

Coby and Friends

Our clubs 2nd Rescue Griffon for 2016

In early July Michelle Parker Brien, the club President, was contacted by a man in Brisbane who was desperately in need of help for his elderly mother's Griffons.

She owned three Griffons aged between 6 – 10 years but due to Alzheimer's, she had been hospitalised. The three Griffons had been left alone in her house with only the neighbour feeding them and toileting them during the day.

Initially it had been thought that the owner would be able to return home and the Griffons care was only a short and temporary situation. However the owner's health was much worse than anticipated and it was clear that she would not be able to return home. The son was unable to keep them all but realised that the situation they were in was very unsatisfactory for them.



Coby

Immediately our club began to work with the Queensland Griffon Club to help with the dogs. We quickly identified the breeder of older two Griffons, a 10 year old rough girl and an 8 year old smooth boy. She was one of our club members, Caroline Elder and as soon as she was informed of the dogs' predicament, she immediately contacted the owner's son and made arrangements to collect and care for the dogs.

The youngest Griffon was a 6 year old rough boy called Coby and we were unable to get in touch with his breeder

so had to act fairly quickly.

Pat Roeloffs of the Qld club was able to pick up the Griffons from the home and we were able to organise a foster carer for the little rough boy. This was a lovely lady called Cynthia Jones who stepped into the breach at short notice and was able to help settle Coby.

At the time of collection he was very frightened and unsure of other people. He was underweight and took a while to adjust.

As he settled Cynthia was able to assess him more fully. She said that he liked her but was afraid of her husband. He became stressed when travelling and was very wary.

Coby (now Bodee) with his new owner, Jean

After a post on Griffon News, we had a number of people who generously offered to give him a home and we were gratified by the support we received for him.

However, due to the stress he had already been under, we decided that it would not be a good idea to have him travel any long distances as it would place further stress on him.



I am happy to say that the perfect home came up for him in Queensland. He has now gone to live with a couple, Jean and Warren who live in Queensland and who have 2 older small dogs as company for him.

They changed his name to Bodee and after a short time he started to settle in with them and learn to trust them. He is making friends with his new family and especially likes the little girl Mitzi. The latest report we have had from them said that he is gaining weight and put on 200gms in a week. He is very clingy with Jean but still not certain of Warren, but is getting better.

He is on two meals a day and is eating well and is learning to run and play with the other two little dogs.

Bodee meeting his new family

This is a second successful rescue and rehoming this year and I would like to thank everyone who stepped in to assist with this little dog and achieve such a happy outcome.

Our club, particularly our secretary Jannelle Tremenheere and I, worked closely with Jocelyn Croad of the



Queensland Griffon Club to organise this home for him and it has all worked out well in the end for him.

I would like to thank his foster carer, Cynthia Jones, who stepped in at short notice to take him so that he was not sent to the pound, and for doing such a wonderful job with him in the first difficult week when he was extremely traumatised.

I would also very much like to thank all the people who so generously offered to help him by offering him a home. I know all of them would have been wonderful homes but due to his stress we did not want to have him travel too far. It is wonderful to know that so many people are willing to step in and help when situations like this arise and it is a great example of how our clubs cooperate to get the best possible outcome for the dogs.

And an update on our earlier rescue Griffon because I know you all love a happy ending

Janet, now called Osha, is positively glowing in her new home and it was lovely to see her at the club picnic, full of life and energy with a gleaming glossy healthy coat and a great joy of life.

She is now an inner city hipster and likes to dine out at various local pubs with her sister, Ygrette.

She has just had her first season at 11 months. She was left entire due to the open fontanelle so that the hormones could help with her growth for as long as possible to try to

get it to close. It is now much

smaller than it was so she is going very well and Thomas and Holly are doing a great job with her. From a little dog who had seizures and was facing possible euthanasia, she has blossomed into a normal, bouncy, cheeky little girl with a long and happy life to look forward to. She cannot correct the problems caused by poor and greedy breeding practices but she has shown the tremendous improvement dogs can make when given high quality care and lots of love

