



The Phoenix

Summer Edition

2010



Congratulations to Ch Shigriff Slap and Tickle
owned by Caroline Elder and Michelle Guerney
3rd in Toy Group Melbourne Royal 2010

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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 the Queensland Griffon Social Club and the Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria for the betterment of the breed

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

She has sponsored our Point score competition donating a BOB and Runner Up BOB prize for a number of our point score shows.

We are very grateful for the ongoing support that she has provided for the club.

Jocelyn is a qualified Masseuse for both people and dogs and can help rehabilitate dogs with muscle injuries as well as provide a relaxing and therapeutic massage for them. She is recommended by a number of vets who recognise the value of her treatments for the dogs.

Jocelyn has massaged a number of my dogs and they love the experience.

Although based in Newcastle she also regularly works from rooms at Castle Hill Showground in Sydney. Appointments are essential.

If your dogs are a bit stiff or if they have an injury or even if you just want to give them a treat, give Jocelyn a ring and book them in for a massage - they will thank you for it.

Feeling good
after a massage



Presidents Report

Since the last newsletter our members have been busy with shows with some fabulous wins, including 3rd in Group at the biggest Show in Australia - congratulations Caroline and Michelle.

And there has been success in some cases in non doggy activities - yes there is sometimes a life without dogs and Terri O Dell's daughter Kelli has again been wowing them at the races at Fashions on the Field!!

Arrangements for the Griffon Fun Day for 27th November are underway and Ros Finch has accepted the role of Social Secretary, ably assisted by her husband Dave, More details about this can be found further in the newsletter.

On a sadder note we were all shocked to hear of the death of the top winning Griffon in the world the red smooth, Lincoln, who died suddenly and unexpectedly at the young age of only 6 years.

Our point score is underway and two shows have been held and the weather could not have been more contrasting at each. Both shows drew a good entry of 13 Griffons. We have one more point score for 2010 at the St George Club show on December 4th and I hope that we get a really big entry to finish of the year.

Our club continues to grow and we now have 43 members which is very positive.

May I wish everyone a wonderful summer and early wishes for a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Michelle Parker Brien

Mug a pug



The only way to travel

Editors Notes

I hope you enjoy the second edition of The Phoenix. I inherited it this time as Claire has been busy with end of year university exams etc.

I would like to thank all those members who sent photos and information. It was great to get them and I am sure that everyone will enjoy seeing griffons doing all sorts of activities.

We have a mixture of articles that I hope will appeal to everyone's different tastes.

Keep sending in the photos and news for the next issues so that we can all keep up to date with the world of Griffons. You can send them to me at mbrienparker@yahoo.com or to Claire at ballioldogs@yahoo.com

Also don't forget to look at our club website at www.nswgriffons.webs.com

STOP PRESS Tom Couchman gets the numbers!

I have just received news regarding the Special General Meeting held at Dogs NSW on November 3rd, 2010.

As you may be aware this meeting was called because a small number of people, still unidentified, attempted to discredit our Patron Tom Couchman and remove him from the Board of Directors of Dogs NSW with accusations of a conflict of interest.

Most of us sent in Proxy votes in support of Tom, who works tirelessly in the dog world and were hoping that he would get the numbers to defeat this motion.

I am pleased to say that I have just heard from Brian MacDonald who attended the meeting.

His email was short and it said "Tom 1000+ Others 112."

It is good to know that the democratic system can work and justice prevails in cases like this. It is just a pity that a small group of self interested people had to put Tom through the stress of this process as they pursued their own private agendas. I have been told that the Chairman informed the meeting that the whole process had cost Dogs NSW \$20,000. That is our money they are spending!!!

Congratulations Tom. A well deserved victory

Griffon Corner

Diana Norman and Tim Mills have just returned from a busy trip to the USA where they saw the Griffon Specialty Show, the Morris and Essex Show and the inaugural show for the Liberty Brussels Griffon Club. I am sure that they have lots of photos and news from the events.

They have also just welcomed two red rough Griffon girls from the USA, one of whom will be shown in NSW by Caroline Elder and Kait Cowen. We look forward to seeing Am Ch TreyacresTiara of Homestead around the rings.

The other girl St Johns That'll Do will be shown in Queensland by Tim and Diana



Terri O Dell left her husband Grant to attend the point score show at the Southern Highlands while she accompanied daughter Kelli, to the Caulfield Cup.

Kelli took part in the Fashions in the Field Competition and won!

As you can see from the photo she looks stunning. Congratulations to Kelli and Mum and Dad, Grant and Terri.

A week later Terri and Kelli went down to compete at the Moonee Cup and again Kelli won. This time a Nissan Micra car was one of the prizes. Beats the prizes we get for dog showing!!

We all know how difficult Griffons are to breed and the experiences of several of our members show this only too well.

Diana Norman's American bitch Shine (Ch St Johns Little Miss Sunshine) successfully whelped 4 puppies only to suddenly come down with eclampsia (milk fever) which can rapidly kill the mother if not treated immediately. The pups had to be taken off mum and placed onto a foster mother who just happened to be a German Shepherd!! She had recently given birth to a single pup so was easily able to produce milk for 4 little Griffon babies for the next 2 weeks. Luckily this story had a happy ending and Shine and the 4 puppies are all now thriving.



In New Zealand, Jocelyn Walker's rough red bitch, Bizzi, NZ Ch Prestonville Riski Business at



Tirioa whelped two pups but sadly one of them died after Jocelyn tube feed it for 8 days. The other puppy however did well and many sleepless nights later has been weaned and is now doing very well and looking very cute and cheeky. Jocelyn wrote that baby Viva is 8 weeks old now and still very much her mothers baby! She still gets cuddled and cleaned by her Mum.

Sandi Feaver of Paris Griffons had a similar experience earlier this year. Her top winning bitch Maud, NZ Ch Earl Maud of Paris needed a caesarean section and was given additional pain killers as she was in more than usual pain after the experience. This made her lethargic and disinterested in the single pup that was born and her milk was very slow to come down. Sandi had to also tube feed the puppy until Maud was finally able to produce enough milk to sustain it. That little pup is now in the show ring as a baby puppy and so full of life and mischief that it is hard to believe that she had such a precarious start to life.



In the last edition of this newsletter we told of **Ros and Dave Finch's little girl Phoebe** who had been seriously ill and spent several weeks on a drip at the vets. I am pleased to say that Phoebe is continuing to make excellent progress and is regaining all her strength. Her recovery is a tribute, not only to the vets who treated her but to the patience and care that Ros and Dave put into nursing her which included many sleepless night and handfeeding her to keep her strength up.

Donna Murphy's boy, Will, Ch Rosndae Sweet William was also ill with an acute stomach bug and on a drip at the vets for 4 days but he has also now recovered and is back to his usual self at home, much to the delight of Donna's daughters.

And also on the injury list is **Terri O Dell's girl Jazzy, Ch Nagpuni Jellybean Jazz**. A short 3 second squabble with her mother, under the table caused her to twist and bang her back, resulting in nerve damage and semi paralysis. The chiropractor treating her has said that she will recover but it can take up to 3 months. Terri tells me that Jazzy has shown some improvement with the treatment.

We send all our good wishes and hope that all these Griffons make a good recovery to full health soon.

Just to show that Griffon breeding isn't all bad news a bitch in Scandinavia, recently free whelped a litter of 8 puppies, all of whom survived. This must be close to a record litter size for Griffons. The black and tan rough bitch, Leo Belgicus Well Marked, is owned by Astrid Krog. Elma is a big girl at 8 kgs which may have made the litter size easier but even for an 8 kg Griffon it is still a very large litter. It was her 4th litter and she had previously had litters of 6 pups. Even more amazing is the fact that she was almost 8 years of age at the time of whelping!!! All pups have survived and are now about 10 weeks of age and doing well

The Griffon Club of Queensland had hoped to achieve affiliation by now with the Queensland Canine Council but apparently due to a rule that states that should have at least 12 Griffons entered at every South East Queensland show they were rejected. This is a disappointment but they are now working on ways that they can increase entries for the next 6 months. Maybe some NSW exhibitors could give a token entry at some of the shows to boost the numbers for them.

Jackie MacDonald has had some bad luck with her wrist. Halfway through the year she and Brian stopped at MacDonalds on the F3 freeway, one evening. The car park was not adequately lit and Jacki tripped over an enormous pothole. The result was a broken wrist that has still not healed properly after all these months. Poor Jacki has been back and forth from hospitals as they try to fix her up. She still does not have full use of her wrist and is on painkillers. Who would have thought a Happy Meal could become so unhappy. Get well soon Jacki

Congratulations to the Delaland family whose bitch Ch Millbank Molly Malone recently gained her title at 13 months of age, and became the 14th home bred champion for them.

Congratulations also to Ros and Dave Finch. After her Best in Group at North of the Harbour, Misha, Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel proved it wasn't a fluke by going back to back groups with another Best in Group at Bulli under judge Robyn Mackintosh



Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Held 25th September 2010
Hillsborough Dog Showgrounds
Meeting open 1pm

Present: C Parker, M Parker Brien (Chair), K Taylor, K Cowan, B MacDonald, J MacDonald, R Finch, D Finch, T O'Dell

Minutes from Last meeting : R Finch moved they be accepted, 2nd K Taylor, Passed

Correspondence in: Invoice for point score ribbons, M Brien Parker to pass on to T Couchman who has donated them.

Treasurers Report: All funds have been handed in to K Taylor, who is about to open an account.

Website and Newsletter: General discussion showed that everybody is happy and pleased with the website and newsletter. They will continue as is.

Fun Day: plans are going ahead for the Fun day, due to be held on 27th November 2010. M Brien Parker suggested that Ros and Dave Finch could be the joint social secretary, and organize this as previously discussed. moved K Taylor, seconded B MacDonald, passed unanimously.

Pointscore: The point score schedule was presented. Moved it be accepted T O'Dell, 2nd K Cowan, passed unanimously.

Raffle: The raffle is going well and due to be drawn at the December point score show. K Taylor requested that C Parker send a reminder out to members. This will be done.

General Business: C Parker moved that the club officially support Tom Couchman in regards to the motion against him at the next Dogs NSW meeting and that members be encouraged to put in proxy votes of support. 2nd R Finch, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting 4th December at St George Show Erskine Park Lunch time (not before 12.00)

Meeting closed: 1:45pm

Rushing to the next meeting of the
Griffon Fanciers Association



The Griffon Fanciers Association

AGENDA

General Meeting

**4th December 2010 St George Kennel Club AM Show
Erskine Park Show Grounds.**

**Time: At Lunch or at the completion of the Toy Group
Not before 12.30**

**This is a point score show. NOTE: There are 2 shows on AM and PM. The
point score is the AM show**

Chair -M Parker Brien

Apologies

Minutes of Previous meeting

Business arising from the minutes

Correspondence In/out

Treasurers Report

Club Members Code of Conduct

Club Breeders Code of Ethic

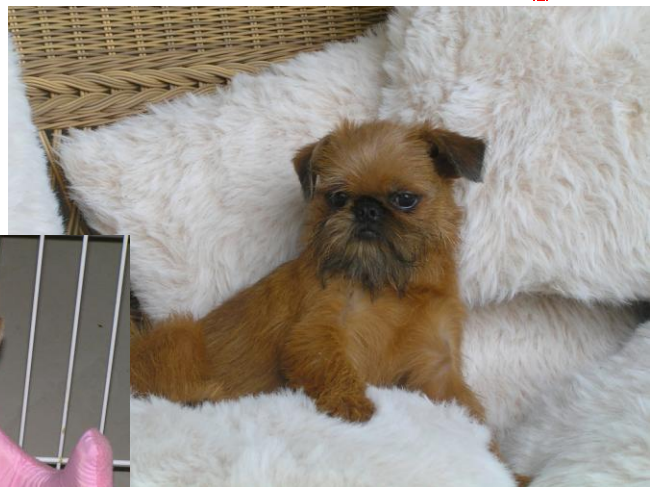
Club Constitution

Review of Pointscore shows

Dates for the 2011/ 2012 Point score

Fun Day Report

General Business



Draft Members Code of Conduct

The following is a draft only and will be discussed and voted on at the next club meeting to be held on 4th December 2010 at the St George Show Erskine Park.

If you are unable to attend the meeting please send any comment you wish to make to:

The Secretary 5 Kendall Street Charlestown 2290 or ballioldogs@yahoo.com

As a member of The Griffon Fanciers Association I agree to the following:

1. To treat all members with respect and courtesy at all times
2. To refrain from making public comments about other members that could be interpreted as offensive, belittling or insulting
3. To discuss and present the Griffon Bruxellois breed in an honest and positive manner to the general public.
4. To ensure that all dogs that I own are kept in a safe and secure environment where they are free from physical and psychological harm at all times
5. To ensure that any dogs that I breed, only go to a home where they will be loved, valued and kept safe and secure, to take whatever safeguards that I feel are necessary to achieve this.
6. To ensure that no dog I breed will be passed onto a 'puppy farmer' or someone who will indiscriminately breed from my dog without a concern for the welfare of the dog or the future of the breed.
7. To socialise and train my dogs so that they will be responsible and obedient members of society and present Griffons in a positive light to the public.
8. To provide adequate food, water, exercise and shelter for my dogs at all times.
9. To provide all necessary veterinary care and treatment and to ensure that all necessary protections are up to date.
10. To be completely honest with the breeder when purchasing a puppy from them and to truthfully state my intentions for the puppy.
11. To only buy a puppy from a reputable and registered breeder or from a rescue organisation.
12. To ensure that my dogs will never roam the streets and will be under effective control at all times.

Draft Code of Ethics for Breeders

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As a member of The Griffon Fanciers Association I agree to the following:

1. I shall only breed with the intention of maintaining or improving the quality the standard of the breed and the health, welfare and soundness of the dogs.
2. I shall strive to eliminate hereditary conditions and diseases within the breed.
3. I shall strive to ensure that any dog I breed is 'fit for function' and the health and physical well being of the dogs shall be of prime importance.
4. I shall take all reasonable efforts to ensure that dogs I breed do not suffer from any disorder which impedes their breathing, sight, ability to move freely or their physical well being.
5. I shall undertake all health testing that I consider necessary (in consultation with my veterinary surgeon) prior to breeding.
6. I shall have all puppies checked thoroughly by a vet prior to sale and I will ensure that they receive all necessary vaccinations.
7. I will not sell a puppy under the age of 8 weeks, preferably not before 10 weeks of age.
8. I shall not breed from a bitch under 12 months of age and I will not breed from a bitch more than twice in 18 months.
9. I shall not permit my dog to be mated to a dog of another breed
10. I will not sell my dogs to commercial wholesalers, retail pet dealers or puppy farmers who engage in indiscriminate breeding practices.
11. I shall represent my breed honestly when discussing health issues without exaggeration.
12. When buying or selling dogs I shall indicate my intentions with honesty and integrity

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. Terri has recently donated prizes that are to be used for some of our point score shows.

Next time you need to buy some products for your dog have a look at their website.

Griffon Fanciers Association – Rescue



Our aim is to make it our number one priority to give 100% to any Griffons that may come into our rescue. Sometimes animals may need rehoming for all sorts of reasons. We would always be caring and supportive towards the animal and the owner.

Something I believe myself is : That every Dog/Animal deserves a place to call home. Donna Murphy

Donna has also recently advised me that she has seen Griffon/Maltese cross puppies advertised in the Trading Post. Please be aware that some unscrupulous people are creating these crosses just to make money with no consideration for the dogs. It is the responsibility of all Griffon owners to do everything possible to discourage the indiscriminate cross breeding of our beautiful little dogs

Vale Am Ch Cilleine Masquarade

Am Ch Cilleine Masquarade holds the record as the greatest winning Griffon in the world - a record that will be very hard to ever beat.

Bred by Denise Barney of Cilleine Kennels in the UK he was imported in the USA by Harlow and Anne Jahelka and co owned with Mamie and Evelyn Gregory.



He was always handled at his shows by Paul Catterson and it was obvious that the two had a wonderful rapport.

He retired at only 4 years of age having won an incredible 70 Best in Show awards. As well he won 7 specialty Best in Show and his wins included Best in Group at Westminster - the most prestigious show in the USA.

A red smooth he was a very showy dog with a lovely expression and a free movement.

The Griffon world heard about his sudden and unexpected passing when the following information was released:

"It is with the greatest sadness that I notify the Griffon World about the passing of the beloved Lincoln the all time BIS winning Brussels Griffon.

Anne and Harlowe Jahelka are overwhelmed with grief and have asked me to post the following letter from them.

The following is from the Jahelka's:"

After a brief illness causing severe lethargy and seizures, Lincoln was diagnosed a week ago Friday to have an inter-cranial problem and was rushed to the University of Georgia considered to have the best neurological staff and equipment possible for him.

He was kept there in ICU for a week. He was MRI'd and a Spinal Tap was done.

The diagnosis was that he had contracted Encephalitis.

The cause is undetermined, perhaps viral or vaccine related or a combination thereof, but something had caused his immune system to go awry. He has had issues with both in the past. It is not considered that the cause was genetic.

The MRI showed much edema all through the brain and the spinal tap also showed that he was severely affected. He was immediately started on medication which included steroids and a chemotherapeutic drug.

He was brought home last Friday with the plan that he would receive chemo treatments on a regular basis at the University of TN.

This Monday morning he was sleeping very deeply and could not be awakened. He was rushed to his vet, who kept in touch with the U of GA by telephone regarding the best treatment to follow for him.

After several hours it was realized it was not possible to bring him back as he was slowly fading away. He passed away in Anne's arms Monday afternoon.

Although bred sparingly, we hope that one day it might be seen that he has passed down some of his good qualities to his descendants. Nothing would make us happier, although we do know that there will never be another like him.



He was our very beloved shining star, but burned out far too soon. He would have been six next month. Life for us won't be the same without him. He was not only breathtakingly beautiful, but had the sweetest temperament one could ever hope to find, and he

was the best companion possible.

The last photo taken of him was the one sent to the Griffy list a couple of weeks ago...happily sleeping on the couch with his Mom and his Griffy family which included three of his daughters and a granddaughter.

We have always been so grateful to Denise Barney for allowing us to have this magnificent boy in our lives. He will always be in our hearts."

Several breeders in Australia do have semen from Lincoln but so far attempts to impregnate the bitches have not been successful. We can only hope that future attempts will be successful and progeny from this remarkable dog can continue.

Ch Shigriff Slap and Tickle

3rd in Toy Group Melbourne Royal 2010

Owned, bred and handled by Caroline Elder and Michelle Gurney, Shigriff Kennels



Melbourne Royal is the largest dog show in Australia, usually attracting an entry of over 3,000 dogs.

This year Griffons were judged by Mr Bruce Owens from Canada, who has had many years experience with Griffons.

He attracted a large entry of over 40 Griffons and it was lovely to see such strong breed support, despite the cold, drizzly weather.

Ch Shigriff Slap and Tickle (Layla) soon showed that the weather didn't bother her and she strutted about the ring and stood beautifully for Caroline Elder who handled her in the breed.



To achieve a BOB in such strong competition is fantastic in itself but Layla hadn't finished. Caroline had to return to Armidale due to family commitments so Michelle handled her in the Group.

There were about 500 dogs entered in the Toy Group so it was a real triumph for Layla to gain 3rd place in such tough competition. To top off a perfect day Caroline and Michelle's puppy bitch Flirt (Shigriff Say No More) was also short listed in the final 4 for the Puppy in Group judging.

Congratulations to all involved in Shigriff. A wonderful result to be proud of!!!

What to do with your Show Ribbons



Often it is difficult to know what to do with the ribbons that you win. If you are like me they usually get shoved into a drawer - too nice to throw away but never quite knowing what to do with them. Liz Hollingshead has sent through the following web site which gives you the answer if you are clever with your hands and like quilting.

<http://www.quiltingcove.com/Ribbons>

This Ribbon quilt is big enough for a bed! These were ribbons from 1 dog. Her name is Snap and she was the #1 Obedience Dog for 2006



Those Other Griffons

Foundation members will remember the events that led to the mass resignation of members from the other club and the formation of our club. At the time I sent an email out saying that despite all the unpleasantness there was some good news as our Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen had whelped a litter of 6 beautiful pups.



Several people have asked what happened to those pups. At the time they were a positive omen and I think that they are still carrying out that role. At 8 months they have had wonderful careers. 5 of the 6 are in the show ring and all have won a number of either class in group/show awards. One is leading the PBGV Rising Star point score and now to top it off their father Sam has just gained his Grand Championship title. He finished his points in fine style and in his last 4 weekends he gained 4 Best in Groups, 2 Runner up in Groups and 2 Runner Up in Show. He is now number one all breeds PBGV on the point score. As the



PBGV's go from strength to strength, so does our club. Hopefully they will continue as our good luck charm.

Griffon Media Stars

Several of our members have had very special little Griffons in the past few



months. Kerri Taylor received a phone call out of the blue asking if she would be able to bring two Griffons along to the Kerri Ann Kennerly Show as they wanted to do a breed segment.

Kerri had to do some rapid stripping on Bosley, her red rough male as he had not been prepared for a show for

a while. Both he and Booth, her black and tan rough puppy were TV stars for a day. They shared the stage with two Dobermans who were very good natured. The segment presented Griffons in a positive light and Booth and Bosley looked very cute in the arms of Kerri Ann Kennerly.

Terri O Dell's girls have also been media stars lately. Roxy was already a star as she had been in the St George Bank ad screened last year, where she rolled over to get her tummy rubbed - something that comes naturally to most Griffons.

Now her daughter Jazzy is also a media star.

Terri wrote " Today Jazzy & Brooklyn did a photo shoot for Purina Total Care, so keep an eye out for some advertisements in The Womens' Weekly & a few other of the top magazines in October."

As it was, Jazzy's first ad was shown in the Sunday papers on 24th October. Keep an eye out for her in magazines and newspapers.





Invite Griffons and Griffon owners to a

Griffon Fun Day

November 27th 2010 Starting at 10.30 am

Carrs Rd Entrance

Fagan Park Galston

Bring a picnic lunch

There will be:

A Dog Show with a DIFFERENCE
where dogs can compete for

- The waggiest tail
- The longest beard
- The smiliest face
- The smallest Griffon
- The largest Griffon

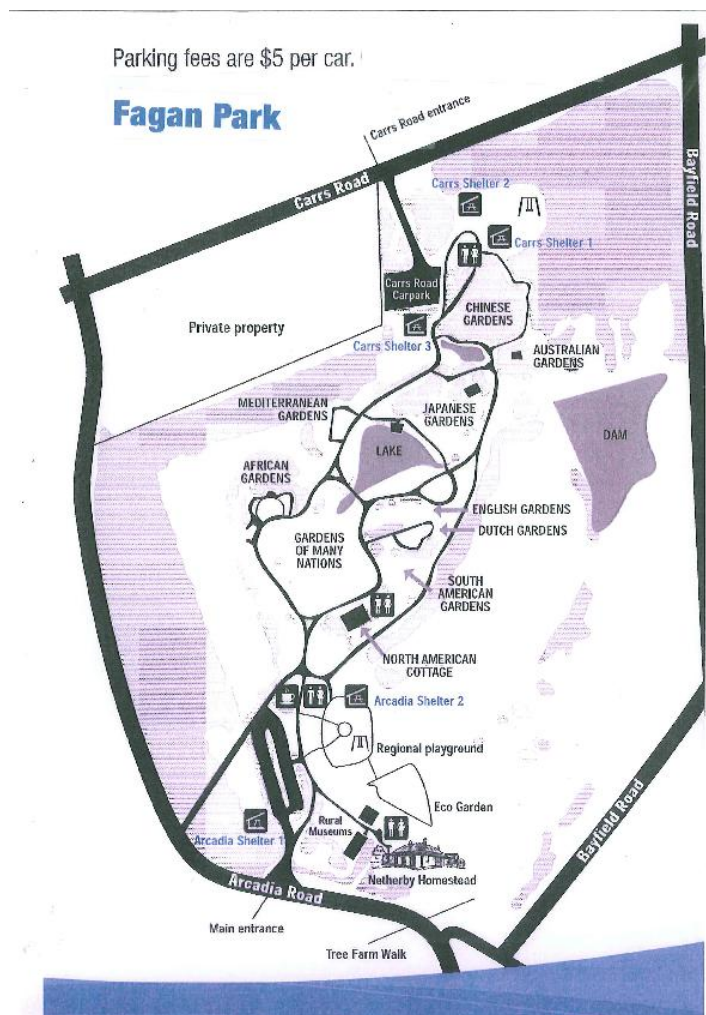
A Guessing Competition and a Raffle

A Fancy Dress competition

A stall with some Griffonalia for sale

Games

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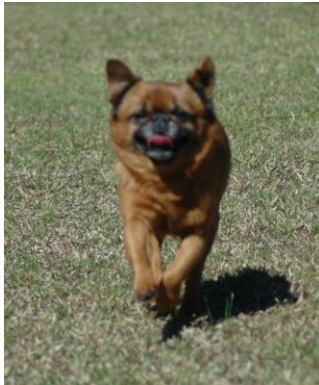
Hunter's Travel Diary

Hunter (Ch/NZ Ch Paris Night Fever) has been visiting Australia for 12 months. As his visit draws to a close and he prepares to return home to New Zealand he has agreed to release extracts from his travel diary during his visit to NSW.



July- They took me to a place called Coffs Harbour for the usual show. Weather was good - sunny lots of grass with interesting smells. I was able to relax in the grass with the rest of the family although Bunty sulked and said it was too cold. That's her hiding behind me with

the pouting look on her face. Dolly thought it was all good fun though.



I was feeling rather frisky so they were also able to take some photos of me looking athletic in the grass. I can run if I am in the mood but usually I am too busy being dignified and sitting in my corner. I have a number of selected corners that I like to relax in.



September - The big trip was down to Melbourne to the Royal. It was the first time I had left NSW and it was a long drive. When we got to Victoria the weather reminded me of winter at home. Cold, cold and colder plus some rain too so I felt really at home.

The wattle was out all the way down so I posed for them in amongst it just to show that I had adopted the Aussie spirit. The colour suits me I think.

We did the usual tourist thing and on the way we





stopped off to see Ned Kelly at Glenrowen - his famous last stand

Like all tourists, I got my photo taken with him. I am the small red bundle being cuddled. He was a lot taller than I imagined.

Then we had Melbourne Royal itself. A big entry - 42 Griffons which was the most I had seen in Australia. The ones in Victoria kept talking about something called AFL. It made no sense to me but everyone seemed excited about the finals.

I did the usual dog show bit - ho hum around the ring and poked about by the judge. I had discovered some interesting Great Dane scents in the ring so I found it all a bit much to be expected to lift my head and gait properly when there were much more interesting things to smell. Still I did my bit and

remembered to look at the bait so what more could they want.

On the way home from Melbourne we stopped at Gundagai to see the Dog on the Tucker Box. Apparently it is about some dog in history that guarded his owners tucker box. I can't see what the fuss was about. If I



thought that I was going to get fed I would guard the tucker box too.

There is a statue there now so we all got our photo taken in front of it. The rest of us posed sensibly but not the pug.

She decided that she would jump into the fountain!

You can see her dripping wet peeping out from behind the PBGV. Luckily we were in NSW and the sun was shining.

In fact the temperature had risen by over 10 degrees once we crossed the border and it continued to rise as we drove north,

The rest of the trip was uneventful but I found it all rather tiring.

When I got home I was so worn out I just had to have a good long rest.

It's a hard life for a gentleman Griffon.



Bosley & Dexter



Booth in his commando outfit



Royal Show Results

Brisbane Royal

10th August 2010

Judge Mr C Sudarson (India) Total Entry 24

BOB & DCC Ch Toitoti North N Kiwi (imp NZ) S Thomas
RUBOB & BCC Ch Shigriff Slap and Tickle C Elder / M. Gurney
Res DCC Ch Ravenspur Pinocchio T Ellis
Res BCC Ch Tzani Artemis H Kubo / J Maddock
Puppy of Breed Nouveau Dramatic (imp NZ) S Thomas

Adelaide Royal

11th September 2010

Judge Mr D Powers (Mexico) Total Entry 11

BOB & DCC Ch Statuesque Pumper Nickel W Baker / L Pieterse
RUBOB & BCC Upmarket Philomena (imp NZ) W Baker
Res DCC Ch Millbank Circus Chaos Delaland
Res BCC Ch Millbank Molly Malone Delaland
Puppy of Breed Millbank La Duchesse Delaland

Melbourne Royal

21st September 2010

Judge Mr B Owen (Canada) Total Entry 42

BOB & BCC Ch Shigriff Slap and Tickle C Elder / M. Gurney
RUBOB & DCC Ch /NZ Ch Nouveau Demonstrable (imp NZ) Alwood Knls
Res DCC Ch Kango Scarlett Pimpernel K Grass
Res BCC Ch Armogriff Kyla Aine R Morse
Puppy of Breed Shigriff Say No More C Elder / M. Gurney
Baby of Breed Troubadour Zurgs Heir S Stewart
BIG 3^d Shigriff Slap and Tickle C Elder / M. Gurney

Other Show Results

<p>Bulli District Kennel Club Judge Mrs R Mackintosh BOB & BCC Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel R & D Finch <i>Best in Group</i> Port Stephens All Breeds Show 14th August 2010 a.m show. Judge: Mr E Ryder BOB & BCC Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe T O'Dell RUBOB & DCC Ch / NZ Ch Paris Night Fever (IMP NZ) M Parker Brien</p> <p>Port Stephens All Breeds Show 14th August 2010 p.m show. Judge: Mrs M Ryder BOB & BCC Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe T O'Dell RUBOB & DCC Ch / NZ Ch Paris Night Fever (IMP NZ) M Parker Brien</p> <p>Dalwood Children's Home Charity Show 28th August 2010 Judge: Mrs M Archer BOB & BCC Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe T O'Dell</p> <p>Lake Macquarie ABKC 24th September 2010 Judge: Mr G Allan - (Canada) BOB & BCC Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe T O'Dell</p>	<p>Lake Macquarie ABKC 24th September 2010 Judge: Mrs J Erlane(NZ) BOB & BCC Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe T O'Dell</p> <p>Tamworth Kennel Club 2nd October 2010 Judge Dr P Tallentire BOB & BCC Am Ch Treyacres Tiara of Homestead (imp USA) D Norman & T Mills handled by Kait Cowan</p> <p>Tamworth Kennel Club 3rd October 2010 Judge Mrs M Cochrane BOB & BCC Am Ch Treyacres Tiara of Homestead (imp USA) D Norman & T Mills handled by Kait Cowan</p> <p>Tamworth Kennel Club 4th October 2010 Judge Mrs M McArdle BOB & BCC Am Ch Treyacres Tiara of Homestead (imp USA) D Norman & T Mills handled by Kait Cowan</p> <div data-bbox="980 1436 1529 1837">  </div>
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**The Flat Face Toy Club Championship Show
3rd October 2010**

Judge Kim Reeder

BOB & DCC Ch Rosndae Charlie Brown R & D
Finch

RUBOB BCC Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe T O'Dell

RDCC Kehael Million Dollar Man K Taylor

RBCC Ch Nagpuni Jellybean Jazz T O'Dell

***Intermediate in Show CH Nagpuni Jellybean
Jazz***

The Flat Face Toy Club Open Show

3rd October 2010

Judge

BOB & DCC Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel R & D
Finch

**Blaxland Glenbrook RSL & Citizen Kennel &
Training Club Inc**

23 October 2010

Judge:- Mrs C Butler (NSW)

BOB & Bitch CC Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel

Runner up BOB & Dog CC :-Kehael Million Dollar
Man

Liverpool & District All Breeds Kennel Club

30 October 2010

Judge :- Miss J McFarlane (South Africa)

BOB & Dog CC Kehael Million Dollar Man

Runner Up BOB & BCC Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel



Kehael Million Dollar Man

Woodlands Childrens Charity Show

3rd September

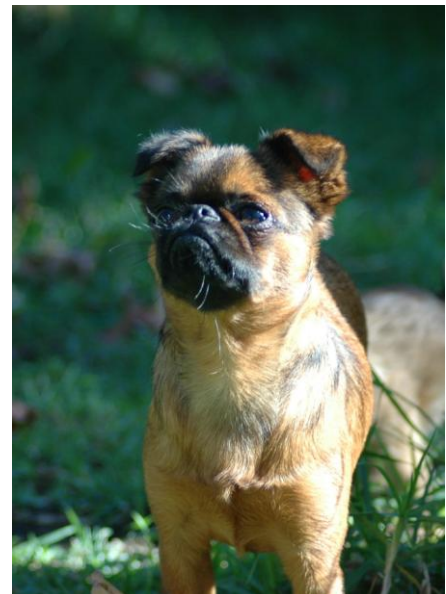
Judge Mr D Smith

BOB & BCC Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple M Parker Brien

Runner Up BOB & DCC Ch/NZ Ch Paris Night
Fever M Parker Brien

Res BCC Ch Raweke Bunty Bear

Junior in Group Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple



New Zealand Griffon Bruxellois Club Championship Show

Judge Mrs D Tysson

1st October 2010 Entry- 22 dogs



Best in Show - Ch Upmarket Jamie Luck Bred and owned by Polly Middleton, and

Reserve Best in Show - Ch Upmarket Lillibet Luck bred and owned by Polly Middleton.

Thanks to Jocelyn Walker for these results and photos from the NZ show.

Around the rings in NZ



Point Score Report

Lake Macquarie All Breeds Kennel Club

First Point Score Show

Our first point score show took place on 25th September at the Lake Macquarie All Breeds Kennel Club show at the Hillsborough Dog Show ground in Newcastle.

This show was part of a new initiative that saw the Lake Macquarie Club and Cessnock Dog Club, combine to stage a huge weekend spectacular of 6 shows over 3 days with a full international panel of judges. An exhausting weekend for those of us that did all 6 shows

The entries were large with over 1000 dogs entered at the show and Saturday and just under 1000 entries on the Friday and Sunday.

The weather gods smiled on the shows and the weather was perfect, golden sunshine, clear blue skies and a light breeze to stop the day from getting too hot.

Our first point score show saw an entry of 13 griffons for judge, Mr. K Brown from New Zealand. Mr. Brown is a Toy specialist and has bred top winning Pekinese for a number of years in New Zealand.

The results for the show were as follows.

Best of Breed & Dog Challenge Ch Balliol Barnacle Bill M. Parker Brien

Runner Up Best of Breed & Bitch Challenge Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple M Parker Brien

Reserve Dog Challenge Kehael Million Dollar Man K Taylor

Reserve Bitch Challenge Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel D & R Finch

Baby Puppy Dog 1st Balliol Fezzywig Fever M Parker Brien

Puppy Dog 1st Kehael Million Dollar Man K Taylor

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

Open Dog 1st Ch/Ch Paris Night Fever (imp NZ) (red smooth) M Parker Brien

2nd Ch Rosndae Ginger Snap K Taylor

Ab Sibermoon Tom Thumb B & J McDonald

Baby Puppy Bitch 1st Balliol Esmerelda EasterEgg B & J McDonald

Puppy Bitch 1st Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe T ODell

Intermediate Bitch 1st Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel D&R Finc

Ab Ch Shigriff Slap and Tickle C Elder & M Gurney

Australian Bred Bitch 1st Ch Raweke Bunty Bear M Parker Brien & C Parker



Ch Balliol Barnacle Bill

BOB at the first two Point Score
shows at Lake Macquarie and
Southern Highlands

Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple

Bitch Challenge and Runner Up
BOB at the first 2 point score
shows



Southern Highlands

Second Point Score Show

The second point score show took place on 16th October 2010 at the Southern Highlands Kennel and Obedience Club Show at Berrima.

Berrima is a beautiful location, and it was particularly picturesque this year. The grounds were in the country and everything was green. Along the road the trees were in pink and white blossoms and the gardens had massed plantings of tulips and daffodils and irises,

However despite the beautiful scenery this time the weather could not have been in greater contrast to our first point score show.

An unseasonable cold change swept through NSW on Friday night and we woke up on Saturday to a temperature of 4 degrees and gale force winds.

At the grounds setting up the gazebo was more like para-sailing as the gusts of wind whipped and tried to sweep us away. It took 4 of us to hold the gazebo and get it pegged down with the sides firmly zipped to keep the wind out.

And then as if that wasn't exciting enough it then started to snow!!!. Not a lot but little flakes came floating down much to the amazement of everyone. A new experience for me I must admit.

There was an entry of 13 Griffons for the judge Mrs J Blythe from Tasmania, although there were some absentees due to the weather.

The results were as follows:

Best of Breed & Dog Challenge- Ch Balliol Barnacle Bill M Parker Brien

Runner Up Best of Breed & Bitch Challenge- Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple M Parker Brien

Reserve Challenge Dog - NZ Ch/Ch Paris Night Fever M Parker Brien

Res Challenge Bitch - Ch Raweke Bunty Bear M Parker Brien & C Parker

Minor Puppy Dog Ab Balliol Fezzywig Fever M Parker Brien

Junior Dog - Ab Keheal Million Dollar Man K Taylor

Intermediate Dog - Ch Balliol Barnacle Bill M Parker Brien

Aust Bred Dog 1st Ch Statuesque Horatio Phillis/Pieterse

Ab Ch Rosndae Charlie Brown R&D Finch

Ab Ch Rosndae Ginger Snap K Taylor

Open Dog 1st NZ Ch/Ch Paris Night Fever M Parker Brien

Junior Bitch 1st Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe T O'Dell

Intermediate Bitch 1st Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple M Parker Brien

2nd Ch Nagpuni Jellybean Jazz T O'Dell

Ab Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel R&D
Finch

2nd NZ Ch Upmarket Reh Riely
Phillis/Pieterse

Open Bitch 1st Ch Raweke Bunty Bear M
Parker Brien & C Parker

Fun Photos from Members

*Merlot and Bree hard at work
on the computer*



Ruby and friends at the beach



Ruby - aren't I beautiful



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

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						20
Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple	8	8						16
NZCh/Ch Paris Night Fever	3	5						8
Ch Raweke Buntty Bear	3	5						8
Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe	3	3						6
Kehael Million Dollar Man	5							5
Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel	5							5
Balliol Fezzywig Fever	3							3
Ch Rosndae Charlie Brown	3							3
Balliol Esmerelda EasterEgg	3							3
Ch Rosndae Ginger Snap	2							2
Ch Nagpuni Jelly bean Jazz		2						2

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

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

Griffon Items for Sale

We have a number of things for sale to our members:

- hand knitted dogs jumpers in various sizes
- various items of Griffon memorabilia
- What is my dog thinking? By Gwen Bailey

These items will be for sale at our Fun Day so come and get some goodies for your Griffons.



Some of the Griffonalia donated by Sue Brewin





Cool Coats

Kerri Taylor also has Cool Coats for sale which she is able to provide to members at a 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

if you are interested in buying one to keep your Griffon cool this summer



Coats of all sizes



Obedience for your Griffon

How to teach your dog to sit and sit stay

The sit command is a useful command to teach your dogs. It can teach them manners when you want them to remain quietly and it also leads into the sit stay.

Imagine this scene. You are preparing food. Your dogs are jumping around under your feet, perhaps yapping excitedly. You remember that you left something in the fridge, turn around quickly and trip over a Griffon who in excitement has run under your feet .

If your dog is trained to sit and sit/stay this would never happen. All you would need to do is tell your dog to sit /stay until you release them or feed them and life is so much easier for both of you.

To begin the training put your Griffon on a lead as you want him to be close to you during the training. A small flat collar is best for training and it should sit comfortably around the neck of the Griffon.

Get your treats - any soft food that your Griffon loves (cheese, chicken, cabanossi etc)

Show the treat to your Griffon and hold it above his head. Not so high that the Griffon jumps up and not so low that he eats it.

When it is in position just above his head move it slowly backwards so that he has to look up and backwards to watch it. As you do this say the command "Sit" in a firm but gentle voice and repeat it over and over.



Because Griffons are small I like to do this kneeling on the ground next to the dog.

Once they start to learn to sit you can then slowly start to stand up next to the dog but don't rush this.

At this stage several things can happen all of which are normal.

1. If you are lucky your Griffon will tip his head so far back to see the food that he will plonk his bottom on the ground and sit. If this happens give the food reward the absolute second that the bottom hits the ground with lots of praise and pats.

2. Your Griffon will tip his head back to see the food but will also walk backwards to see it better. If this happens place the Griffon into a corner or against a wall so that he cannot go backwards, move the food over his head towards the wall behind him and then when he sits give the rewards with lots of praise and pats



3. Your Griffon will walk around in circles to see the food and show no inclination to sit. In this case keep your lead very short, hold the food over the head with one hand and with the other, the one holding the lead, gently push down on the Griffons rump, if need be, put your

hand at the back of his knees to get them to bend and as soon as he sits again give the reward and lots of praise.

Do this process with your Griffon about 4 - 6 times and then stop. Griffons get bored easily and lots of short sessions are better than a long one.

Don't expect too much too soon. Give them time to learn. When you least expect it they will suddenly click and do a perfect sit. Don't worry if they seem to beg to try to get the food - as long as they



have their bottom on the ground that is all that matters at the start - the rest will come with time

If they do it perfectly once don't then expect perfection every single time afterwards. They are Griffons after all. But eventually they will do it more and more frequently until they are reliable.

The key things to remember are:

- Repeat the word sit over and over while you are trying to get them to sit.
- Reward with food and praise the split second that they hit the ground. You have only 3 seconds for them to connect the praise with the action.
- Praise every single time they do it. Even when you think they know it perfectly always praise the correct action
- When they know the command well you can cut the praise back to a verbal praise or a pat.
- Only use a tiny, tiny bit of food for the reward - it is a treat not a meal
- Train frequently but for short periods of time - 5 minutes every day

Teaching the Sit Stay

Once your Griffon understands what sit means then you can start on the Stay command.

At this stage your Griffon should sit with you standing next to him. You always have the dog on your left side

The stay signal is a flat hand that goes towards the dogs face - a bit like a stop signal.

The command word is stay.

To begin tell your dog to sit while you stand next to him. Then say "stay" and give the stay signal (Flat hand towards the face). The gently pivot around in front of the dog so that you are immediately in front of him. Constantly repeat the words sit/ stay in a firm but gentle voice.



You only remain in front of your Griffon for a second or two to begin. Then you pivot back to stand next to the dog. Then give the food reward and lots of praise and pats.

Do this 4 - 6 times then stop.



When you dog becomes stable with this then extend the time period while you stand close in front of him. You are aiming for him to be able to stay for 1 minute while you stand close.

When the dog can stay for a

minute while you are close the next step is to go a little further away - one footstep distance at a time.

Keep your Griffon on the lead while you do this as you have more control. Eventually you will be able to tell your Griffon to stay and go to the length of the lead away from the dog.

If you are extending your distance and the dog breaks the sit stay that is an indication that you have gone too far away too soon and the dog has lost confidence. In this case for the next stay you will need to stand closer and gradually extend the distance again.

For all this initial training you are best to do it in the one place where there are no distractions. As Griffons are small it is easy to train them in any room in the house. I do a lot of my early training in the kitchen, often while I am waiting for dinner to cook!

When they understand what you want you then need to train them in different places - in different rooms' outside in the front or back yard and then when they are very confident in a park or somewhere outside.

Be careful of other dogs when you are outside in public spaces as a little Griffon can be vulnerable on a sit stay.

Once your dog has learned this exercise you will be able to put them on a sit/stay any time you want them to keep out of the way - if you have visitors who don't want them on their laps(do such people exist?!) or if you are preparing food or putting on their collar etc



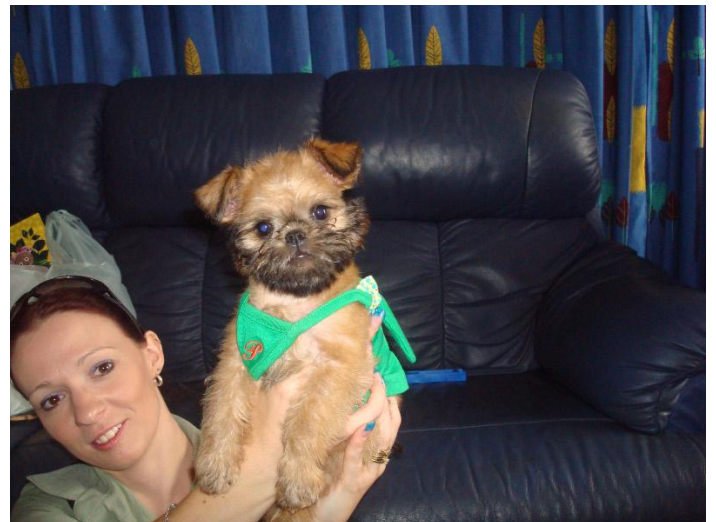
A Griffon Group Sit Stay



I Will - aren't I a pretty girl



No I won't smile for the camera



Next Point Score Shows

The next Point Score shows will be:

December 4th 2010 St George District Kennel Club A.M. Show only.
Erskine Park Showground.

Advertised in the October Journal. Entries close 7th November 2010

Send entries to - Tom Couchman Po Box 8012 Tumbi Umbi 2261

Entry Fees - \$8.00, Catalogue \$3.00, Baby Puppies \$5.00

This is the last show for 2010 so lets try and make it a good entry. Get your entries in asap.

January 2011 CNCC Show - Date to be confirmed

Probably will be advertised in the November Journal

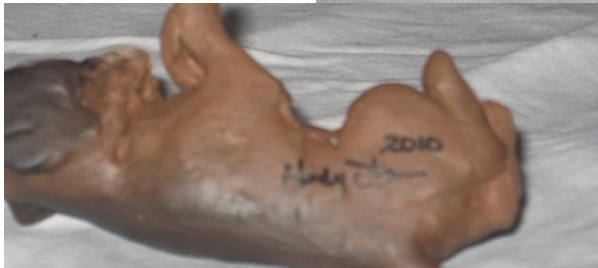


Beautiful Sophie

Sue Brewin and Holly (Harvikgold Hollywoods) strutting their stuff

Raffle

Kerri Taylor has very kindly donated a wonderful hand carved Griffon Figurine for our raffle prize, to go towards fund raising for the Griffon Fanciers Association.



It is a one off figurine, carved by American artist Mandy Olsen and signed by her. These figurines are in demand and recently one sold on E Bay for \$181.00

Tickets for this fabulous prize are \$5.00 Please support this raffle and your club.

Fill out the form below and post it with your money to

The Treasurer 29 Beverley Ave Warilla NSW 2528

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I would like to purchase _____ tickets in the Raffle @\$5.00 each.

I have enclose the sum of _____ to pay for my Raffle tickets

Name _____

Address _____

Breeders Directory

For this edition of The Phoenix we have included all members who are breeders of Griffon Bruxellois as a complimentary gesture.

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.

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Its a tough life