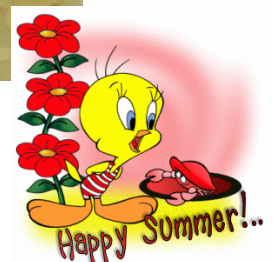
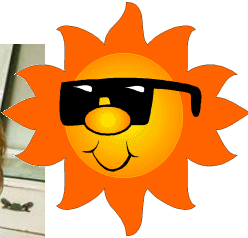




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The aims of the club are:

- 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

Griffon Love





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Let us out Mum!!!

Relaxing at a dog show





Presidents Report

This is the Report presented by the President at the AGM

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

2016 Presidents Report

Once again we have had another very successful year for our Club and have achieved many positive things for the club and the breed.

Championship Show

We held our 4th Championship show with judge Mrs R Williams, officiating and this time the weather was far more pleasant than it had been the previous year. Once again we had a strong entry with close to 50 Griffons entered and very few absentees. We look forward to 2017 when we will have two championship shows on the same day, for the first time in the club history.

Point Score

The club point score competition was once more a great success with strong Griffon entries at the designated shows, thanks to the enthusiasm and support of our members.

The winner of the 2015-2016 Point Score was Ch Rosndae Upper Crust, owned and bred by Ros and Dave Finch of Rosndae Griffons. He also won the Puppy pointscore as well- making it the first time in club history that the same dog has won both awards.

Runner Up was last year's winner, Gr Ch Balliol Gellert Grindalwald handled by Jannelle Tremeneheere and owned by Jannelle and Michelle Parker Brien who also bred him.

The remaining dogs in the top 5 placings were

3rd – Ch Nagpuni Midnight Mischief-owned and bred by Terri and Grant Odell

4th – Rosndae Honey Whisper- owned and bred by Ros and Dave Finch

5th -Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris – handled by Ashleigh Barber, owned by Ashleigh Barber and Michelle Parker Brien and bred by David Fifield and Sandie Meads

The point score had 27 dogs competing in the nominated shows. The point score was developed to promote the exhibition of quality Griffon Bruxellois and the strength and depth of quality in the breed can be seen in the many and varied dogs who have been so successful in many shows.

Promoting the breed

Dog Lovers Show

We supported the Dog Lovers Show for the 3rd year and once more it was highly successful. The club had a double stand which made it easier to accommodate the many people who wanted to see the Griffons. The crowds both days were huge and the Griffons attracted a lot of attention.

We were fortunate to have a lot of support from our members and had over 20 people assisting over the two days. This allowed each person to get a break and we were able to give the Griffons some timeout to have a rest and escape the crowds for a short while. We are very grateful for the whole hearted support we get from our members for events like this.

Griffon Buyer Register

The Griffon Buyer Register which was developed in 2014 to assist people in buying a Griffon has gone from strength to strength. Because we are a large club with almost all the quality Griffon breeders in Australia and New Zealand as members, we are in a position to advise people when puppies are available. This has led to an increased membership, we have successfully helped a number of people get a Griffon and we have been able to educate and support members of the public so that they do not choose to get a pup from pet shops or puppy farmers.

In addition, through this register we have several more new show exhibitors who have never shown before and the club members have mentored and supported them in their first few showing experiences.

There were not many pups born during 2016 so there is still a waiting list. Griffons have always been hard to breed and our members never breed commercially so there have not been many Griffons available

Website and Facebook page.

The clubs website continues to provide information on the breed and promoting members achievements. It can be found at <http://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/>

The Face book page – Griffon News can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/298220046898430/> and provided news and information about Griffons for members and overseas Griffon owners.

Rescue

There were two Griffons requiring rescue in the past 12 months.

The first was a very young Griffon, imported into Australia from a commercial breeder in New Zealand. She arrived with other dogs and had some serious health issues. Her novice owners were so distressed when she had seizures that they did not feel they could cope with her health needs so surrendered her to our club. Long term careful care and regular vet



checks led to a happy outcome and after 6 months she improved so much that she was able to be successfully rehomed to two members of our club.

Later in the year we were contacted by a man in Brisbane regarding 3 older Griffons owned by his mother. His mother had been diagnosed with a serious health issue requiring full term hospitalisation and would not be able to return home. Our club worked with the Griffon Club of Queensland and we were able to get a successful outcome for all three dogs. One Griffon remained with the son so his mother could see her, the breeder of the 2nd Griffon was notified and accepted full responsibility for him and the 3rd Griffon was successfully rehomed with our club members.

Maintaining Quality in Griffon Breeding

All Griffon breeders who are members of our club abide by a strict Code of Ethics.

We work to continue to educate members and potential Griffon buyers about ethical breeding practices and to provide then with advice about identifying unethical and commercial breeders. With the rising popularity of Griffons we have seen an increase in commercial and unethical breeding practices and we work with the other two Griffon clubs in Australia to try to minimise the detrimental impact of these breeders

We also continue to be vigilant in our fight against unethical breeding practices. Our members are very supportive in this and often report inappropriate breeding and advertising of Griffons so that we can take action if they are registered breeders.

We have successfully had an unethical breeder removed from Dogz on Line and have worked with the Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria to report rogue registered breeders who are operating in breach of the code of Ethics.

Health

Our club continues to support health research for Griffons. We ensure that members are kept fully informed about the latest health research findings and problems and support proven, reputable research.

Our club conducted an international Health Survey of Griffons to find the true state of health of the breed, worldwide. We had responses from owners and breeders in Australia, New Zealand, USA, UK, Scandinavia and both Eastern and Western European countries- in total the survey received over 450 responses which referenced over 9,000 Griffons, making it the largest survey of its kind ever undertaken in the breed and generally indicating that the breed was in a healthy state.

We also provided regular health updates with informative articles in the club newsletter-The Phoenix

During the year we were also alarmed to hear that a breeder in The Netherlands had an accidental mating with a Griffon and an Australian Terrier.

This mesalliance was then claimed to be part of a scientific study to improve Griffon health, particularly SM/CM. The scientific 'study' and the basic premises on which it was based were so seriously flawed that our club felt that it was so detrimental to the breed as a whole that we felt we had to protest.

Our club, worked with The Griffon Club of Queensland and The Griffon Bruxellois Club of New Zealand, The Griffon Club of Belgium and The GBBA to send a strong protest about this process.

The results of the crossbreeding 'experiment' were not good and failed to achieved the supposed, retrospective goals.

Membership

Our membership has remained fairly stable over the past few years and at the moment we have just over 110 members who are all owners of Griffons. We ensure that we meet the needs of all members, exhibitors and pet owners alike.

Fun days

We encourage members to participate in club activities and our Christmas gathering held at the home of Ros and Dave Finch was very successful with over 40 members and 50 Griffons attending.

We also held a Griffon Picnic at Fagens Park in June and we still had over 30 members and over 45 Griffons attend for a picnic, to try their hand at Rally Obedience and agility with the courses set up for members to try.

Newsletter

The club produces a newsletter "The Phoenix" which is issued quarterly and is full of information from Australia and overseas with items of interest for both show and pet owners.

Committee

As in most clubs in this busy life we have a small but very hardworking committee.

I would like to thank the Secretary Jannelle Tremeneere, Treasurer, Dave Finch and the committee members- Jane Wistuba, Ros Finch, Claire Parker and Ashleigh Barber for their help and support in the past 12 months.

I would also like to thank all our members for their ongoing support and enthusiasm they show for the club and our wonderful little dogs.

We have always been proud to call our club the friendly club and I feel that we are successfully maintaining this.

I look forward to working withal our members again in whatever capacity I am elected to fill.

Michelle Parker Brien (President)



Secretary's Report

This is the report presented by the Secretary at the AGM

The Club has had a very successful 2016 and it is fair to say this would not have been achievable without the help of our committee and club members.

We held our Championship Show at Hillsborough Show Grounds with Mrs Robyn Williams as our judge. The show was a huge success with an entry of over 50 Griffons.

The trophy table was decorated in our club colours of purple and pink and looked fantastic a big thanks to Claire Parker and Ashleigh Barber for purchasing our trophies they were a huge hit with the winners.

The food table was beautifully presented and prepared by Jane Wistuba, thank you Jane for volunteering and sharing your knowledge of food presentation and thank you to all members who kindly donated food items, as always the judge, steward, NSW representative, visiting exhibitors and international guests were extremely impressed.

Thank you to Matt and Fern for decorating our ring it looked fantastic.

Fern Feaver and her Mother Sandie Feaver were visiting us New Zealand Sandie and Fern breed Griffon Bruxellois under the Prefix Paris which everyone would be familiar with in fact the Best in Show winner was from her Kennel, congratulations Sandie.

We were also extremely fortunate to obtain the services of Rachel Taylor as our official photographer, thank you for taking the time out to photograph our wonderful breed. The committee and exhibitors were thrilled by the quality of photos taken.

In summary I would like to thank the show committee and club members who donated their time to help make this show a success and look forward to our 2017 Show.

We attended the Dog lovers Show in August last year and again we had another successful two days. The public was again smitten with our wonderful breed with lines were six and seven deep just to catch a glimpse or pat the dogs that were loving all the attention. Thank you to the Executive and all of our wonderful members who donated their time the club would not be able to attend events such as this without your support.

Our Point Score competition for 2015 – 2016 was again very successful due to the large number of Griffons entered at these shows. We received positive comments from other exhibitors and judges were delighted to be judging such a large breed entry of Griffons. Club members should give themselves a pat on the back for their support at these shows. Congratulations to the winners and good luck to everyone for the 2016-2017 Point Score competition.

We have some exciting times ahead this year we are running two Championship Shows, our show will be held on 8th April and our judges will be Dr. Kate Sunn and Mr Phillip Poulton.

The Sydney Royal Griffon judging will be held the day before our show (7th April 2017) and the 4ps will be held on Sunday 9th April 2017 so it will be a busy few days 2016 has been a great year and I look forward to what next year will bring.

Jannelle Tremeneere Secretary 2015-2016

Editors Notes

Once again we have a jam packed issue with lots of photos of Griffons enjoying Christmas celebrations and summer fun.

It is wonderful to see how loved and valued our Griffons are and what important members of the family they have become to our members.

Thank you to all members who have contributed.

We have lots of information about our championship show at Easter and hope to see lots of people there. I hope you enjoy it.





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Griffon Corner

RIP David Laird

It was with great sadness that we heard of the tragic death of David Laird in a house fire just before Christmas.

David was Vice President of The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Queensland and was an active worker for the club.



He was always the Show Manager or the steward at all the Queensland Griffon shows and anyone who has exhibited up there will remember him well.

He had undergone surgery for his hips and was making an excellent recovery and looking forward to showing his dogs once more without pain.

Sadly an unexplained fire broke out in his house and he suffered severe burns from which he did not recover. David had Tibetan Spaniels and also had a deep love for Griffons. I can remember him always saying that he wanted a smooth Griffon to show and he was looking forward to getting one.

He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Queensland Griffon Club and took part in all the activities and was a keen fundraiser.

Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

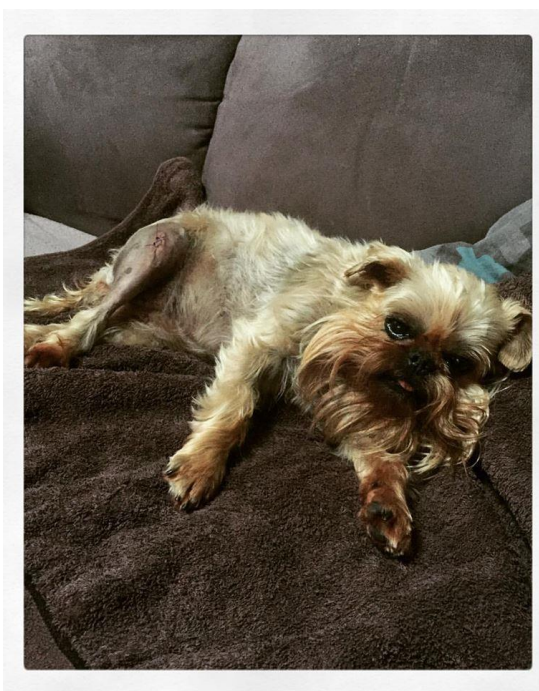


Jillian Mathieson is a Roller Derby player and her Griffon **Mavis** obviously decided to copy her. Jillian came home from

work to find her limping and a vet check revealed that she had popped her ACL and damaged her meniscus- classic Roller Derby injuries!!.

She needed major surgery to repair the damage and is shown here looking very sleepy and sorry for herself later that day.

The leg is repaired now and although Jillian does not know how she did it she is not taking any chances- the roller skates will be out of sight when Mavis is in the house





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FROM THE ORIGINAL
CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL
CREATED IN 1862



Our members Griffons have a great social life with outings, holidays and parties. Here are just some ways that they enjoyed themselves

Terri Odell's daughter, Kelli, works for Moët and Chandon so the Griffons got to go to the Moët & Chandon Family day at The Greens at North Sydney.

They also got to taste the new Chandon S- champagne infused with orange bitters, served over ice. It is not available at retail outlets but like Terri I can recommend it as an aperitif when you get the chance. It is now Terri's favourite drink.

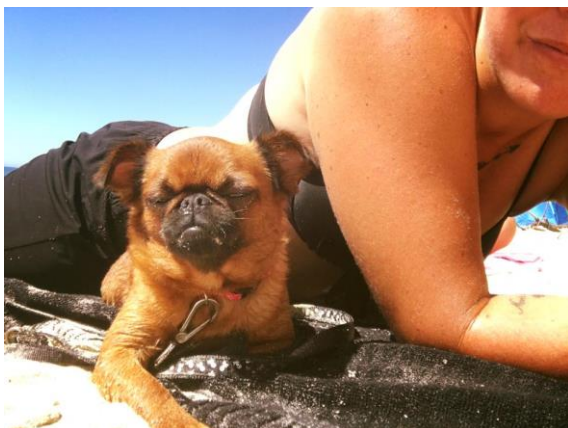


The Griffons had their eyes on the delicious hot dogs on offer and later enjoyed enjoy helping in a game of bowls

Jannelle and Adam Tremenheere spent Christmas at a tropical resort in North Queensland and took some of the Griffons and Niles the PBGV with them.



The dogs were very happy with the resort lifestyle and enjoyed themselves in the pool before reclining on the sun lounges to soak up the sun.
It's a tough life but someone has to do it!!



Ginny also went on holidays- this time camping with her Mum, **Ashleigh Barber**. As well as being the ultimate beach babe she also put on the glow sticks to party, party, party on New Years Eve

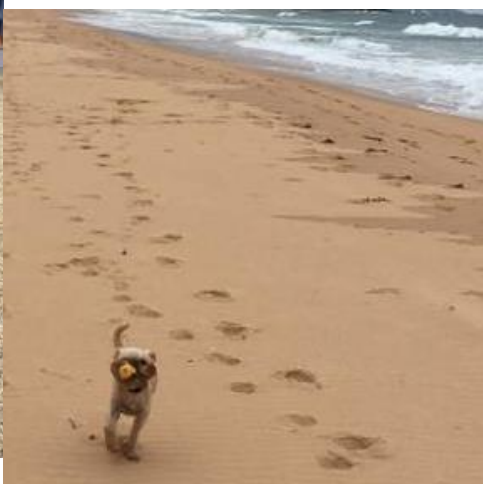




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Billy is another little beach babe and just before Christmas he and **Sharyn Woods** also went on a beach holiday – as you can see – Billy had a ball!!



Osha, owned by **Tom Gregory and Holly Quinn Parsons** did not go away for a holiday. Instead she stayed home to improve her education. Here she is watching the Supervet do a hip replacement operation



And once again our Griffons have been stars in the media...



Percy, owned by **Jessica Fouard**, is not new to the print media as he has starred in some other articles in the past. His latest gig is on Dr Chris Brown's page where he features in an article on the Itchy Season. Looking very handsome Percy!!

Sue Brewin's boys- **Nemo** the griffon and **Rupert** the German



Spitz were very pleased to win the competition in 'That's Life' magazine. They won a matching bowl and bin and are posing very proudly with their prizes. Their photo will appear in the magazine in the near future



Griffon Birthday Celebrations



Rory and Darcie, owned by **Terri and Grant Odell**, celebrated their first birthday with a cake.



Uboo, owned by **Andy Georgiou**, celebrated his 7th birthday with his own sand cartoon and a day at the beach with his 2 brothers



Teasel and her younger sister **Bunty**, celebrated their 11th and 12th birthdays with a plate of BBQ chicken in bed. It didn't last long!!



Lis Hollingshead's Griffons all seem to have celebrated birthdays since our last issue. She has 5 who have celebrated

Her boy, **Bart**, celebrated his 3rd birthday in January by helping co-pilot the car for a long family drive.

Her little girl **Tessie**, celebrated her birthday in December perched up high on the back of the lounge as usual





Litter brother and sister, **Augustus and Adelaide Almighty** celebrated their 8th birthday in December. Here is a photo of them when they were just tiny babies

and last but not least
Happy 2nd birthday to **Banjo Paterson and Waltzing Matilda.**

Liz said *Matilda has celebrated the morning by rolling in a stinky dead bird and was rewarded with a bath. I hope Banjo is better behaved for his family.*

Here they are as new born babies and a montage of Banjo with his best friend Teddy



happy
birthday

Neville celebrated his 5th birthday in January and Ashleigh made him his own montage



And last but not least a very happy birthday to Eddie Croad Eddie is husband of our club patron, Jocelyn Croad, and together they bred Griffons under the Raweke prefix. Eddie was 92 years young in January and we hope that he celebrates many more birthdays





Club Talent

We have a huge arrange of varied talent displayed by our club members, both with and without their Griffons. Here is just some...

Benny, owned by **Sheena** is having fun and doing well in his agility classes. At the moment he and Sheena are both still learning but they are enjoying themselves and Benny is showing what smart little dogs Griffons are. *"If we get it wrong it's usually my fault because I've got the order of jumps and things wrong, he's amazing."*says Sheena. Classes are held at Bondi Public School on Sunday mornings if anyone is interested The link below is to a video of Benny going through his paces.

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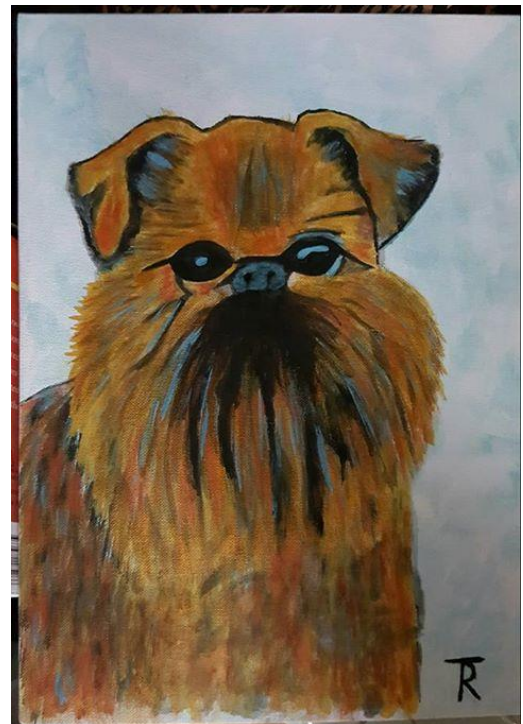


At the end of the year the agility group had a Christmas party and Benny celebrated with a couple of his bigger friends.

Club member, **Rachael Taylor**, is better known as the photographer at our championship shows. In the past month she has been having a go at some art work and trying her hand at portraits of various dog breeds. Here is

her first attempt at a Griffon- the initial sketch and the finished version.

Griffons are not the easiest of breeds to draw and this is a great effort.



Andrew Georgiou ran into his own artwork when he went into a shop in Tasmania and discovered bottle of soft drink with his own design on them. So of course he had to taste it to give the seal of approval



We have seen examples of the talented **Andrew** Georgiou's art work in a number of other issues of The Phoenix but his partner and fellow Griffon owner, **Raymond Vazquez** is also a man of many talents. He is an accomplished musician and recording artist and his latest can be caught on the itunes link below

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/artist/ray-vazquez/id947731456>

Get Well Soon

Our club Treasurer, **Dave Finch**, had to undergo surgery on his shoulder and upper arm, following an injury.

His arm has been painful and he has had limited use of it for some time, while waiting for the specialists to make a decision regarding surgery. He will be out of action for quite a few weeks and we wish him a speedy recovery and hope that he is out and about again and pain free soon.

Dave seen here with Ros at the Christmas show



Abbi Love welcomed young **Rocky** to the family with a special Chewbacca T shirt to help him feel at home.

Not sure that Rocky is impressed that Chewbacca's beard is longer than his

Terri Odell and her daughter, Kellie, travelled to Queensland to attend the Magic Millions on the Gold Coast.

Kelli usually competes but this time she was one of the judges for Fashions on the Field.



Kellie

Terri

There were some lovely colourful outfits but in the end Kellie awarded first place to the girl in the yellow & black outfit below.



Terri enjoyed herself with lots of great food, champagne & racing.



It can be exciting showing dogs in New Zealand when you get caught in an earthquake!

New Zealand member, Sandie Meads, had some unwanted excitement when the earthquake struck the South Island in November.

Sandie had travelled to Christchurch from Hamilton, with her friend Jude, who shows Scotties, to exhibit the dogs at a weekend group of shows.

The shows were very successful, the dogs all did well and after a night of celebrating on Sunday, they made preparations for an early start the next morning. Circumstances changed at midnight when the earthquake struck.

At first they thought that they were safe but a series of aftershocks occurred and they were all ordered to evacuate the house.

The Griffons and Scotties were easy as they were already sleeping in the car but they were staying with Davis and Julie Fifield, who have a number of Griffons and Pugs that had been sleeping in kennels. All of their dogs had to be evacuated and loaded into a trailer and the whole convoy of cars and dog trailers had to drive out into the open countryside and sit in the car, for three hours before they were permitted to return home when it was deemed safe.



Sandie and Jude, were booked to catch a ferry across the Cook Straits the next day - Monday but all the roads from Christchurch to Picton were damaged and blocked. The photos show the extent of the damage.

Even if they had been able to drive to Picton the fear of a tsunami meant the Cook Straits were closed and not navigable, the Ferry terminals had been damaged and all the computers were down.



So Monday became a day of waiting and sitting out the many intense aftershocks. Reports indicated that the roads on the west side of the island were less damaged so they hoped to make a long drive via the west coast to reach Picton.

On Tuesday morning, packed and prepared they set off hoping for the best and prepared for an 8-9 hour drive—a drive that normally takes 5 hours.





It was a long, slow road, mainly single lane and crowded with other evacuating cars but they successfully managed to make Picton that night. The entire drive continued to be accompanied by numerous high level aftershocks and the earth continued to move during the night shaking the hotel. Sandie posted the following message from Picton; *"This seems like the 'Nevaending' story. Arrived safely in Picton only to find terminal closed. Drive to vehicle check in and we are told no bookings until Monday - re-booking or new. Come back in morning and there*

may be a vehicle that doesn't arrive and you can take that place.....along with everyone else who's been told that.

Wait with baited breath for tomorrow's instalment.

Fingers and toes crossed please "



The next morning they skipped breakfast, toileted and exercised the dogs at a ridiculously early hour and arrived at the ferry terminal at 6.30 am to join the long queue that had already formed.

At 10am they were finally able to drive on to the ferry and at 1pm they finally sailed.

Car passengers only were permitted as the walkways for foot passengers both at Picton and Wellington had been badly damaged. Ironically, after all the problems, the passage through the Marlborough Sound was perfect sailing weather and they were able to enjoy a calm and sunny 3

hour journey to the North Island

They eventually reached Wellington at 3.30 pm and then started the long drive to Hamilton- another 6 hours away.

By the time they reached the Desert Highway – the final stretch of long road on the way home they saw a rainbow- almost an omen for success and then after 15 hours of travelling they finally made it home in the evening.

The Griffons and Scotties all behaved perfectly during the long drive but were very glad to be out and back in their own home when they finally arrived. So if you want an adventure – try showing in New Zealand!!





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Claire Parker, has recently started **Barking Mad Pet Care** in inner Sydney.

Specialising in flat faced breeds she has years of experience with Griffons.

As well as dog walking and personalised dog care she also offers show training.

This is a great opportunity for people who wish to polish show skills and for new handlers.

Claire is an accomplished handler who has handled dogs through to Best in Show level. All training methods are gentle and positive with praise and reinforcement so the dogs love it and want to come back for more.



Terri and Grant Odell are also well known for **Pets on the Park**, based at Glenhaven.

They are the Australian distributor for EQyss Grooming products and have over 1200 different pet supplies which they can speedily ship out.

They are experienced Griffon owners and can give you advice for the best products for your Griffons.

A full list of products can be seen on the website

<http://www.petsonthepark.com.au/>

or you can go to their Facebook page

Pets on the Park





The 2016 Christmas Party

We had another great day at our club Christmas party. This was the 5th Christmas party that the club has held and the 3rd party to be held at the lovely home and gardens of Ros and Dave Finch at Kirkham, just south of Sydney.

It was hard to do a full count of all the Griffons there as people kept coming and going throughout the



day but we catered for 35-40 people for lunch and estimated between 50- 60 Griffons attending in total.

The photo above, which was also used as our club greeting on the Facebook page, Griffon News, shows just some of the partygoers.

Ashleigh Barber took the photos for the day and her Griffons were supposed to be in this shot but one of them, little Miss Ginny, decided that if her Mum wasn't in the photo then she wasn't in it either so she made a break for it- all snapped as can be seen.

The weather was warm so we only had a few games- the sausage eating race was won by Emma Lewis and Jannelle Tremeneheere- and Ros had made a lucky dip for all so everyone got a doggy gift.

The paddling pool was a big hit again with the Griffons and they all got their feet wet at least once with some of them

leaping in and out and having a great game in the water.





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Santa visited once more for Christmas photos and there were a number of little Griffon photo bombers who did not want to be left out of the fun.



Some of the photos taken with Santa. All photos can be seen on the clubs website at <http://griffonnsw.com/2016-christmas-party.asp>



Christmas lunch was provided with a cold buffet of chicken, ham, various salads and a range of deserts and fruits so we were all pleasantly full when finished.



Thanks to all the club members who helped with the food and catering- Ros and Dave Finch, Jane Wistuba, Michelle Parker Brien, Jannelle Tremenheere and Ashleigh Barber.
The Griffons all had a great time and there are lots of photos of happy



smiley Griffony faces.

All the photos can be seen on the club website at <http://griffonnsw.com/2016-christmas-party.asp>





Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting held Hillsborough

17 December 2016

Meeting Commenced at 12.40

In Attendance: Ashleigh Barber Michelle Parker-Brien, Jannelle Tremenheere, Adam Tremenheere, Terri Odell, Grant Odell , Rachael Taylor, Marcia Mulhearn, Victoria Mercer

Apologies: Ros Finch, David Finch, Jane Wistuba, Claire Parker

President's Report: Tabled

Secretary's Report: Tabled

Treasurer's Report: Tabled

Show Secretary's Report: Tabled

Minutes from last AGM meeting tabled; accepted

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

The President and Executive stood down Kathy Minns took the chair for the elections

Position	Person elected	Nominated	Seconded	Vote
President	Michelle Parker Brien	D Finch	T O'Dell	Unanimous
Vice President	Adam Tremenheere (declined Position) Ashleigh Barber	A Tremenheere	J Tremenheere	Unanimous
Secretary	Jannelle Tremenheere	J Wistuba	M Parker Brien	Unanimous
Treasurer	Dave Finch	R Finch	V Mercer	Unanimous
Committee				
Fund Raising Officer/ Social Secretary	Ros Finch	D Finch	A Barber	Unanimous
Committee Member	Jane Wistuba	MParker Brien	J Tremenheere	Unanimous
Committee Member	Terri Odell	M Mulhearn	A Barber	Unanimous
Committee Member	Victoria Mercer	A Barber	A Tremenheere	Unanimous
Committee Member	Claire Parker	T O'Dell	G O'Dell	Unanimous
Show Committee				
Show Manager	Adam Tremenheere (declined position) Michelle Parker Brien	A Tremenheere	A Barber	Unanimous
Show Secretary	Claire Parker	J Wistuba	J Tremenheere	Unanimous
Trophy Manager	Ashleigh Barber	A Tremenheere	V Mercer	Unanimous
Non Committee Positions				
Assistant Secretary	Sheena Jackson/Sharyn Wood	M Parker Brien	J Tremenheere	Unanimous
Catering Officer	Jane Wistuba	M Parker Brien	T O'Dell	Unanimous
Rescue Co-Ordinator	Adam Tremenheere	M Parker Brien	J Tremenheere	Unanimous
Patrons				
	Jocelyn Croad	J Wistuba	M Parker Brien	Unanimous
	Tom Couchman	J Tremenheere	A Barber	Unanimous

Appointment of Auditor - Venja Neus has been appointed as Auditor for 2017 appointment was unanimous

Meeting closed 1.20pm



Griffons celebrate Christmas



Our members Griffons are all just a little bit spoilt and they know how to have a good time at Christmas. Here are some of them

Emily and a little reindeer

Some little Griffmas elves

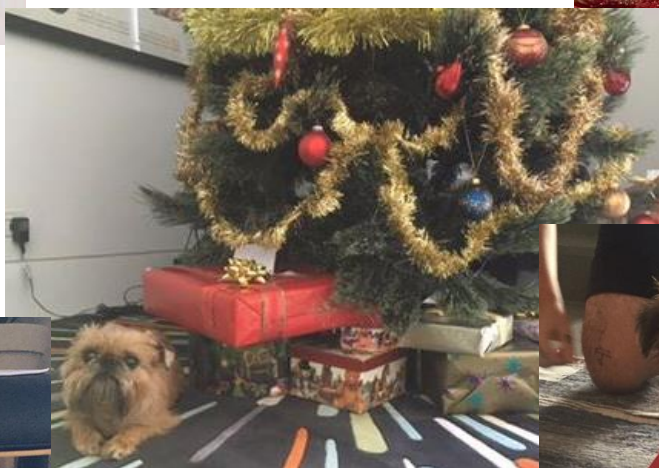


Christmas spirit from Professor Sprout

Baby Moose celebrates his first ever Christmas



Harriet is the little Christmas fairy under the tree



Benny is a master of disguise – first he has disguised himself as a Christmas present and then he is cunningly disguised as a grumpy Christmas elf and finally Santa Paws





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*Billy the
Christmas
turkey*



*The Duke and Archie Bojangles
meet Santa on a velvet throne*



Grommet modelling his Christmas hats



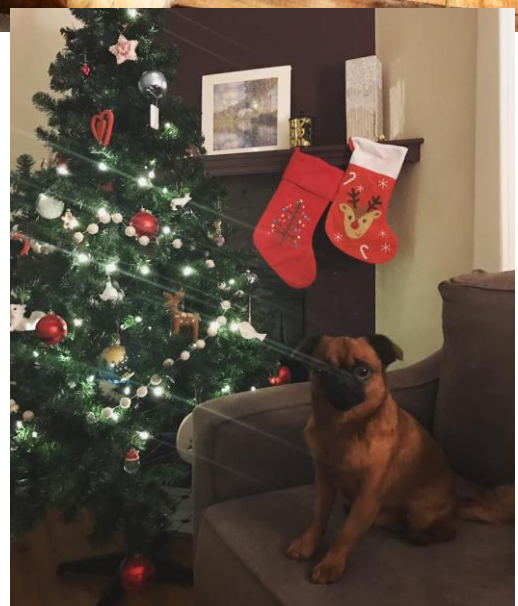
Henry and Lexie smile for Santa



*Liz and her Griffon gang
get into the Christmas
spirit*



*Percy checks out the
Christmas tree*



*Beatrix is not
impressed with her
Christmas hat*





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Rocky is Santa's little helper

Ros's Griffons can't wait to get their Christmas presents



Archie meets Santa



Billy is another one of Santa's little helpers

Terri's dogs are lined up waiting for their Christmas presents



Have we been good Mum??

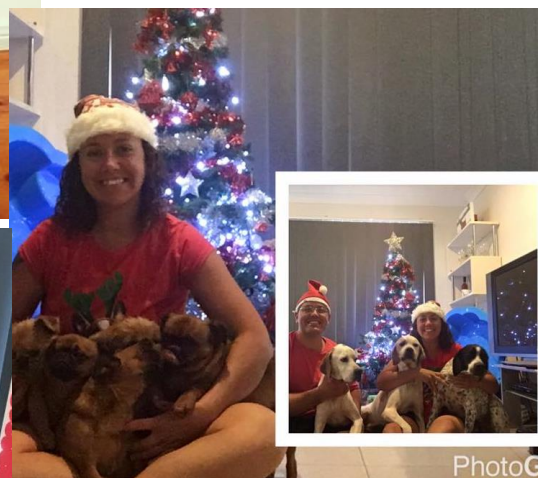


Ashleigh with an armload of Griffons and the Pointers



Dolly the Christmas elf

Neville- doing a show stand as Santa - just can't help himself





MERRY CHRISTMAS



Merry Christmas from Tammie and her girls, Coco and Gigi Gorgeous



Tanya's boy Griff does not look impressed with his reindeer suit



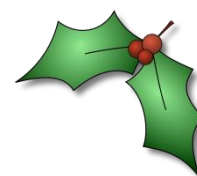
And finally – Just to show that Christmas is not just for the very young

Two of our oldest Griffon members also got into the Christmas celebrations

Ros and Dave Finch's girl, Meggie, Ch Rosndae Magic Moments, is 15 and a half years of age and still enjoys being a Christmas fairy



Yogi, Ch Raweke Yogi Bear CCD, CD, is also 15 and a half but he still condescended to pose as an elf under the Christmas tree





The Point Score Competition

We have had only one more point score show since the last issue and this was the Wyong Kennel Club show with Mr W Morris from New Zealand as the judge. He has owned and bred Griffons for many years and had a strong entry of 14 Griffons with some youngster debuting at their first show. Due to the heat the show started at 8am and although the temperature wasn't too hot when the Griffons were shown it was very warm when the group judging was taking place making it uncomfortable for both handlers and dogs.

Following the group judging we had a champagne Christmas lunch before the AGM. Despite the heat it was a pleasant and happy show for everyone.



Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was *Supreme Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris* - owned by Ashleigh Barber and Michelle Parker Brien and handled expertly as usual by Ashleigh.



Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was *Ch Balliol Gertie Giggles*- owned and handled by Michelle Parker Brien



Reserve Dog Challenge was *Ch Shigriff Sexy and I know I/-* owned by Michelle Gurney and Caroline Elder and handled by Ashleigh Barber



Reserve Bitch was *Ch Balliol Kendra Kadabra*- owned and handled by Michelle Parker Brien

The show also saw the debut of two new Griffon babies at just 12 weeks of age, bred by Ashleigh Barber- Harriet (Nevafollo the Chosen One) and her



brother Pepe (Nevafollo the Magical One). We were also very happy to welcome Victoria Mercer to her first ever show with her first show dog Pepe and we hope we will see her at many more shows. Both babies had a lot of fun. They decided that they didn't want to walk on the lead but wanted to bounce and and pounce instead but they enjoyed their first show experience and at this age that is the most important thing.

The next point score show *is Armidale All Breeds Kennel Club* on Saturday 18/02/2017

This is a 3 show weekend and a number of our members like to have a weekend in the country and enjoy the hospitality. The point score is the Saturday show only and the judge is S Foster from South Australia

Current Point Score Standings after 5 Shows

No.	Name	Total
I.	Raweke Toby Lannister	51 35
II.	Gr Ch Balliol Gellert Grindalwald	31
III.	Ch Balliol Gertie Giggles	25
IV.	Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris	25
V.	Balliol Kendra Kadabra	18 18
VI.	Tzani Zazu Zodiac	15 15
VII.	Raweke Beatrix Potter	13
VIII.	Nagpuni Shaken not Stirred	12 12
IX.	Ch Balliol Impish Incantation	11
X.	Balliol Kaptain Krum	11 11

Sandie's dogs pose in a basket



Faster than a speeding bullet- its Super griffon

Entries Close 27 January 2017

ARMIDALE ALL BREEDS KENNEL CLUB
ALL BREEDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS
 ARMIDALE TOURIST PARK, WATERFALL WAY, ARMIDALE
FRIDAY 17, SATURDAY 18 & SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017
 Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 & 18 (dogs & bitches)

Entries to: Armidale All Breeds Kennel Club, C/- Mr C Harris, P O Box 451, Wauchope 2446
 Ph (02) 6585 2623 onwooth@midcoast.com.au Extreme Weather Ph 0427 722 189
 Cheques made payable to: Armidale All Breeds Kennel Club

** Postal Entries: Please provide a legible email address for confirmation of entries.
 Exhibit numbers will be PICK UP ONLY

Show Manager
 Online Entries Available
 www.showmanager.com.au
 ON LINE ENTRIES AVAILABLE AT
 02 entries
 www.02entries.com.au

JUDGES	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Ms K Harvey (SA)	6-12 mths S/stakes (2) Hounds (1) Toys (1)	Terriers (2) Non Sporting (2) Utility (2) General Specials (1)	3-6 mths S/stakes (1) Working Dogs (3) Gundogs (3)
Ms S Foster (SA)	Working Dogs (3) Gundogs (3) General Specials (1)	3-6 mths S/stakes (1) Toys (1) Hounds (1)	6-12 mths S/stakes (2) Utility (2) Terriers (2) Non Sporting (2)
Miss M Joyce (VIC)	3-6 mths S/stakes (1) Non Sporting (2) Utility (2) Terriers (2)	6-12 mths S/stakes (2) Gundogs (3) Working Dogs (3)	Hounds (1) Toys (1) General Specials (1)

Dogs NSW Junior Handlers will be held on Saturday at 8.00 am. Accredited Judges will be advised on the day.

Order of Judging As per Schedule, (x) denotes ring number

Judging Commences 8.00 am each day, with S/stakes (Fri & Sun), Junior Handlers (Sat) followed by S/stakes

Dogs NSW Representative Mrs S Gilkison

Entry Fees \$10.00 Ordinary Classes (except Babies), \$5.00 S/stakes & Classes 1 & 1A

Catalogues \$10.00 (covers all three shows) prepaid with entries, limited number available on day \$11.00

Refreshments Canteen & Refreshments available

Camping Armidale Tourist Park call (02) 6772 6470 or 1800 355 578 Website: www.armidaletouristpark.com.au/
 Please do not send camping fees with show entries

No Vendors without prior approval from the Club Secretary

Vendors

PRIZES - Category B
 General Specials Cash & Sash
 Group Specials Cash & Sash
 Special Classes S/stakes Cash & Sash 1st - 4th
 Junior Handlers Trophy & Sash 1st, 2nd & 3rd

THE WOLF'S DEN

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Loving Home Wanted

A loving and permanent home is wanted for two older Griffons who must go together.

Royal is a 9 year old male red rough and Morgan is a 7 year old red smooth female.

They have been well loved pets all their lives, but their owners are moving to the USA in April and cannot take them with them.

They were bred by Kerri Taylor who sadly passed away last year after a battle with cancer. She was a founding member of our club and our Treasurer so the club is more than happy to assist in finding a loving home for these two lovely Griffons

Information about them (from the owners)

- both are desexed
 - they are half brother and sister (same mum, different litters)
 - they are both in good health
 - They have had regular veterinary care
 - they are generally pretty relaxed dogs
 - they sleep a lot
 - they do bark a bit and get excited when someone comes to the front door/gate (sounds like a typical Griffon)
- the dogs are really good with the kids and have been brought up with two small children (having said that we always watch them and the kids are gentle)
 - they love cuddles and attention
 - they are reasonably well trained, Royal pulls a bit on the lead when out for a walk. They both know to "sit" and "wait" and Royal can "shake"
 - They live in Sydney (lower north shore).

If you are interested please contact Jannelle Tremenheere at nevaending@hotmail.com or Sharyn Wood at sharynwood1@bigpond.com

Griffons and Others



Teebo meets Gigi

Blitz the German Shepherd with his Griffon friends





EASTER SHOWS

Easter 2017 is going to be an exciting time for Griffon exhibitors in NSW and will be worth the trip for anyone thinking of visiting Sydney and Newcastle. There are 4 shows in 3 days for Griffon exhibitors.

The 7th, 8th and 9th of April are dates to mark in your diary.

Griffon Judging Sydney Royal Friday 7th April

If you are planning to go to the Sydney Royal Easter Show and want to see the Griffons then this is the date to go. Sydney Royal is one the biggest in Australia and is always an exciting time with plenty to see and do there.

For those planning on entering online entries will close on **1st February 2017**. See the link below [https://www.myras.com.au/res/onlineshowentries/\(S\(5vivei0wjeqngmwydjuri03\)\)/DogDefault.aspx](https://www.myras.com.au/res/onlineshowentries/(S(5vivei0wjeqngmwydjuri03))/DogDefault.aspx)

Our judge this year is Barbara Müller from Switzerland who is also judging the balance of the Toy Group, Gundogs and Junior Handlers

Here is her CV: **Barbara Müller** grew up surrounded by her family's Newfoundlands and German Shepherd Dogs. Dogs have very much played a large part of her life ever since. She has successfully bred, and still breeds from time to time, English Cocker Spaniels, Old English Sheepdogs and Petit Basset Griffon Vendéens.

Barbara was first approved to judge by the Swiss Kennel club (SKG) in 1980. She is qualified to give Challenge Certificates for All Breeds.

She has judged at many national breed club specialties, FCI European Section Shows and several FCI World Shows.

She has judged in most European countries, the UK, Asia, South Africa, South America, USA and Australia. Since 2006, Barbara has been a member of the SKG Board, President of the Judges and Show Commission, a member of the FCI European Section Committee and is currently the President of the FCI Show Commission.

She is a member of the organising the committee for Swiss Top Dog.

When Barbara can find some spare time, her other hobby is playing golf with her husband.



Club Championship Shows 8th April- Hillsborough

The next day is a busy day for exhibitors;

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW is very excited to announce their first double Championship show

This will allow exhibitors to have 2 specialty Championship shows on one day with two very experienced judges of Brachycephalic breeds. The shows are at Newcastle just 2 hours north of Sydney- and easy drive up the motorway.

CV's for both Judges

Dr Kate Sunn has judged in All Major States Australia, and internationally.

Her Breed Involvement has been with - Griffon Bruxellois, Italian Greyhound, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Whippets with Specialist Involvement in - Japanese Chin, Shih Tzu

She has had 25 years involvement with Japanese Chin on the TOKUBESTU affix, and in minimal breedings, has bred 23 Japanese Chin Champion, encompassing titles such as Australian Champion, Australian Grand Champion, American Champion, New Zealand Champion, Hong Kong and Japanese Champion. Dogs owned, but not bred personally, have held titles such as English and Japanese Champion.

She has lectured on Japanese Chin to aspiring Judges local and internationally.



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Phillip Poulton has had breed involvement in Griffons and Japanese Chin and specialist involvement in Shih Tzu under the affix HASHANAH.

HASHANAH was founded in 1982 in the UK by Judy Franks and to this date remains the UK's Top Winning Shih Tzu kennel All Times with over 200CC's, Multi Crufts BOB winners, Breed Record Holders, Top Shih Tzu, Top Studs, Top Broods etc.

The kennel in the UK ceased activity in 2005, when the affix was transferred to Australia following a succession of imports, and continues to this day.

Personal breed accolades in Australia in Shih Tzu include Australia's Breed's Royal Record holder and the only Shih Tzu in breeding history to be a Royal/All Breed's/Specialty BIS winner in this country, and the youngest Australian Bred Shih Tzu to be awarded Best In Group/Reserve Best In Show (6.5mos).

19 years involvement with Shih Tzu, and within minimal breeding he has bred BIS/BISS winners, with 19 Champions, comprising of the title's Australian, New Zealand, Russian, Swedish, Luxembourg, International, South African, International, Ukraine, Belarus, Georgian, Macedonian, Bulgarian,

Romanian, Cyprus, Serbian, Montenegro, Balkan, Moldova, Mediterranean, Champion and Grand Championships.

Get your entries in. We will have our usual high standard of trophies.

A lunch break will be held between shows and the club will provide a champagne buffet for all exhibitors and visitors.



Even if you do not show your dog please come along and joins us on this special day.

Everyone is welcome. Camping is available at Hillsborough at a very reasonable cost and places are readily available unlike the Sydney grounds.

Why not make it your base if you are planning on camping?

Entries Close 1 April 2017



THE COUNTRY GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF NSW

DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

CNCC DOG COMPLEX, HILLSBOROUGH RD,
HILLSBOROUGH

SATURDAY 8 APRIL 2017

Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 & 18 (dogs & bitches),
Veterans 7 to under 10 yrs

Entries to: The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW,
338 Wilson St, Darlington 2008 **Ph & Extreme Weather Ph** 0459 169 096
Cheques made payable to: The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

JUDGES

Show 1: Dr K Sunn (NSW)
Griffon Bruxellois & Property Classes

Show 2: Mr P Poulton (NSW)
Griffon Bruxellois

Order of Judging Alphabetical followed by Property Classes

Judging Commences First Show 9.30 am, second not before 12.00 pm

Dogs NSW Representative Mrs K Minns

Entry Fees Members: \$15.00 first, \$10.00 subsequent,
Non Members: \$30.00 first, \$20.00 subsequent,
Property Classes \$5.00

Catalogues Included in first entry

PRIZES

General Specials Trophy & Sash,
Special Classes Trophy & Sash





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4 P's Toy Dog Club 9th April 2017

For all those keen exhibitors, we travel back to Sydney the next day for the 4 P's Toy Dog Club Show- the largest Toy show in Australia . Details can be seen below

Entries Close 31 March 2017 - 9.30 am sharp 4P'S ALL TOY DOG CLUB OF NSW CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

THE BILL SPILSTEAD COMPLEX FOR CANINE AFFAIRS,
44 LUDDENHAM RD, ORCHARD HILLS
SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2017

Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 & 18 (dogs & bitches)

Entries to: Mr T L Couchman, PO Box 8012, Tumby Umbi 2261
Ph (02) 4389 4877 **Mobile & Extreme Weather** Ph 0428 119 391
Email: tom@tootees.org

Cheques made payable to: 4P's All Toy Dog Club of NSW

JUDGES

Mrs M Bailey (Ireland)

Bichon Frise, Coton De Tulear, Havanese, Lowchen, Maltese, Affenpinscher, Australian Silky Terrier, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Chihuahua (Long Coat), Chihuahua (Smooth Coat), English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan), Griffon Bruxellois, **General Specials**

Mr A Foss (Norway)

Veteran S/stakes, Chinese Crested Dog, Italian Greyhound, Japanese Chin, King Charles Spaniel, Papillon, Pekingese, Pomeranian, Pug, Russian Toy, Tibetan Spaniel, Yorkshire Terrier, Miniature Pinscher

Order of Judging As per schedule listed beside judge

Judging Commences 9.00 am

Dogs NSW Representative Mrs M Try

Entry Fees \$5.00, Baby Puppy & Veteran S/stakes \$2.00

Catalogues Included in first entry

Exhibit Cards to be collected at the Show

Join us at the Biggest Toy Dog Show In NSW

PRIZES - Category B:

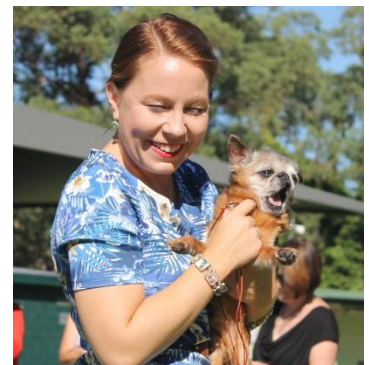
General Specials: Cash & Sash (BIS Only: Memorial Trophy)

Best of Breed: Trophy & Sash, **Runner up Best of Breed:** Sash

Veteran S/stakes Cash & Sash 1st, 2nd & 3rd



Some Photos from last year



HAVE
FUN!



Donations for Trophies

It's that time of the year when we ask for our members to support our show.
This year is particularly exciting as we will be having a double show for the first time.
If you are able to donate towards our show could you please contact -----
to advise them of your donation. Donations can be made directly to
The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW. BSB - 012-559 (ANZ) Acc.No- 3890-43729

As reference please put your last name and the word "show"

The Gold Show- Show 1

TROPHY	VALUE	RIBBON	VALUE
Best in Show	\$75.00	Best in Show	\$18.00
Runner Up Best in Show	\$50.00	Runner Up Best in Show	\$15.00
Opposite in Show	\$15.00	Opposite in Show	\$13.00
Dog Challenge	\$15.00	Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Reserve Dog Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Bitch Challenge	\$15.00	Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Baby in Show	\$25.00	Baby in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Baby in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Baby in Show	\$7.00
Minor in Show	\$25.00	Minor In Show	\$9.00
Opposite Minor in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Minor in Show	\$7.00
Puppy in Show	\$25.00	Puppy in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Puppy in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Puppy in Show	\$7.00
Junior in Show	\$25.00	Junior in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Junior in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Junior in Show	\$7.00
Intermediate in Show	\$25.00	Intermediate in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Intermediate in Show*	\$15.00	Opposite Intermediate in Show	\$7.00
Aust Bred in Show	\$25.00	Aust Bred in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$7.00
Open in Show	\$25.00	Open in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Open in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Open in Show	\$7.00
Veteran in Show	\$25.00	Veteran in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Veteran in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Veteran in Show	\$7.00
Neuter in Show	\$25.00	Neuter in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Neuter in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Neuter in Show	\$7.00
Parade of Golden Oldies	\$10.00	Parade of Golden Oldies	\$5.00
Best Smooth Head	\$10.00		
Best Rough Head	\$10.00		
Best smooth coat	\$10.00		
Best Rough Coat	\$10.00		
Best Gaited	\$10.00		
Best Topline and Tail Set	\$10.00		
Best Breeders Team	\$10.00		

The Silver Show – Show 2

TROPHY	VALUE	RIBBON	VALUE
Best in Show	\$75.00	Best in Show	\$18.00
Runner Up Best in Show	\$50.00	Runner Up Best in Show	\$15.00
Opposite in Show	\$15.00	Opposite in Show	\$13.00
Dog Challenge	\$15.00	Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Reserve Dog Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Bitch Challenge	\$15.00	Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Baby in Show	\$25.00	Baby in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Baby in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Baby in Show	\$7.00
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Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$7.00
Open in Show	\$25.00	Open in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Open in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Open in Show	\$7.00
Veteran in Show	\$25.00	Veteran in Show	\$9.00

Advertising for Show Catalogue

Full or half pages are available in our catalogue for members who wish to advertise.
Full page is \$10 and half page is \$5.
We have deliberately kept to costs down to encourage people to advertise.
Please contact our show secretary Claire Parker if you would like to take a page
lafoliepbgv@yahoo.com.au
You can design your own ad or Claire can design one for you. Closing date is the same as the entry close date



Breeding Quality Griffons No.4

This article is one of a series on the processes of breeding healthy and correct Griffons.

In the 20th issue we discussed the requirements for becoming a registered ANKC breeder in NSW, including ownership, exams and home inspections.

In the 23rd issue we discussed the need for ethical breeders and the differences between them and unethical breeders. In this

article we will discuss how you go about breeding and the breeding process to produce sound, happy, healthy, quality dogs. These issues can all be read on the club website

<http://griffonns.com/an-interpretation.asp>



Griffon mothers with new born pups. A lot of work and planning has to take place before we can get this happy ending.

At this new born stage be prepared to have no sleep for several days as the pups and mother need careful and continuous observation and care



Things you need to do before Mating the Bitch

In the last issue we discussed the considerations required to mating the bitch.

In summary before you mate you bitch you must have done the following:

1. ***Applied for your breeders prefix or kennel name.*** This was covered in the issue on this link.
http://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/uploads/documents/The_Phoenix_20th_Spring_2015.pdf
In NSW it involves a series of exams, an inspection of your premises and is a 12 month process.
2. ***Ensured that you are familiar with the breed standard*** and have had your bitch assessed – ideally at shows, had your bitch fully health checked to ensure she is healthy and carefully selected a stud dog. See link below to the article dealing with this
<http://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/uploads/documents/The-Phoenix-24th-edition-Spring-2016z.pdf>
3. ***Selected an appropriate stud dog*** that will compliment your bitch.
4. ***Ensured you have the appropriate facilities for whelping your bitch and rearing puppies.***



Mating the Bitch Part 1

Her Seasons



What is a Season?

This is not the time to be modest. You need to become very familiar with your girl's vulva (sometimes wrongly called her vagina). Usually it is small but from about 5 – 6 months of age she will come into season.

The vulva

- A season usually lasts for 3 weeks – or 21 days but individual bitches will vary.
- During the season a bitch will ovulate and be receptive to mating
- Indications of a season are:
 - A swollen vulva
 - A bloody discharge – it will start clear and gradually increase in colour.(not always a lot of Griffons are very clean)



These two images are of a Bitch in heat or in season. As you can see the one on the left is swollen but not very messy. The one on the right is much bigger and shows quite a lot of bloody discharge. Both are normal. Bitches vary a lot and some will have almost invisible seasons where they barely change at all. This is why constant vigilance is necessary



- You may have a hormonal girl whose behaviour may change – she could become sooky or clingy. She may hump her toys, her bed or another girl. This is normal so just ignore it
- A bitch comes into season regularly – usually every 6-8 months. Most bitches have a regular cycle although this can be interrupted by weather conditions, ill health, hormonal changes etc.
- The bitch will be very attractive to male dogs at this stage.
- The bitch will usually be ready to mate (or stand) between day 10-14 of the season. However this is not a hard and fast rule – some girls stand earlier and some later.
- When she is ready to stand she will flag her tail (lift it high and to the side). This can happen if you scratch her back or if she plays with another girl.

A bitch 'flagging her tail- the tail is stiff and curved well away from the body to expose the vulva

- She will be ovulating during this time and this is when the mating needs to take place.





- If the bitch is not ready to stand she may be willing to flag and flirt with the dog but she will not permit a mating.
- A dog will not force himself on a girl unless she is ready. Experienced stud dogs usually know but a novice dog is usually a bit too keen
- A Griffon usually had her first season between the ages of 6-9 months.
- **You MUST keep the bitch away from all male dogs when she is in season unless you plan to mate her.**
- **You should not mate a bitch under 18 months of age and definitely not at her first season**
- **As a responsible owner you must keep a record of your bitches seasons- make note of when she comes in and record the time so you know what is happening.**

Bitches Behaviour when in Season

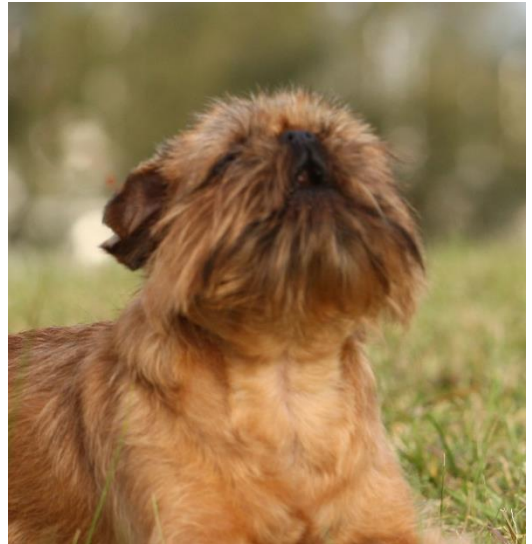
- Your sweet little girl can become a raging nymphomaniac when she is in season.
- She can become disobedient if she thinks she can get at a dog so do not expect her to be her normal obedient little self.

Dog behaviour when a bitch is in season

- If you own a dog then don't be surprised if he becomes a sex maniac when the bitch is in season. He will do anything to get at a bitch including jumping through fly screens (yes it has happened to our members) in order to get to the bitch.
- It is not uncommon for a male to go off his food and refuse to eat when a bitch is in season
- Do not be surprised if he howls, moans or cries when the bitch is in season

Howling is not uncommon in a male if he is near a bitch in season- especially if he is a young virgin male-so you need to be prepared for it

- Do not expect him to be obedient and never leave him loose for the time of the bitches season – they can be very quick when you least expect it.



If you own a dog and a bitch and do not want to mate them then you **MUST** keep the completely apart. Dogs have been known to mate through cage bars so don't even let them get that close.

For the 3 weeks of the season you just need to keep them totally separate and invent a roster system where one is out and the other is in when you exercise them.



Other things to consider

- Do not walk your bitch in the street for the 3 weeks of her season unless you want the neighbouring dogs tracking her to your door. She is producing a very strong scent that is highly attractive to males.
- When a bitch is in season her cervix is open so the risk of a uterine infection is increased – especially if you take her out where other dogs have been.

Do not walk a bitch in heat – keep her inside and safe for the length of her season (3 weeks)



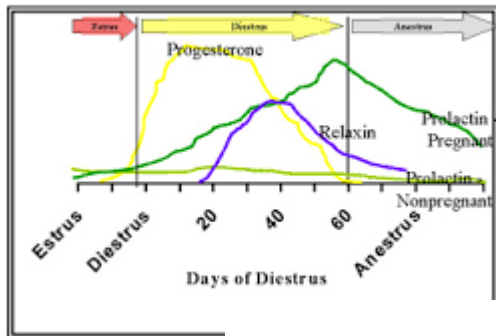
Mating the Bitch

The Stud Dog

- The bitch usually goes to the dog for mating. A full discussion of the stud dogs and arrangements can be seen in the 18th issue of The Phoenix at this link.

http://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/uploads/documents/The_Phoenix_18th_edition_-_Easter_2015.pdf

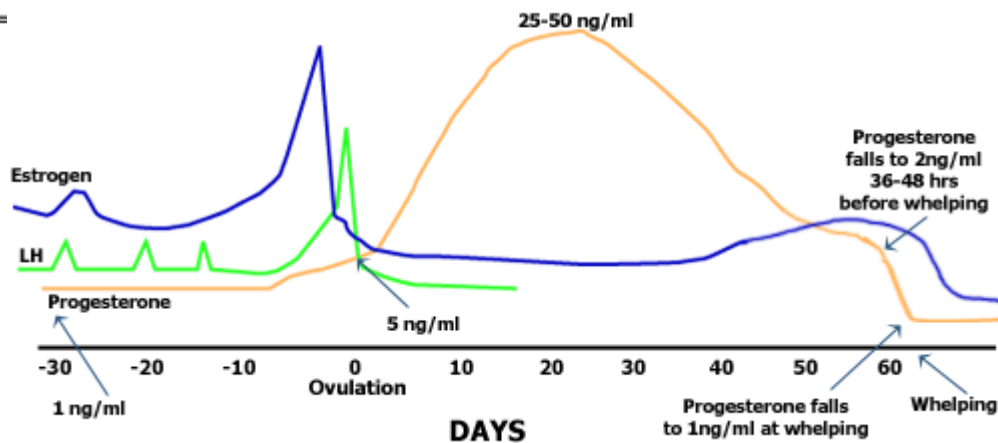
Canine Pregnancy



- Progesterone Tests**- can be taken by a vet to find out when the bitch is ovulating.

They are recommended

- if the bitch has to travel to the stud dog
 - If you have doubts about when the bitch will stand
 - If the bitch is a maiden and has never been mated
- before
- Many breeders do a progesterone test as a matter of course now



days

- If you own both the dog and the bitch then you must keep the dogs apart except when you plan to mate them.
- Never allow the dogs to run together unsupervised or mate unsupervised. If you do the dogs or bitch can be injured if one of them pulls away during the tie

A Tie- During the mating the dog and bitch will be joined together. The dogs penis swells to produce a large bulb and the bitches muscles contract tightly to hold it. It is physically impossible to separate them during this time without causing injury. This is why you NEVER allow a mating to take place unless it is closely supervised



- It is also essential that you know the exact dates of the mating so that you now when the pups will be due. A few days can make a difference with Griffons and you can lose pups if you are not prepared for whelping
- Two to three matings is all you ever need and if the dog is fertile and the bitch is ovulating one mating is sufficient



Preparing the bitch

- If you are planning on mating your bitch then I recommend you begin to supplement her diet with Elevit capsules to prevent cleft palates as soon as she comes into season and continue for the pregnancy. Do not give too much as too much can be as detrimental as too little.
- The **first 3 weeks of the pregnancy** are crucial for the development of the pups. At this stage you will not even know if the bitch is pregnant but it is during this stage that birth defect can develop if the bitch is exposed to toxins.
- Never spray your yard with pesticides or herbicides if you plane to mate them as these chemicals are proven to form birth defects
- Do not use cortisone on a pregnant bitch as it proven to cause cleft palates

A new born puppy with a cleft palate- in most cases the pup does not survive and many require euthanasia

- Do not feed liver to a pregnant bitch. Liver is high in Vitamin A which is proven to cause birth defect.
- I recommend that to start your bitch on a good quality puppy food before you mate her. Royal Canin Mother and Baby is excellent but can only be bought from the Royal Canin Breeders website.
- Once mated keep your bitch at home and do not expose her to any potentially harmful germs or toxins.



In the next issue I will discuss part 2 of this article including the whelping process



Chilling out in Summer heat



Billy relaxes in the heat with his Labrador friend. Who needs a bed when you have a friend to sit on

Jannelle's girls stay comfortable on Mum's bed

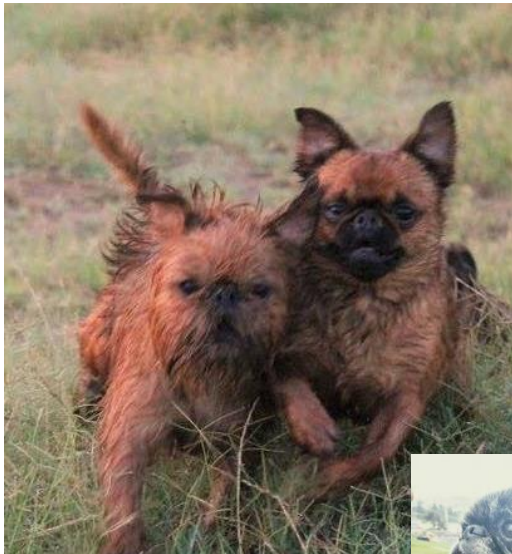


It's over 40 deg outside but the gang sleep the afternoon away in the airconditioning. There are other beds but togetherness is best

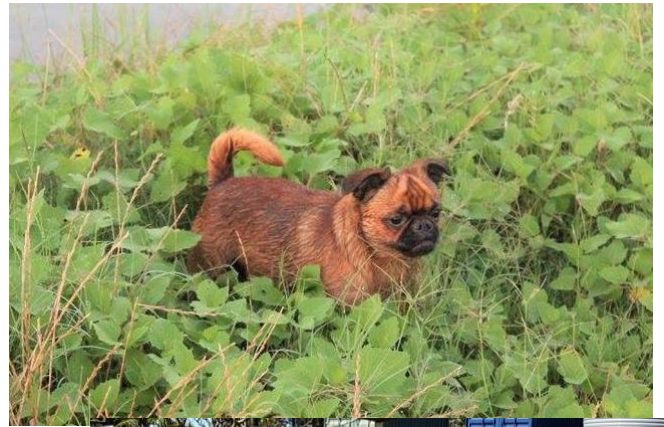


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Griffons Enjoying Summer Fun



Stanley doing some exploring by the river



A fun run after a swim for Trevor and Neville

A Griffon meeting to discuss the weather with Liz



Andy's boys at the beach for their early morning swim



Rory is in his house and he is not coming out



Noel is mugged by Griffons and Pugs



Teebo and friend



Ygrette doing yoga in her sleep



New Champions

Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac

S: Ch Tzani Tigger Brat Bunny

D: Gr Ch Tzani Rhoda Dendron

Congratulations to Kerry and Emily Bell and Diana Norman and Tim Mills

Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac gained his championship title at the recent weekend shows. He finished it in style with Runner Up in Group and Junior in Group.

A promising young man who is just over 12 months of age

A lovely way to start the year



Ch Nouveau Dear Parker(imp NZ)

S:Nouveau Diablotin

D:NZ Ch Nouveau Dominicale

Congratulations to Jane Wistuba and Ch

Nouveau Dear Parker on achieving their

championship title at Toy and General Dog Show .

Parker was bred by Alistair Clicquot in New Zealand and on his way to his title he won Best of Breed at Brisbane Royal .

He is still a young dog, in the Junior class and has a great future ahead.

Well done.



Aust/N.Z. Champion

Yappenbach D'vyne

Motion (Imp.N.Z)

S: NZ Ch Yappenback D'vyne N Dandy

D: NZ Ch Tiroroa Smooth Treat

Congratulations to Denise King and Aust/ N.Z. Champion

Yappenbach D'vyne Motion on gaining her Australian

Championship and making her a dual champion

Ginger was bred by Adrienne Rowsell and gained her final points for her Australian title in January after less than 12 months in

Australia

Denise with Ginger and out club patron Jocelyn Croad





Ch Nagpuni Secret Agent.

S: Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris

D: Ch Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe

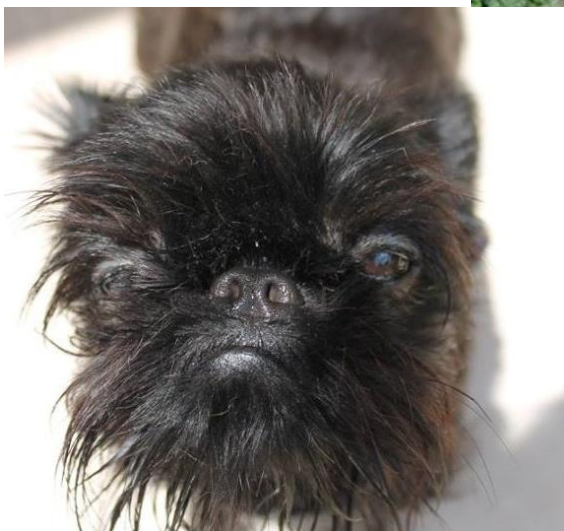
Congratulations to Ch Nagpuni Secret Agent, bred, owned and handled by Terri Odell.

Rory attained his Championship on Australia Day.

Like so many smooths he has been slow to mature but is now starting to come into his own. He is another young man who is just over 12 months of age.



More Photos from the Christmas Party





Keeping Cool in Summer

With the extreme hot weather we have been experiencing it is essential that we keep our dogs cool at all times.

Dogs don't sweat – they cool with their tongue
Like all flat faced breeds, Griffons cannot cool their body temperature down as quickly as dogs with long noses and long tongues.

Rena keeps cool, sitting in the shade in a bowl of water

Your dogs should have access to ample shade, water and shelter at all times of the year but with the weather regularly in the high 30's and even into the 40 degree mark it is even more essential you dogs are kept cool. If you have air conditioning then make sure the dogs are inside. If not provide paddling pools, ice blocks , cool mats etc to ensure that the Griffons body heat does not rise.



*Ashleigh's Griffons
enjoy and early
morning swim at
the river to keep
cool*



Prolonged panting in a flat faced dog can cause the soft palate at the back of the throat to become irritated and possibly swollen- this then makes it harder for the dog to get air and makes it harder to cool the body, becoming a vicious cycle.

Mr Gruff keeps cool paddling in the rock pools

If you see your Griffon panting do not let it continue, cool the dog immediately.
Never exercise your dog in the heat- keep it calm

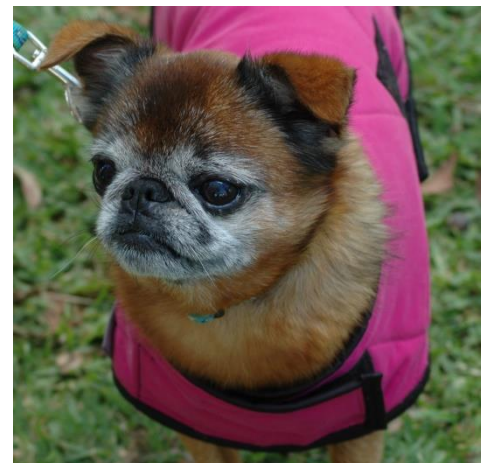
and cool. Swims at the beach are good for them but ensure they do not heat again on the way home.

And of course NEVER leave your dog in the car at any time – not even for a short time.

Yogi in a cool coat to keep the heat at bay

Cool coats work very well to keep dogs cool as long as they are kept damp. The company below also have cool mats .
I can recommend them from personal experience

http://www.coolweave.com.au/k9_cooling_vest.htm



The Silver Eagle Cool Champions Cooling Vest/Cool Coat is a proven way to ensure continuous cooling in hot weather conditions for your pet. Ideal for travelling in hot trailers, aids Heat Stress and Dehydration. Designed for comfort and style to fit all breeds. Voted #1 Cool Coat - Dog Owners Choice Awards



Show Results in Australia

Congratulations!



With the Christmas break and hotter weather there have not been as many Griffons at shows but a few have been out there strutting their stuff and achieving well.

Tim Mills and Diana Norman travelled to Victoria and Ch Tzani Mr Magoo won Runner Up in Group handled by Tim

Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiak, was awarded a Runner Up in Group and Junior in Group at 4 shows on the weekend



Swedndreams Dancing Queen won Puppy in Group handled by Bert Olsen

Susan Ward's Ch Raweke Tyrion won 2 Runner up In Group awards in November- handled here by Lance Wright



Ch Raweke Tywin won Intermediate in Show in Brisbane in December- shown here with Denise King

He has since won another two Best in Group awards- seen below with one of his wins.





Griffon Buyer Register

News

We are pleased to welcome Sheena Jackson and Sharyn Woods to the newly created position of Assistant Secretaries.

Sheena and Sharyn will now be responsible for the Griffon Buyer Register and all memberships-new and renewals.

There new contact details have been added

to the website and the relevant forms.

if you have previously sent in a form for the Registrar and would like to change details or information please contact Sharyn or Sheena

The Griffon Buyer Register still exists to help people obtain a Griffon, either a puppy or an older dog. This rules and requirement of this register and the forms to be completed can be seen on our club website at the link

A form is also at the end of this newsletter for breeders and buyers.

We are a very large club and most of the Griffon breeders in NSW are members of our club. We also have members who are breeders in Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand.

Our members also all follow a Code of Ethics and do all they can to breed healthy well socialised Griffons so that you have the best chance of getting a healthy and happy new family member

If you are interested in getting a Griffon please look at our register and complete the forms which can be downloaded there and we will do everything we can to help you get your new Griffon friend and companion

We are very pleased to say that we have so far assisted a number of members to get a new Griffon family member.

If you have filled out a Griffon Buyer Form and would like to change or update your information please contact our Assistant Secretaries – Sheena Jackson at sheenamaryjackson@icloud.com and Sharyn Wood at sharynwood1@bigpond.com

Please Note

The following information is important

- There have not been many litters born to members over the past few months so any members registering need to be aware that they may face a 6 – 12 month wait for a puppy.
- If you want a specific coat or gender then you may have a longer wait, depending on the type of pups born. E.g. if you specifically want a rough coat male, you can be sure that Murphy's Law will ensure that the next litter has smooth coat girls etc. The more flexible you are in your choice the sooner you may get a pup.
- Please inform the club if you have registered to get a Griffon but no longer want one. Recently the Registrar has contacted several people only to be told that they have gotten another breed and no longer want a Griffon. It helps us keep our paperwork up to date if we know that you do not require a Griffon any longer





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Membership Application/ Renewal Form

(Please send this membership application to The Assistant Secretary Sharyn Wood or Sheena Jackson

Email address - Sharynwood54@gmail.com

and do a direct bank transfer to

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW. BSB - 012-559 (ANZ) Acc.No- 3890-43729

As reference please put your last name and the word "membership"












I wish to join / renew membership of The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc

DATE of APPLICATION/RENEWAL _____

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, Rally, DWD or Agility Competitor / Pet Owner of a Griffon Bruxellois . (Circle the one/s which apply to you)	
Name of breeder who bred your Griffons:	
Breeder Prefix:	Number of Griffons Owned
Names of Griffons:	
I wish to join this association because: <i>(only new members)</i>	
Membership Fee: \$5.00 per person . I enclose my / our fee offor annual membership <i>(Several names may be on the form but adjust the fee accordingly)</i>	



Breeder and Clubs Directory

 <p>Rosndae Griffons (NSW) Quality Red Rough & Smooth Roslyn & David Finch Ph 02 4655 1669 E: rosndae@bigpond.com Accredited Breeder The CGBC of NSW</p>		 <p>Raweke Griffons (QLD) Red rough & smooths for over 45 years Jocelyn & Eddie Croad and Shane Thomas Ph: 07 54656118 Or 0438861189E: raweke@bigpond.com Accredited Breeder The CGBC of NSW</p>
 <p>Griffons of Tzani (QLD) Diana Norman & Tim Mills Ph: 07 34253442 E: diana@tzani.com.au</p>	<p>Dilkare Griffons (NSW) Donna & Jason Murphy Ph: 02 96234465 E: jdmurphy73@optusnet.com.au Accredited Breeder The CGBC of NSW</p>	 <p>Balliol Griffons (NSW) Michelle Parker Brien Ph: 02 49436275 mbrienparker@yahoo.com Accredited Breeder The CGBC of NSW</p>
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