



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

# The Phoenix

## *Winter 2021*



*"You need a shave, sir."*



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*Cover 1930's card*

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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 provide advice and support for Griffon owners

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

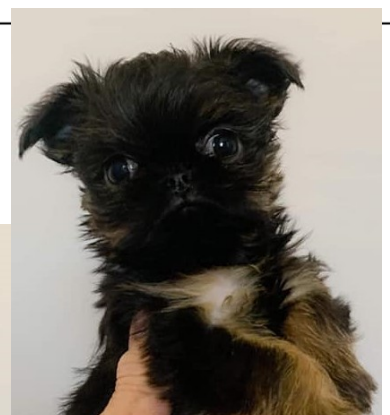
To educate Griffon owners about grooming, training and responsible ownership

To work in partnership with other responsible Griffon Bruxellois Clubs of Australia and internationally for the betterment of the breed



## Griffon Puppy Spam

*Terri's pups*



*Jannelle's pups*



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## Presidents Report

In the last issue I was optimistic enough to say that life was returning to normal. That was a mistake!!

Two days after our last club point score show, Sydney went into lockdown and as I write, the whole of NSW is in lockdown.

We can at least spend time with our Griffons but it is very hard for so many people.

We can only hope that the vaccines become

more readily available and we all get vaccinated and protected so that we can resume our lives once more.

We did manage some activities in the brief window of normality we had, but all future activities have been postponed or cancelled until further notice.

### Puppy Inquiries

At the moment breeders have been deluged with puppy inquiries with multiple inquiries in a day.

There is no way any reputable breeders can meet this demand, nor do they want to do so.

Griffons are not easy to breed. They are very expensive to breed and also require high levels of intensive 24/7 care, especially for the first 3-4 weeks. In many cases breeders lose money on a litter if they are doing it well.

Griffons have small litters – a litter of 6 is considered large, and most have 2-3 pups, if lucky. Good breeders plan the litters in advance and don't breed the girls just to make money.

Good breeders will never sell to just anyone. They spend time socialising and understanding their pups and will match the pup's personality to the type of home and lifestyle of the buyer. For example, they may not sell a high energy pup to someone in an apartment who is out at work 8 hours a day because the pup is likely to become bored and destructive. They may consider a calm pup for this type of home. Equally, they may not sell a quiet shy pup to a noisy busy home with a number of boisterous children.

At the moment, transport of pups is very difficult. Flights have been reduced, many are cancelled at the last minute and brachycephalic dogs have to undergo additional health tests before they can fly. Most breeders will not risk a tiny pup being stranded or delayed at an airport due to this uncertainty. Most breeders also like to meet the buyer and prefer the pup to be picked up. At the moment in NSW this is close to impossible unless you are in the 5 km radius. Road transport companies can operate but again, many breeders are reluctant to put a tiny Griffon pup in a van surrounded by other dogs of all breeds and ages in crates that are all close together. Not only can it be a frightening and traumatising experience for the pup, it also exposes them to potential germs and infections from other dogs.

Good breeders treat their pups like family, not commodities and they put the pup's needs before everything else.

When you do make any inquiries about a pup, please give some information about your family, lifestyle, home and location.

Inquiries that say- *"How much are your pups?"* or *"I want to buy a Griffon because I love them. Have you got any pups?"* with no further information are not very helpful to the breeder

Also be aware that it is a hobby for breeders. They are not commercial. They don't make money or live off breeding (that is a puppy farmer) so they don't have office or admin staff to answer inquiries.

Their Griffons are first and foremost their pets and part of the family. They have a job, a family life and are busy like everyone else, so they may not answer your emails instantly. Please be patient.

If you have any questions contact the club and we will help and advise you

Griffons are worth the wait but you need to be prepared to wait.





## Beware Scammers

As usual the club is busy promoting ethical breeders and advising and educating the public to protect them from unethical breeders. We have been made aware of an increasing number of scammers operating, targeting people who want a Griffon and taking advantage of them. We strongly advise people to avoid Gumtree because no ethical breeder advertises Griffons on Gumtree (they don't need to) and this is where most of the scams seem to be occurring. The scams range from selling non-existent Griffons, to offering free (non-existent) Griffons if you pay for transport only. There are also people breeding Pug cross Griffons and selling them as pure Griffons or selling them as a breed with a phoney name. These dogs are more expensive than a healthy well bred Griffon from an ethical breeder.

We were recently made aware of a person who lost \$3,000 after she paid a deposit for a non-existent Griffon.

Please contact the club for advice before you pay any money to anyone. The club is here to help and advise you in an impartial manner and if we don't know, we have plenty of contacts around Australia that we can check for you

Our Registrar and membership Secretary provides educational material to everyone who contacts us, even if they don't join the club so it will save heartache to get advice first



## Editors Message

Thank you to the people who offered photos and information for this issue

Sadly, with lockdowns and restrictions we have not as much news as I would have hoped but we have photos of the Griffons enjoying themselves during the lock down and restrictions

There have been a lot of cancellations and postponements.

All information and updates on club activities will be announced on the club's face book group Griffons NSW.

If you are not a member of the group and wish to join then you must

answer all three questions properly and also agree to the rules.

If you invite someone to join, they must also answer all the questions properly. People have a week to answer questions and if they don't then they are declined. This is to ensure that the group remains a happy, friendly and supportive group and to keep out trolls, back yard breeders, puppy farmers and scammers.

We look forward to everyone sharing photos, birthdays and stories about their Griffons

The club also has a Face Book page called The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW and this linked to the club Insta page of the same name. Like us on Instagram.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter



***Baxter enjoyed the milk***

***Astro, cuddling a toy while recovering from a tummy ache***





# What Does Our Club Do?

Showing isn't even half of it!

## EDUCATE



The general public about the pro's & cons of Griffons, and how to find a responsible breeder.

## ASSIST



Potential Griffon owners to find a responsible breeder, and assist existing Griffon owners with any issues they may be having with their Griffon.

## PROMOTE



The health and protection of the breed and responsible breeding and purchasing practises

## RESCUE



Griffons in need whom often require extensive veterinary and rehabilitation work



[www.griffonnsw.com](http://www.griffonnsw.com)

## Support Responsible Breeders



## Griffon Corner

Our sympathies go to **Victoria Mercer** and her little Griffon, Taco.

Victoria was involved in a car accident which caused the car to roll several times and sadly she lost Taco. He was her first Griffon and had a special place in life.

Victoria said;

*Well yesterday was one of the luckiest days for me but an absolutely tragic one for my special boy Taco. I survived the worst car crash after rolling my car twice and walking away with a broken wrist. My little Taco was thrown from the car even though he was secured and to find him wedged under the car was a nightmare vision*

RIP Taco and our sincere condolences



# Cancelled & Postponed Events

COVID and the accompanying lock downs and restrictions have led to the following cancellations or postponements

- Brisbane Royal- Cancelled
- The Queensland Griffon Club Championship shows- cancelled
- Melbourne Royal – Cancelled
- The Spring Fair- postponed
- The Dog Lovers Show- Cancelled
- The CGBC of NSW Griffon Meet UP- postponed



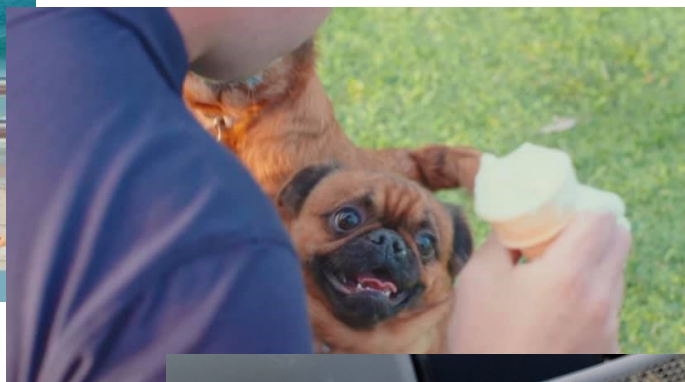
Any updates will be posted on the club FB group Griffons NSW





**Squirrel and Beedle** are now minor movie stars with a role in a short film called Beach Cops, which has been doing the rounds of the film festivals.

There roles are as a couple of ice cream thieves who inadvertently assist in apprehending a bag snatcher



#### Griffon Mask advice

Who would have thought that masks would become a fashion must have for everyone.

Here is **Grommet**, demonstrating how not to wear the mask- nose out is a no no.

**Bart** is even more confused about the right way to wear your mask



**Bailey** got carried away and covered her whole head

And **Beedle** got it just right





***Stay home  
Stay Safe***



***Be like Squirrel  
and don't go out***





## Around the world and back again

*(from USA to New Zealand and return)*

A number of years ago, David Fifield, imported into New Zealand, frozen semen from one of the top American Griffons, Sharpie, owned by Mary Gale.

Although success with frozen semen is very difficult with Griffons, David, working in cooperation with Sandie Meads, was able to get a successful litter of two pups, a dog and a bitch.

Both of these Griffons successfully produced their own offspring, making Sharpie a grandfather.

Sadly, in the meantime, Sharpie died unexpectedly but luckily, thanks to the frozen semen, he will live on through his offspring.

And now, one of Sharpie's grandson has returned to Mary Gale in the USA.

Maestro (Cricklewood A Stitch in Time), a red rough dog is a double up of Sharpie's bloodlines and at 8 months old has already had success in shows in New Zealand. Handled and presented by Fern Feaver and Sandie

Meads, he won a Puppy in Show award at his last New Zealand show.

Prior to leaving New Zealand, Maestro had to undergo a series of health tests to ensure that he was fit to fly. As a brachycephalic breed he also had to have a BOAS test by a veterinarian.

### **Maestro Nostrils**

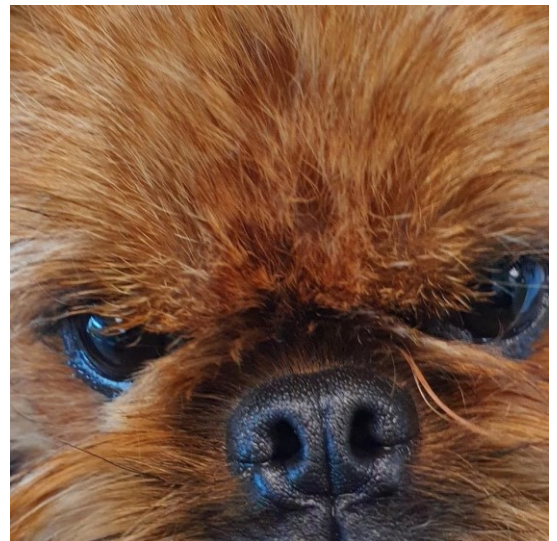
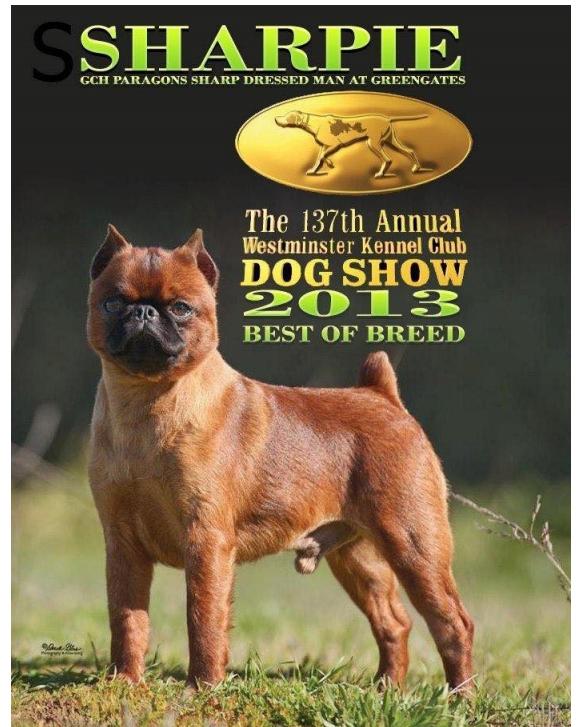
He passed with flying colours and his report stated

*"As you can see he has very nice open nostrils as well as no breathing noise pre or post exercise. This gives him a low Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Disease (BOAS) score"*

Maestro made the long trip to the USA without any problems and bounced out of his crate to greet a very excited Mary Gale and her sister, Carol, who met him at the airport.

Two weeks later, Mary took him to his first USA show

and he won points towards his American championship.







Mary said

*"Maestro from New Zealand made his USA show debut today with the Golden Valley Kennel Club, and what a way to start! From the 6-9 month class, with a huge entry of 15, Maestro was awarded Winner's Dog, Best of Winners (over 12 other class boys and girls) and Owner Handler Best of Breed. This is a 5 point major win in a field of good dogs, several piloted by professional*

*handlers. Thank you Judge Ms Lee Whittier for launching Maestro's career in such a wonderful way! Winning with natural ears and tail makes it even more special".*



A wonderful start and a wonderful example of international cooperation for the betterment of the breed

At the same show, further International flavour could be seen when Olga Baranova's pup, Harpersband Poison, finished the cluster with Winners Bitch with 4pt MAJOR at the age of 7 months! Olga's other two

Griffons, Harpersband Make A Killing and Harpersband Mind

The Gap were also successful gaining points towards their American title. Like Maestro they have natural ears and tail, unusual in the USA which still routinely docks and crops dogs

They are cared for and handled in the USA by Vasilina Rostomova

Congratulations to everyone involved







## Club Raffle



The CGBC of NSW Raffle was drawn on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you very much to Terri and Grant Odell from **Pets on the Park** for their very generous donation.  
The winner was Debbie Day in Queensland



Second prize – a Griffon T shirt was won by Hilary Swain in Western Australia

Third prize -a Griffon coat was won by Sally Stewart in Victoria.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all for the support.







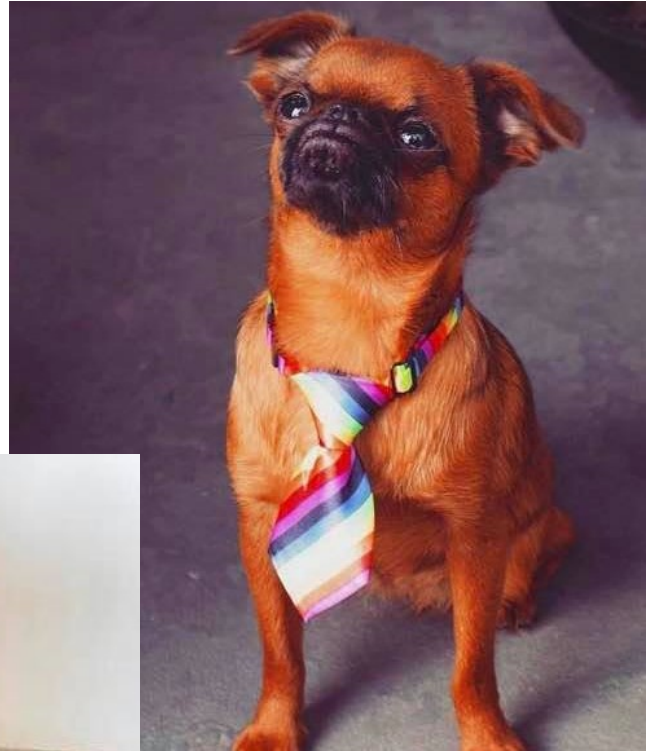
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*Rory – dressed for a day in the office*

## Griffons working from the Home Office

*Tiggy – office supervisor*



*Gizmo- when you don't want to do the zoom conference*



*Morty was put in charge of the labelling machine*





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## Griffon T Shirt Sale

To cheer up lock down we are holding a Griffon T shirt sale. All T shirts have been reduced to bargain prices.

This is a unique design, specially commissioned by The CGBC of NSW

# All T Shirts - \$18

**Available in Pink and Black**

Numbers are limited so order yours quickly so you don't miss out



Available Sizes and colours:

- 2 x pink in 10
- 3 x black in 10
- 3 x black 12
- 2 x black 14
- 1 x pink 14
- 1 x black 16



To order contact Terri Odell  
at

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## How to Show Your Dog

### Part One - Training

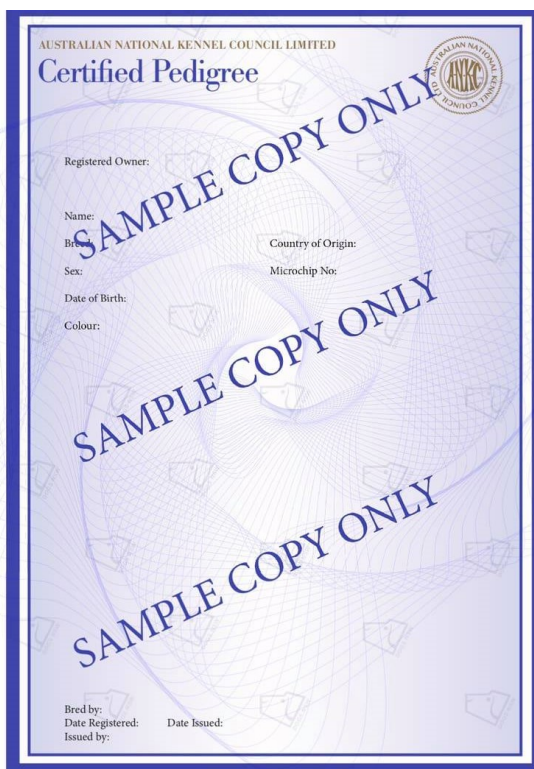
Now, during the lockdown there are no shows but it is a good time to train your dog so that they are at their best when shows begin again. If you have never shown your dog, then it is worth considering for a fun social activity that the whole family can enjoy.

Showing your dog is a great way to bond with your dog, meet like-minded people, teach your children sportsmanship and have a pleasant day out. It is one of the few activities where children can compete with adults on an equal footing and it builds skills in dog training and handling. It is also a good way to develop an appreciation of the breed standard and understand what makes a Griffon great.

Plus, the dogs love it

Experienced exhibitors can make it look very easy but there is more to showing than appears on the surface.

The secret is training and lots of praise and encouragement.



### ANKC Registration

In order to show your dog, it must be registered with the ANKC, through one of the State Kennel control bodies- Dogs NSW, Dogs Vic etc. It must be on Main registration, not Limited. It needs to be the blue form, not the orange one. This is something you need to discuss with your breeder.

The certified pedigree will give details of your dog's registration information and the parents and grandparents of your dog.

Even if you have desexed your dog you can still show it in Neuter classes as long as it is on Main register.

Neuter classes are a good way to begin showing and the dog can become a Neuter Champion.

The registered owner of the dog must also be a member of one of the state control bodies. You can join Dog NSW by following this link

<https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/members/memberships-new-renewals/>



### **The Purpose of Showing**

All pedigreed dogs have a breed standard and this is a blueprint for the breed. It dictates the requirements of each breed. The judge knows the breed standard and judges each dog against the breed standard.

If you are exhibiting it is important that you read the standard so that you understand what the judge is looking for. The breed standard describes the ideal dog and consistent attributes that make a breed unique.

For example, a Griffon should be a small dog, heavy for its size with a cheeky terrier like temperament, a square sturdy body, strong straight bones and a unique head that appears round with an upturned jaw, short muzzle and small, semi erect, high set ears.

Rough coats Griffons are shown hand stripped, smooth coats are tidied

Grooming is a whole extra aspect to showing but for this article we will concentrate on training and handling only.

A well-trained dog and its handler will perform as a team. This comes from both training and showing. The more shows you attend the better the dog will become and the more effective a partnership you will have.



### **The Three Parts of Showing**

Showing a dog can be divided into 3 sections and each activity allows the judge to see a particular aspect of the dog.

They are:

1. The Table
2. The Gait
3. The Free stand



#### **The Table**

The Griffon is tabled to allow the judge to examine it. The handler stands the dog in a way that shows the Griffon off to its best advantage and makes it look as much like the breed standard as possible. The judge will look at the head, shoulders and front angulation, top line, ribbing, coat texture, tail set, hind angulation balance and overall breed type.

You always stand the dog on the table with its head supported in your right hand.

It requires training to get the dog to stand confidently on the table and stand still while a stranger examines the it.

It helps to stand your dog in front of a mirror when training so that you can see what the judge sees.





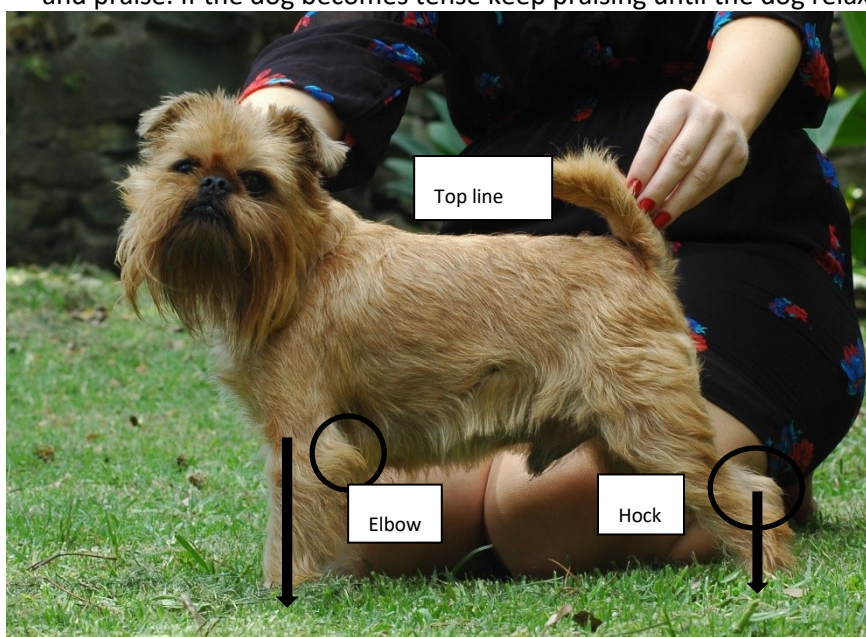
A good handler can make a dog look fabulous, a poor handler can make the same dog look awkward and unbalanced. Training your dog for the table is a **slow** steady process with lots of praise and rewards. Start off with food and lots of praise when the dog stands still. By using the food as seen in the photos, you can try to walk to walk the dog into position. It is essential

that you give instant praise as soon as the dog responds.

**Step One-** just get the dog to stand still. Don't try anything else until the dog is relaxed standing still. Start with just a few seconds of standing still and then praise and reward. Then slowly extend the length of time before reward. Use your voice in a low soothing tone of praise while the dog is standing

**Step Two-** When the dog is relaxed and comfortable on the table then you can try stacking him. Gently but firmly place the feet into position.

If the dog squirms, place one hand under the chest and the other under the belly between the back legs. Gently place the dog on the table and praise. If the dog becomes tense keep praising until the dog relaxes.



Then you can start to put the feet into position. This may take several days – Be patient  
To adjust the legs-

1. Always take hold of the front leg by the elbow – never the wrist. Have the front leg straight from the shoulder
2. Place the back leg by holding the hock. When placing the back leg make sure that the hock is straight.





Keep praising the dog and stroking with the hand you have now moved under the chin. Only do it for a few seconds to begin with and gradually lengthen the time the dog holds the stand as the dog relaxes.

The top line should be level not hunched. Stroke down the back to relax the dog.

3. Once you have your dog used to standing on the table, get other people to come and pat him gently while you stack him and constantly praise.

4. When he is standing calmly, then stack him in front of a mirror so you can see what the judge sees. Sometimes you may need to straighten the feet or hold the head a little higher or lower to get the dog looking its best.

Eventually the dog will happily stand for the judge. This skill is also very useful when you take your dog to the vet for an examination or check up.

5. Use a command word like "Stand" so the dog understands. Eventually the dog will go into a show stack(stand) on the command and you will be able to control the dog with very little handling, using just the lead and your voice



### **The Mouth**

When on the table you will need to get the dog used to having his mouth checked.



1. Begin by running your finger gently across the lips and praise as the dog accepts it.

2. Then extend this to gently lifting the lips with lots of praise.

3. I use a command word "Mouth" so the dog knows what I want.

Not all judges want to look at the mouth but it is important that your dog is relaxed and confident about the process

Eventually the dog will happily allow you to show its teeth by lifting the lips.

With covid regulations you will show the mouth to the judge yourself, when the judge approaches the head.

Another very useful training for vet visits



## 2. The Gait

The gait of a dog tells the judge a lot about the dog's construction, balance and angulation. A well balanced dog will move with a level top line and will have a free length of stride with strength for the hind quarters. It will have straight legs coming and going that are not cow hocked or turning in or out.

The dog is required to move at a steady trot so that the judge can see if the dog is moving correctly. You do **not** run with a Griffon but should move with a steady walk.

The lead should be loose so that the dog can move freely. Griffons hate a tight lead around their throat and will not move well.

A tight lead also prevents the dog from moving out and restricts the length of stride, so a good dog may not move as well as it can if the lead is too tight

Training a dog to gait requires a lot of patience and praise. You want the dog to work with you, not ignore you or fight the lead.

The biggest mistake new exhibitors make is to have the lead too tight. It should be just firm enough to not slide down the neck but no tighter.

The lead should be placed behind the ears at the top of the neck.



Talk to the dog constantly and encourage them. At first concentrate on getting them to walk happily next to you – on the left side.

The dog may walk a little in front of you or alongside you. Never drag the dog. Your training should always be positive and use praise or food treats when the dog is doing what you want.

The judge is looking for a dog that will step out confidently with a level top line and a tail held up high

At all times the dog should do a steady trot and not break gait. As a handler you should determine the right pace for you dog. Practice will show the speed that shows the dog to his best advantage. Don't worry too much with puppies, if they don't gait perfectly. With youngsters it is far more important that they have fun in the ring and enjoy themselves and bond with you. The perfection will come later as they mature.



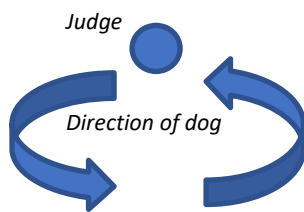


It must always be enjoyable for the dog  
There are 3 patterns used when gaiting:

- The Circle
- The Out and Back
- The Triangle

At all times the dog is on your left. Always listen closely to the judge as they will tell you what gaiting pattern that they want

### The Circle



The circle involves gaiting the dog around the ring and back to the judge.

It gives the judge an opportunity to observe the dogs side gait so that they can see length of stride, top line when on the move and head carriage. The dog should be confident and have the head and tail up.

When gaiting your dog - talk to the dog when in the ring, do not stare at the judge but watch your dog to make sure they are gaiting at their best.

You want the tail wagging, the head up, the expression alert and the dog enjoying itself  
Your dog should always be your main focus.

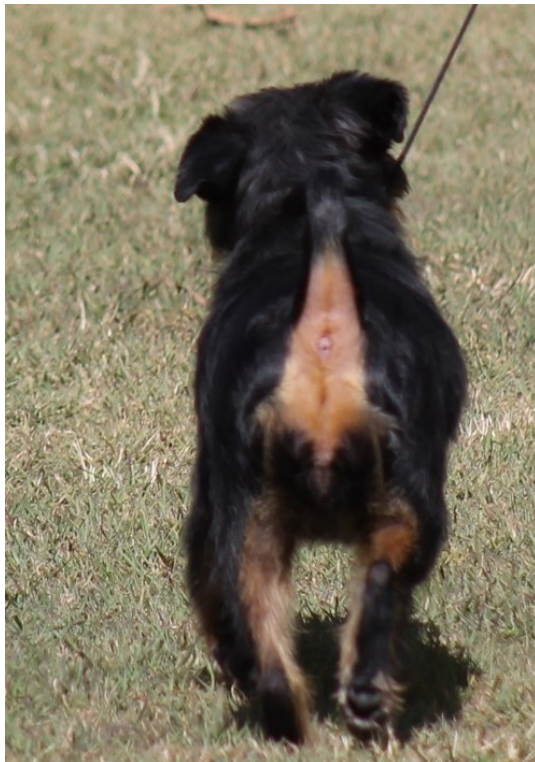
Glance up at the judge and glance at the direction you need to go but mainly watch your dog so that you can correct instantly if he breaks gait or loses a bit of confidence.



A good handler tries to keep the dog looking its best the whole time in the ring. If gaiting in a circle with other dogs always be aware of the other dogs. Do not gait too closely to the dog in front of you. If the person behind you is gaiting too close to your dog and upsetting it, stop, turn around, and then start off again. If they persist, ask them to give you space.



## The Out and Back



The purpose of the out and back is to give the judge the opportunity to see the rear gait of the dog as he goes away and the front gait as he returns. The judge is looking for such things as a straight gait without cow hocks, bow legs, elbows out or too tight. As a handler you need to go in a straight line directly away from the judge. When you turn around you need to line up the judge and come back in a straight line to the judge with the dog heading to the judge. When you approach the judge, you need to stop about 6 feet in front so that the judge can see the dog. Don't stop so close to the judge that you almost knock them over. Teach the dog to stop in

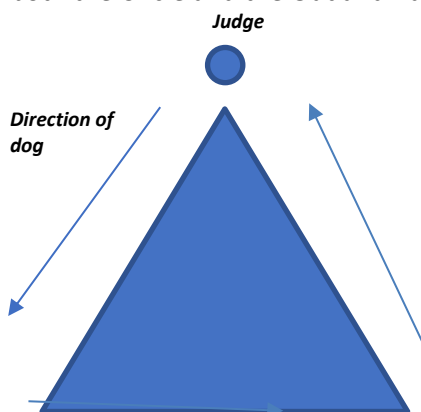


a free stand on his toes and alert.

You should move at a steady pace so that the dog is moving at an even trot

## The Triangle

The Triangle allows the judge to see both side gait and front and rear gait. It combines features of both the Circle and the Out and Back



When doing the triangle you move directly away from the judge to the corner, then move across the back of the ring and return in a straight line to the judge.

Once again, the pace should be steady, not running and the dog should move at an even trot, not galloping or breaking gait.







When you go out or return to the judge you should try to line the judge up so that you go directly from them and return directly, similar to the Out and Back. Then you return to the judge you again need to stop about 6 ft away and place the dog in a free stand. The judge will approach the dog to see what they need to see

### Gaiting as a group

There will be times when the judge will gait the whole class. This will allow the judge to compare movement. When this occurs:

- Focus on your dog and keep their attention on you
- Keep the dog happy and enjoying it
- Don't crowd the other exhibitors- leave them space and if their dog is distracted leave a little more room
- Keep your position in the group- don't overtake
- Don't take off without checking that the rest of the exhibitors are ready- the judge wants to see you all move. It is not a race
- Keep an eye on the judge to see where they want the group to stop.
- When you stop gaiting at the judges selected place, line up with plenty of space and free stand your dog



### The Free Stand

The free stand is the hardest to train and it involves the dog standing in front of you on a loose lead, looking alert and showing himself off to his best advantage.

The dog should stand still in this position to allow the judge to assess him and his overall demeanour and construction.

Ideally a Griffon is not stacked and held on the ground. like some other breeds but free stands. To train you need food as a treat and you use it to walk the dog into position, as you did for the table.







Use a command word like 'show' or 'stand' so the dog understands what you want. At first just concentrate on getting the dog to stand still

Start with a very short time of a few seconds and then over time gradually increase the time. Give lots of praise. At this stage the most important thing is to get the dog standing still and looking happy and alert as he does it.

Once the dog is confident standing still then work on getting the feet in the perfect position.



In the perfect free stand, you will stand in front of the dog, the dog's front feet will be straight down in front of him not turning in or out.

The dog's hindquarters will be stretched back slightly with the hocks straight.

The top line will be level. The dog will be alert

and have his neck slightly stretched up and forward. Training the dog to stand like this will take time and lots of food and praise. Use the food to encourage the dog to move forward or back to get the feet into place. When the dog puts his feet into the position you want then praise instantly and reward.

Eventually the dog will understand what you want and will go into the stand you want.

*Standing in front of the dog to encourage the free stand in the correct position*

It is important that the free stand shows the dog off to his best advantage. If the back feet are too far under the body the dog will look hunched and lose the level top line so practice, patience and consistency in training is essential.

Training and showing should be fun for the dog. If it is not then you are probably not making the training enjoyable for the dog.

All the best dogs get regular training and because Griffons love to please they will respond very well to praise.





## The Line Up

If you are in a larger class or a challenge line up, you will line up with the other dogs you are competing against. The dogs will be in a stand so that the judge can see them all and compare before making final placings.

- The dogs will either be stacked on the ground or will do a free stand, the option is yours.
- You need to give yourself plenty of space. Don't crowd the dog in front but stop far enough away so that you are not cramped

If you have plenty of space in front, you then have room to move if the dog behind you gets too close



*Baby Puppy line up. Handlers are stacking them because of their young age*

With babies you may need to stack so that you have more control but as long as they stand enough for the judge to see and they have fun that is all that matters

*Adult line up. Note how the exhibitors allow sufficient room between dogs*



As you train your dog to free stand, it is important that you train them to focus on you and not be distracted by the other dogs around them.

You do this by :

- Once they can free stand you extend the length of time that you ask them to stand. Keep the food or toy in your hand and talk calmly and softly to them repeating the stand command.
- If they look around, get their attention and reward as soon as they look at you.
- Place your treat in a position they can see and focus on. Extend the length of stand
- Always reward at the end of the exercise
- Be patient as they will take a while to learn this and puppies are more easily distracted





Often in a line up the judge will come along and move some or all of the dogs individually if they want to see movement again.

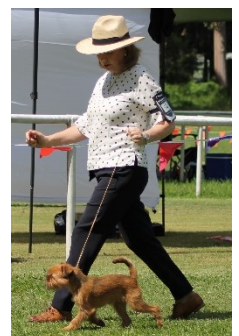
During this time the other dogs can relax briefly or hold the stand. Keep an eye on the judge so that if you relax the dog, you can get it back into a stand before the judge looks at it

### Show Outfits

What do you wear when you show your dog?

- Your show clothes should be neat and tidy with no loose flappy bits of fabric, long jangling beads or jewellery or any item which could distract the dog
- The colour of your clothes should contrast with your dog. Don't wear black if you have a black dog as the dog will not be seen clearly against the background. Don't wear brown if you have a red dog
- Wear comfortable and practical clothes that will allow you to bend over with decorum- skirts should not be so short that you show your knickers
- Shoes should be flat and easy to walk briskly in on grass-no high heels
- Skirts should not be too loose and floaty or too long as they will flap in the dog's face
- Men's clothes should be neat and tidy. Make sure pockets do not have jingling coins or keys etc
- Clothes should compliment but not distract from the dog
- Clothes should be comfortable and allow you freedom to move

And last but not least- relax and have fun. Nerves travel down the lead and can prevent the dog from showing at its best.





## Words of Wisdom on Breeding

By Raymond H Oppenheimer.

Words of wisdom for any genuine breeder who is serious about breeding quality

*(Oppenheimer was one of the great Bull Terrier breeders of the 20th Century.*

*His advice is even more relevant today when we have more breeding fads than ever (especially when legislated in some countries)*

There are a vast number of different breeding methods, some good, some bad.

I should never presume to try to tell fanciers what is the right method because there is no such thing.

Outstanding success can be achieved and has been achieved in a variety of different ways.

So, all I am going to do is to make some suggestions which I think helpful and to warn against certain pitfalls which trap too many of the unwary.



1. Don't make use of indiscriminate outcrosses. A judicious outcross can be of great value, an injudicious one can produce an aggregation of every imaginable fault in the breed.
2. Don't line breed just for the sake of line breeding. Line breeding with complementary types can bring great rewards; with unsuitable ones it will lead to immediate disaster.
3. Don't take advice from people who have always been unsuccessful breeders. If their opinions were worth having they would have proved it by their success.
4. Don't believe the popular cliché about the brother or sister of the great champion being just as good to breed from. For every one that is, hundreds are not. It depends on the animal concerned.
5. Don't credit your own dogs with virtues they don't possess. Self-deceit is a stepping-stone to failure.
6. Don't breed from mediocrities; the absence of a fault does not in any way signify the presence of its corresponding virtue.
7. Don't try to line breed two dogs at the same time; you will end by line breeding to neither.
8. Don't assess the worth of a stud dog by his inferior progeny. All stud dogs sire rubbish at times; what matters are how good their best efforts are.
9. Don't allow personal feelings to influence your choice of a stud dog. The right dog for your bitch is the right dog whoever owns it.
10. Don't allow admiration of a stud dog to blind you to his faults. If you do you will soon be the victim of auto-intoxication.







11. Don't mate together animals which share the same faults. You are asking for trouble if you do.
12. Don't forget that it is the whole dog that counts. If you forget one virtue while searching for another you will pay for it.
13. Don't search for the perfect dog as a mate for your bitch. The perfect dog (or bitch) doesn't exist, never has or never will!
14. Don't be frightened of breeding from animals that have obvious faults so long as they have compensating virtues. A lack of virtue is far the greatest fault of all.
15. Don't mate together non-complementary types. An ability to recognize type at a glance is a breeder's greatest gift; ask the successful breeders to explain this subject - there is no other way of learning. (I would define non-complementary types as ones which have the same faults and lack the same virtues.)
16. Don't forget the necessity to preserve head quality. It will vanish like a dream if you do.
17. Don't forget that substance plus quality should be one of your aims. Any fool can breed one without the other.
18. Don't forget that a great head plus soundness should be one of your aims. Many people

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## THE FAMOUS PARTRIDGE HILL GRIFFONS

Owners—Mesdames PARKER-RHODES and PEPPER Honeywick CASTLE GARY Somers  
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Photo by Fall

Mrs. Parker-Rhodes with well-known Griffons. The three centre ones are famous Champions—CH. PARTRIDGE HILL PRECIOUS, CH. P. H. POWERFUL and CH. P. H. PURCHASE. The two at the ends are 1911-12 vintage.

THE Partridge Hill Kennel remains in its superlative position and is replete with wonderfully typical Griffons as can be seen from these beautiful pictures. Many dogs have been exported to America and Canada, and when I was over in the United States this summer I had the pleasure, when staying near Philadelphia, of seeing some of Mrs. Parker-Rhodes' exportations, and the owners expressed to me their great delight at the dogs she had sent them—truly good news. Mrs. Parker-Rhodes' name stands very high in America.

The three central dogs in the big group are all well-known champions, i.e. Ch. Partridge Hill Precious, Ch. Partridge Hill Powerful, and Ch. Partridge Hill Purchase, whilst the two at the ends are 1911 and 1912 vintage. The dog on the left is Partridge Hill Peccadillo, a really first-class specimen with a remarkably perfect face. He has not been beaten by any other dog puppy. Partridge Hill Finesse (a daughter of Powerful, as her name suggests), at the opposite end of the

picture, is a very fine bitch and has already a great list of wins to her credit. She is now nursing her first family and is an ideal mother. By the way, Powerful holds the prize record for the breed; he is just three years old and has won 11 challenge certificates and 42 first prizes, all in the keenest of competition. Youngsters and adults of the very best winning strains are for disposal.

PHYLLIS ROBINSON



Photo by Fall

A basketful of Partridge Hill Griffons.



CH. PARTRIDGE HILL POWERFUL

can never breed either!

19. Don't ever try to decry a great dog. A thing of beauty is not only a joy forever but also a great price and pleasure to all true lovers of the breed.

20. Don't be satisfied with anything but the best. The second best is never good enough.

## CAMPFIELD

Owned by  
Mrs. DOROTHY SCHOLFIELD



VADERTOP VESTA OF CAMPFIELD at 3 months  
An exceptionally promising jet black granddaughter of Ch. Skibbereen Brandon and Ch. Terry of Irian



Ch. SKIBBEREEN BRANDAN  
The world-famous sire of sensational championship show winners, his latest not being Ch. Skibbereen Victor of Campfield—the wonder Griffon of the century. Bred in the Campfield Kennels



Ch. TOYMORE MARCUS OF CAMPFIELD  
The leading winning Griffon of 1950  
(Photo by Fall)

Mrs. Scholfield is particularly interested in miniatures of the breed and there are several beautiful specimens in the kennel at the present time. Visitors will always be welcome by appointment.

## GRIFFONS

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ELIZABETH OF CAMPFIELD  
A typical Campfield matron—in whelp to Ch. Skibbereen Brandon at time of going to press. This beautiful winning bitch (reserve E.C. winner, Blackpool, 1951) possesses the ideal coat in both texture and colour, and the large dark luminous eyes seldom seen in the present-day Griffon

Ch. Toymore Marcus of Campfield's 1951 wins include: Scottish Kennel Club championship show, Glasgow, 3rd March, best of breed and 1st any variety Toy open dog; Manchester championship show, 15th March, best of breed; Irish Kennel Club championship show, Dublin, 17th March, best of breed and Green Star (4 point); Three Counties championship show, Gloucester, 13th June, Challenge Certificate and best of breed; Paignton championship show, 4th July, Challenge Certificate and best of breed.

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## Griffons Working From Home

Despite the lock downs, Griffons are keeping busy, helping around the house.

When you want something done well- get a Griffon on the job  
**Griffon Babysitting Service**

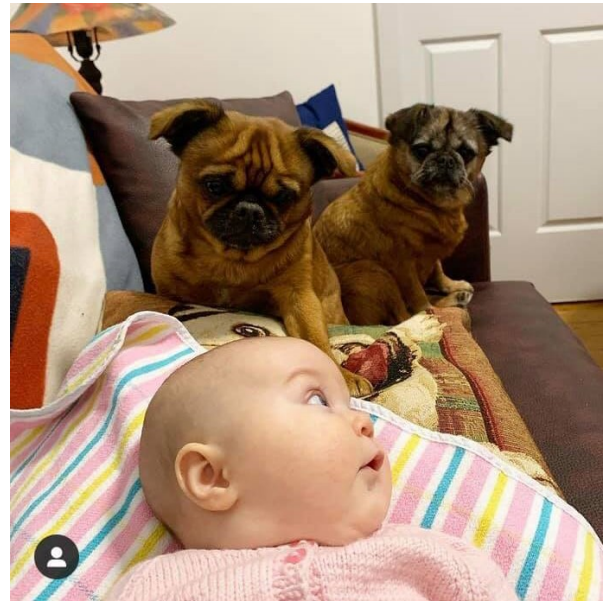


Alf aka tummy  
time supervisor

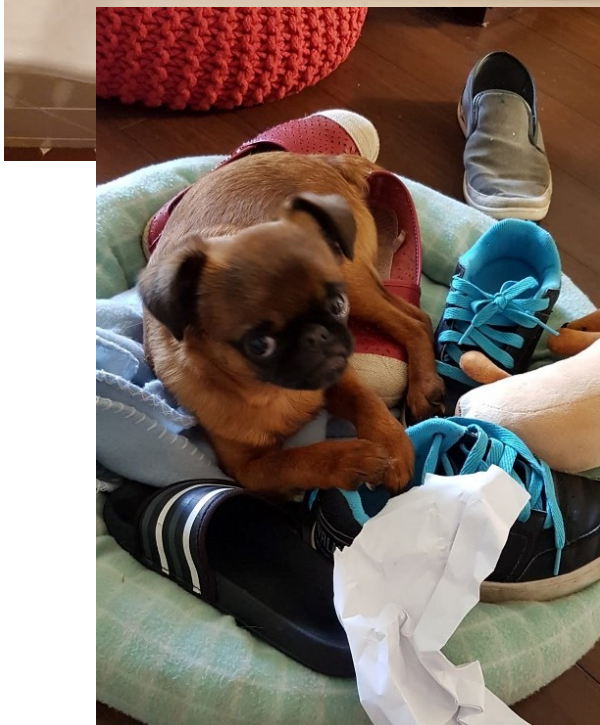
*Alfie is supervising  
Violette*

*Squirrel and Beedle are  
keeping a close eye on  
Jemima*

**More Griffon Help**



*Boots jumped into the bathtub to help clean it*



*Sprout tidies up, collecting all the shoes for safe keeping*



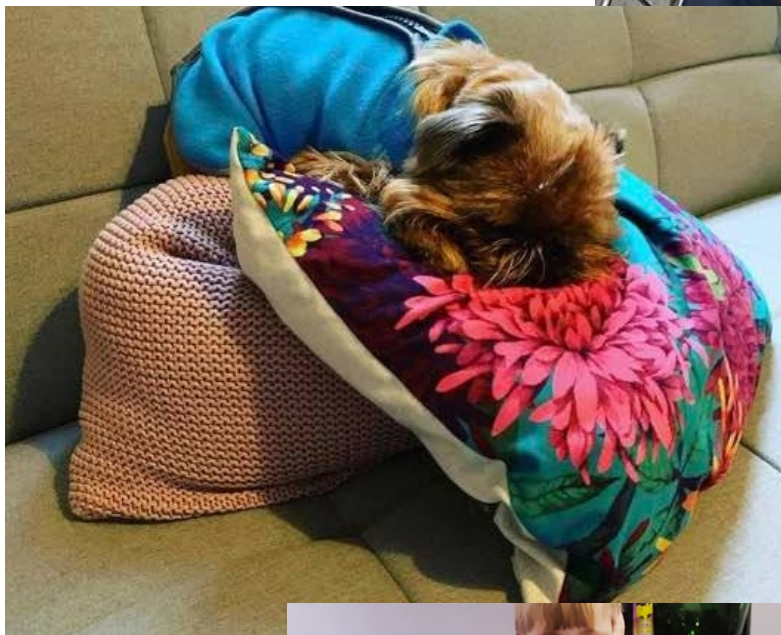
*Bazil, in  
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of  
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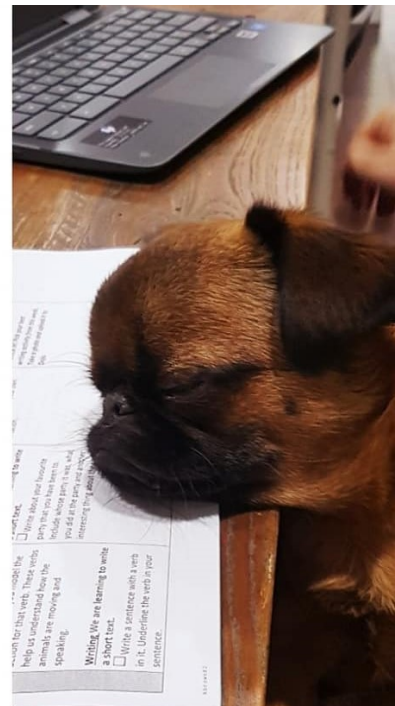


*Bu is a busy trademan*

*Obi and Moana are also becoming tradies and shopping in Bunnings*



*Wicket has taken up interior design and is arranging the cushions*



*Sprout is now the home school teacher*







## Historic Kennels in our breed

We would not have the Griffons we love today if it were not for the wonderful breeders who came before us.

Griffons have a fascinating history and some of the leading English kennels of the past have helped preserve and develop the breed as we know it today

### Back to the beginning -some of the very first influential Griffon Kennels

*from Carol Ritchie (GBBA, UK)*

*This article and Part 2 were first published in Summer 2018 and Winter 2018.*

*Thank you to the Griffon Club of NZ for this version*

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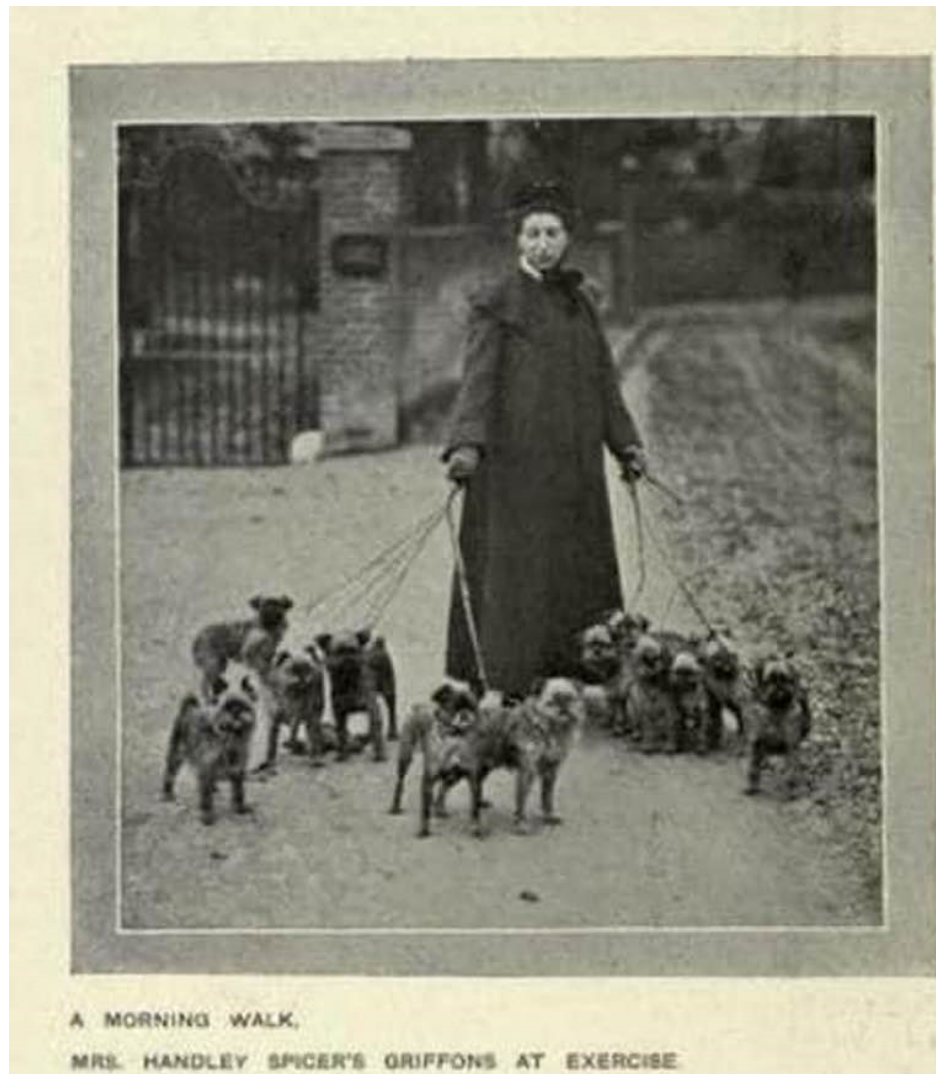
#### Part 1—The Copthorne Kennels

Certainly, the most important in the development of the breed in the UK was Muriel Handley Spicer's Copthorne's—a pioneer breeder of Griffon Bruxellois.

To quote Marjorie Cousens from her Foyles book on the breed; "it can safely be said that Mrs Spicer did more for the breed than anyone else in its history."

For the first two decades of the 1900's the Copthorne's were a force to be reckoned with, there were 17 champions bearing the affix during that time, though only nine were actually recorded as being bred by her, as with the other early breeders much of their stock were imports.

The first Copthorne champion was the dog Top O'The Tree, along with his father C Pasha (cropped and unshown) were both imported and credited with stamping their excellent head type and prominent chin to the breed.







*The Griffon Bruxellois -Ch. Copthorne Sieglinde and Top o'the Tree painted by Maud Earl in 1906*

The second champion was the bitch Seigland, who was imported in whelp to D'Jeck, a distinct Belgian type from which Line E stemmed, but soon died out here. Though Top O'The Tree was a big winner in the show ring, taking the CC & BOB at Crufts 1902, only the 2nd year CC's were awarded there, Ch Copthorne

Whippersnapper b.1907 was the first dog to become

a champion that was actually bred by Handley Spicer. He was by Wiseacre a grandson of a very well known Belgian sire Ch Loustic (sire of Ch's Lobster and Treasure who won 13 CC's—the bitch record until 1960).



**Ch Loustic**

**Ch Lobster**

Many of Loustic's progeny were imported as well as bitches in whelp to him. He was the sire of Sparklets, a leading stud of that time, but only shown in stud

dog classes as he was cropped and Ch Glenartney Sport, winner of 23 CC's—the first at five months and the last at eight years!

**Sparklets**

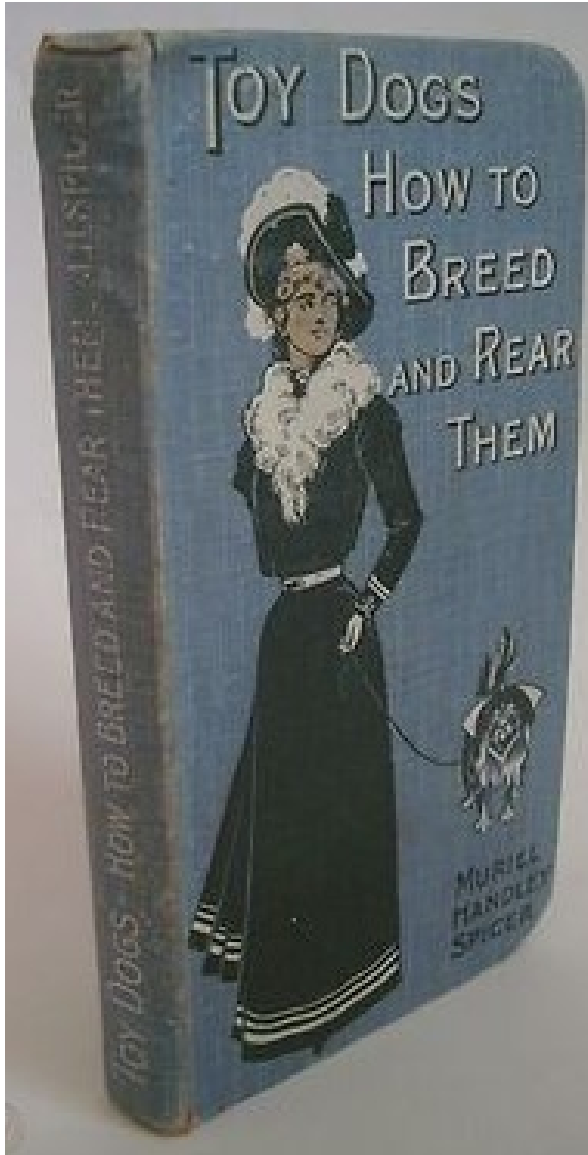
**Ch Glenartney Sport**





Copthorne Presto b.1908, a cropped import and therefore unshown, sired three champions, one Copthorne Firebrand b.1911 was the outstanding dog of his period, through him Line B grew rapidly in importance in the UK.

Line Br being the main one in existence today (reference the last Champion's Book to 2010—Carol Ritchie.)



Mrs Handley-Spicer, also a celebrated violoncellist in her younger days, wrote the book "Toy Dogs—How to Breed and Rear Them" being the life of a Griffon Bruxellois. Covering the breeding, whelping and rearing of her Griffons. It is a delightful record of the times, though wouldn't prove very useful in these modern times! But a book every Griffon owner would love to have.

A quote from the book *"I advise every dog lover of the habitable globe to include a Griffon among their canine friends—thus shall the sum of the world's happiness be increased."*

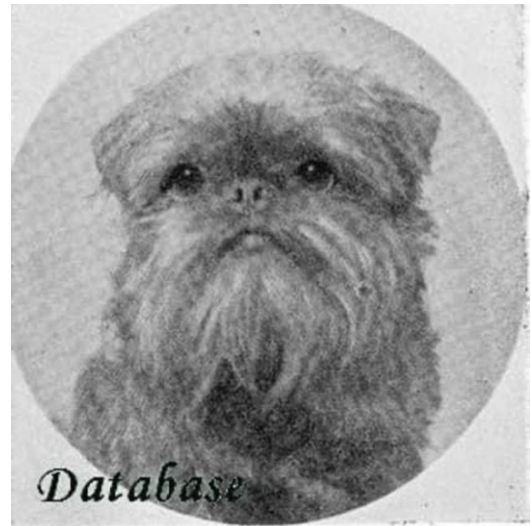
It was in the Handley-Spicer's home that a meeting was held in February 1897 to discuss the formation of a club for Griffon Bruxellois Fanciers, which was agreed and

has, of course, become the GBC our parent club. (This club is still in existence and is the oldest Griffon club in the world)

Mr Handley-Spicer became their first Treasurer. He was also considered an authority on dogs, particularly the Griffon and the Bloodhound.

There was a club mentioned in "Toy Dogs", the author wrote "There are now (Autumn 1902) two clubs formed in this country for the promotion of the breed. I consider 'The Brussels Griffon Club of London' to be the most useful and important, but perhaps that is only natural as I have the honour to be an active member thereof.'

Strangely, in the GBBA archives there is a letter (apparently a rough draft) dated May 1911, from a number of members of the BGC of London tendering their resignation from the club and citing a number of reasons, including the "unsatisfactory way in which judges are appointed, the manner in



CH. COPTHORNE FIREBRAND 1911



COPTHORNE LEPRECHAUN 1914





which protests from the exhibiting members have been ignored and the unrepresentative character of the committee". It was signed by 13 members one of which was Muriel Handley-Spicer! It also included the Misses Plunket's, prominent breeders at the time of the Castlehaven Griffons. This club was short lived, but apparently survived until around 1916 as there was mention of it in "The Tatler" of May that year when it was reported that they held a joint show with the 'Griffon Belge Club', which I believe was formed to promote the blacks, and black & tans, but died out when these colours started to be accepted and recognised.

An interesting catalogue was of a joint show with 'The French Bulldog Club' held in March 1911. Inside the list of Officers was impressive, the President was Georgina, The Countess of Guildford and of the nine Vice-Presidents, one was a Viscountess and five were titled 'Lady'!

Also impressive was the list of 33 special prizes which included a number of silver cups and spoons and also a silver-plated jardinière and tea service.

There was a 'selling class' and one of the dogs included was Lady Cooke's 'Valentine' for which she was asking 40 pounds, I imagine that was quite a sum in those days!

During the 1920s and now 'Lady Muriel', Mrs Handley Spicer continued to breed and four further champions were bred by her, but carried the affix of other owners, the last one being born in 1928—Ch Betty of Lavenderway. (Mr Handley Spicer was heir to a wealthy paper merchant and later became Sir Howard Handley-Spicer when he was knighted for his technical services during World War 1, he also assisted in the design of an improved gas mask)

She had already sold most of her Copthorne stock to another breeder, keeping a few bitches herself. See "Coptharrow" below.

The Handley-Spicer's marriage broke down in the early 1920's and sadly in 1926 Sir Howard was found dead in a London hotel. The inquest recorded a finding of suicide. Lady Muriel left England in 1931 to settle in Italy and remained there for the duration of the war.

Unfortunately, all the Copthorne records and papers were destroyed before she left. She died in

Essex in 1963 at the great age of 92!

#### COPTHARROW KENNELS

Mrs Morgan of Restharrow kennels purchased the Copthorne stock from Lady Muriel around 1919. In an old 'scrap book' in our archives I found an interesting article from an old 'Dog World' written by Phyllis Robson, who was later Editor of that paper.

She wrote "Thought the powers that be have in their wisdom seen fit to deny Mrs Morgan the privilege of transfer of the Copthorne prefix and affix on the purchase of Lady Handley-Spicer's unrivalled team of Griffons, the association of the quaint little Belgian dog with the charming Surrey village in which the strain was originated cannot die" (Lady Muriel's home was in Chobham—Editor).

In this photo I can identify three Copthorne stud dogs, Ch Firebrand, Ch Pick 'O The Pack and Troubadour along with some bitches mentioned in Mrs Morgan's adverts. Although the only Coptharrow Ch is Red Rogue, a grandson of Firebrand and he was bred by Mrs Guildford.

The last trace I can find of Mrs Morgan was

from an advert in 1922 and the Copthorne sires didn't appear in any Ch pedigrees after she took over. Imagine how long it would have taken to set this photo up—I'm sorry though I don't have the names of the Griffons in the photo, but they are all from the Copthorne kennel.





# Puppy Love

## New Puppy Owners



*There have been a few litters recently and a number of very happy new owners. Congratulations to these proud new Griffon owners. They are always worth the wait.*

Gabriella & Henry welcomed Billie into the family (from Nagpuni Griffons)

Jellybean welcomed new sister Twig (from Rosndae Griffons)



Kelly and family welcomed Reginald into the family (from Nevending Griffons)



Debbie and family welcomed Maggie into the family (from Nevaending Griffons)



# Puppy Love





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Simone and family welcomed Bean into the family

# Puppy Love

Ashleigh welcomed Sonny into the family (from Frenchgriff Griffons)



Demi & James Hundt welcomed Esme into their family.  
(from Nagpuni Griffons)  
With lockdown they obtained permission from the  
North Sydney police to come out & pick her up.





## Puppy Love

Maddy Rose welcomed  
Edna into her family  
(From Budinni  
Griffons)



Gemma welcomed Polly to the family

## Puppy Love

Rachel welcomed Nergal into the family (from  
Frenchgriff Griffons)

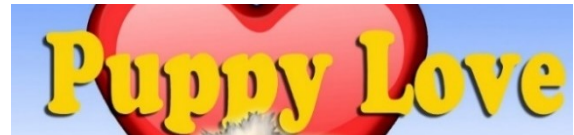
## Puppy Love







Bryce and family welcomed Miss Billie into their family (from Budinni Griffons)



Bree and her family welcomed Wicket into the family (from Budinni Griffons)



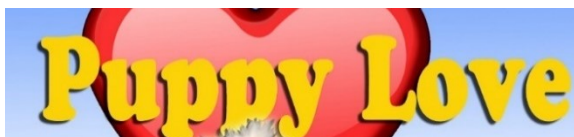
Scott and Angela welcomed Vivian Leigh into the family (from Budinni Griffons)

Congratulations on your new family members; these Griffons from ethical breeders, will give years of love and devotion to you.

In these times of scammers I will remind everyone that the club is always available to advise people about breeders.

Before you send any money, please email me at [mbrienparker@yahoo.com](mailto:mbrienparker@yahoo.com) or the Secretary, Jannelle Tremenheere at [nevaending@hotmail.com](mailto:nevaending@hotmail.com).

We offer independent and impartial advice and have contacts in all states where we can confirm information







## Griffons Cuddling in the Cold Weather

*Minerva and her mother, Tilly*



*Billy, George and Porthos, worn out after a lockdown walk*



*Elroy and Boots- spooning*



*Mavis, Morty and Dad- all snoozing together*



*Chewie, snuggling with the phone- just in case there is a call*





## 2021 Point Score

The point score competition was back, briefly, for 2021. After just a few months of shows, the covid lockdowns have once more put everything on pause. The shows listed below were the designated point score shows.

At the time of writing the North of the Harbour show and the Newcastle Terrier and Toy Shows have been cancelled

<b>7/03/2021</b> <b>Lake District</b> <b>Canine Club</b>	<b>3/04/2021</b> <b>Flat Face Toy</b> <b>Dog &amp; Tibetan</b> <b>Spaniel</b> <b>Association of</b> <b>NSW</b>	<b>1/05/2021</b> <b>Albion Park</b> <b>Kennel Club</b> <b>Inc</b>	<b>19/06/2021</b> <b>Norwest</b> <b>Canine</b> <b>Association</b>	<b>18/07/2021</b> <b>North of the</b> <b>Harbour All</b> <b>Breeds Kennel</b> <b>Club Inc</b>
<b>Hillsborough</b>	<b>Orchard Hills</b>	<b>Albion Park</b>	<b>Castle Hill</b>	<b>Orchard Hills</b>
<b>21/08/2021</b> <b>Newcastle</b> <b>Terrier &amp;</b> <b>Toy Club</b>	<b>19/09/2021</b> <b>Nowra &amp;</b> <b>District</b> <b>Kennel Club</b> <b>Inc</b>	<b>9/10/2021</b> <b>Flat Face Toy</b> <b>Dog &amp; Tibetan</b> <b>Spaniel</b> <b>Association of</b> <b>NSW</b>	<b>17/10/2021</b> <b>Southern</b> <b>Highlands</b> <b>Kennel &amp;</b> <b>Obedience</b> <b>Club Inc</b>	<b>26/11/2021</b> <b>Brisbane</b> <b>Water Legacy</b> <b>Dog Club</b>
<b>Hillsborough</b> <b>Hunter</b>	<b>Berry</b> <b>Southern</b>	<b>Orchard Hills</b> <b>Sydney</b>	<b>Berrima</b> <b>Southern</b>	<b>Hillsborough</b> <b>Hunter</b>

<b>Breakdown – 10 shows</b>
4 shows in Sydney region
3 shows in Hunter region
3 shows in Southern region

However, we were fortunate enough to squeeze in the 4<sup>th</sup> Point score show- Nor West Canine Association Show on June 19<sup>th</sup>, two days before Sydney went into lockdown.

We had a good entry of 16 Griffons, which was good considering the difficulty of getting to shows at the time.

Best of Breed, Bitch CC and Intermediate in Group - **Ch Tzani Giggle Mc Dimples**- Kerry and Emily Bell



Runner Up Best of Breed and Dog CC- **Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey** - Jillian Mathieson and Michelle Parker Brien



Reserve Dog CC - **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**. Kerry and Emily Bell

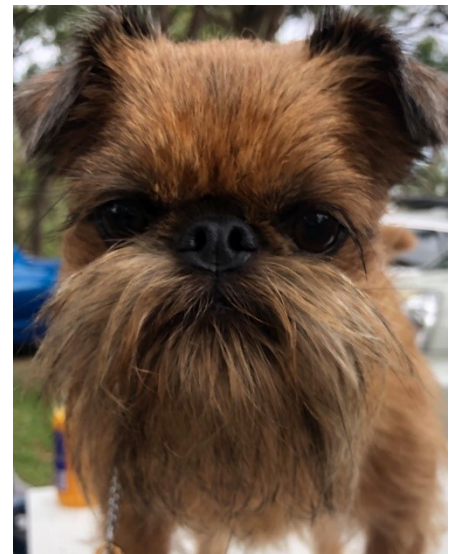


Reserve Bitch CC - **Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke** - Michelle Parker Brien



Best of Breed Neuter - **Gr Ch Tzani Rhoda Dendron** - Kerry and Emily Bell

Runner up Neuter of Breed -  
Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna  
- Maroussa Polias



Congratulations to the winners.

After 4 shows the top 10 places in the point score are:

- |                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac         | 35pts |
| 2. Neut. Ch. Kango Lady Ma Donna    | 32pts |
| 3. Ch Tzani Giggie McDimples        | 31pts |
| 4. Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke | 20pts |
| 5. Ch Balliol Nicholas De Nimsey    | 13pts |
| 6. Balliol Norberta Niffler         | 10pts |
| 6. Lochtay Carbon Copy              | 10pts |
| 6. Gr Ch Tzani Rhoda Dendron        | 10pts |
| 9. Ch Raweke Toby Lannister         | 8pts  |
| 9. Balliol Poppy Pomphrey           | 8pts  |

At the present time the next point score will be Nowra and District on September 19<sup>th</sup> but this will be dependent on the lock down situation. Updates will be posted on the Griffons NSW group

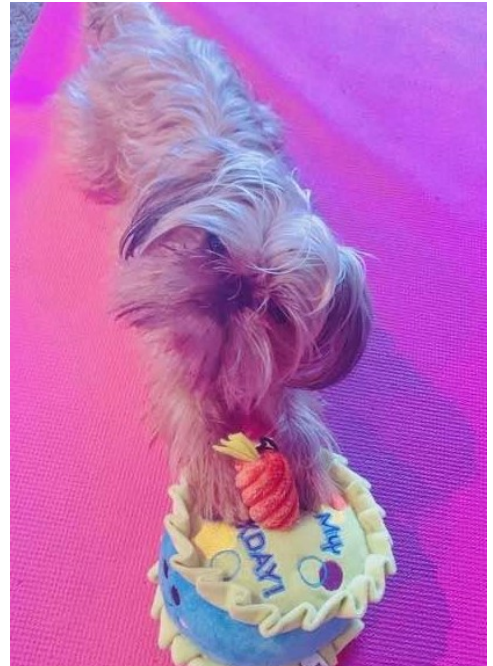




Happy Birthday to You!!!

Happy Birthday to all Griffons

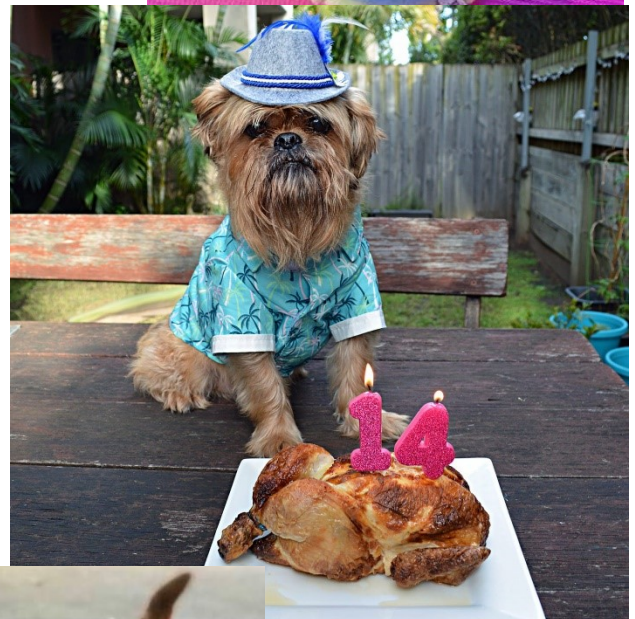
Astro turned one



Flitchee celebrated in style



Chewie is the  
grand age of 14



Hermione is 8  
years



Squirrel is 9 years  
and Beedle is 6 years





Percy turned 7 years

Pomona  
turned 6  
years



Gigi turned 10 years



Tilly and Clarice turned 3 years







**Congratulations!**

## Show News

We were able to enjoy a flurry of shows in the period of time from March to mid June before the lockdown hit again. Congratulations to the Griffon winners for flying the Griffon flag



### **Supreme Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**

Owned and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell

In May, Brax won two Best in Group awards and three Runner Up in Group awards

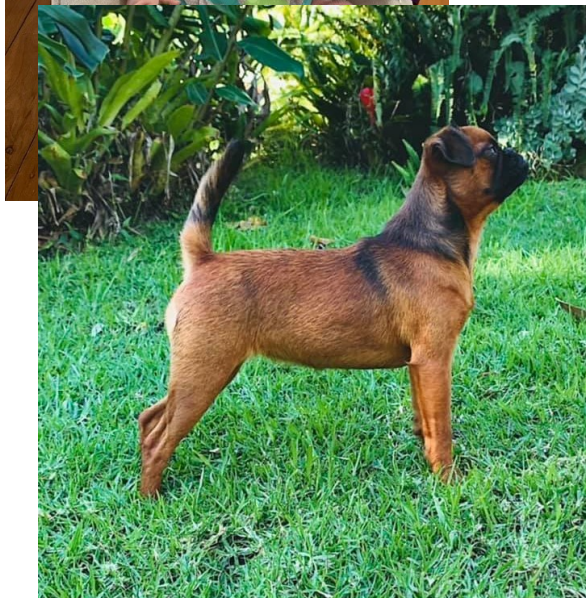
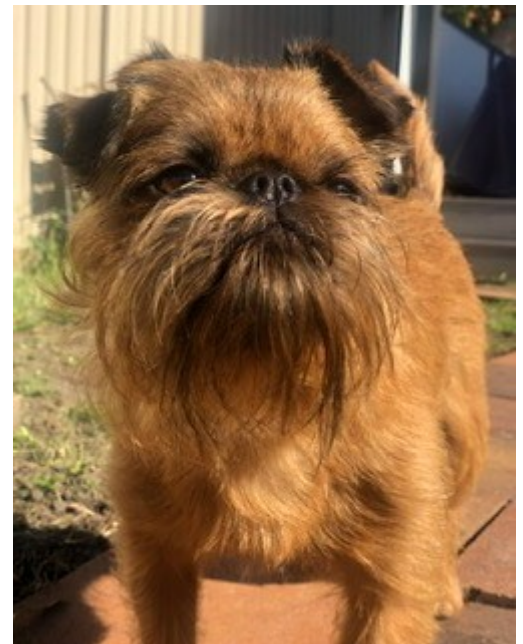


### **Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma**

**Donna**

Owned and handled by Maroussa Polias

Best Neuter in Group in Newcastle in June



### **Balliol Poppy**

**Pomphey**

Owned and handled by Michelle Parke Brien

Best Minor in Group at Newcastle, cheered on by Jemima

Ashleigh took her two girls out for the first time in months and they did her proud

**Nevafollo**

**Mischief**

**Managed, won**

BCC and Runner Up Best of Breed from a nice big line up of Griffons, **Nevaending Dark Fortune**, was RBCC



**Congratulations!**



## Health

### Why do Strong Straight Bones matter?

The breed standard is the description of the ideal Griffon and it describes the attributes needed for health and soundness.

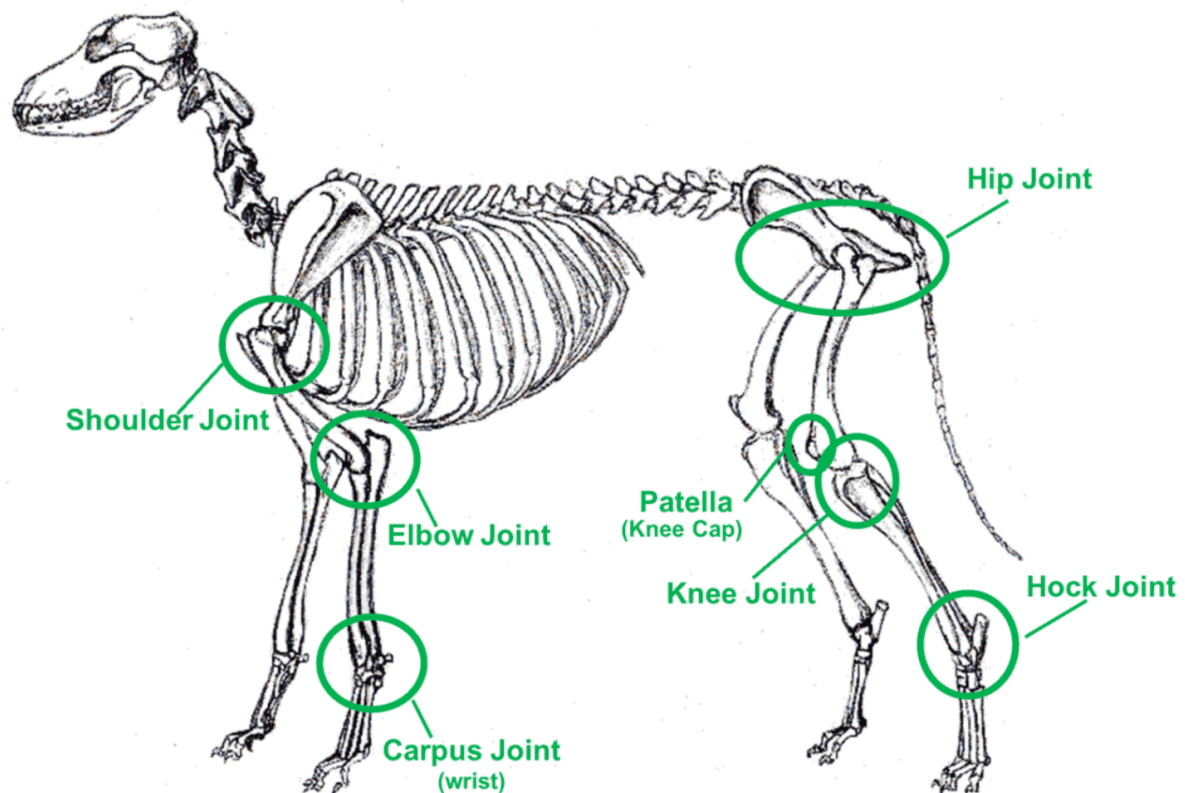
The Griffon should be a sturdy dog with strong straight bones to minimise injury and breaks and to allow the dog to move freely. The feet should be round, like a cat, tight and well padded to protect the joints

The standard description of the front legs is:

Forequarters: Chest rather wide and deep, **legs straight of medium length and bone.**

Feet: Small, **thick, cat-like** with black toenails.

The legs are essential for the support of the dog and are comprised of a number of bones.



#### The Front Leg

From the shoulder to the carpus joint are the main supporting bones for the body and they are essential for movement. When viewed sideways there will be a slight bend at the pastern for cushioning

From the carpus joint to the foot is the pastern. This is important as a cushion when the dog leaps or jumps. It needs to be strong to support the dog when it lands without jarring the body.

#### The Back Leg

The back leg is used for propulsion and provides the power to move the dog forward.

The patella is essential for the bend of the joint between the upper and lower thigh.

If the legs have weakness in the pasterns or hocks or patellas then the dog is likely to be injured, not just in those joints but in the attached joints like the hip or shoulder





## How do we ensure Strong Bones

Strong bones are caused by three main factors

1. Breeding
2. Environment (diet and exercise)
3. Hormones

### 1. Breeding

Good breeders breed for correct bones. They breed from dogs with good bones and produce pups that have good strong bones. In well bred pups, the bones will be strong and sturdy as youngsters

### Examples of Correct strong straight bones



Here we a litter of three pups displaying the correct straight bone.

Even at this age of 8 weeks, you can easily see that the bones are thick and strong and go from the shoulder to the foot in a straight line. You can also clearly see that the feet are round (like a cat) and thick and strong. This thickness means that they are well padded and the dog with have fewer injuries as an adult.



Here are two adult dogs. Even when standing at a slight angle or on a different surface, you can still see that they have straight strong bone and round feet, as seen by the arrows.





## 2. Environment

The first 12 months of a puppy's life are crucial for growth and development of strong bones.

**Diet** must be balanced. For bone growth the calcium/phosphorus balance must be right, especially when the pup goes through growth spurts, which occur at approximately 3-4 months and 6-9 months.

The second 6 months of growth can be as important as the initial puppy stage and the diligent owner should watch the feet carefully. If the diet is not balanced the first thing to notice is the front feet. If they start to turn outwards then the diet needs adjustment. Often extra calcium can help and the legs will straighten within a few weeks, but too much calcium can be just as harmful as too little.



Regardless of the type of diet you choose- raw, dry or a mixture of both, it must be balanced and if you feed raw, please contact a nutritionist to ensure that your balance is correct. Don't feed an adult diet to a growing pup because the nutritional needs are different.

If you choose to feed dry, make sure that you use a good quality kibble that is specially designed to a small breed puppy.

*The pup here shows a typical example of weak pasterns with the feet turning out. If this is not corrected then the dog could have long term problems as an adult.*

**Exercise** in the first 12 months should be monitored. The pup needs to get enough exercise to develop strong muscles but should not be subjected to excessive jumping, jolting or rough play until fully mature. In the previous issue we discussed the loose ligaments of growing pups and why exercise needs to be monitored.

## 3. Hormones

There is increasing evidence that indicates that hormones are essential for growth of joints and bones and early neutering can affect the growth of the dog by causing long, weak spindly bones.

Dogs that have been neutered early are more likely to have weak pasterns as seen in the dogs in this photo and are also more likely to have problems with slipping patellas because of the disrupted natural growth.

*This image shows thin spindly bone. The feet are very flat and splayed. The pasterns are weak and would not provide the essential cushioning required for running and jumping.*







The damage to the dog, caused by inadequate bone strength is not obviously noticeable early in the dog's life. Often the damage takes place over time and the problems don't occur until middle age or later. Then the dog is likely to develop painful shoulders, a sore back or painful hips. This may lead to arthritis or further pain in old age when the dog least needs it.

A dog well-bred and well reared with strong bones will maintain that strength into old age and is better protected from the issues that affect elderly dogs.



*Here we have a Griffon with correct strong bones. The first photo is when she was 4 years of age. The second is when she was almost 15 years of age. Even as that age and despite the grey hairs, her legs and bones are still strong and straight and despite her age she did not develop arthritis or joint pains*



### ***Things to look for in good strong bones***



**From the side in a puppy**

**Elbow under body**

**Legs straight down**

**Very slight angle at pastern for cushioning**

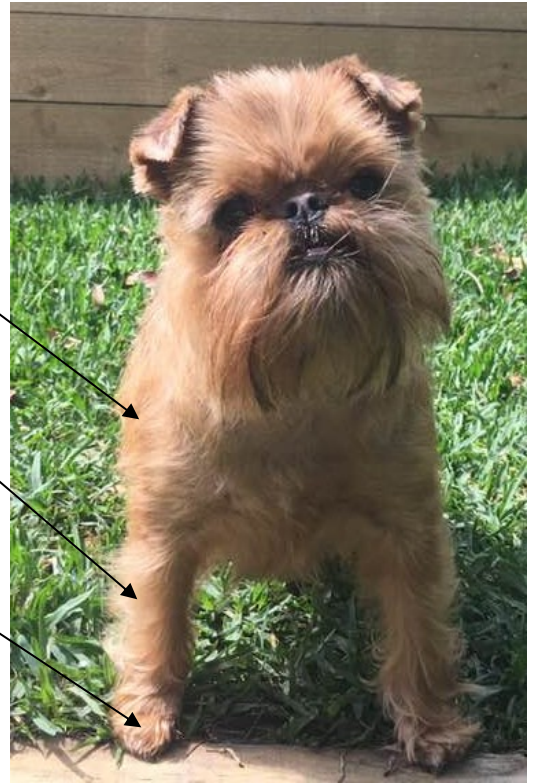
**Strong thick thigh**

**Hocks straight and strong**





**Adult from the front**



**Muscled shoulders**

**Straight legs with strong bone**

**Tight round (cat like) feet**

**Adults from the side**

**Observe:**

*Shoulder muscle*

*Straight legs under chest*

*Slight angle at pastern*

*Short strong straight hocks*

*round tight feet*







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## NEW Champions

Covid and lock downs have made it very difficult to show and title dogs but a couple have managed to squeeze into the window of shows between lock downs and gain sufficient points for the title



We are pleased to congratulate the new champions

### **Ch Nevafollo Felix Felicis**

*Sire Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris*

*Dam: Ch Balliol Jinny Jupiter*

Bred by Ashleigh Barber

Owned by Shane Thomas and Ross Thomas.

Felix gained his title in fine style with a Runner Up in Group, making him Ashleigh's first Nevafollo Griffon champion

### **Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey** *Sire: Ch*

*Raweke Tywin Lannister*

*Dam: Ch Balliol Kendra Kadabra*

Bred by Michelle Parker Brien

Owned by Jillian Mathieson

Morty became eligible for challenge points just before the first lockdowns hit in March 2020.

He was not shown until April 2021 and in shows in May he managed to get enough points to title. He gained his final points on the 19<sup>th</sup> June, two days before the current lockdown started. Good timing!



### **Ch Alynga Knitting Nancy**

*Sire: Ch Donzeata Royal Star*

*Dam: Alynga Ivy*

Bred by Mark Huisman

Owned by Diana Norman and Mark Huisman

Queensland has not seen the extreme long lockdowns of the rest of the country and have been lucky enough to get in normal shows, especially in the north of the state. Nancy has had a wonderful run towards her title with multiple class in Group awards and a Best in Show award at The Central Queensland Toy Dog Club Show. All under 12 months of age. A great achievement



## Overseas Show Results

### USA

#### Westminster

The most prestigious show in the USA is Westminster which normally takes place in Maddison Square Garden in February.

However, due to covid and the associated health risks linked to crowds in indoor spaces, the show was moved to later in the year and for the first time took place outdoors at Lyndhurst, a riverside estate in Tarrytown, N.Y., north of the city.

#### *Lyndhurst*



Due to the health risks, no audience was permitted and handlers and exhibitors were subject to extensive health checks.

The Griffons had a good entry of 16, comprised of 10 dogs and 6 bitches, as seen below

#### **The Westminster Brussels Griffon entry**

GCHG CH Bobcat A Nickel For A Kiss  
GCHB CH Bobcat See A Penny Pick It Up  
GCHG CH New Years Somerset Single Barrel Batch  
GCH CH Sleepyhollow Meet Ibi  
CH Sleepyhollow Sun-Kist Summer  
GCH CH Aberglenn Pop The Cork  
CH Harpersband Orinoco Flow  
GCHS CH Marsdon Unstoppable Force  
GCH CH Marsdon Oh Happy Day  
GCHS CH Hilltop's Mr. Lucky  
GCH CH Belleterre Walkin After Midnight  
GCH CH Norkus' Looking For Trouble  
CH Tazlandz Flying High At Joval  
GCHB CH Symphony-N-Alvin Farms Neon Bolt  
CH Almary Pride Gredi  
GCH CH Seagryphs Oh Shucks

#### **The Winners**

##### **Best of Breed**

GCHG CH New Years Somerset Single Barrel Batch

##### **Best of Opposite Sex**

GCH CH Belleterre Walkin After Midnight

##### **Select Dog**

GCHG CH Bobcat A Nickel For A Kiss

##### **Select Bitch**

CH Harpersband Orinoco Flow

##### **Award of Merit**

GCH CH Seagryphs Oh Shucks

##### **Award of Merit**

GCH CH Sleepyhollow Meet Ibi





## GCHG CH NEW YEARS SOMERSET SINGLE BARREL BATCH

**Best Of Breed Griffon Bruxellois,  
who was also shortlisted in the  
Toy Group.**

**Breeder**

**Keith Jacobson & Rhonda  
Vandermeer**

**Owner**

**Ruth Pereira & Rhonda Peralta &  
Raul Peralta**

**Sire**

**CH Somerset New Years What  
The Heck Happened**

**Dam**

**New Years Somerset Trix Are For  
Kids**

**Congratulations!**

Of special interest is the Select Bitch winner- **Ch Harpersband Orinoco Flow**. Bred in Russia by club member, Olga Baranova, from an English sire and a Latvian dam, she was imported into the USA and is owned and exhibited by Rhonda Peralta & Raul J Peralta. In a show scene that still has mainly cropped and docked dogs, she was the first to win at Westminster with natural ears and tail, handled by Vasilina Rostomova, a Russian handler. Truly and international effort!!!!



**Select Bitch Ch Harpersband Orinoco  
Flow.**

**Breeder- Olga Baranova**

**Owner- Rhonda Peralta & Raul J Peralta**

**Sire: Donzeata Royal Award**

**Dam: Shevilan Fire And Ice**

The triumphant team with Ch Harpersband Orinoco Flow, including Raul and Rhonda Peralta, who also co owned the Best of Breed winner

**Congratulations!**





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Large, wide open nostrils are far less likely to suffer from any breathing issues



A even bite, without teeth or tongue showing means, a Griffon is less likely to suffer from dental or eating issues



Strong solid bone makes breaks and joint injuries less common



Healthy Griffons should have a thick, lush coat. A sparse, dull coat is often a sign of skin issues and illness.



Griffons should be sturdy, solid dogs. Thin and weedy Griffons are more likely to suffer injuries.



[www.griffonnsw.com](http://www.griffonnsw.com)

## Support Responsible Breeders





## What does a Griffon do in a winter lockdown?

*Osha is snuggling against the cold in pyjama and toys*



*Bazil is just hanging around*

*Bean is social distancing while doing his 1 hour exercises*



*Ashleigh's dogs all enjoying the winter sun*



*Gizmo is guarding the front door*







## The Griffon Buyer Register

The Griffon Buyer Register 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

<http://www.griffonnsw.com/breeders-directory.asp>

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 Secretary: Sharyn Wood at [sharynwood1@bigpond.com](mailto: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. Eg. 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.






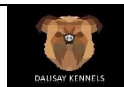


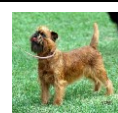

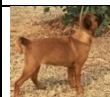


Please inform the club if you have registered to get a Griffon but no longer want one. Recently the Registrar has contacted several people only to be told that they have gotten another breed and no longer want a Griffon. It helps us keep our paperwork up to date if we know that you do not require a Griffon any longer



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## The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc Breeders Code of Ethics and Conduct

The guidelines are as follows:

- Pre mating testing of prospective parents. Tests to be carried out if validated as a proven scientific screening method and if the evidence indicates that such testing is required in the breed due to scientific validated evidence that indicates a breed concern.  
DNA tests to be carried out if available and relevant. (Note: The only DNA tests available for for Griffons at the present time are for colour inheritance and parentage. There are **NO** DNA health tests available for Griffons)
- Subject to veterinary advice, no mating where tests indicate inadvisable
- Microchip puppies prior to sale
- Puppy microchip numbers to be included in the Application to Register litter.
- Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon if required
- Copies of parent's test results and puppy vet check results to be made available to prospective purchasers if requested
- Prospective purchasers can, prior to purchase, view puppies with mother where litter was born and raised. (This will not occur until the pups are vaccinated and protected)
- Provide detailed information on puppy care and welfare to purchasers (All relevant documentation connected with the puppy including inter alia, advice on feeding and care, registration documents, (if already issued) details of vaccinations etc are handed over to the purchaser at the time of sale. When an appropriate contract is available it should be signed by both parties. If registration documents are not available at the time of sale the breeder must comply with Dogs NSW Regulations Part 1 – Register and Registration Clauses 13.9 – 13.11)
- To observe proper standards of management in regard to the housing, health, exercising and socialising of all dogs on the premises managed by the registered breeder. (It is strongly recommended that Accredited Breeders follow the guidelines contained in the NSW Animal Welfare Code of Practice "Breeding Dogs and Cats").
- To ensure that all pups are raised in a home environment and are treated as a member of the family. They are not kennelled outside or kept exclusively as kennelled dogs. The mother is also not a kennelled dog but is a member of the household and is treated as such.
- To keep all pups until **10-12** weeks of age and to ensure that they are socialised prior to leaving.
- To ensure that the breeder is completely honest with the puppy buyer regarding any health issues that may occur
- To ensure that the breeder provides the new owner with detailed information on maintaining the Griffons health and welfare- including information on:
  - the dangers of overexercising in the first 12 months,
  - the dangers of allowing a pup to jump on and off furniture or run up and down stairs,
  - the dangers of early desexing
  - the need for a correct and nutritionally balanced diet to ensure that the pup grows into a strong and healthy adult

### Explanation of Terms for Breeders Scheme

*Pre mating testing of prospective parents.*

*Note: Disease testing means:*

*Testing for health conditions which are notified by the breed club, ANKC or Dogs NSW as relevant to the breed, and for which scientifically validated, reliable, readily available and cost effective screening procedures are available.*



*DNA tests for hereditary diseases that are available in the relevant breed.*

At the present time the most recent comprehensive health survey on the Griffon Bruxellois internationally was carried out by The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW in 2016.

This survey of over 9,000 Griffons identified the most common health issues as;  
Slipping Patellas, Cleft Palates and undescended testes.

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

The CGBC of NSW recommends veterinary checks of all breeding dogs prior to breeding. However, we do not recommend the unnecessary use of anaesthetic to test for conditions that are rare or non-existent in the breed or if the dog does not show any symptoms.

The CGBC of NSW believes that all health testing should be done with the welfare and quality of life experienced by the dog as the prime consideration and the terms of the Accreditation: *scientifically validated, reliable, readily available and cost-effective screening procedures are available* should at all times be kept in mind

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

**Cleft Palate** – The majority of pups born with this condition are euthanised at birth. Some pups are able to be hand reared by breeders. Breeding not supported

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

**Patella Luxation**- This condition has various grades of severity. A vet can diagnose the condition in a normal physical examination. Further testing/grading available if a condition is identified. Breeding not supported. Pups have loose ligaments that slowly tighten in the first 12 months of life.

Permanent grading cannot be done until the dog is over 12 months.

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

**Inguinal/Scrotal Hernia**- this can be diagnosed by a normal veterinary examination. It can be a life-threatening condition and can be hereditary. Breeding not supported

*(Please note this is not to be confused with an umbilical hernia which is usually not a problem)*

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

MRI's are still a diagnostic process, not a screening process and a permanent grade for a Griffon cannot be issued until the dog is 3.5 years or over.

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

However, we do recommend that breeders are fully familiar with the genetic lines behind their dogs and take all precautions, including diagnosis, to ensure that they do not breed dogs with this condition.

**Other Conditions:**

**Hips:** There is limited evidence that a condition such as H.D is a major issue in the breed in this country.

The club recommends hip X rays with formal, recognized grading if the breeder, after veterinary consultation, feels it is necessary.

The club does not recognize any diagnosis carried out by a vet which is not formally graded under the approved CHEDS grading scheme.

<http://www.ava.com.au/cheds>





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

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

Equally we do not support breeding from Griffons who have required surgery for elongated soft palates or narrowed tracheas if these issues are diagnosed as hereditary.

*Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon*

*Copies of parents test results and puppy vet check results to be made available to prospective purchasers*

Puppies are vaccinated and checked by a vet at 6-8 weeks of age.

Accredited breeders keep the pups until 10 -12 weeks when they are again vaccinated and vet checked. These check-ups can be considered as a pre- sale vet check. It is not necessary to have an additional vet check prior to sale.

The normal veterinary certificate is sufficient if the pup is healthy and free of health problems.

However, if the pup is diagnosed with a health problem the CGBC of NSW expects that breeders will fully inform the prospective purchaser prior to sale.

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

### **Buyers Rights and Responsibilities**

- The majority of breeders do not ask for a deposit. However if a breeder requires one-NEVER pay a deposit until after the puppies have been born or there is a puppy available or you have visited the litter. Deposits are refundable under Australian Consumer Law unless you change your mind. The dam may not conceive or there might not be enough puppies born. Alternatively, your circumstances might unexpectedly change because of ill health, a work transfer or other unexpected event.
- If you buy a puppy with purchase conditions about future breeding or showing called “breeder’s terms”, make sure these are spelled out in a written contract, which both breeder and buyer sign and retain respective copies of. Be clear about the conditions and contact The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW if you are concerned or do not quite understand the terminology. This will avoid disagreements later. The breeder should explain every aspect of the agreement.
- You should view the Certificate of Registration and Pedigree for both the dam and sire before paying for the pup. The registration should be ANKC and the pups will be Limited or Main register. See further information -Choosing a Breeder.

### **If there is a problem - a consumer’s right to a remedy**

- If you have purchased a pet and something goes wrong, you may have rights against the seller if they failed to meet one or more of the consumer guarantees. Many breeders will sell with a written contract that detail this. Please read carefully and contact The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW if you are unsure
- Generally, you are not entitled to a remedy if you change your mind about a purchase or if the problem is due to something beyond the seller’s control. However, if the seller provided an ‘express’ warranty or an additional promise about the quality, condition, performance or characteristics of the item purchased, they must uphold that guarantee.



- Your entitled remedy will depend on the issue and whether the problem can be classified as major or minor. Effectively, a major problem is when you wouldn't have bought the pet if you had known the nature and extent of the problem prior to purchase; for example, an animal has a terminal or serious health issue.

In this case, the consumer has the right to choose which remedy the seller will provide. This will either be to:

- have the problem with your pet corrected for example, with veterinary treatment and/or medication;
- return your pet to the seller and have it replaced with another one; or
- return your pet to the seller and have your money refunded.
- When the problem is minor, the seller can choose which remedy they will provide.
- It is recommended that you attempt to negotiate an outcome that both you and the seller can agree to.

If there continues to be a disagreement, Consumer Protection can provide advice and help you resolve the dispute.

(Note: it is the buyer/consumer who has the right to choose which remedy – such as a refund - if there is a problem with the health of a puppy).

**It has come to our attention  
that some breeders may be  
falsely asserting their  
involvement with our club.  
Please contact us directly to  
check any breeders  
involvement with us.**