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Cover Photo-The BGV Club stand at Dogs on Show



Hounds Amusing Themselves

Abbie the hat thief

*Niles –
what do
you mean I
won't fit in
this bed?*



Rokeena Moj Slodki Yogi, shouting for joy

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Presidents Report

The club held a meeting on Sunday 30/8/15 at the Spring Fair and there were some important decisions made regarding the championship shows. The full minutes for the meeting can be seen in the newsletter



From the Editor

This edition features some stories from overseas, overseas news, the results of our first club point score and an update on the latest in health.

We also have a report on Dogs on Show plus Brisbane Royal results and the latest information about Sydney Royal next year.

Thank you to those people who have contributed.

Four Generations of Rokeena PBGV's

Four Generations			
			
FATHER "Chase" Aust.Am.Jap.Ch. Charlen's Make Mine A Double	SON "Ceejay" Aust.Grand & Am.Ch. Rokeena Carte Blanche	GRANDSON "Arthur" Aust.Ch. Rokeena Art Nouveau	GREAT GRANDSON "Mr Wilson" Aust.Ch. Rokeena Poirait

A nice example of breeding for type over the generations.



Puppy Owner membership- only \$5

As a small club we are always in need of new members.

In order to promote this the club has a Puppy Buyer membership of only \$5.00.

If you are a breeder and have a litter of puppies you can provide 12 months membership to the club for each puppy buyer, for the low cost of \$5.00.

Each new puppy buyer will get 12months membership, including the club newsletter and membership to the BGV Club of NSW FB page.

Please keep this in mind when you sell your pups. Members do not have to live in NSW but can be anywhere in Australia or even overseas. .

The membership form is available on the last page of this newsletter and can be printed off for each pup

Puppies



Izzy, Fin Ch Black Majesty Hollywood, has produced his first babies here in Australia. The mother of the first litter is Rokeena Once Upon A Time.

At the time of writing 2 more litters are expected so it will be exciting times for Rokeena kennels with their very handsome new boy.



Amanda Cooney also has babies – four boys from Mum Ch Bondestin Im Too Sexy



Dogs on Show

June 2015.

The Club had a breed stand at Dogs on Show at Erskine Park, combined with a show. This was run by Dogs NSW as a way of encouraging the public to find out about pedigreed dogs.

Robert and Yvonne Lauder manned the stand for most of the day with some back up support from other members during the day. They were also helped again by the members of The English Springer Club who had their breed stand next door to the BVG club. They helped in our club stand when the members were in the ring showing

their own dogs.

It was a perfect winter day and the weather was warm and sunny all day. There were larger numbers of members of the public due to the weather and of course the PBGVs charmed them with their happy friendly personalities.



Due to other commitments we did not have any Grands on the day so the Peebs had to carry the responsibility of promoting the breeds.



Thanks to our members who gave up time to help the club and to promote the breeds to the public.

If we want to really establish the breeds in Australia we need to make sure the public know about them and breed stands like this are essential in educating everyone

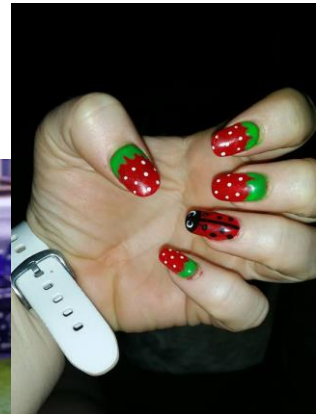




Vendéen Views and News

Congratulations to **Amanda Cooney** and **Pepe- SUP.CH. BONDESTIN RIGHT ON THE KISSER** who won Runner Up Best In Group at the Ekka in a strong Hound group.

Her ladybird and strawberry nails obviously helped her to her win



had his wife waiting outside.

Miss Party (Ch Rokeena Im A Party Girl) is in whelp to the new import Izzy and decided that the way to grow pups is in a pot plant – just plant and water! If only it was that easy

Russell and Robyn Wallis have some regular visitors to their kitchen who brave the PBGVs. Here is a very polite King Parrot tapping on the window to ask Russ to come and feed them. He





Get Well Soon Robyn Williams . On the 8th August Robyn was showing her dogs at the Mudgee show held at Gulgong.

She had a nasty fall whilst running around the ring and broke her wrist badly as she landed on it.

She was taken to Mudgee hospital where she was assessed but they could not help her so she was told to go to Dubbo Hospital but had to find her own way to Dubbo. Luckily the dog show people rallied and Don and Carol Mahoney drove her first to Mudgee hospital and then on to Dubbo

She was in a lot of pain and was operated on the next day at Dubbo hospital.

She is now home and is recovering but has her wrist in a cast

Robyn was scheduled to judge at Castle Hill on 22nd but had to pull out of her appointment due to her wrist injury. The photo shows Robyn and Beryl Hession at Gulgong the night before she injured herself.

Beryl and Jo Hession repeated the mating that produced Supreme Ch Goldtreve Reymundo and already it looks as if his younger brothers and sisters may be following in his footsteps.

One little girl has gone to be shown by Jed Chua, Dinky S. Santos, Trish Villanueva, Eugene Ching Tan, Aaron Go



and Rose Kang in The Philippines and already little Goldtreve PB Miss Potion has won 4 Baby in Group awards



Miss Potion

Beryl and Jo kept a boy, Goldtreve PB Cristophe and he went on a short trip on the western circuit taking out 3 Baby Puppy in Group awards at his first shows.

Another brother, Goldtreve PB Reet Petite, will be shown by John VanderBerg in Sydney and is due to make his show debut in the near future.

It will be very exciting for Beryl and Jo to see these 3 babies in the rings .



Goldtreve PB Reet Petite, at his first show



BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN CLUB OF NSW

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – AUGUST 2015

DATE: 30th August 2015

VENUE: Bill Spilstead Complex for Canine Affairs, Orchard Hills

MEETING OPENED 1.00 PM

PRESENT: Y Lauder, R.Lauder, R. Williams, J. Knowles, D. Tidey, K. Delacourt, J. Vandenberg

APOLOGIES: C. Parker, J. Hession, B. Hession

MOVED: Y.Lauder

SECONDED: R.Lauder

NEW MEMBERS: John Vandenberg

SHOW BUSINESS:

Yvonne explained that the committee had organised to hold our 2016 Easter Championship show in conjunction with breed judging at Sydney Royal. This way it gave our members & exhibitors of our 2 breeds the opportunity to have 2 shows on the one day. It will be held on the Wednesday prior to Good Friday. Jane Casperson- Quinn has offered to help with trophies at the next Championship show.

We discussed whether our club should still hold a Championship show on the usual Good Friday. After much discussion it was decided not to. There are a few country members that would come to Sydney for the Wednesday but due to travel & commitments, it would be unlikely they would return for a show 2 days later. We also discussed the fact that if we held 2 championship shows at the same time of the year, those dogs that perhaps were having puppies or couldn't attend for some reason then had another opportunity to show at a specialty at another time of the year.

We would like start holding 2 championship shows each year if possible. It adds more interest & keeps the enthusiasm for the club going.

It had been suggested by Jane Casperson-Quinn that we hold a second championship show in conjunction with the Southern Region & Southern Hound shows held at the end of June at Yerong Creek. Next year will be a full panel of International judges. This year our club supported these shows as club point score shows in the hope that it would attract more members to attend the shows. As Robert & Yvonne attended those shows this year they explained that it was a good venue and there was either camping or accommodation not too far away at Henty. Unfortunately there were only 3 exhibitors for the 2 breeds.

Alternatively it was also suggested that we could hold our second championship as we did the first year in conjunction with the Spring Fair. This would be held on the Thursday with the 3 following days all breeds shows.

It was the feeling of the members present at the meeting that we would get more exhibitors & entries if we held our show at the Spring Fair and it is a more prestigious weekend of shows. We would still like to use the Southern Hound shows as point score shows next year in the hope that more members will attend those shows.

MOVED: R. Williams SECONDED: K. Delacourt

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Robyn Williams mentioned that a lot of the club notices are only going through Facebook and there are members that are not on Facebook so we need to make sure the meetings such as today's & the Bunnings Fundraising BBQ notices are made available to everyone. More members can attend and help out if they are made aware of what is happening.

We have not had many meetings which is fine however we felt that if we had say 4 general meetings a year to be held at larger shows where we might have more members attend we would get more members input & more members willing to help out at breed stalls & our champ shows etc. It had been suggested that perhaps country members who could not attend in person, attend via facilities such as Skype, phone or Facebook. The meeting did not see the necessity for this. As for Committee meetings, the committee could hold meeting that way if we have committee members that couldn't attend a meeting in person.

The dates/shows for the meetings to be advised.

AGM – This year's AGM date to be advised ASAP.

It was also discussed that if we can proceed with holding a 2nd championship show at the Spring Fair, we should also hold our AGM on the Thursday prior to the show commencing. A lot of clubs are holding their AGM's at shows now and if we want more members to be involved this is the way we should go.

We would opt for an afternoon show and depending on the commencement time schedule the meeting earlier. People will not stay after the show to attend a meeting.

The subject of adding The Basset Fauve to be part of this club was once again brought up for discussion. We have little support from the members especially since we do not have any members that own Fauves close to Sydney. There are many more in Victoria and the Rarer Basset Club of Victoria caters for the Fauves to be included in that club. To be included here in NSW we would actually have to fold this club up as we are incorporated and then a new club to be established after gaining permission from Dogs NSW. It would also entail closing bank accounts etc & starting again. It was the decision of the members present to keep the club as is as The Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of NSW as this stage.

Yvonne thanked all the members present for attending this meeting today as the issues discussed were important to move forward and give the club direction. Special thanks to Jackie for coming today especially for the meeting. Unfortunately due to work commitments, Claire our secretary was unable to attend.

MOVED: Y. Lauder SECONDED: J. Knowles

MEETING CLOSED: 1.45 p.m.



Some PBGV Art



Exciting New Import



FIN Ch Black Majesty Hollywood

Izzy

On the 9th of July, Shellie Marshal announced the safe arrival of Izzy- Fin Ch Black Majesty Hollywood to Australia in conjunction with Robyn and Emily .

Shelle said "I extremely excited to announce the arrival of Izzy . He comes from impeccable breeding, has the most outstanding temperament as well as being a beautiful dog.

He is POAG clear.

His puppies in Sweden are beautiful and we cannot thank Iva Raic and Annicka Löfgren-Kennel Around for sending him to us as well as Hanne Tuomenoksa for looking after him in Finland and showing

him and sending him in such outstanding condition."

Izzy will be in Australia for 18 months only and he is a valuable addition to the small gene pool we have in Australia. He is correct size and type for a PBGV and the fact that he is POAG clear will make him of even greater value as he can be mated to any bitches.

I look forward to seeing him in the ring in Australia and seeing his puppies in the near future.



Finding Arthur

I found this good news story about a PBGV on Face Book and decided to save it for the newsletter. When I went to acknowledge it I could not for the life of me find it again on Face Book, despite searches of the people named I the article and of the photographer. So I cannot tell you who wrote it although I thank them- but – it is a nice story anyway so I will share it.

Also shows how easy it is to get dogs from one country to another – couldn't do it this easily in Australia

I recently returned from a European cycling trip organized by members of the Kanata-Nepean Bicycle Club. Sixteen of us pedalled more than 1,300 kilometres during 13 days from Bordeaux to Barcelona, climbing countless mountains along a route through the Pyrenees.

I have wonderful memories of the cycling challenges, the scenery, the food, the camaraderie, and dipping our wheels in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, but my best memory is of Arthur.

It was on our last day in the Pyrenees, when we all passed a lonely little dog lying in the middle of a quiet road as we climbed the Col de Palomère on a hot day.

We were well past any nearby town and it seemed odd to see him there, especially so when he didn't move as we inched past. Then along came Tom Seniuk, our trip planner, on his bike. He stopped and offered the little guy some water, which was of little interest to him. Tom's wife, Caroline Delisle, our support van driver, pulled up a few minutes later. There was no hesitation when she offered the dog some ham.

Tom and Caroline have a dog at home — a female beagle named Fannie — and are naturally canine

friendly. There was no way they were leaving the forlorn little guy behind, so they put him in the van and Caroline went off to find a veterinarian or a shelter for help in finding his owner.

A veterinarian was found in Le Boulou but the dog had neither a microchip nor a tattoo. The clinic put the word out in the community that a stray dog had been picked up, took down her information and sent her on her way.

Arthur, seen in Europe a few days after being found on the road, still hasn't broken out of shell. PHOTO SUPPLIED / .



When I arrived at Argelès-sur-Mer, our destination that night, the rest of the gang were hanging out at one the many bars along the beach, and lo and behold, Caroline and the dog were there, too. Luckily the hotel accepted pets so they kept him for the night.

Within no time, they had given him a temporary name: Arthur Perpignan, because he was found near the larger French town of Perpignan and he definitely looked like an “Arthur”.

Tom summed up their thoughts in the trip blog: “On our last day of riding in the Pyrenees, Caroline and I came across a skinny Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen ... who had obviously been trying and slowly failing to survive on his own ... At first we picked him up to take him to a vet ... to see if he could be identified ...

Over the next couple of days while we were trying to figure out where to take him, it became increasingly clear that the answer to that question was 'home.'

Arthur Perpignan takes a seat on his first full day in his new Ottawa home. LORI HENLEY /



Two days later, we arrived in Barcelona. By this time, passage was booked on our flight back to Canada and a carrier was purchased. A veterinarian was found to administer a rabies shot and supply a health passport. Throughout this time, Arthur was very quiet and shy. He would let me pet him, but there was virtually no response. His tail was still curled between his legs, his appetite was poor and he barely moved.

On his first night in Ottawa, Arthur was promptly given a much-needed bath. The next day, Tom and Caroline took him to pick up Fannie from where she had been boarded.

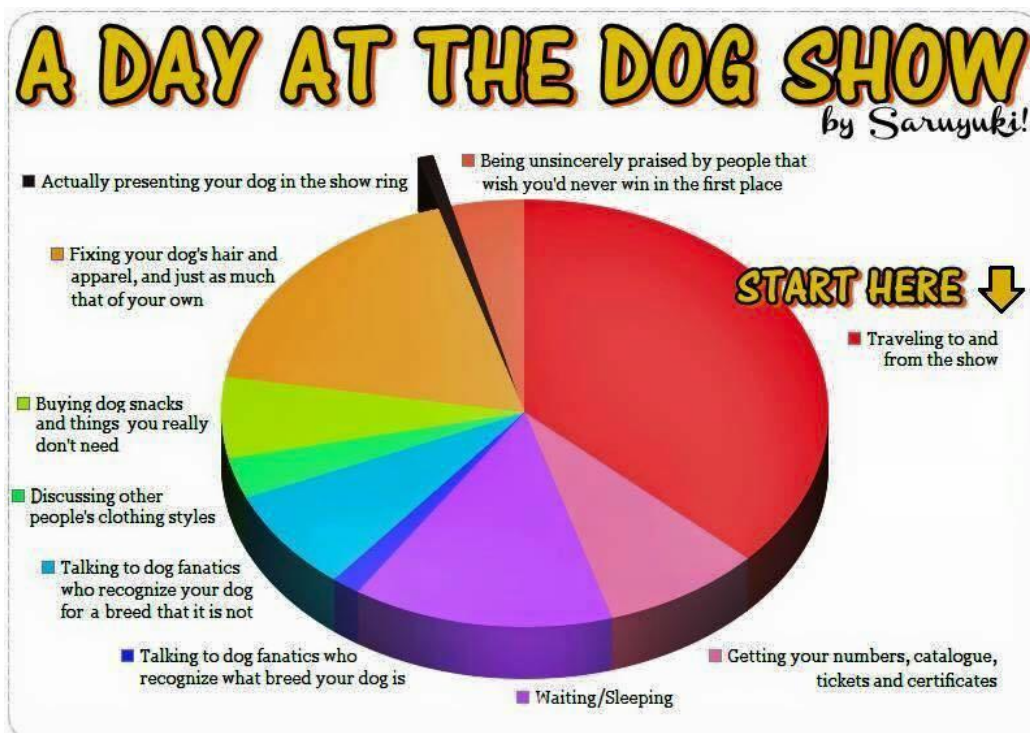
The introductions went perfectly. They sniffed each other as any two dogs do, and after a few minutes they were good friends. Fannie started zooming around, and Arthur barked for the first time! As anticipated, all Arthur needed to break out of his shell was somebody to show him the ropes.

I had the good fortune to see Arthur again a few days later and was amazed at his transformation. He was acting like a normal dog; keen on meeting people, eating robustly, wagging his tail, running around and barking.

Caroline has sent me a couple of updates since then and Arthur is adjusting quickly, gaining weight and getting stronger.

Arthur's story has warmed my heart, and I think most of us would agree that he is one lucky little guy.

As for myself, I feel very fortunate to have witnessed the exceptional kind and generous spirit of my cycling friends.





Sydney Royal 2016

The BGV Club of NSW is happy to be able to announce that our 2016 Show will be held at Sydney Royal!

This will mean you will be able to show your dogs in the breed and at the specialty on **Wednesday March 23rd 2016**.

Two shows – one venue, same day!!

We have two respected judges doing the breed so it is well worth a trip, to come and do both on the same day.

Judges:

Sydney Royal : Mrs Annukka PALOHEIMO(Finland) –judging- BEST IN SHOW, TOY GROUP, HOUND GROUP, WEIMARANER

Dr Annukka Paloheimo is an FCI All breeds judge, and has been active in the dog world for over 40 years as a breeder and exhibitor and 30 years as a championship show judge.

She is a Toy breed Specialist and has been breeding Cavalier King Charles and King Charles Spaniels under prefix “Anncourt”, since 1971. Annukka has bred/owned over 60 Champions, some of them winning at Crufts. She is a member of The Kennel Club, UK.

Her judging experience covers over 40 countries, including Great Britain, USA, most of Europe, South Africa, Thailand, Japan and Russia. Annukka gained her FCI All Breeds Judge accreditation in 2010 and is licensed to judge all FCI breeds, groups and Best in Show. Her rigorous education and training comes from the famous Finnish all-rounders Mr Hans Lehtinen, Mr Rainer Vuorinen and Mr Kari Järvinen. Currently she is involved in teaching the next generation of group 9 judges at the Toy Dog Club of Finland.

She has officiated in four FCI World Winner shows, latest being WDS in Milan in 2015. Annukka had the honour of judging Best of Group 9 at the World Winner show in Paris, France in 2011. The Amsterdam Winner 2012 saw her judging the Terrier Group, and in Stockholm 2012, Oslo and Helsinki Winner 2013 it was the Best in Show Breeders Group. Her all-breeds Best in Show appointments so far have been in Finland, Italy, Austria, Malta, South Africa, Japan, Singapore, Thailand and Australia.

Dr Paloheimo is a respected research specialist in banking and investment services heading a private consulting company. Her family consists of two adult sons and a husband whose family history is strongly in classical music, Sibelius. Besides dogs, listening opera and walking in nature gives the best moments in life.

Specialty : Mrs Ann CARLSTROM (Sweden)

Judging - GUNDOG GROUP, PART HOUND GROUP, DALMATIAN at Sydney Royal as well as BGV specialty

Ann has been judging since 1990, mostly in Scandinavia and Europe. In September 2015, she has been given the honour of judging the Europe Dog Show in Oslo. Ann judged in Australia for the first time 2014 judging the Weimaraner National Dog Show, which was a fantastic experience. She has bred German Wire-hair/Short-hair Pointer and Wire-hair Dachshund for many years under the prefix Fågelåsen (Bird ridge Kennel) Ann has been a member of the Swedish Kennel Club's central border, and is involved in the training of new judges. She looks forward to judging the Sydney Royal Dog Show and sees it as a great honour.

Brisbane Royal results

GBGV and PGBV Best of Breed winners in the Hound Group line up



Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen

Class 5 - Intermediate Dog

1st ROKEENA HOT TOPIC(AI) - Mr T Irving & Mrs S Irving

Also Reserve DCC and Runner Up Best of Breed

Class 11 - Open Dog

1st CH. SUP.CH. BONDESTIN RIGHT ON THE KISSER -
Cooney, Amanda

Also Challenge, Best of Breed and Runner Up In Group

*Best of Breed Petit-Sup Ch Bondestin Right on the Kisser- and
Runner Up In Group*



Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen

BEST OF BREED and CHALLENGE DOG-
GRAND. CH. RICKABY BOUND FOR
GLORY- Harnett, Jacky



Health Information

New Health Group on Face Book

There is a new group on Facebook that has been formed to exclusively discuss health issues in PBGV's. It is a closed group so interested people will need to apply

The site was developed so those breeders and owners of the PBGV can discuss openly all HEALTH ISSUES related to the breed.

RULES-

No photos unless related to a health problem

No discussion unless related to a health issue

No finger pointing or flaming

No discussing any particular dog unless it is being discussed by the breeder or owner of the said dog.

All discussions on this site are PRIVATE - no information is to be cross posted to other sites

PLEASE USE THIS FOR THE GOOD OF THE FUTURE OF THE PBGV WORLDWIDE

DEFINATED NO ADVERTISING.

Anyone interested can find it on PBGV Health

DNA test for Glaucoma

There has been ongoing information from Vivien Hepner Phillips as more and more PBGV's continue to be tested

The following is of interest to PBGV breeders:

- I have been asked if PBGVs who have two clear parents are therefore hereditary clear. They are, and in the UK if anyone has a dog with this status, as fortunately I have, they can send off the registration certificate to the KC and they will exchange it for a new one, free of charge, stating this fact, obviously if both parents have been tested as clear.
- There still seems to be a misunderstanding that only PBGVs that are currently being bred from should be tested... It matters as much if a pet PBGV goes blind. Any PBGV must be tested up to the age of 8 unless one or both parents have tested clear. The figures so far are encouraging but some countries are sadly lagging behind , so I urge you all to ensure that as many PBGV can be tested and their eyesight prolonged if they are affected
- MESSAGE FROM CATHRYN MELLERSH TODAY REGARDING MEASURING YOUR PBGV
For the height project we talked about we just need the registered name, sex, height and DNA test result of the dogs. I am interested to know if mutations in this gene (the one that causes POAG) also result in dogs being slightly shorter than dogs with a normal copy of the gene. So if the affected dogs (and possibly the carriers) are shorter on average than the clear dogs this will provide some evidence that the gene can have an effect on height.
The more dogs we can collect height data for the better, and we need dogs with all 3 DNA test results to take part, so affected, carriers and clear dogs.
As some of you are confused by the measuring theory, Cathryn has provide this information "There are obviously lots of different types of glaucoma, and the short stature theory only applies to glaucoma that is caused by this particular gene.

I don't want to alarm people into thinking that all short dogs (& humans) that are short are at increased risk of glaucoma!!

I think it's worth measuring leg length, but also height from the floor to the withers, as that is what people measure for the show ring, is it not?"

Total Number of dogs tested for POAG worldwide- as at 6th August

Here are the up to date figures from AHT without countries that have fewer than 5 results.

There are another 8 countries that have sent in less than 5 - Japan, Luxembourg, Russia, Singapore, Austria, Ireland, Mexico, Poland.

Country	Clear	Carrier	Affected	Total
Australia	14	12	2	28
Canada	10	16	0	26
Croatia	4	5	0	9
Denmark	5	5	1	11
Finland	10	11	1	22
France	7	8	1	16
Germany	6	5	0	11
Italy	2	3	1	6
Netherlands	26	35	3	64
Norway	25	13	5	43
Sweden	18	14	1	33
United Kingdom	105	121	18	244
USA	136	100	9	245

To see all the UK results and the dogs who have been tested see the link below

[http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/health/breeding-for-health/dna-screening-schemes-and-results/dna-screening-for-breeds-a-b/basset-griffon-vendeen-\(petit\)-dna-screening/](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/health/breeding-for-health/dna-screening-schemes-and-results/dna-screening-for-breeds-a-b/basset-griffon-vendeen-(petit)-dna-screening/)

Our club has also set up a page on the club website which identifies the dogs in Australia who have been tested and the results. These results are only those which have been made public by the owner.

The link is :

<http://oz.dogs.net.au/bgvclubnsw/poag-results.asp>

Research into SRM (Steroid Responsive Meningitis)

The BGV Club –UK is working with the AHT in research into SRM (Steroid Responsive Meningitis). They are asking anyone who has had a BGV affected if they could contact me and we will send them the cheek swabs and paperwork to help in this.

SRM Research has been ongoing in Beagles for some time, but there is still no certain DNA marker though they are hopeful they are getting close.

Please would anyone with an affected BGV send and email to bryan.mclauchlin@aht.org.uk and ask for the swabs for research into SRM, these will be sent free of charge wherever you are.

They will need to be sent back with a pedigree and report from your vet regarding diagnosis and treatment and if known any relatives of the dog also affected. Let me know if you have done this so we can start a data base. There is no need to send off for swabs for healthy dogs as they have enough DNA controls at present. The reason for the Spinal Taps that most of the affected dogs undergo is to rule out any infection which could cause meningitis of another strain.

This is for research only and I am asking you not to contact the AHT for DNA testing because as of now there is no test yet for this disease, so your help is needed. It will not cost you anything.

Hounds Relaxing

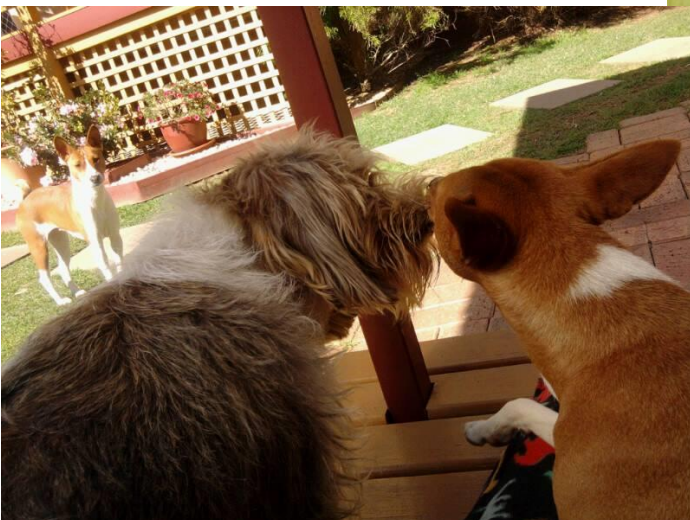
Norbert the PBGV, trying to disguise himself as a Dalmation. Obvioously a Marshall dog!!



Mundo leaps in the air to give Jo a big kiss for her birthday



Abbie and her basenji friend playing Tug a war with a feather



Back to Basics: A Comparison of the Basset Hound, Petit Basset and the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen

Three separate breeds are "Bassets," but they are by no means the same dog; this article explains all their differences.

By [Jeffrey G. Pepper](#) | Posted:
July 16, 2015
11:30 a.m. PST

There are three breeds recognized (or about to be, in the case of the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen) by AKC that have the word

"Basset" as part of their name. The French call any breed

that is under 18 inches at the shoulder a "basset." The most familiar of the three in this country is the Basset Hound, one of the more popular AKC breeds. All the bassets were bred primarily to hunt rabbit and hare, although they can be used on other game as well.

Unique among the French hounds, many of which come in three sizes, the Griffons Vendéens come in four sizes: the two basset breeds plus the larger Briquet (about Springer Spaniel size) and the large Grand Griffon (about Otterhound size). Only the Petit and the Grand exist in numbers in the United States, but understanding all four sizes helps in the understanding and judging of either breed.

History

Each of these breeds was developed for somewhat different uses. The Basset Hound hunts in more open territory than the Griffons Vendéens, whose coarse coat protects them in the briar and bramble of their home territory in France. The Petit was developed to hunt rabbit and hare, while the Grand adds wild boar and sometimes roe deer to the mix. Hunting with the Petit and the Basset is done exclusively on foot — in fact, their shorter legs were probably developed so that poorer folk who couldn't afford a horse to ride on the hunt could use the determined hounds and keep up with them on foot. Like most scenthounds, the Bassets "give tongue" (bark) when on a scent. Because the Petit is still faster than most humans on foot, the breed standard asks for a "good voice, freely and purposefully used." The hunter tracks the dogs' whereabouts through sound. Originally, they all hunted to provide food for the table.

Unlike most older breeds, the Petit and the Grand, which are currently considered two different breeds, indeed have differences in type. Until about 1975, both appeared in the same litter. Their specific breed was not determined until the pups were about a year of age and were evaluated by an expert member of the Club du Griffon Vendéen, the parent club. Because of this, it is vitally important to breeders and judges to have a thorough understanding of the correct type for each breed.



The four Griffon Vendéen breeds from left to right are the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen, Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen, Briquet Griffon Vendéen and the Grand Griffon. It is probable that the Petit was bred down from the Briquet, and the Grand Basset bred down from the Grand Griffon. Shorten the legs on the larger dogs and you have, essentially, the Basset version of each.

The Griffons Vendéens have ancient roots going back many centuries. Scenting hounds can be traced back to Roman times, when the troops of the Roman Empire crossed into Gaul, bringing the dogs along with them. These dogs were crossed with the native scenting hounds called Segusien (meaning "scent") Hounds, or Chiens Segusiens. Numerous French Hounds were developed over the centuries from this root stock. One, called a Chien Gris de St. Louis (identified with Charles IX in a French book published in 1625 titled *La Chasse Royale*), is quite possibly the root stock for the French Hounds called Griffons Vendéens. It is thought that Otterhounds may also go back to similar roots.

Royalty in the Middle Ages hunted on horseback. Peasants could not afford horses to ride and hunted primarily to fill their larders at home. They needed hounds that were slower than the long-legged Grands Griffons and so bred down the dogs to create the shorter-legged Griffons Vendéens. Thus, the four breeds of Griffons Vendéens were born — the Grand Griffon (about Otterhound size), the Briquet (about Springer size), the Grand Basset (15.5 to 18 inches at the shoulder) and the Petit Basset (13 to 15 inches at the shoulder in the US, 13.5 to 15 elsewhere).

Now, let's compare the three breed standards to see just where these two French breeds are the same and where they should not be so similar, while keeping the Basset Hound's uniqueness in mind as well. I will forego repeating the breed standards here, trusting that if you are interested in learning more about the breeds, you will have already spent time reading all three standards. If you have not, please go back and do so before reading the rest of this article.

Body Structure

There are significant differences between the Griffons Vendéens and the Basset Hound. The Basset Hound is an achondroplastic breed, with his crooked front legs wrapping around the deep chest, while both the Petit and the Grand Bassets are not achondroplastic and do not have wrap-around fronts. Further, there are also substantial structural differences between the Petit and the Grand Bassets (the only two breeds seen in the US) and the Basset Hound. The Basset Hound is a long, low-to-the-ground dog, "heavier in bone, size considered, than any other breed of dog..." Neither of the Griffons Vendéens should in any way resemble the typical Basset Hound silhouette. Generally, the Grand Basset is taller, with longer muzzle, ears, legs, body and tail — he is basically longer everywhere in comparison to the more compact Petit Basset. The Basset Hound's long body helps him stand out as different. Knowing the different hallmarks of the two Griffons Vendéens breeds and their differences from the Basset Hound will be invaluable in assessing them in the ring and for the whelping box.

With this understanding, look at the photo of the four Griffon Vendéen breeds. First, notice that the Grand Griffon is a longer-bodied, more rectangular dog, while the Briquet is noticeably more compact with shorter ears and tail than the Grand. It is probable that the Grand Basset is bred down primarily from the Grand Griffon, while the Petit Basset is bred down from the noticeably more compact Briquet. Also the head of the Grand Griffon has a longer muzzle (in comparison to skull length) than the Briquet, whose muzzle is a bit shorter from nose to stop than from stop to occiput. The same is true in the corresponding Basset Griffon Vendéen breeds.

Size

The size of the two Griffon Vendéen breeds is one minor defining characteristic of each, as both breeds can be around 15 inches in height. The Basset Hound falls inside of the Petit requirements, with a preferred height at the withers of 14 inches, with a maximum height of 15 inches. Dogs over 15 inches are disqualified. The Petit Basset is 13 to 15 inches at the withers, with adult dogs over or under this size disqualified. A puppy is permitted to be less than 12 inches tall until it has reached 1 year of age, but may never be more than 15 inches tall no matter its age. The Grand Basset is "typically 15.5 to 18 inches" tall. There is no disqualification for size in the Grands. Only in Grands is there a difference in size between the genders, with bitches tending to be a bit smaller than males.



The Basset Hound has a larger and narrower head than what is wanted in the Petit. The main difference in the Griffons Vendéens is that the Grand head is longer.

Heads

The heads in each breed are distinctive to that breed, though in the Griffons Vendéens, those distinctions may not at first be obvious to the casual observer. The similarities are numerous, however. Both Griffon Vendéen breeds have a characteristic beard and moustache, and both breeds are similar colors. Noses on both should be large with wide-open nostrils to allow full access to scent and solid-colored, colored black except in brown dogs where a brown nose is permitted.

Eyes on both breeds are somewhat oval or almond in shape, not round; large and dark, showing no white, and pigmentation around the eyes should be dark. The stop is well defined in both breeds. A scissors bite is preferred, though a level bite is not faulted. The underjaw should be well developed.

The Basset Hound's distinctive eye has a characteristic sad, soft expression with prominent haw. Eyes should be dark, never protruding. Noses are uniformly large, characteristic of scenthounds.

The Basset Hound's head is large and narrower than what is wanted in the Petit. The muzzle should be equal in length from stop to nose as from stop to occiput, with parallel planes.

The major differences in Griffons Vendéens heads? Generally speaking, the Grand head is longer in many aspects when compared to the Petit's head and is narrower. In a Petit, the muzzle should be a bit shorter from nose to stop than from stop to occiput, and straight. In the Grand, the muzzle is preferably slightly longer from nose to stop than from stop to occiput. Further, in the Grand, the bridge of the nose is slightly Roman.

The ears on the Petit are shorter than what is desired on a Grand, with the leathers reaching almost but not quite to the tip of the nose (remember the muzzle is shorter on the Petit than the Grand). Short ears and tail are prized in the Petit. The Grand's ears are described as reaching "at least to the end of the nose;" they are noticeably longer. An ear that is distinctly long on a Petit is a fault, as that's a Grand characteristic. Both breeds should have a nice turn at the top of the ear and should be "supple, narrow and fine, ending in an oval shape" and should be covered with long hair. Hair should not be stripped from the ears and exposing the skin in either breed.

The differences in skull structure are noticeable as well. The Petit skull is "domed, oval in shape when viewed from the front." It is broader between the ears than the Grand head, which is narrower and longer than the Petit's. The Grand standard points out that the skull is "not heavy, and not too wide. It is longer than wide." Both breeds ask for a well-developed occiput. The Grand head presents as long and narrow in comparison to the correct, slightly domed Petit head.

Basset Hound heads are distinctive. A broad, flat skull is faulty; rather, a narrower domed skull is desired with a "pronounced occipital protuberance." The muzzle is long, as described earlier, with parallel planes. Unlike the Griffons Vendéens, one of the distinctive features of the Basset Hound is the skin, which should be "loose with distinct wrinkles over the brow when the head is lowered." The dewlap is very pronounced as well. The loose skin extends to the legs and body as well. Ears are extremely long (much longer than the Grand Basset) and have a slight curl inward due to a turn of the ear at the top. This is used to channel scent to the nose as the dog moves. As with the Griffons Vendéens, a high-set or flat ear is quite faulty.

Legs and Shoulders

The additional height on a Grand Basset comes from longer legs. In a Petit, a slight crook on visually straight front legs is permitted. Determine this by running your hands down the front legs. Any crook at all on a Grand is faulty (the standard specifically says "legs straight"). Both breeds should have well-boned legs. Spindly legs on a Petit are undesirable. Shoulder layback is desired in both breeds as is a balanced length and return of upper arm. The Petit standard indicates that slightly more than half the length from withers to ground should be in the distance from elbow to ground. Short legs are not desirable in a dog that has to hunt on rough, obstacle-filled terrain. In both breeds a straight backline from withers to rump is desired, with a slight rise over the well-muscled loin.

The Basset Hound, however, is not meant to hunt in the same terrain as the Griffons Vendéens. It requires "forelegs that are short, powerful, heavy in bone with wrinkled skin. Knuckling over of the front legs is a disqualification" in the breed. A very deep chest is required in the Basset Hound. The standard specifies that "the distance from the deepest point of the chest to the ground, while it must be adequate to allow free movement when working in the field, is not to be more than one-third the total height at the withers of an adult." The front wraps around the deep body.



The Petit is a compact, casual dog, while the Grand standard calls for a more rectangular, moderate dog. The Basset Hound is longer than both Griffons.

Body Proportions

Body proportions are different in the three breeds. The Petit standard calls for a body that is "muscular, somewhat longer than tall ... Compact, casual in appearance." Though not square, the Petit should not appear excessively rectangular in profile. The word "compact" is there for a reason. The loin is "short, strong and muscular." The Petit should never look long and low like a Basset Hound! Again, one of the defining differences between the Petit and the Grand is body length. The Grand body is described a bit differently than that of the Petit: "Ribs well sprung extending well back. Loin well muscled and of moderate length [compared to the Petit's 'short' loin]." The Grand Basset has a much more rectangular outline, accented by the longer head and ears on one end and the longer tail on the other, with the longer loin adding length to the body. The Basset Hound's body is longer in proportion than either of the Griffons Vendéens and, of course, the legs are significantly shorter. In all three breeds, the rib cage should extend well back. The ribs on the Basset Hound are more round than on the Griffon Vendéen breeds.

Tails and Toplines

In addition to the differing ears and legs, the tails of the two Griffon Vendéen breeds are distinctively different. The tail on the Grand is described as "rather long," while the tail on the Petit is "of medium length." Indeed, along with the heads, ears and legs, tail length is one of the cardinal factors in differentiating the two breeds. The Basset Hound tail falls somewhere between the two Griffon Vendéen breeds in length. The tails of all three are thicker at the base than at the tip and are carried slightly behind the body, bent like the blade of a saber.

Toplines on all three breeds are level, with sagging or roaching topline faulty in the Basset Hound and undesirable in the other two breeds. The slight rise over the loin mentioned in the Griffons Vendéens standards is not mentioned in the Basset Hound standard.

Coats and Colors

Coat and the presentation of the coat has been an ongoing issue in the Petit and is probably destined to become an issue in the Grand as well. Both breeds call for a double coat (softer undercoat with protective harsher outer coat) and not much in the way of feathering. Both are rustic-type breeds and should not be shown with obvious and extensive trimming, scissoring or plucking of the coat. Both standards ask evaluators to seriously penalize any deviation from the desired casual and rustic look. Deviations should be progressively faulted the further the dog differs from the desired ideal appearance. Neither breed should be stylized in such a way that it resembles another breed. The coat in the Basset is "hard, smooth, and short, with sufficient density to be of use in all weather. The skin is loose and elastic," a distinctive part of the breed. "A distinctly long coat is a disqualification." Grooming is, of course, not an issue in Basset Hounds.

It is interesting to note that there used to be wirehaired Basset Hounds in England a long time ago. I have drawings of several in my collection. The bodies on these dogs resemble the Basset Hound as we know it today and are clearly not that of the Griffon Vendéen breeds.

Allowed colors in both Griffons Vendéens are tricolor and bicolor (two colors), as well as Black and Tan in Grands (with a solid-colored coat being a disqualification). In Petits, white with any combination of lemon, orange, black, sable, tricolor or grizzle markings are permitted. Black and Tan is not a permitted color in this breed. Basset Hound color is "any recognized hound color," and "the distribution of color and markings is of no importance

Because these three breeds are hunting dogs, all move well and freely, with the longer-legged Petit and Grand moving at a faster pace than the Basset Hound.



Movement

All three breeds are meant to gait well, as befits their hunting origins. All move well and freely, with the longer-legged Petit and Grand moving at a faster pace than the Basset Hound. Neither the Petit nor the Grand Bassets should be raced around the ring at breakneck speed, however. The gait on a Basset Hound should be smooth, powerful and effortless. Ideally, the breed should not plod around the ring. Although its short legs are not made to keep up with the longer-legged breeds when moving, it should move freely and athletically. All three breeds have a tendency to lower their heads to pick up scent as they move and can move quite well that way, though handlers today tend to keep the heads up. Movement faults common to many breeds are just as faulty in these breeds.

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Overseas News

Canada



The Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Ch. Auriga's Peter Parker
won best in Show at the Manitoba Canine Association on Sunday August 16, 2015

Judge: Joey Lim

Bred by Wendy Doherty and Gavin and Sara Robertson he is from Soletrader bloodlines.

He is also currently the Number one hound in Canada.



USA

In the USA the Petit, Ch Soletrader Zee or Zed won Best in Show at the Lost Coast Kennel Club in July. He is just coming on for 3 years of age



Norway



At Oslo at the European Dog Show held on 7th September, Apple Van Tum Tums Vriendjies won Best in Group for owner Gwen Huikeshoven of The Netherlands. This is the second time he has won the Group at this show

Croatia

The PBGV, Ch Black Majesty Gives U Goose Bumps, owned by Iva Raic & Marko Ljusic and bred by Iva Raic has been chosen to represent Croatia at the Eukanuba World Dog Show in Amsterdam this year.



Also in Croatia, the Grand, Debucher Quelquefois became a Croatian Champion in July. Bred by Vivian Hepner Phillips and campaigned by Iva Raic and Natascha Hochhold.

Denmark

At the National Dog show at Varde on the 29th August, SEVCH DKCH SECH FICH NORDCH KBHV14 NOJV13 JLövhögens Hubbe won BOB and BOG 3 under Australian Judge Lyn Watson.



At the same show Petit Heroes Blonde On Blonde DKCH INTCH KLBCH DKV09,10,12,14 PLV14 KLBVCH VDHVCH won Best Opposite at 8 and a half years of age

Show Results

Rokeena Magic Happens - Puppy In Show on Sunday at the Poultry & Kennel Club Show- 19th August. This win qualifies him for the Battle of Champions Puppy next year & Puppy of the Year at the



Adelaide Royal Show next year.

Other wins include- 7-Jun-Port Adelaide Kennel Club

Minor in Group

12-Jun -Riverland Dog Training & Kennel Club Minor in Group



Rokeena Anything But Grey

- 13-Jun-Box Hill & District Kennel Club -Minor in Show
- 4-Jul-Victorian Poultry & Kennel Club -Minor in Group
- 5-Jul-Canine Amenities Club of Victoria- Minor in Group
- 8-Aug-Ladies Kennel Association -Puppy in Group



2nd August - **Rokeena Chitty Chat Baby** in Group

Rokeena Irish Laughter (photo not available)

27-Jun-Townsville Kennel Association Inc (SHOW 1)- Junior in Group

25-Jul-Tully & District Show Society -Junior in Group

Gr Ch Rokeena Extravaganza

3-Jul-Alice Springs Kennel &



Dog Sports Club -R/Up in Group

4-Jul-Alice Springs Kennel & Dog Sports-R/Up in Show

5-Jul-Alice Springs Kennel & Dog Sports Club-R/Up in Group

5-Jul-Alice Springs Kennel & Dog Sports Club-Best in Group

26-Jul-Marion Kennel Club-Best in Group

8-Aug-Northern Districts Kennel & Obedience Club - R/Up in Group





Sup Ch Goldtreve Reymundo

- 23-May-Ku-Ring-Gai Kennel Club -Best in Group
- 24-May-Ku-Ring-Gai Kennel Club -R/Up in Show
- 30-May-St George District Kennel Club - R/Up in Group
- 14-Jun-Brisbane Water Legacy Dog Club -R/Up in Group
- 20-Jun-Nor-West Canine Association -Best in Group
- 27-Jun-Warners Bay Dog Sports Club (PM SHOW) -R/Up in Group
- 25-Jul-Rylstone Kandos & District Dog Club-Best in Show
- 26-Jul-Rylstone Kandos & District Dog Club -Best in Show
- 8-Aug-Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club -R/Up in Group
- 9-Aug-Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club -R/Up in Show
- 15-Aug-Tullamore P A & H Association -R/Up in Show
- 16-Aug-Tullamore Kennel Club- Best in Group
- 17-Aug-Tullamore Kennel Club -Best in Group
- 18-Aug-Tullamore Kennel Club -Best in Group
- 19-Aug-Trundle P & A Society-Best in Group

22-Aug-Nor-West Canine Association -R/Up in Group

Aust Ch Bondestin Right On The Kisser

- 13-Jun-Queensland Kennel Club-R/Up in Group
- 12-Jul-The Hound Club of Queensland -Best in Show
- 18-Jul-Kennel Association of Queensland -Best in Group
- 19-Jul-Kennel Association of Queensland -Best in Group



Rokeena Lets Party

- 23-May-Caulfield & District Kennel Club -R/Up in Group
- 4-Jul-Victorian Poultry & Kennel Club-R/Up in Group
- 19-Jul-Dandenong Poultry & Kennel Society -R/Up in Group
- 25-Jul-Heidelberg & District Kennel Club -R/Up in Group





Gr Ch Rokeena Man After Midnight

26-Jun-Dogs NSW Southern Region-R/Up in Group

11-Jul-Sutherland Shire All Breeds Kennel Club -R/Up in Group

Ch Rickaby Cruise

7-Jun-Parkes & District Kennel Club -Best in Group

19-Jun-Coonabarabran Kennel Club -R/Up in Group

11-Jul-Gilgandra District Kennel Club -R/Up in Show

12-Jul-Gilgandra District Kennel Club -Best in Group

17-Jul-Dogs NSW Western Region -Best in Group

19-Jul-Dogs NSW Western Region-R/Up in Group

25-Jul-Rylstone Kandos & District Dog Club (PM SHOW)
R/Up in Group



Gr Ch Rickaby Bound For Glory

17-Jul-Brunswick Valley Kennel Club -Best in Group



Fin Ch Black Majesty Hollywood.

At his first 3 shows I Australia he won 2 best n groups and one Runner Up In Group, despite the very wet and muddy conditions



Final Point Score Results

2014-2015 Competition

Since the last newsletter there have been 2 point score shows.

The Souther Region Hound show in June saw Gr Ch Rokeena Man After Midnight win the BOB for Petits with Ch Lafolie This Wheels on Fire taking out BCC and runner up BOB .

In the Grands the BOB went to Ch Lasarre Fly By Night with Lasarre Cheverny taking DCC and Runner Up BOB

The last point score in the competition was the Spring Fair on 30th of August.

This show saw Gr Ch Rokeena Man After Midnight win the BOB in the Petits and Ch Lafolie Very Valentino winning the Runner Up BOB.

In the Grands Ch Rickarby Cruise won BOB with Rickarby French Lace taking the Runner Up

Altogether a total of 21 hounds competed in the point score and the winner was Gr Ch Rokeena Man After Midnight who won a total of 43 points.

Runner Up was Gr Ch Rokeena Addicted to Love with 37 points.

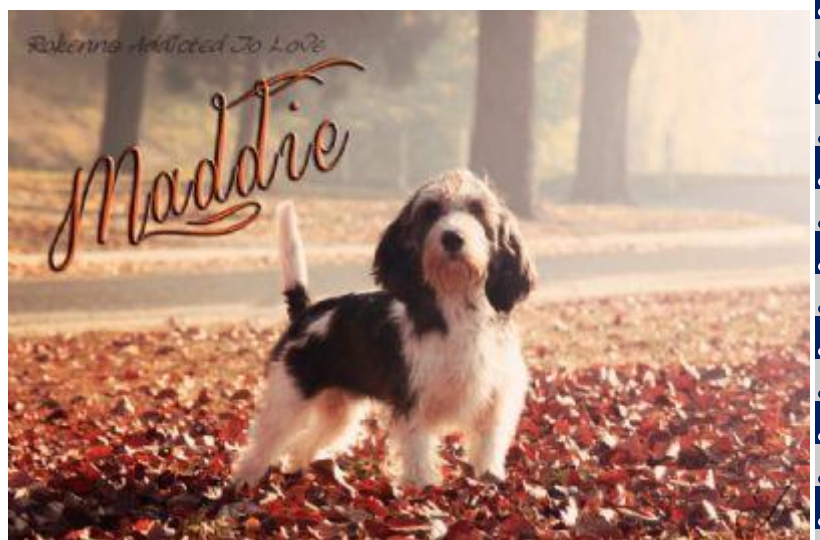
Both dogs are campaigned by Robert and Yvonne Lauder

The full results can be seen on the following page

Winner of the Point score Gr Ch Rokeena Man after Midnight



Runner Up In the Point Score Gr Ch Rokeena Addicted to Love



Final Point score placings

No.	Name of Dog	North of the Harbour Saturday 20.7.14	Hound Club of NSW - 6/10/14	Hound Club of NSW- April 2015	Hunter Valley Hound Club - May 2015	Southern Region Hound Club 27 June 2015	Spring Fair Sunday 30th August 2015	Total Score
1.	GR Ch Rokeena Man after Midnight	5	10	8		10	10	43
2.	GR Ch Rokeena Addicted to Love	8	8	10		5	6	37
3.	Ch Lafolie This Wheels on Fire	5	5	3		8	5	26
4.	Ch Rickaby Cruise			3	10		10	23
5.	Ch Lafolie Very Valentino		5	3		5	8	21
6.	Ch Rickarby Bella Donna		10	6				16
7.	Rickaby French Lace			3	5		8	16
8.	Ch Goldtreve Reymundo	10		5				15
9.	Ch Rickaby Extra Special			1	8		5	14
10.	Rickaby From You to Me			3	5		5	13
11.	Ch Rickarby Chasing Dreams			10				10
12.	Ch Lasarre Fly By Night					10		10
13.	Rickarby French Affair			8				8
14.	Lasarre Cheverny					8		8
15.	Rickarby Eternal Flame			5				5
16.	Leanr PB Brightlites Of Seoul			5				5
17.	Lasarre Liaison Dangereaux					5		5
18.	Lasarre Labourdaisiere					5		5
19.	Goldtreve PB Reet Petite					3		5
20.	GrCh Rokeena Nutz about Snickerz			3				3
21.	Rickarby Etched with Gold			2				2

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