



Jimab Love Me Do

21-Jan-12 Combined Northern Canine Committee Inc PM Baby Puppy in Group

28-Jan-12 Lake George & Wamboin District Kennel Club Baby Puppy in Group

17-Mar-12 Castle Hill & Hills District Agricultural Society Inc Baby Puppy in Group

Rokeena Man After Midnight

11-Feb-12 Bendigo Kennel Club Inc AM Minor Puppy in Group

11-Feb-12 Bendigo Kennel Club Inc PM Minor Puppy in Group



Rokeena Petite Yvette

10-Feb-12 Armidale All Breeds Kennel Club Inc Junior in Group



Jimab Mr Briteside

10-Mar-12 Robertson Baby Puppy in Group Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc



Rokeena Pretty Ballarina

14-Jan-12 South Eastern Kennel Club Inc Minor Puppy in Group



Ch La Folie Very Valentino

17-Mar-12 Tumbarumba P A & H Society Inc -Aust Bred in Group

18-Mar-12 Bethungra & Illabo District Kennel Club – Aust Bred in Group



Holmchappell Marceau

11-Feb-12 Henty Show Society Minor Puppy in Group

Rickaby Ahead Of The Rest no photo available)

26-Feb-12 Sofala & District Show Society Inc Junior in Group

Crufts Results

Crufts has been and gone for another year -, this time with much controversy over the vet's rulings that disqualified a number of BOB dogs from the group. The PBGV's and Grands were not on the targeted list so managed to steer clear of the problems.

The now world famous Jilly, Ch Soletrader Peek A Boo, who was Runner Up In Show at last year's Crufts, won BOB and went on to get Runner up in Group to the Borzoi.

PBGVs Results



Best of Breed & Bitch CC- CH SOLETRADER PEEK A BOO- also Runner up In Group

Dog CC- CH SOLETRADER DUCK N DIVE AT PENLIATH

Res Dog CC - JAYANEL EDUARDO

Res Bitch CC - TANGAER RHAPSODY AT CALLYDENA SHCM

Best Puppy HALISTON AMRUS

GBGV Results

BOB & Bitch CC - CH/DUTCH CH HOLMCHAPPELL BIEN EN VIE

Dog CC - DEBUCHER WHY NOT WITH EARDLEY

Res Dog CC - CH/IR CH HOLMCHAPPELL GRAND MIRACLE EW09

Res Bitch CC - EUR/DUTCH CH BARBABELLE VAN TUM-TUM'S VRIENDJES

Best Puppy - PLAINVILLE FEMME FATALE



It is interesting to see that the GBGV kennels that won the awards are the one that are represented in Australia with our embryonic Grand bloodlines. Obviously our Australian breeders are on the right track.

Controversy at Crufts

There was uproar at Crufts this year when compulsory vet checks were brought in for the 15 targeted breeds for the first time.

The fifteen high profile breeds are as follows: Basset Hound, Bloodhound, Bulldog, Chow Chow, Clumber Spaniel, Dogue De Bordeaux, German Shepherd Dog, Mastiff, Neapolitan Mastiff, Pekingese, Shar Pei, St Bernard, French Bulldog, Pug and Chinese Crested.

After the BOB in each of these breeds was decided, the winning dog then had to undergo a compulsory vet examination to ensure that there were no health concerns.

To my knowledge 8 of the 15 BOB winning dogs in these breeds, including the Bulldog, Clumber Spaniel, Basset Hound, Peke and Mastiff were 'failed' by the vet and consequently lost their BOB which was not then awarded to the Runner up.

Exhibitors have been so angry at this treatment that a new organisation has been formed called the Canine Alliance -Responsible for Pedigree Dogs. Andrew Brace was the leader in the formation of this group but after the first meeting the steering committee has been formed consisting of many of the

best known and respected names in the UK. They are: Andrew Brace, Joy Bradley, Lisa Croft-Elliott, Phil Freer (of Switherland Basset Hounds and PBGV's), Michael Gadsby, Steve Hall, Robert Harlow (secretary), Stuart Mallard, Howard Ogden, Dianna Spavin, Tony Taylor, Sue Whitehead, Sigurd Wilberg & Martin Wyles.



The Steering Committee

Below is a resume of the meeting and the aims of the Canine Alliance from Charles Henderson: -

Over 5,000 people are now on the Face Book group Exhibitor Choice and Voice set up last Sunday. At short notice 320 people attended the meeting in Birmingham last night to inaugurate "The Canine Alliance "with the strapline "Responsible for Pedigree Dogs". In the audience were 61 full Members of the Kennel Club, some quite high profile members of its sub committees. Some apologised for the Crufts debacle and said they were ashamed by the KCs actions. Also some 108 Assured Breeder Scheme members were present. Over £4,500 was collected at the door plus about £1,500 over the internet. The meeting was good humoured but very serious to bring about change. Accounts were given about what happened at Crufts in the veterinary examination of the 15 High Profile Breeds. Some of it was quite sickening and an utter disgrace. Full details will be in the dog press. Incidentally senior executives of the two weekly dog papers are fully behind the movement, underwrote the cost of the venue and of course will report it in the papers and on line.

Many breeds beyond the 15 High Profile breeds were represented at the meeting. I recognised quite a few from Gundogs and Hounds including senior judges. Meriel Hathaway who judged RWs recently was one of those on the Reception Desk taking the attendance register and contributions.

The meeting resolved several items.

1. To invite the Kennel Club to suspend the vetting of the High Profile Breeds at championships shows immediately,

b. acknowledge that on the available evidence from Crufts that the policy and its working is deeply flawed and

c. to postpone any reintroduction of such a scheme until it is transparent in scope and operation, clearly laid out and nondiscriminatory, i.e. applicable to ALL breeds.

2. To inaugurate the Canine Alliance. This is not to overturn the Kennel Club but to work with it to advance the health and welfare of pedigree dogs.

3. To appoint a Steering Committee to develop a structure for the movement for approval at a subsequent meeting. I left before all the names were known but they are on the FB group.

4. To appoint a small delegation to meet the Kennel Club within days on the vetting policy.



This is not a movement that will evaporate when the anger and euphoria have worn off. The degree of solidarity was amazing.

Stirring times ahead!

The Meeting

The pedigree dog fancy is fighting back. The Kennel Club will ignore this bunch at its peril.

Just to add about legal proceedings. We heard a good analysis of the legal position from solicitor Howard Ogden that the KC have breached their own Rules and Regulations for Crufts in the way the testing was conducted. The lack of transparency in the Regulations and the lack of an appeal process are likely to be fatal to any defence put up by the KC.

The Croatian owner of the Clumber may well sue the KC for the BOB to be restored, for an apology and for monetary claims for loss of status and enjoyment, possibly a few thousands but the costs and loss of reputation for the KC could be huge.

It was clear from accounts given by several judges that the testing at Crufts was far from what had been promised in public statements and at KC meetings with breed and group judges. They were told that the vet would do no more than the judge in the ring, that the Inspection was to be visual and only by hands with no instruments.

In the event tests took about 20 minutes and instruments and torches were used. The Basset hound for example had an eye exam lasting 15 minutes! The vets were recruited very late and none had advanced qualifications in ophthalmology. One is an expert in feline cardiology. One vet was certainly abrupt and rude and refused to allow the Peke to have a drink of water after she had been rushed from the ring to the testing room.

It will be very interesting to see what happens from here onwards.

