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Members at the Griffon Fun Day 27th November 2010

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At the fun day

The aims of the club are:

- To promote the Griffon Bruxellois and Petit Brabancon breed.
- To highlight the versatility of the breed as a loving and loyal pet, and a show and performance dog
- To promote good sportsmanship and good fellowship among members at all times
- To show respect and courtesy to all members in an atmosphere free of bullying and intimidation
- To support responsible and ethical breeding practices of Griffons
- To support and recommend testing of health issues relevant to Griffons based on genuine scientific research, both local and international.
- To provide a rescue service for Griffons
- To promote friendship and social activities among all Griffon owners
- To educate Griffon owners about grooming, training and responsible ownership
- To work in partnership with other responsible Griffon Bruxellois Clubs of Australia and internationally for the betterment of the breed

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Jocelyn Barker of Top Dog Massage is a proud supporter and sponsor of The Griffon Fanciers Association.

Jocelyn is a qualified masseuse and nurse. She has an in depth knowledge of both canine and human musculature and is recommended by vets and show, obedience and agility competitors.

Her massages can help with injury recovery as well as provide a relaxing experience for your dog.

Contact Jocelyn and give your dog a treat.



Editors Notes

I hope that you enjoy this edition which has information about the history of the breed and a story about Griffons in 1923.

I have also included information about the Virtual Show to aid the flood victims as well as the usual news about Griffons.

There is also a report on the Griffon health survey that was conducted by the Victorian club and information about our Accredited Breeders scheme

Our club website has been updated and there is now opportunity for all members to contribute photos to the Photo Galleries.

Thank you to those people who have sent me information for this edition. There has been so much information that I have had to leave out the obedience article for this edition as I was running out of space. Thank you for sharing your Griffon's stories and photos.

I hope that you get as much pleasure reading it as I did compiling it.

Michelle



Presidents Report

The club continues to go from strength to strength and I am pleased to report that we now have 60 members who all own and love Griffons.

Our point score shows have been successful with entries between 11 - 13 Griffons which are good numbers for a numerically rare breed.

As well as our Code of Ethics we have also introduced an Accredited Breeders Scheme which member breeders can apply for free of charge. We have adopted the guidelines of the Accredited Breeders scheme that has been introduced by Dogs NSW. These guidelines are reasonable and responsible and they encompass the types of things that responsible, caring breeders already do when they breed their dogs.

I know that our breeder members are all responsible breeders who love their Griffons and care about the future of the breed and I am sure that they will already be doing the various things listed in the Accredited Breeders list. Our scheme provides a way of recognising and acknowledging the work that is already being done.

On another matter, at this time both Queensland and Victoria have been ravaged by floods and I encourage all dog lovers to support the Virtual Dog Show to help those people with dogs during this terrible time.

As I prepare this I have just heard about the dreadful cyclone in Far North Queensland and my thoughts and best wishes are with those people who are experiencing this unimaginable situation

Michelle Parker Brien.

Club Website Update

Claire Parker, the secretary has updated our website and it now has a new web address which is www.griffonfanciers.com

Some other features include a photo gallery. Members can now place photos of their own dogs into these albums once approved by the secretary. Just send her an email at lafoliepbgv@yahoo.com and she will allow you to enter the photos.

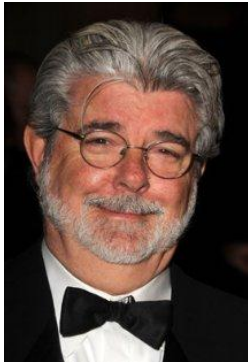
We also have a gallery of Champions album and would like as many Champions, both past and present added to the album.

The website has also been now linked to Face Book and can be found by a Face Book search under the title - Griffon Fanciers Association



Griffon Corner

Griffons have been owned by all sorts of people and some of them very famous.



George Lucas owned 5 Griffons so it is not a coincidence that some of the characters from Star Wars have a very Griffony look. We can see where he got his inspiration from. I particularly think that the smooth Griffons look like Yoda when they lay, hanging their head upside down



Bob Hope also owned a red smooth Griffon bitch called **Litahni Candy**. He purchased her as a pet on one of his visits to England and she travelled back to America with him on the Queen Mary, in the lap of luxury. She stayed in his cabin, reputedly sleeping on his head in the large double bed- which does sound very much like a Griffon.



In the Summer 2010 edition of the newsletter I told you about **Jocelyn Walker's** litter with some photos of the little puppy. Well she attended her first show on the 4th December and Jocelyn wrote - "I am pleased to say that my baby Griffon 'Viva' aka '**Tiroroa Means Bizness**', enjoyed herself at the show today and was awarded "Best Baby Puppy in Show"! - not bad for her

first day out, she had a great time, even barked at the judge and never stopped wagging her tail. The next day she again won Baby in Show so it was a fabulous debut for her.



You will be pleased to know that **Jazzy, Ch Nagpuni Jellybean Jazz**, is making a full recovery from the back injury that left her temporarily paralysed from the waist down. The injury was a slipped disc that paralysed the nerves but weekly massage and acupuncture and gentle exercise have led to a slow but steady recovery. Those who saw her at the picnic day will have seen that she was still wobbly on her back legs but she has continued to progress since then and Terri now plans to train her in obedience.

Hunter (NZ Ch/Aust Ch Paris Night Fever) owned and bred by Sandi Feaver (Paris Griffons) returned home to New Zealand in time for Christmas, after his visit to Australia. Hunter won the hearts of all who met him with his gentle, affectionate personality. Sandi had a very late night when she collected him from Auckland Airport as his flight did not arrive until midnight and then it took 3 hours for him to be cleared by Customs and Quarantine.

Sandi took some Griffon girls to welcome him home and she said that he was so excited to see them all. After inspecting all his old favourite places he has settled back home as if he had never been away and although he is now a bed dog he sometimes chooses to go with the other boys to sleep in his old bed so he can be one of the boys



Hunter with his Australian family just before returning home

Terri O Dell's Griffons are once again media stars - this time in an advertisement on TV. Terri wrote - "Roxy has shot another commercial. This time it was for Optimum dog food. There are about eight different breeds of dogs in this commercial & hopefully should be great.

They filmed Roxy as the flying dog, which meant she was thrown two metres across the front of the camera. Roxy performed this in her usual cool manner about eight times to obtain the perfect shot (very particular director). **During Filming**

She also had to be filmed in a sitting position looking in different directions & then having water showered on her then a bucket of water tipped over her. Tricks also



performed included spinning on the spot & sliding across camera. I hope she doesn't end up on the cutting room floor as she put in a hard day's work. They were using a slow motion camera which picks up every single movement of the dogs, it looked amazing. Our Brooklyn also had a quick shot in front of the cameras playing with the Italian Greyhound but I don't think that will be included."

Roxy is the mother of Jazz who was in the commercial for Purina

Roxy



Club Patron, Jocelyn Croad was forced to hastily evacuate her



house when the flood waters rose so quickly that even the sandbags could not keep the water out of the house and dog runs.

Luckily for Jocelyn and Eddie they were able to get the cars out onto the road before the front of the house and drive went under water.

A family friend had spent the previous night with them when the flooded roads cut him off from his home and

Jocelyn said that if he had not been there she does not know if she would have been able to get all her dogs out in time. As it was both she and Eddie and all the Griffons, including a mother with two, three week old puppies made it safely out and were able to spend the time with a friend who lives on higher ground.

The puppies and mum took it all in there stride without any ill effects.



Another member, **Shane Thomas**, lives in Townsville and had to batten down when Cyclone Yasi hit the coast. Fortunately Shane and his family and all the dogs were safe but he has fences down and trees fell on top of some of the kennels crushing the roof. Much of Townsville was without power for almost a week following the cyclone so that made life even more difficult in the aftermath

Now both Shane and Jocelyn have the unenviable task of the big clean up and repairs but at least they are safe.

I know that our thoughts and best wishes are with them as they get their lives back to normal

DOGS QUEENSLAND 2011 FLOOD DISASTER FUND RAISING APPEAL

VIRTUAL DOG SHOW

Dogs Queensland has mounted a major fund raising initiative to provide much needed financial assistance to our members across the State of Queensland. Since early December 2010 our State has received an unprecedented amount of record breaking rainfall most of which has come after many years of extended drought.

The net result has been a devastating series of widespread flood events the likes of which have not been seen for more than 35 years. A significant number of our members have sustained serious property damage and are now facing the heartbreaking task of rebuilding.

Whilst insurance cover may eventually go some way towards replacing the essential items we also realise (as dog enthusiasts) that the need for immediate access to funds to ensure that our members dogs are kept safe and in good order becomes absolutely critical. The cost of temporary boarding, feeding, replacement of secure fencing / kennel runs, Veterinary care and transport are all very real expenses confronting our members right across the state of Queensland. And make no mistake -the need for this financial assistance is immediate and urgent.

So how will the Dogs Queensland Virtual Dog Show operate and how will it raise much needed financial assistance for our members?

Put quite simply: A Virtual Dog Show is the dog show you have when you don't have a dog show!!

Entries can be received directly online or for those without the necessary technology hardcopy entry forms can be completed using the special entry form provided and posted to the Dogs Queensland office.

A commemorative souvenir catalogue will be produced and will be made available to all participants by 31st March 2011 - entries close on 25th February 2011. This catalogue will provide a lasting record of your support for our fundraising event and will acknowledge to all other participants the generosity that you have extended to your fellow dog world enthusiasts.

The entry fee per dog is \$10.00 and the usual classes (as well as some special classes) will be available. Full details are contained on the Show Schedule overleaf.

All funds raised through entry fees will be made immediately available to our members upon receipt of an assistance application.

Dogs Queensland would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you in anticipation of your support of our members and their dogs at this very worrying time.

VIRTUAL DOG SHOW Entry Schedule

Entry fees: \$10.00 AUD per dog per class. Junior Handlers: \$2.00 AUD per entrant

Classes available:

- 1 / 1(a) Baby Puppy Dog / Bitch (3 to under 6 months of age)
- 2 / 2(a) Minor Puppy Dog / Bitch (6 to under 9 months of age)
- 3 / 3(a) Puppy Dog / Bitch (6 to under 12 months of age)
- 4 / 4(a) Junior Dog / Bitch (9 to under 18 months of age)
- 5 / 5(a) Intermediate Dog / Bitch (18 to under 36 months of age)
- 10 / 10(a) Australian Bred Dog / Bitch (over 6 months of age whelped in Australia)
- 11 / 11(a) Open Dog / Bitch (6 months of age or over)
- 20 / 20(a) Grand Champ Dog / Bitch (Gr Champion title or overseas equivalent)
- 30 / 30(a) Rainbow Bridge Dog / Bitch (dog / bitch of any age now deceased)
- 40 Mixed Marriage class (for dogs and bitches of unknown parentage)

Junior Handlers: 7 years of age and under 10 years of age

10 years of age and under 18 years of age

Entries will close on Friday 25th February 2011.

Commemorative catalogues will be made available to all participants by 31st March 2011.

Those requiring a hard copy catalogue please include an additional \$25.00 AUD with your entries to cover postage and handling fees.

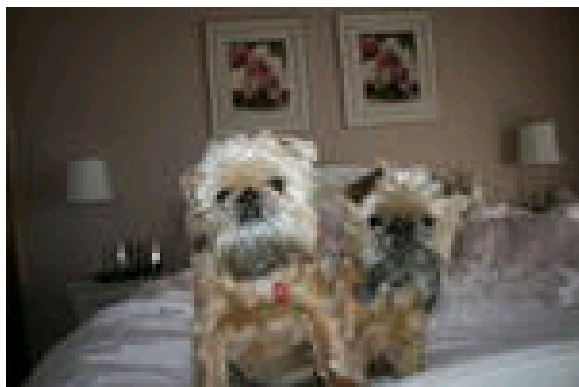
How to enter:

There are two quick and easy ways to enter the Virtual Dog Show.

1. Enter and pay online using the Virtual Dog Show link to Ozentries. The link can be found on the Dogs Queensland website homepage at www.dogsqueensland.org.au

2. Fill in the special entry form and post your entry forms and payment direct to:

Dogs Queensland Virtual Dog Show PO Box 495 FORTITUDE VALLEY Qld 4006



Martha and Henry



VIRTUAL DOG SHOW

Postal Entry Form

(PLEASE PROVIDE A SEPARATE ENTRY FORM PER DOG)

GROUP :

BREED :

NAME OF REGISTERED OWNER/S :

REGISTERED NAME OF DOG :

DATE OF BIRTH :

TITLE :

SIRE:

DAM :

COUNTRY :

CLASS ENTRY @ \$10.00 AUD EACH

JUNIOR HANDLERS NAME & AGE GROUP @\$2.00

HARD COPY CATALOGUE Please send me hard copy catalogues at @25.00 AUD
DONATION \$ (Australian dollars) Yes/No

TOTAL FEES Included \$

(Australian dollars)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Cheque / Money order / Credit Card)

Credit Card Type:

Credit Card Number:

Name on Credit Card:

Please post your entry forms (together with your full payment) to:

Dogs Queensland, Virtual Dog Show, PO Box 495, FORTITUDE VALLEY Qld

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Held 4th December 2010

Erskine Park Dog Showgrounds

Meeting open 12.45 pm

Present: M Parker Brien (Chair) K. Taylor, D. Murphy J. Murphy, T.O'Dell, G. O'Dell, R. Finch, D. Finch, C Parker

Apologies: B. McDonald, J. McDonald, J. Mathieson

Minutes from Last meeting : Moved they be accepted R. Finch. Seconded K Taylor

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Website - some people having trouble accessing the address - it links to another club instead. The web designer to look at an alternative address/domain name.
2. Fun Day - This was highly successful with 30 members attending and 32 Griffons. Feedback was very positive. It was noted that the club gives thanks Ros Finch as social secretary, and Dave Finch for all the work they did in organising the day and their donations for the prizes for the various games and competitions. The club also thanks Bradley's Bowl Dog Treats for their donation of boxes of treats which also made up the prizes
3. Other Fun Day suggestions - A Griffon picnic with a walk and grooming day will be held in May/June when the weather is cooler. As Fagen's Park was such a lovely venue it was decided that it would be held there again. There will be a griffon walk, lunch and grooming afternoon. We need more suggestions from members as to the type of activity that they would enjoy.
4. Raffle - the raffle was drawn by K Taylor at the meeting and the winner was M Parker Brien. Thanks to Kerri for her donation of the figurine
5. Tom Couchman, our Patron - defeated the motion against him in a very convincing manner and has now been elected as Chair of Dogs NSW. The club to send a letter of congratulations and our support for him in the future in his new role.

Correspondence: In: Letter and information from the Dept of Fair Trading re Incorporation. This is necessary when we apply for affiliation but not at the present time. K. Taylor moved that we delay incorporation until later next year when we are more financial. Seconded T O'Dell. Carried

Treasurers Report:

Account at the Greater Permanent Building Society-Total balances as at 21.11.10 - \$732.71

Approval of New Members:

The following new members joined and were approved:

Ian Finch	Campbell Payne	Susie Kaszonyl	Renee Flower	Shane Thomas
Nikki Finch	Grant O'Dell	Karen Pearce	Adam Cooke	
Frazer McCrodden	Annette Clissold	Ian Clissold	Luke McMillan	

The club welcomes the members and we hope that they and their Griffons enjoy their association with the club. The club now has a total of 60 members - all of whom own a Griffon.

K Taylor moved that we continue with the current membership fee arrangement so that more people are encouraged to join. Seconded G. O'Dell Carried

Club Members Code of Conduct: K. Taylor moved that the draft code of conduct be accepted.
Seconded- D. Murphy. Carried Unanimously.

Club Breeders Code of Ethics:

C. Parker moved that the published draft code be amended to include the following point-" When using a dog at stud or offering a dog at stud I shall represent my dog/bitch and indicate my intentions with honesty and integrity"

Seconded D. Finch Amended Code of Ethic carried unanimously

Review of Point score shows: The point score show that had been scheduled at Albion Park in May has now had its date changed due to the lateness of Easter and is scheduled the day after the Victorian Championship Show.

K Taylor moved that it be changed and the Wollongong Show on the 26th February become the point score show. Seconded T. O'Dell

Dates for Point Score Shows 2011/2012:

Suggestions invited from members. M Parker Brien to draw up a list of shows for the committee approval.

Club Constitution

M Parker Brien presented the meeting with a draft based on the Dogs NSW constitution with suggested amendments. The meeting approved them and one or two further changes were suggested. These changes will be typed up and sent to all committee members for approval before being presented to the next general meeting

General Business:

Brussels Griffon Forum- M Parker Brien advised that she had been invited to be the Australian Correspondent for the Brussels Griffon Forum (an international Griffon Forum). She asked the meetings approval to send copies of our newsletter to the forum and advise them of our web site. Moved D. Finch. Seconded R Finch Carried Unanimously

Accredited Breeders: Dogs NSW has recently introduced a voluntary Accredited Breeders Scheme (effective Jan 2011-see October 2010 Journal).

Claire Parker moved that we introduce our own club version of this scheme, based on the same criteria as Dogs NSW and breeders can then indicate if they wish to become Accredited Breeders of the Griffon Fanciers Association. Seconded K. Taylor Carried Unanimously

Affiliation- Next March will mark the first anniversary of the club. At the present time the club has made a strong growth and now has many breeders/show owners as members plus a strong membership of non showing Griffon owners. The point score shows have had strong entries and the club has been proactive with members and a rescue officer. D. Finch moved that we look to applying for affiliation as a regional club in mid 2011. Seconded D. Murphy Carried

Breeder membership- C. Parker moved that we offer Breeders a special rate of \$2.00 to join up puppy buyers ,at the time of the purchase of the puppy, for 12 months. Seconded T'O' Dell

Cake Stall - R. Finch moved that we have a Cake stall at one of our point score show, when the weather is cooler to raise more money for the club. Seconded T.O'Dell Carried.

Next Raffle: D. Finch offered to donate a framed picture of a number of antique cigarette cards of Griffons for our next raffle to raise funds for the club. Seconded K. Taylor. Carried Unanimously. Thanks were given to Dave for his offer

Next Meeting Wollongong Point score show 26th February 2011

Meeting Ended : 2.15pm



The Griffon Fanciers Association

AGENDA

General Meeting

Venue: Wollongong & District Show

Date : February 26th 2011

Time: Not before 12.30 (At lunch break)

Chair -M Parker Brien

Apologies

Minutes of Previous meeting

Business arising from the minutes

Approval of New Members

Correspondence In/out

Treasurers Report

Club Constitution

Review of Point score shows

Dates for the 2011/ 2012 Point score

General Business

History of the Griffon Bruxellois

Print of Griffons by Maud Earl c 1880's

All pedigreed dogs have a breed history that can go back for as much as a thousand years or more. This is one of the characteristics of a pedigreed dog that makes it so unique.

Pedigreed dogs of the same breed have the same appearance, the same type of instincts and the same

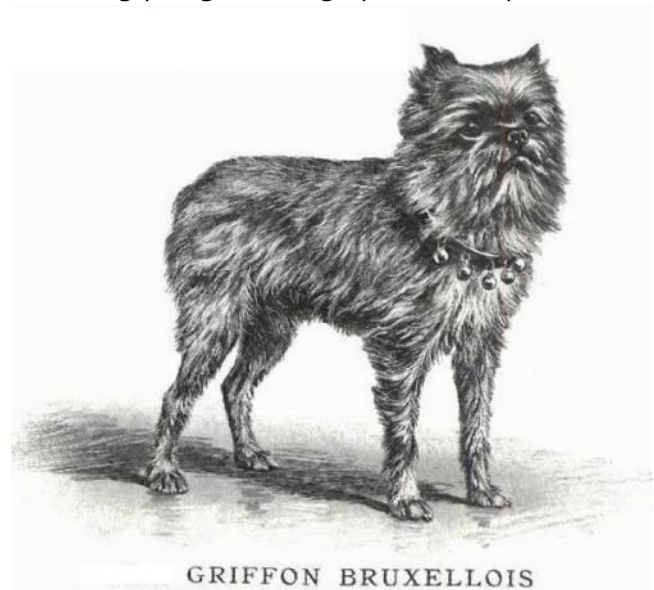
behaviour and these traits have been developed over long periods of time.

Unlike the so called designer breeds, which are in reality, just crossbreds produced by puppy farmers for a quick buck, most pedigreed dogs were developed and evolved over centuries to meet the specific needs of the people at the time.

In fact it could be said that in breeding and owning pedigreed dogs you actually own a piece of living history which is many centuries old.

The pedigree is in fact the proof of the dog's lineage and therefore the breed heritage.

The Griffon like many pedigreed dogs has a rich history that is lost in the mists of time and has undergone a slow evolution to become the dog that we know today



The meaning of the name

The Griffon Bruxellois is the French name for a breed that ultimately developed in Belgium although its origins are European.

Translated from the French its name simply means a rough coated dog from Brussels.

Griffon means rough and there are number of European breeds that carry the word *Griffon* in their name.

Bruxellois of course just means from Brussels.

The Origins (Middle Ages to 1880)

It is generally accepted that small rough coated dogs existed in Europe in the middle ages and these little dogs which were generally kept as ratters and stable dogs were the stock from which Griffons Bruxellois and Affenpinschers and the Dutch Smous dog developed.

The painting by Jan Van Eyck called *The Marriage of the Arnolfini Couple* dated 1434 has a small rough coated dog in front of the couple which is believed to be an early Griffon.



The dog looks like an unstripped rough Griffon with a longer muzzle than we now have.

Close up of the Griffon

Sir Howard Handley Spicer, a leading authority on the breed in 1919 that said it resembled the earliest imports into England

The couple in this painting, by Van Eyck were wealthy and the painting celebrating their marriage was a significant event. The appearance of the dog in the painting is a symbol of fidelity but the fact that this particular dog is the one painted indicates that even then the early Griffons had, moved from the stables and into the homes.

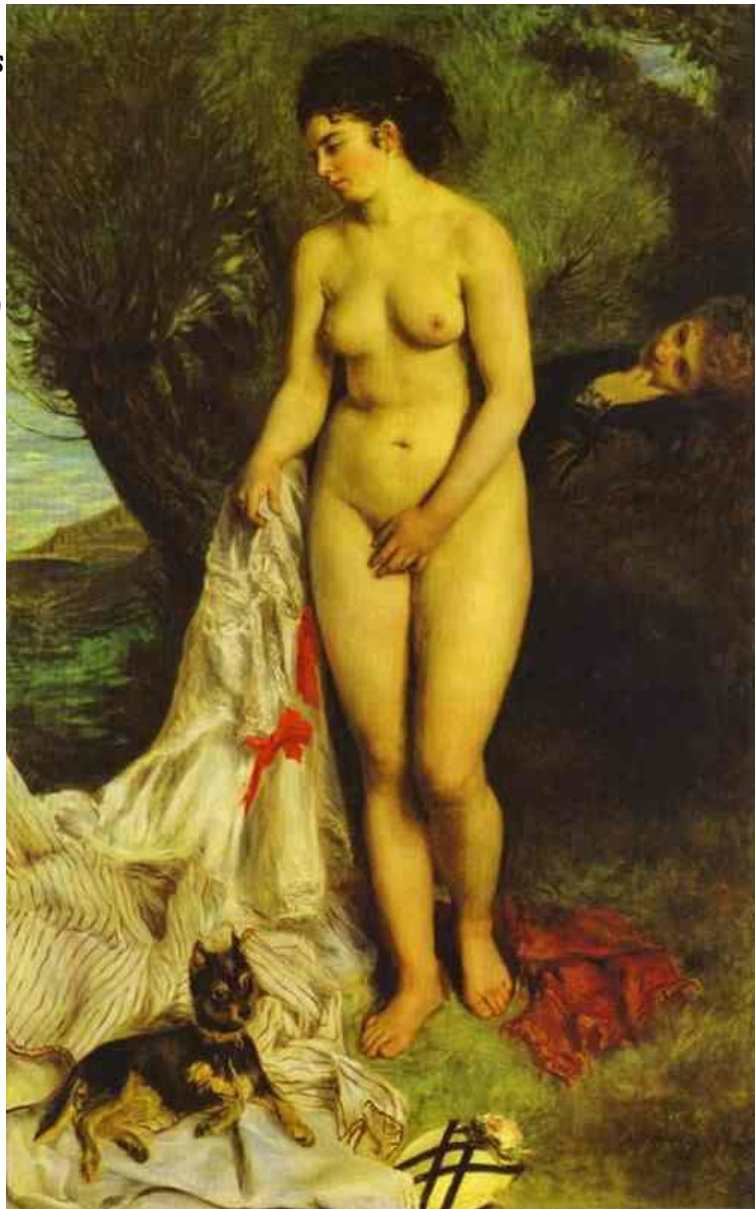
Sir Howard Handley Spicer also refers to another painting, a portrait of Henri III's dwarf by the French painter Jacopo du Empoli or Jacopo Chimenti, painted in the 16th century. This painting shows the King's dwarf surrounded by a number of dogs including several that are distinctly Griffon like. This painting seems to have disappeared but it has been referenced by a variety of sources.

Once again this painting seems to indicate that these little dogs were part of a royal household, indicating that the Griffon was a companion, not merely a stable dog. No doubt the Griffon charm and devotion was a key part of the personality even 500 years ago.

In 1870 Renoir produced a painting titled *La Baigneuse au Griffon* (**The Bather with a Griffon**) which, as you can see, depicts a griffon with its owner.

This painting clearly shows a little dog that closely resembles a black & tan Griffon with cropped ears. The nose is still longer than now but the rest of the dog is very much like our present day dogs.

From this painting we can see that the name Griffon to identify the breed was accepted and recognised by 1870.



By the latter years of the 1800's Griffons could be seen in a variety of backgrounds.

They were kept as pets by royal or wealthy families but they were not just pets exclusively for the wealthy, they were also seen in stables and waterfront areas where they had to earn their keep as ratters and alarm dogs to warn against intruders.

One of their nick names was *parvenu* or street urchin.

By the mid to late 1880's they had become very popular as stable dogs with the cab drivers of Brussels who kept them for ratting skills but also had them as family pets.



The cabbies let them ride on their *fiacres* (hackney cabs) as they went about the city and the Griffons became very well known for their monkey faces and cheeky pert expressions. Being typical Griffons they no doubt had a very high opinion of themselves as they perched up high above the ground beside the cab driver. They also acted as alarm dogs, barking to warn the cabbie of anyone who approached the cab

Fiacres



It was during the period of the mid to late 19th Century that the breed began to increase in popularity and a variety of people introduced a number of crosses were to the breed.

No records were kept of these crosses and this has been a source of much discussion and disagreement over the past 100 years.

Different schools of thought have credited the Irish Terrier, the Yorkshire Terrier, the Pug and the King Charles Spaniel as having been introduced to the breed. However due to the lack of precise records it is impossible to be completely sure of the exact crosses or the real influence that they had on the breed.

What is known is that during this period the Griffon as we now know it slowly developed into a recognisable and identifiable breed.

By the 1880s the breed was entrenched and continuing to rise in popularity and a group of enthusiasts got together to draw up a breed standard, describing the best Griffons of the day. This breed standard is still very much the same as the one which we use today.

In the next newsletter I will look at the very active period in Griffon popularity between 1880 and the start of World War One

References: *The Griffon Bruxellois Handbook - Mollie Grocott (now out of print)*

The Griffon Bruxellois by Doone Raynham Pub. Kingdom Books

Griffon Bruxellois by Marjorie Cousins pub Foyle Handbooks (now out of print)

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Bertie



Griffon Fanciers Association – Rescue Report

Sadly in January this year we had our first rescue of a Griffon. The poor little thing was not even 12 months old and he had been traumatised by an owner who really should not have ever owned a dog.

Luckily Donna was able to travel to Queensland to collect him and she is now in the process of rehabilitating him. Her diary records the care, effort and understanding she and her family are putting into Wicket. Below is Donna's report of the process she is making.

Wicket

7.1.2011 - Picked up Wicket this afternoon with lots of mixed feelings.

7.1.2011 - Brought Wicket back to my sisters and there was lots of pats and hugs. Wicket seems happy. And loves the kids aged 3 to 12!

7.1.2011 - Packed the car and the kids and of course Wicket! 10.30pm leaving QLD...NSW here we come.

Meeting Wicket



During the long drive home

8.1.2011 - 12.30 midday home at last Wicket was a dream in the car this little guy takes everything in his stride (But that's a Griffon for you)

8.1.2011 - 11.30pm. Well its been a long day Wicket has had a bath and settled in with the rest of the Murphy Clan. Wicket loves Jewel (the cat) they gave each other a nose rub.



I am noticing Wicket isn't sure what the grass is for so today I have spent a lot of time going outside and repeating my doggy toilet word "Toilet".

The neighbours' must think I'm crazy or wonder at least who I'm talking to. I am hoping his brother Merlot and his Uncle Will help me out and show him the way! I am not sure at the moment about his eating habits - while he loved his dinner (chicken) he didn't seem to like eating it out of the bowl ?? So he was encouraged as I put bit by bit on the floor next to his bowl. Too soon to know if this is habit or just his way as his mum Destiny loves to be hand fed or eat her biscuits off the floor.



9.1.2011 - I was up till after midnight last night taking Wicket outside trying to encourage him to go the toilet- not sure how he did as with the house renovations I have no outside light! He still wouldn't eat of a bowl today or tonight.

10.1.2011 - We had builders here today so I locked the dogs outside. Wicket wasn't very happy

but after a few moans and yaps he settled down with the rest of the clan. We are still going outside and encouraging him with toileting - and still no change with his eating!

11.1.2011 - Caught Wicket doing a wee on the floor inside. I just picked him up and put him straight outside on the grass and started to repeat the magic word "toilet".



12.1.2011 - The fur kids all had chicken balls tonight and I still can't get Wicket to eat out of his bowl. He just sits away from it staring around, so I sat down and put the chicken balls in front of his bowl in the hope he might have then eaten from the bowl but no luck tonight!

13.1.2011 - Wicket at last tried to eat from a bowl this morning as the dogs were having left over meat from last nights B.B.Q for breakfast but the only problem was that he wanted Will's bowl and Will told him in no uncertain terms to buzz off.

14.1.2011 - Very proud today. While standing out the back Jason said "Quick look Wicket is going to the toilet without being asked". Once again the neighbours must think we are CRACKERS! We were both were calling out "Toilet" Good Boy!"

15.1.2011 - Break through at last, Wicket ate most of his dinner from his bowl tonight. I am feeding them all on the back verandah at the moment as the new walls are up and there is a lot of wet plaster glue stuff and the cornice has just been delivered. After half an hour its back outside and time to chant my magic word again...



23.1.2011 - Time for another bath and Wicket seems to really enjoy having them.

25.1.2011 - The girls and I spent time after dinner playing with a ball with the dogs. Wicket seems interested but

Merlot is very quick to get the ball and bring it back first. At last Wicket eats his whole meal from his bowl and even sometimes finishes first. I'm so happy with his progress.



As the Rescue Officer for our club I always wondered what the day would feel like if it ever came that I would take in a dog that needed care for whatever reason. And I have to be very honest I have had a lot of mixed emotions. As you might not all know Wicket is a puppy from our very own special Destiny and Hunter.

It was Christmas Eve when Kerri and I received an email from his owner stating that due to a lot of reasons she was going

to find Wicket a home or have him in her words "Destroyed"

This was a very stressful time for me, my supportive husband Jason and Kerri. After many emails, text messages and phone calls, Wicket's owner was contacted and told that we were leaving to come to QLD on Christmas night. During that whole time the only thing I could think was please don't do anything before I get there!

One of the reasons for Wicket's owner wanting to let Wicket go was because when she got Wicket I explained to her that Wicket was trained to go to the toilet on paper like all my puppies are and stated the importance of putting the paper near the area where she wanted him to end up going. I also know Kerri was very supportive with ideas and suggestions on puppy training.

Unfortunately, somehow his owner thought she could just leave a piece of paper on the floor and that's where he would always go (Not So). Some how Kerri and I were unaware of this situation and we would never have encouraged it to go on. We had stayed in contact but had not been told of her difficulties. Wicket, as he got older got confused as to where the right and wrong place to go was!

We are still not sure why Wicket had problems eating from a bowl also.

It is so important to keep the communication lines open with our puppy people or even older griffons. It is our responsibility to make sure they are getting the best care as if they were still living with us.

Donna Murphy Rescue Officer

If anyone is interested in knowing a little more about Wicket please contact me anytime.

Griffon Fun Day

November 27th 2010

The Griffon Fun Day held at Fagen's Park, Galston was a great success.

We could not have asked for better weather. It was warm and sunny without being uncomfortably hot and we had a shady, grassy area where we were able to put up a line of gazebos under the trees.

Fagen,s Park is a lovely venue with almost 100 acres of parkland and separate garden areas.

Just across from us was a

Chinese Garden, that later hosted a wedding party in the afternoon.

We must give huge thanks to our Social Secretary, Ros Finch, ably assisted by her husband Dave, for the great job she did in organising the day.

Ros and Dave also very kindly donated the prizes for all the different games and



morsel of the treats. Our thanks go to Bradley's Bowl for their sponsorship.



The venue

Ros presented them beautifully in little hand sewn bags with Griffon stamps decorating them. I know that they were really appreciated by all the winners.

They were also able to get some sponsorship from Bradley's Bowl Dog treats who very kindly donated 3 boxes of doggy treats so that every dog went home with some delicious snacks - a real doggy bag! I know that my dogs enjoyed every little

We were able to join several puppy pens together and made one very large pen so that all the Griffons were able to run loose and play together.

They made quite an impressive sight together and we were frequently surrounded by other passers by who were attracted by the Griffons and their wonderful friendly, happy personalities.

I don't think that there are many other breeds were you could put 20 - 30 strange dogs together in the one pen without any problems at all.

Some of the Griffons in the pen



We started the day with a **Dog Show with a Difference** and the classes judged included the Smiliest Griffon, the Longest tail, the Bushiest tail, the biggest Griffon, the smallest Griffon, the smallest ears, the shaggiest Griffon and the longest beard.

Our secretary, Claire Parker, judged the classes and it was a tough call to decide some of the winners.

Winners of the Dog Show with a Difference



The smiliest Griffon Bosley Jnr owned by
Renee Flowers

The longest
beard, Lucy
owned by
Ros & Dave Finch



The longest tail, Nessie
owned by Campbell Payne



The smallest ears Roxie,
owned by Janine Brown



The shaggiest Griffon, Jazzie
owned by Terri & Grant
O'Dell

The biggest Griffon, Dexter, owned by Kerri Taylor





The smallest Griffon, Patti Mae and Dolly Dimple
(it was a tie) owned by Michelle Parker Brien



The bushiest tail, Diva,
owned by Annette and Ian Clissold

The Egg and Spoon Race with Griffon

The Dog Show with a Difference was followed by the Egg and Spoon race with Griffon. To make it even more difficult Ros had provided ping pong balls instead of eggs so it was even more of a challenge to keep the pong pong balls on the spoon.

Grant O' Dell was the judge and he created an even greater challenge by moving the finish line further and further back.



The start of the egg & spoon race



Halfway through the race and the concentration is intense

The winner Ian Clissold and Diva

Kids Egg & Spoon Race



Off and running in the kids egg & spoon

The winners Aiden and Jess Finch



Lunch

The excitement of the Egg and spoon race was such that we all needed to have lunch to recoup our strength for the Fancy Dress Parade which was to follow.

It was very pleasant to be able to sit under the shade of the trees and enjoy a picnic lunch and chat about all things Griffony.

During the lunchbreak we held a complimentary Guessing Competition.

Ros had donated a jar filled with Jelly Beans and everyone had to guess the total. The winner was Frazer McCrodden who guessed the exact amount of 176 jelly beans. Campbell was very pleased to take care of the jar for him with Nessie to help.

Campbell with the jelly bean jar



During the lunch break



**Campbell Payne, Susie Kaszonyi
Terri O'Dell and Frazer McCrodden**



Brian and Jacki Mc Donald



Christine Fry with Wally and Freddie



Everyone

The Fancy Dress Parade



The Griffon owners excelled themselves in the costumes worn by their little dogs and the Griffons seemed to be having a good time as well.

Claire Parker again judged the parade and there was some tough competition and some hard choices to make in order to pick first second and third.

The winner Boston the Clown owned by Ros & Dave Finch

2nd Place The Jockey and Griffon Horse, Brooklyn owned by Terri & Grant O'Dell



3rd Place the Griffon Cow Roxie owned by Janine Brown

More Fancy Dress Costumes



Pirate Girl

Biker Girl



Wonder woman



Buzzy Bee

Waiting for Judging



A Blast from the Past

BRAGANZAR GRIFFONS



CH BRAGANZAR NINA

BRAGANZAR NAOMI photo taken at 4 weeks

The Braganzar babies featured in National Dog Annual have certainly blossomed!

Miss & Mrs Canavan's
CH BRAGANZAR NINA
 Bitch CC Sydney Royal 1978 & BOB 1979
 Bitch CC Melbourne Royal 1978
 BOB & Intermediate in Show National Toy 1978
 Best Opposite Sex Griffon Club Open Show 1979

Mr C Simpson's
BRAGANZAR NAOMI
 Bitch CC Brisbane Royal 1979

and our own
BRAGANZAR NEALAH
 Reserve CC Sydney Royal 1979
 Best Limit in Show Griffon Club Open Show 1979

WHAT A TRIO!
 By Ch Starbeck Copper Dancer (UK)
 x Moerangi Gerda (NZ)
 and their half-brother
BRAGANZAR NEBUCADNEZZA
 is doing well in Adelaide

Ch Moerangi Mr Figgins continues on his winning way:
 BIS Griffon Club Open Show 1979
 Dog CC Sydney Royal 1979
 Moerangi Cowslip (NZ)
 Bitch Brisbane Royal 1978
 Intermediate in Show
 Griffon Club Championship Show 1978
 and introducing Mr Figgins' son — **Moerangi Brie**

Thanks to Mrs M Grocott-Matheson for the Moerangi team and to Beth Grover's "Copper" for 3 beautiful girls.

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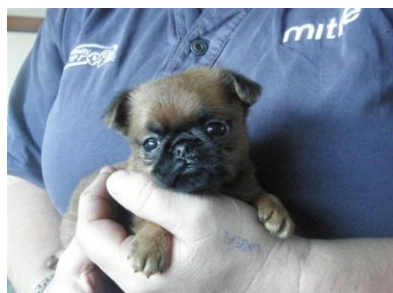
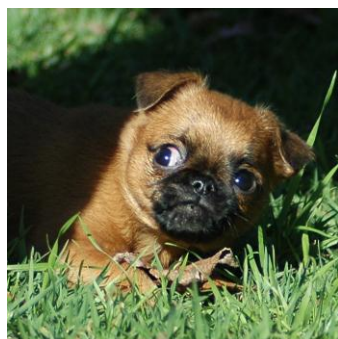
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National Dog Newspaper October 1979 15

Denis Montford is an Honorary Life member of our club. Newcomers to the breed may not realise that he is also one of the pioneers of the breed in NSW with his well known Braganzar Kennels.

This advertisement, sent to me by Jocelyn Croad, is taken from a copy of National Dog October 1979 shows a lovely pair of rough Griffon babies and some very famous pedigrees mentioned. Looking at the names listed, Mollie Grocott is no longer with us but Beth Canavan is still active in Griffons and I am pleased to say is a member of our club.

Mr C Simpson is no longer involved in the breed.



Cute
Griffon
Babies



The Social Life of Griffons

There is no doubt that many of the Griffons owned by our members are very spoiled and some of them seem to have a better social life than I do. Here are some parties and activities that Griffons enjoyed recently.

Griffon Christmas Party



They all seem to be having a wonderful time.

Ros Finch sent some lovely photos of a Griffon Christmas party that her Griffons enjoyed, complete with Christmas costumes.



Uboo's Birthday Party



Andrew Georgiou also sent some photos of Uboo's first birthday party on the 30th December 2010.

Andrew wrote "Very proud day at our place. Uboo turned 1 today!"

I just love the party hat.

Griffon Beach Babes



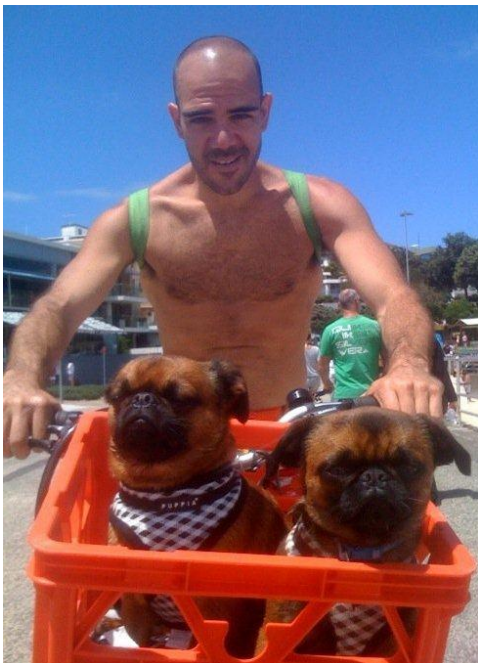
Sandie Feaver's Griffons in New Zealand also had great family holiday recently when they all spent a few days at the beach with the human relatives. We are not used to seeing the black



sand on our beaches here. and

I know that one of them hid in the corner to avoid having it washed off his nose

Andrew Georgiou's pair of Griffons are also keen little beach babes and they regularly go to Bondi beach.



They have their own special transport and I am sure that they must attract attention as they ride down the street

I understand that they have a favourite area near the rocks.



Report on the Breeders Health Survey

conducted by The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria

June 2010

In 2010 the Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria conducted the first comprehensive, nation wide survey of Griffon Bruxellois breeders with the purpose of identifying the common health problems besetting the breed. From this survey it was hoped that a protocol to assist breeders would be developed. The surveys were anonymous to encourage frankness from the breeders and were evaluated by Hilary Swain in Western Australia.

The surveys were sent to registered Griffon Bruxellois breeders and they were asked to report only on dogs that they had bred. Of the surveys sent out 66.6% were returned.

The results of this survey are shown in the tables below. The tables have been divided into conditions that have a greater than 25% occurrence and those that have a less than 25 % occurrence.

Table 1: Conditions with Occurrence of 25% or Greater

	Condition	Percentage of dogs reported with the condition	Number of Breeders with the condition
1.	Cleft Palate	70%	14 (11 had 1 - 5 cases in litters 3 had more than 5 cases in litters)
2.	Undescended testes	68.4%	13
3.	Inguinal/Scrotal Hernia	47.3%	9
4.	Patella Luxation	36.8.3%	7
	Skin problems/allergies/eczema		6
5.	Anasarca	25%	5

Table 2: Conditions with Occurrence of less than 25%

	Condition	Percentage of dogs reported with the condition	Number of Breeders with the condition
6.	CM/SM-diagnosed by MRI but no symptoms	15.7%	3
	Thyroid disease		3
7.	Constricted Nares	10.5%	2
	Hip Dysplasia		2
	Legge Perthes		2
	Pectus Excavatum		2
8.	CM/SM -diagnosed by MRI with symptoms	5.2%	1
	Hare Lip		1
	Cushings Disease		1
	Atresia Ani		1
	Persistent Pupillary Membrane		1
	Umbilical Hernia		1

No breeders identified PRA, Heart Disease or Hereditary Cataracts as a health issue in the breed.

Liver Shunt was not identified as a health problem but another article in the same issue of the *Griffiti* reported on the first two known cases of this condition occurring in Griffons in Australia.

This survey is very valuable as it provides factual evidence of the health issues that occur in the breed. Prior to this all reports had been anecdotal and therefore not reliable.

Whilst the survey provided a snapshot of the health of the breed at a particular time (the first 6 months of 2010) it does provide breeders and clubs with a realistic idea of where the breed stands. Obviously some health conditions are more severe than others and affect the quality of life to a greater extent and this needs to be taken into consideration when devising a breeding protocol.

Reference: Griffiti June 2010 Newsletter of the Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria

Griffon Fanciers Association Accredited Breeders Scheme

At our last meeting our club agreed to adopt an Accredited Breeders Scheme for our own club based on the guidelines of the Dogs NSW Accredited Breeders Scheme.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Pre mating testing of prospective parents.

Note: Disease testing means:

- a) Testing for health conditions which are notified by the breed club, ANKC or Dogs NSW as relevant to the breed, and for which scientifically validated, reliable, readily available and cost effective screening procedures are available.
 - b) DNA tests for hereditary diseases that are available in the relevant breed
2. Subject to veterinary advice, no mating where tests indicate inadvisable
 3. Microchip puppies prior to sale
 4. Puppy microchip numbers to be included in the Application to Register litter (unless Veterinary advise to the contrary)
 5. Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon
 6. Copies of parents test results and puppy vet check results to be made available to prospective purchasers
 7. Prospective purchasers can, prior to purchase, view puppies with mother where litter was born and raised. (This rule will not apply to a litter after pups have been weaned , where the mother and the pups will be residing in separate premises)
 8. Provide detailed information on puppy care and welfare to purchasers (All relevant documentation connected with the puppy including inter alia, advice on feeding and care, registration documents,(if already issued) details of vaccinations etc are handed over to the purchaser at the time of sale. When an appropriate contract is available it should be signed by both parties. If registration documents are not available at the time of sale the breeder must comply with Dogs NSW Regulations Part 1 - Register and Registration Clauses 13.9 - 13.11)
 9. To observe proper standards of management in regard to the housing, health, exercising and socialising of all dogs on the premises managed by the registered breeder, including

establishing minimum staffing levels appropriate to the numbers of dogs involved. (It is strongly recommended that Accredited Breeders follow the guidelines contained in the NSW Animal Welfare Code of Practice "Breeding Dogs and Cats")



Explanation of Terms for Accredited Breeders Scheme

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- c) Testing for health conditions which are notified by the breed club, ANKC or Dogs NSW as relevant to the breed, and for which scientifically validated, reliable, readily available and cost effective screening procedures are available.
- d) DNA tests for hereditary diseases that are available in the relevant breed.

At the present time the only comprehensive health survey on the Griffon Bruxellois in Australia the one which the Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria carried out in 2010, discussed in the previous article.

At the present time there are no DNA tests available for Griffon Bruxellois.

The GFA recommends veterinary checks of all breeding dogs prior to breeding. However we do not recommend the unnecessary use of anaesthetic to test for conditions that are rare or non existent in the breed or if the dog does not show any symptoms. The GFA believes that all health testing should be done with the welfare and quality of life experienced by the dog as the prime consideration and the terms of the Accreditation: *scientifically validated, reliable, readily available and cost effective screening procedures are available* should at all times be kept in mind

In reference to the health conditions identified by the Health Survey we have the following comments:

Cleft Palate - The majority of pups born with this condition are euthanised at birth. Breeding not supported

Undescended Testes- This is not a life threatening condition and dogs are usually castrated and live normal healthy lives. Breeding not supported.

Inguinal/Scrotal Hernia- this can be diagnosed by a normal veterinary examination. Breeding not supported condition

Patella Luxation- This condition has various grades of severity. A vet can diagnose the condition in a normal physical examination. Further testing/grading available if a condition is identified. Breeding not supported

Anasarca-a condition that commonly affects brachycephalic breeds. While linked to a specific phenotype there is insufficient research to indicate if it is hereditary. If the pup survives we would expect the breeder to be guided by veterinary advice.

SM/CM - the GFA supports the research into this condition and supports who breeders have assisted the research by getting their dogs MRI'ed. We acknowledge that at the present it is still very much in the research stage. This procedure so far does not meet with any of the definitions for testing at the present time as it is not yet *scientifically validated, reliable, readily available or a cost effective screening procedure(s)*.

There are guidelines for breeding published by Claire Rushbridge (UK) which the club recommends members follow as far as is possible but at the present stage it is not essential that members MRI their dogs in order to be accredited

Other Conditions: There is also no evidence that conditions such as H.D., PRA etc are an issue in the breed in this country and it is not considered necessary for breeders to subject their dogs to unnecessary anaesthetic to test for these conditions if there is no indication, in a normal veterinary examination that the dog is affected.

We recommend that the eyes are checked during the usual annual veterinary examination. If symptoms of an eye problem are identified by the vet then we recommend a visit to a canine ophthalmologist but do not consider it necessary if the dog does not display symptoms.

In a limited number of cases we are aware that Griffons have been born with Stenotic Nares. Whilst it is possible that these dogs can have the nostrils enlarged to enable them to breathe we do not support the breeding from affected animals and members who have done so would not be accredited.

2. Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon
3. Copies of parents test results and puppy vet check results to be made available to prospective purchasers

Puppies are vaccinated and checked by a vet at 6 weeks of age. Many breeders keep the pups until 10 weeks when they are again vaccinated and vet checked. These check ups can be considered as a pre sale vet check. It is not necessary to have an additional vet check prior to sale in order to be accredited. The normal veterinary certificate is sufficient if the pup is healthy and free of health problems. However if the pup is diagnosed with a health problem the GFA expects that breeders will fully inform the prospective purchaser prior to sale.

The GFA believes that our member breeders have the love of the breed and the welfare of the breed as their number one priority.

The criteria for accreditation are reasonable and responsible. We believe that our breeders would meet the criteria for Accreditation and we offer this grading as a recognition of the hard work, effort and expense that our member breeders experience when they breed these lovely little dogs.

There is no cost for accreditation and after the application is approved by a meeting, breeders may then identify themselves as ***Accredited Breeder- Griffon Fanciers Association***

Gaining Accreditation

If you believe that you meet the above criteria and wish to be an Accredited Breeder of the Griffon Fanciers Association please complete the form on the following page and return it to the Secretary, 5 Kendall Street Charlestown. Or you may request an electronic form to complete from the Secretary at lafoliepbgvs@yahoo.com



Application for Accredited Breeders Status

I wish to apply for Accredited Breeder status for the Griffon Fanciers Association.

I have read the criteria for Accredited Breeders and I agree to abide by it

Kennel Prefix _____

Name _____ Signed _____

Name _____ Signed _____

Name _____ Signed _____

**Healthy
Happy
Griffon
puppies**



Lili and Gamin – Griffons in Paris in 1923

(In 1923, two young American girls, Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough, went on a three month tour of Europe. While in Paris, in order to save money, they designed their own version of 'high fashion' and set out to visit an exclusive restaurant to show off their clothes. Instead of the restaurant they visited a pet shop and they came back with two little Griffons.

In the following extract they describe their experiences)

Having designed and completed our new dresses, Emily announced that we would go to tea at Columbin's to celebrate. She was dubious about her ability to eat any cakes (due to the tightness of her dress) but we could at least bring some home, and she was only going to show off her dress, anyway. We did go to Columbin's to tea but instead of the characteristic little packages of petits fours looped on our fingers, we came home with two little dogs.

They were toy Belgian Griffons, and we spied them in the window of a pet shop, a few doors from Columbin's.

In London we had seen for the first time a miniature Belgian Griffon, The tiny canine had won our hearts and we began longing for one.

In Paris we had haunted every pet shop, but found no Griffons. Wire-hairedds (Fox terriers) were the "rage" that summer and every Frenchwoman had one named "Mike", "Tommee" or "Beel". But wire-hairedds were common in America, while to return with a Griffon would be both chic and spectacular - like Irene Castle and her monkey.



The moment we saw the enchanting little beasts we knew we'd have to buy them even if the expense meant working our way home on a cattle boat. Emily's was named "Gamin" and mine was "Lili".

The woman in the pet shop said of Lili, "Vous voyez comme elle est gaie, vive, et de bonne caractere." At that moment, tiny Lili was backed in a corner, goggle eyed and shivering with fright.

Lili soon got over her fright, however, and was adorable. I never regretted buying her. As for Gamin, he was Emily's hearts delight for seven years.



But at the beginning we had our troubles, breaking first the news to Mother, then



the dogs to the leashes. Mother was outraged at such extravagance. To be sure, Emily had purchased Gamin by means of a special book of American Express cheques her grandfather had given her in order to "buy something she wouldn't otherwise get." But Mother thought she should have spent the money on an artistic Babani coat, which she said, was of such beautiful material it could always be used for something else and Gamin, obviously, had not that advantage. But she was slightly mollified when she beheld his little cosmos face, and captivated completely when she saw Lili, who went straight to her

heart, and she soon got accustomed to the idea.

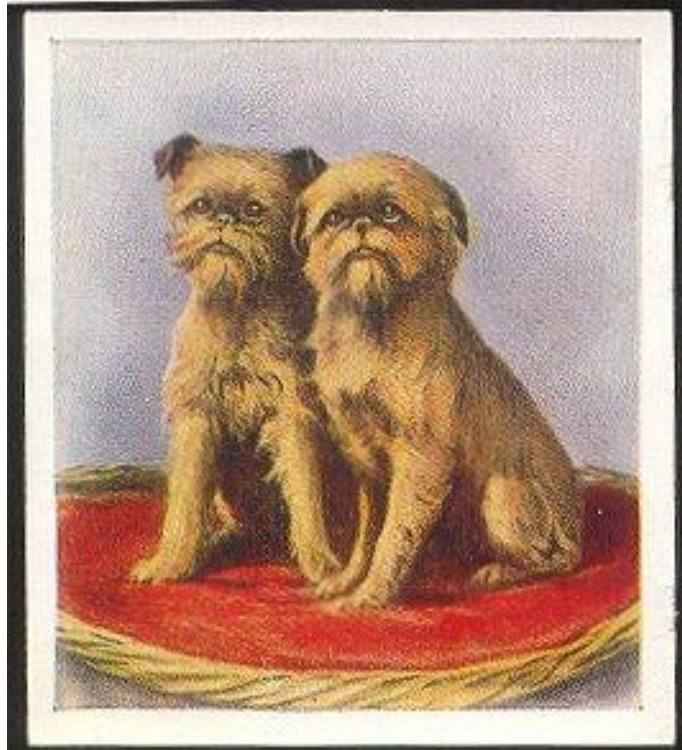
To accustom the dogs to their leashes was far less simple. We had bought ravishing little collars with bells on them, and tiny matching leads which charmed us but not the wearers. The minute they were fastened on, the little hellions, bracing their wee paws yanked and pulled until their heads came completely out of their collars. Sometimes they did it violently and sometimes so subtly we found ourselves walking happily along, dragging empty collars in the innocent belief that the creatures were trotting obediently behind us. But that was a vain hope, for they never trotted. They sat on their stubborn rears, and in order to budge them at all, we walked backwards down the Champs Elysees, bent double, holding tidbits before them, like hay before recalcitrant donkeys. Whenever, unable to bear the strain, we'd straighten up, and tugging the leashes, walk forward a few steps, some indignant Frenchwoman would threaten to report us to the *Societe Humaine*.



We'd turn around and gaze into the upturned faces of Gamin and Lili, grinning malevolently, and behind them for yards, a swathe of gravel scraped by their rears.

And then one day, as if they realized that we had reached the limit of endurance, those two Belgian torturers rose up on their four legs, and from that moment on, trotted smartly along as if they had been trained to the show ring all their lives

After that, we took them with us everywhere, and always displayed them when we went to restaurants. Aside from making us feel as mondaine as all get out, they were the means of our getting wonderful service.



At the sight of them, head waiters rushed us to the best table and hovered over our pets, bringing up saucers of minced goodies, and giving us pointers on the feeding of *les petits chiens delicats*. (They were about as *delicat* as Eskimo huskies.) But we created a great deal of notice, which was lovely.

One day we decided we owed it to our dogs and ourselves to have lunch at the Ritz. This was a daring move. We were fairly conscientious about eating most of our meals at the pension, and if ever we did indulge in a mild spree, it was to some one of a branch of Duval's, or, to be truly giddy, the Franco Italian on the Rond Point.

The Ritz was well beyond our budget but we exonerated ourselves by saying that a luncheon there was part of a European education. So, one day, we took a deep breath and went right in.



We were clad in our best home-mades. Mine was a 'slinky' black satin (again the Theda Bara motif) and Emily wore her davenport velours.

As we stood in the doorway of the dining



room, we were moderately assured of our superior appearance. But lest such superiority might not be instantly recognized, we held up the dogs in front of us. (Emily held up her belt too so that it wouldn't fall down.)

We were immediately greeted by the major domo - in the case of the Paris Ritz, it must be the *Field Marshal Domo*. He had noticed us at once. I think anyone was apt to notice us.



Making little crooning noises over Gamin and Lili, he led us to one of the best tables and seated us, all four, on chairs of pale rose brocade. We thanked him and assured him that the little dogs were accustomed to being on the floor, but he wouldn't hear of it. He loved Griffons profoundly. He had owned one for fourteen years, and of all animals, they were the most beautiful and best behaved in the world.

He served us lunch himself, brought up dishes of chopped filet mignon for our mascots, and we ate under the rapt scrutiny of every other occupant of the dining room.

There may have been celebrities and members of royalty also lunching there, but the guests had eyes for nobody but us. The food was delicious, but we couldn't make the most of it. I was too embarrassed to eat much, and Emily was not only embarrassed, she was afraid that any undue pressure might make the seams of her dress give way.

An imposing dowager at a nearby table had been focusing her lorgnette on Lili with such enchanted admiration and cries of "*que tu esc adorable, que tu ravissant mon petit chou*", that towards the end of the meal, I couldn't resist picking her up with the pride of a fatuous mother, the better to show her off.

I hadn't lifted her five inches before I hastily dropped her back again, for there in the centre of the pale rose brocade was a small round puddle. Emily, who caught a fleeting glimpse of it, was more mortified than I.

Then as the dowager's lorgnettes veered in her direction, she too, became the fatuous mother, and held up Gamin to be admired. Five inches above the chair, she

hastily put him down again, for under him was the twin of Lili's puddle. We sat there, silent and horrified, not knowing what to do. We lingered endlessly over our coffee, hoping that maybe, as Emily optimistically suggested, it might just dry up. But that brocade must have been *impermeable*. Finally we called for the bill, paid it and rose. Emily seized her little *chou* with one hand and with the other dropped a



napkin over the tell-tale seat, and I on my side of the table went through the same motions, as if it were a sister act we had done for years. We managed to make a fairly dignified exit as far as the hall, but from there we scooted like rabbits across and out the main door. For years to come, I never passed the front door of the Ritz without experiencing the uncomfortable feeling that an irate *Field Marshal Domo*

might spring forth, seize me, and make me pay for two brocade chairs.

(from 'Our Hearts were Young and Gay' buy Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimborough Published in 1946 by Dymocks Book Arcade Ltd : Sydney and Constable & Co Ltd London)



The Brussels Griffon Forum

The Brussels Griffon Forum is an international website devoted to Griffon Bruxellois all over the world.

Based in Canada, hence the American name for the breed, it has been created and is managed by Valerie Brideau and Ruth Pereira

This is a comprehensive site and provides a wealth of information and photos both recent and historical. It does not just focus on show dogs but presents Griffons in all activities including sports performance and therapy. There are also examples of Griffonalia from around the world

I can highly recommend this site to any one who wants to know more about our lovely breed.

The address is <http://thebrusselsgriffonforum.org>

Griffon News From Around Australia



The GRIFFON CLUB of QUEENSLAND

The Griffon Club of Queensland held their AGM on 23rd January 2011 and the results were as follows:

President: Ted Ellis	Equipment Officer: Jason Maddock	Committee:
Vice President: Jason Maddock	Health Committee:	Diana Norman
Secretary: Tim Mills	Ted Ellis,	Jocelyn Croad
Treasurer: Hiro Kubo	Diana Norman,	Zoe Kerle ,
Publicity Officer: Diana Norman	Jocelyn Croad	Liz Hollingshead,
Show Secretary: Diana Norman		Vicki Spaccatori ,
		Janet Schluter

The Griffon Club of Queensland - POINT SCORE SHOWS FOR 2011

The Queensland club has advised us of the following point score shows for 2011. In order to get affiliation with the Queensland Canine Control they need to get an average of 12 Griffons or more at their shows.

The date and shows are shown below if any members are able to support the shows they would very much appreciate the entry

Saturday January 29 th Beenleigh & District Kennel Club	Sunday July 24 th Ladies Kennel Association
To Be Announced	Sunday August 28 th Redcliffe & District Kennel Club
Sunday March 20 th Beaudesert Kennel Club **	Sunday September 25 th Western Suburbs Kennel Club
Sunday April 24 th Durack Sub Committee	Club Saturday October 9 th Waterloo Bay Kennel Club Show**
Sunday May 29 th Lockyer Valley Kennel Club	Saturday November 5 th Beaudesert Kennel Club
Sunday June 12 th Ipswich Kennel Club **	Saturday December 3 rd Combined CCC Clubs
** Club meetings will be held at these shows	

THE GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF VICTORIA

The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria held their AGM on February 13th 2011.

The circumstances surrounding this were a little unusual. The AGM was originally scheduled and held in December 2010 but when the votes were counted for the position of President there was a tied vote and the meeting could not proceed any further.

After consultation with Dogs Victoria they were informed that they would have to reschedule the AGM.

The AGM was then scheduled for February 5th at KCC Park but a heavy deluge of rain caused flash flooding in Melbourne and KCC Park was under water resulting in the postponement of the meeting until 13th February. The results of the AGM were as follows:

President: Robyn Morse	Committee:
1 st Vice President: Alana Sharpe	G Colister R. Simpson
2 nd Vice President: Kathy Grass	V. Van der Helm J Gouci
Secretary: Beth Canavan	I Mitchell
Treasurer: Caitlyn Jones	G Inifer



HEALTH SEMINAR – SMALL DOGS

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2011

State Dog Centre (K.C.C. Park)
8.30am Registration
Commencing @ 9.00am until 2.00pm approx



The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria Inc. is running this Health Seminar in conjunction with their 35th Anniversary Championship Show and would like to extend an invitation to all interested in joining them, in what will be a very informative day for breeders of all small dogs.

Information will be provided by some of the leading specialists in their fields. Topics covered will include CM/SM, Eyes, Reproduction, Orthopaedics, and Bowen Therapy.

Speakers:

- Ms Sylvia Power – Dogs Victoria Health Committee
- Dr Sam Long – Specialist Neurologist (CM/SM)
- Dr Robin Stanley - Ophthalmologist
- Dr Ros. Fleahy - Reproduction
- Dr James Simcock - Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Ms Jenni Wilcox - Delta Society – Pet Partners
- Ms Adina Hedges - Bowen Therapist

For further information and to indicate interest / attendance please contact:
The Secretary griffonclub.secretary@yahoo.com.au Griffon Bruxellois Club of Vic Inc.

Cost for the day will be \$15.00 which will include a light lunch and refreshments.
An information pack will also be available @ \$5.00

Further details will also be available on our website www.griffonclubvic.com

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 12th MARCH 2011
THE GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2011 - 35TH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

This show is held under the Rules and Regulations of the Victorian Canine Association Inc. a copy of which may be inspected at the office of the Secretary of this show.

- VENUE:** KCC PARK WESTERNPORT HIGHWAY SKYE VICTORIA
- JUDGE:** **MR N SWAN 'DORELOVE' (UK)**
ORDINARY CLASSES TO BEST IN SHOW - SPECIAL & PROPERTY CLASSES
- CHECK IN:** There will be no check in at this show. **PLEASE INCLUDE** a S.A.E for return of exhibit nos.
- TIME:** **Judging begins at 10:00am with ORDINARY CLASSES.**
- ENTRY FEES:** **NON MEMBERS \$25:00 1st entry \$20:00 Subsequent \$8:00 Baby Puppies**
MEMBERS \$20:00 1st entry \$15:00 Subsequent \$6:00 Baby Puppies
SPECIAL & PROPERTY CLASSES \$8:00
NB: ALL FEES INCLUDE VCA LEVIES
- CATALOGUE:** **\$6:00** Please order and pay with entries
ADVERTISING IS AVAILABLE IN CATALOGUE:
\$30.00 per page \$15.00 per half page COLOUR
Please contact Secretary Phone (03) 5664 1275
Email azande@iprimus.com.au
- CATERING:** **DINNER at conclusion of judging. Time/cost to be advised.**
- CLASSES:** **1, 2, 3, 4, 5,** 9, 10, 11 Dogs 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 9A, 10A, 11A. BITCHES
WOULD YOU PLEASE NOTE COAT TYPE & COLOUR ON YOUR ENTRIES
- JUDGING ORDER:** 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 3, 3a, 4, 4a, 5, 5a, 9, 9a, 10, 10a, 11, 11a (ie: Dog/Bitch /Dog/Bitch...)
PLEASE CHECK STATE PUBLICATION FOR AGE REQUIREMENTS
- SPECIAL CLASSES:** 22 Best Veteran 22.20 Best Neuter Dog 22.21 Best Neuter Bitch
23 Best Owner/Bred/Handled
24 Breeders Team (Three or more bred by same person & entered in Ord. Classes)
- PROPERTY CLASSES:** 25 Best Coated Rough 26 Best Coated Smooth
27 Best Rough Head 28 Best Smooth Head
29 Best Gait (Adult) 30 Best Gait (Puppy)
31 Best Topline & Tailset
- TROPHIES:** Dogs must be entered in classes for which trophies are offered.
(e.g. Best Puppy must be entered in Puppy Class)
- INSCRIBED ROSETTE & TROPHY FOR BEST EXHIBIT, RUNNER UP IN SHOW, BEST OF CLASS IN SHOW, ROSETTE & TROPHY FOR BEST OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST OF CLASS WINNERS. SASH FOR CHALLENGE & RESERVE CHALLENGE DOG/BITCH
ROSETTE & TROPHY FOR WINNERS OF CLASSES 22 TO 31
- MOST SUCCESSFUL BREEDER ON THE DAY (Members only) Donated by Lanyon Kennels
MOST SUCCESSFUL STUD DOG ON THE DAY (Members only) Donated by Mr. Denis Montford
BEST PUPPY IN SHOW (Members only) The Madge & Harold Sheehan Memorial Trophy
SASHES - BREEDER OF BEST BABY PUPPY & BEST PUPPY AND RESERVE CHALLENGE Donated by B. Canavan
SASHES - BEST AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG/BITCH Donated by K. and P. Hill
- ALL OTHER DONATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE CATALOGUE**
- ENTRIES CLOSE WITH:** Mrs Robin Simpson
10 Owen Street Leongatha VIC 3953
Phone: (03) 5662.5850 Not after 9pm
- Late Entries will NOT be accepted**

NB. ENTRY FORMS MUST BE COMPLETE AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CORRECT FEES OR THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



New Champions

Congratulations to:

Ch Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe

Sire: Ch Raweke Basil Brush.

Dam: Ch Rosndae A Touch O Class

DOB: 6-10-2009

Owned and Bred by Terri & Grant O Dell -Nagpuni Griffons. Terri wrote "Brooklyn is now officially a Champion, attaining this one day before she was 14 months old on 5th December."

Congratulations to :

Ch Kehael Million Dollar Man

Sire: Ch Azande The Real McCoy

Dam: Ch Keheal Million Dollar Baby

DOB: 27.9. 2009

Booth is bred by Kerri Taylor and is owned by Kerri Taylor and Alison and Bryce Taylor. He is the first NSW bred Black and Tan to have been titled for over 20 years. Only 2 other B & T Griffons have been exhibited in NSW in the past 10 years. One was Booths grandmother bred by Azande in Victoria and the other was an American import who was shown in NSW for a short time.



Pets on the Park

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Winner - for the 2nd year "Best Dog Supply Retail Outlet of the Year" - MDBA 2008 & 2009A wards

Pets on the Park is a pet retail supply outlet owned and run by club member Terri ODell and her husband Grant of Nagpuni Griffon Kennels. We are very grateful for the support that Terri and Grant have given to the club. Next time you need to buy some products for your dog have a look at their website

Point Score Report

St George All Breeds Kennel Club

3rd Point Score Show

The St George Point Score was a damp and drizzly day which became quite hot and steamy on the rare occasions when the sun did shine. Luckily it was cool and not raining when the Griffons were judged by Mr B. Woodburn. There were 11 Griffons entered, a little down on our previous point score shows but not surprising, considering the time of the year and other Christmas commitments families have.

After moving the dogs, Mr Woodburn asked all exhibitors in each class to hold their Griffons up so that he could compare heads and he made his final decisions based on this and the final stack. It was interesting to see that his Dog Challenge winner was the father of the Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge winner so he was able to judge very much to family type.

The results were as follows

BOB & Bitch Challenge Ch Rosndae

Charlies Angel - R & D Finch



Runner up BOB & Res Bitch Challenge

Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple - M Parker Brien



Dog Challenge Ch Rosndae Charlie Brown - R & D Finch



Res Dog Challenge Ch Rosndae Ginger Snap - K. Taylor

Junior Dog 1st Kehael Million Dollar Man - K Taylor

Intermediate Dog 1st Ch Balliol Barnacle Bill - M Parker Brien

Aust Bred Dog 1st Ch Rosndae Charlie Brown - R & D Finch

Open Dog 1st Ch Rosndae Ginger Snap -K Taylor

Junior Bitch 1st Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe G & T O"Dell

Intermediate Bitch 1st Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel - R& D Finch

2nd Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple - M Parker Brien

Aust Bred Bitch Ab Ch Raweke Patti Mae - M Parker Brien

Open Bitch 1st Ch Raweke Bunty Bear - C Parker

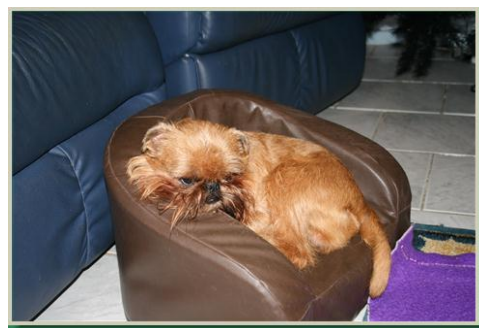
2nd Ch Rosndae Desert Rose- R & D Finch

Ab Ch Statuesque Pumpkin Pie - F&L Pieterse



Brotherly love

Sound asleep



Point Score Report

CNCC

4th Point Score Show

The CNCC show held at Hillsborough, Newcastle on the 15th of January saw an entry of 11 Griffons for our point score. The weather was hot and sultry but dry for which we were thankful, considering that Queensland was in the middle of the floods at the time.

Our judge, Mrs H Weil was one of the four Queensland judges on the panel who had managed to escape the torrential rain up north and travel down to Newcastle.

It was good to see Kait Cowen who had travelled down from northern NSW. However she was minus a Griffon as Layla wasn't quite in coat at the time so she had come down to help with a friend's beagles and strip a schnauzer for another friend. It was also good to see Brian and Jackie McDonald's dog Sibermoon Tom Thumb in the ring again after a lengthy break due to Brian's soccer coaching commitments. Despite the break he showed like a trooper and hadn't forgotten a thing.

The results for the show were:

BOB & Bitch Challenge- Ch
Rosndae Charlies Angel - R & D
Finch



Runner up BOB & Dog Challenge

Ch Rosndae Charlie Brown - R & D Finch



Reserve Dog Challenge - Ch Balliol Barnacle Bill - M Parker Brien



Reserve Bitch Challenge - Ch Raweke Bunty Bear - M Parker Brien

Junior Dog -1st Keheal Million Dollar Man - K Taylor

Aust. Bred Dog -1st Ch Rosndae Charlie Brown - R & D Finch

2nd Ch Balliol Barnacle Bill - M Parker Brien

Open Dog - 1st Sibermoon Tom Thumb B & J McDonald

Puppy Bitch -1st Balliol Esmerelda Easter Egg - B & J McDonald

Junior Bitch - 1st Ch Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe - T O Dell

Intermediate Bitch -1st Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel - R & D Finch

2nd Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple - M Parker Brien

Ab Ch Shigriff Slap and Tickle - C Elder & M Gurney

Aust Bred Bitch - 1st Ch Raweke Patti Mae - M Parker Brien

Open Bitch - 1st Ch Raweke Bunty Bear - M Parker Brien

With the point score now just over halfway we have a very tight competition with the top dogs within a point or two of each other so at the moment the winner could be anyone's guess.

This is a tribute to the quality of the dogs in the ring and handling and presentation by the owners.

I know that the judges have been pleased to get good sized entries of Griffons at these shows and have commented favourably on them

Point Score Points

Name of Dog	Show 1	Show 2	Show 3	Show 4	Show 5	Show 6	Show 7	Total Score
Ch Balliol Barnacle Bill	10	10	3	5				28
Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple	8	8	8	2				26
Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel	5		10	10				25
Ch Rosndae Charlie Brown	3		6	8				17
Ch Raweke Bunty Bear	3	5	3	5				16
Ch Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe	3	3	3	3				12
Kehael Million Dollar Man	5		3	3				11
NZ Ch/Ch Paris Night Fever	3	5						8
Ch Rosndae Ginger Snap	2		5					7
Balliol Esmerelda EasterEgg	3			3				6
Balliol Fezzywig Fever	3							3
Sibermoon Tom Thumb				3				3
Ch Nagpuni Jelly bean Jazz		2						2
Ch Rosndae Desert Rose			2					2

Show 1 - Lake Macquarie ABKC - Judge - Mr K Brown (NZ)

Show 2 - Southern Highlands K & Ob Club - Judge Mrs J Blythe (Tas)

Show 3 - St George & District Kennel Club Judge Mr B Woodburn(NSW)

Show 4 - CNCC Show Judge Mrs H Weil (QLD)

Show Results

4P's All Toy Dog Club 7th November 2010
Judge Miss E Cross

BOB & Dog CC Kehael Million Dollar Man - K Taylor

Runner Up BOB & Bitch CC Ch Rosndae
 Charlies Angel - R & D Finch

Dogs NSW Public Relations Committee 18th
December 2010 Judge :- Mr J Grundig
NSW

Dog CC and BOB Kehael Million Dollar Man-
 K. Taylor

Bitch CC and Runner up BOB :- Ch Rosndae
 Charlies Angel - R & D Finch

**Best
 Junior
 In
 Group :-**
 Kehael
 Million
 Dollar
 Man - K.
 Taylor



Wyong & District Kennel Club 18th
December 2010 Judge Mr.W Morris NZ

**BOB &
 DCC**

Tzani In
 like Flynn
 - C Elder



Gosford City Canine Club
19th December 2010

Judge L Hind

BOB & BCC Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple - M
 Parker Brien

Runner up BOB & Res BCC Ch Raweke
 Bunty Bear - M Parker Brien

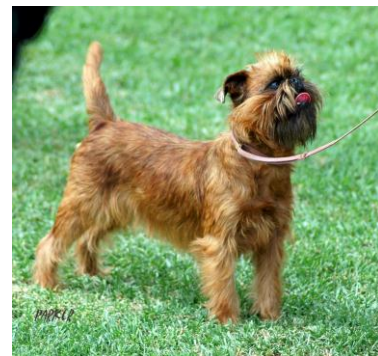
DCC - Ch Balliol Barnacle Bill -M Parker Brien

Res DCC Tzani In Like Flynn - C Elder

Dorrigo Show 23rd January 2011 Judge Mr
B Luxton (SA)

BOB & BCC Ch
 Shigriff Slap n
 Tickle - C Elder
 & M Gurney

**Runner up in
 Group**



Next Point Score Shows

Dates for 2011

27th February Wollongong & District Kennel Club. This is a 3 show weekend with shows on Saturday and one on Sunday

2nd April Gunnedah KC Location Gunnedah. This is a 3 day show event with shows on Friday 1st April, Saturday 2nd April and Sunday 3rd April. The point score will be on the Saturday show 2nd April

18th June Nor West Canine Association Location Castle Hill

Cool Coats

Kerri Taylor has Cool Coats for sale which she is able to provide to members at a special reduced price.



I cannot recommend a Cool Coat too highly. All you do is wet it. The special fabric retains moisture but does not wet the dog. It keeps the dog cool in the hottest weather. It is ideal for summer dog shows



or for those hot summer days. They come in a variety of colours and sizes to fit all breeds of dogs

Contact Kerri Ph: 02 42961586 Mob: 0413187122 E: kehael@optusnet.com

Helping in the Garden



Point Score Competition

Rules and Scoring System

1. Points will be awarded to exhibits at designated point score shows of the Griffon Fanciers Association

Points will be awarded in the following manner:

• Best in Show	50 points
• Runner Up in Show	40 points
• Class in Show	30 points
• Best in Group	25 points
• Runner Up in Group	20 points
• Class in Group	15 points
• Best of Breed	10 points
• Runner up in Breed	8 points
• Challenge (without BOB or Runner up)	6 points
• Reserve Challenge (without BOB or Runner up)	5 points
• First in Class	3 points
• Second in Class	2 points
• Third in class	1 point

2. Points will be awarded to the exhibit will be highest result gained by an exhibit. They will not be accumulative at a single show.
3. The total points gained by each exhibit will be added together and published in the The Phoenix
4. The competition will be open to all exhibits including those in Baby Puppy



Breeders Directory

If you are a breeder and wish to continue to have your Kennel in The Phoenix please sent \$10.00 to the Treasurer along with any information that you require in your directory advertisement. If your prefix

appears in red it means that you are yet to pay

 <p>Rosndae Quality Red Griffon Bruxellois Rough and Smooth</p> <p>Roslyn & David Finch Ph: 02 88502537 E: rosndae@bigpond.com</p>	 <p>Kehael Griffon Bruxellois Red and Black & Tan (occasionally)</p> <p>Kerri & Michael Taylor Ph: 02 42961586 E: kehael@optusnet.com</p>
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We will also provide a **Stud Directory** if members would like to list their dogs in this. The cost is \$10 per 2 dogs. Please send the money and the details regarding the dog to The Treasurer K Taylor, 29 Beverly Ave Warilla



Membership Application Form

(Please send this membership application to The Treasurer, K Taylor, 29 Beverly Ave Warilla)

I wish to join the Griffon Fancier's Association.

Name/s:	
Address:	
Phone	Mobile:
Email Address:	
I am a member of Dogs NSW - Yes / No (circle one)	Dogs NSW Number (if applicable):
I am a - Breeder / Exhibitor / Obedience or Agility Trialler / Pet Owner of a Griffon Bruxellois . (Circle the one/s which apply to you)	
Breeder Prefix:	Number of Griffons Owned
Names of Griffons:	
I wish to join this association because:	
Membership Fee: Standard Membership \$5.00 per person OR Puppy Buyer Membership (if joined up by breeder) \$2.00 I enclose my / our fee offor annual membership	
Signed Owner/s..... Breeder/s.....	

