

## DISCOVER DOGS 2011

### BEST BOOTH TOY GROUP. BREED BOOTH OVERALL RUNNER UP

GBBA have been organising/setting up the Griffon Bruxellois booth since Discover Dogs started back in 1996.

Of recent years we have been able to accelerate the content of our booth and we are "Over the Moon" to accept the above awards on behalf of Griffons every where.

Our thanks go to our committee members Joan Martyn and Carol Ritchie who have been instrumental in making it all happen and our Special Thanks go to our member

Ian Willmsmer who has given so much of his time improving our stand over the past few years with new graphics, signage and Installation.

Upon finding out about the awards Ian summed it up in one word or 3 "Chuffed...to pieces" and so pleased for the Griffons. The booth was set up on the Friday by our fantastic Ian who also manned the stand first thing Saturday with his beloved Imelda and her daughter Imogen...who loved the day, Janet Carpenter also came early with Alfie and our Tessa

seemed to appear from know where adding a wealth of knowledge and experience to our morning session.

The GBBA are so honoured with these awards and consider it a little moment in Griffon history. Never to be repeated?.....watch this space

Carol and I arrived late morning, having to fight our way through the throngs of people around the booth. I took Ron and Daisy my two red smooths and it is so nice that you can just put your dogs into a pen with "strange" dogs and they all get on so well. Another Griffon owner, Pearl, who is a member of our Club was there with her sister and her two Griffons. They was a lot of interest in the breed, but it is still surprising that so many people think the smooths are Pugs. Ian had constructed a bench in the pen so that all the paraphernalia could be hidden away to keep the booth as tidy as possible.

On the Sunday morning, the booth was manned by Michelle Swinge. Michelle has been filling this slot for many years. She had travelled by train with two red roughs. Also there early was Ann Meaden with a friend and they had bought three black roughs and a black and tan smooth. So it was nice to have a variety of coats and colours. Carol and I were both there again from lunchtime. This time I had Olga a red rough and Ron was there for a second day. I was with my daughter, Kate, who has always come with me. She is a great help with the taking down of the stand and especially transporting all the gear back to Seagrave Road car park, which is quite a trek. We were absolutely thrilled to see the certificates and rosettes displayed on the wall. Best in the Toy Group and Runner up overall. Ian's face was a picture when he arrived later in the afternoon to see what all of his hard work had achieved.

Another successful year, with lots of interest from the public. There are always some familiar faces, people who visit our booth year after year. How time flies. It seems only yesterday Discover Dogs 2010. It seems that this will be the last year this event will be held at Earls Court, with a possibility that it may be held at Olympia next year.

On behalf of the GBBA, I would like to thank all the Griffonites who helped to make this year such a memorable one - Janet, Michelle and Ann for bringing their Griffons, Tessa imparting all her knowledge and experience. A special thank you to Ian for all his hard work and improving the whole concept of the booth - the awards showing the "proof in the pudding". It has certainly come a long way since the "wire coat hangers".



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***Many Congratulations!!!***