



13 March 2023

Thursday 9 March – Sunday 12 March 2023

We awoke on Thursday to find Alfie featured in the Crufts press launch and “Cruftsmas-like” weather at the NEC:



Paolo and Fiore were at Discover Dogs on Thursday and Friday with many visitors including Ava & Tilly (below left), Cheryl & Zoe (middle)...



and Alessia & Federico (far right), originally from Bergamo!!



President Reyna Knight & Secretary Chris Walker with Cicci, joined Marketing Officer Claire Boston Smithson, Herding Officer Steve Poole & Chairman Bill Nixon on Friday morning, then in the afternoon



joined friends and colleagues at the show ringside whilst supporting all Bergamascos and handlers competing in the Pastoral Import Register.



Our Bergamascos more than punched their weight – as usual up against the ubiquitous White Swiss Shepherds.....



...Alfie (above left) came 3rd. in Open Dog handled by Paul Sandford. Fiona (third from left) came 4th. (Open Bitch); Gemma (Postgraduate Bitch) was highly commended, both handled by Anne Marie.



...and big congratulations to Racheal Abbott and Liio (Best Puppy in Breed), especially with a tearful, proud breeder, Eija (Rastafellow's Finland) watching with Dave Beeton and Lucca, who just missed out



this time around. Missing from the ring this year was Ayla-Bella, still nursing her 6 weeks old puppies. Big thanks to Al Simmons, Hazel and Ezra for superb photography and support (see Al at the ring side in some of the photos above). Dave, Raych, Lizzie, Lucca and Liio returned on Saturday with Jennie, Matt, and Livvy Moseley with



Verty at Discover Dogs. Then on Sunday, Dave, Raych, Lucca and Liio teamed up with Alia, Zayne and Leila Marsden with Toby.

Thank you to all BCUK members who manned our Discover Dogs booth and supported at the Show Ring – an unforgettable four days!