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Karen Gold wrote on Sunday; “we set of in cloudy weather to Lanark for Upper ward of Lanark Open Show. The heavens opened as our classes were called. Kara was 2nd in AV NSC Hound Post Graduate with Marco getting 1st AV NSC Open & then Best NSC. Nothing in the Group but by then we were all like drowned rats!”

Wee star of the day was Tes. I, for some unknown reason, had entered her in Hungarian Vizsla Open. So, after 8 years she came out of retirement getting 2nd behind Patricia Denholm & the gorgeous Rico. I was amazed that Tes was happy & let the judge go over her. Tes is happy to celebrate her 10th Birthday in 2 weeks.”

Bournemouth Ch Show was this weekend. Again, we have no classes and there was no AVNSC Hound Puppy Class but after winning 1st in AVNSC Junior Hound, yet again Callow’s Whittimere Spexy Beast was chosen as Best AVNSC Hound Puppy by Miss Jenny Dove then was 3rd in the Hound Puppy Group. Well done. Seems there’s no stopping this boy right now. Wh

Reports in last week’s news called for a ban on over-the-counter flea treatments, especially spot ons and better guidance for pet owners. Dr Elizabeth Mullineaux, senior vice president of the British Veterinary Association, said: "Parasiticides, like flea treatments, are vital tools in preventing, treating and protecting people and animals from disease and related welfare issues. However, there's increasing evidence some of these products are damaging to the environment” ….. "It's positive to see this report's recommendations, which parallel many of BVA's own: we've long called for more research and for a risk-based approach to be taken when using these treatments. We also support calls for a ban on over-the-counter sales - it's important pet owners have access to professional, tailored, veterinary advice on how to use these treatments appropriately, responsibly and safely when purchasing these products."

A spokesman for Defra said: "This Government is committed to restoring nature and cleaning up our rivers whilst upholding the highest animal welfare standards. While these treatments play a vital role in public and pet health against fleas and ticks, it is right that we assess the availability of these treatments to ensure correct usage by owners.”

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