



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



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Cover Kelly Pilgrim Byrne's dogs in the orchard (in the drizzling rain) left to right: Seamus, Monty, Erik, Kenzie and Sid

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Non Committee Positions

Assistant Secretary Responsible for:
Membership & Griffon Buyer Registrar Sharyn Wood
Rescue Officers- Adam and Jannelle Tremenheere

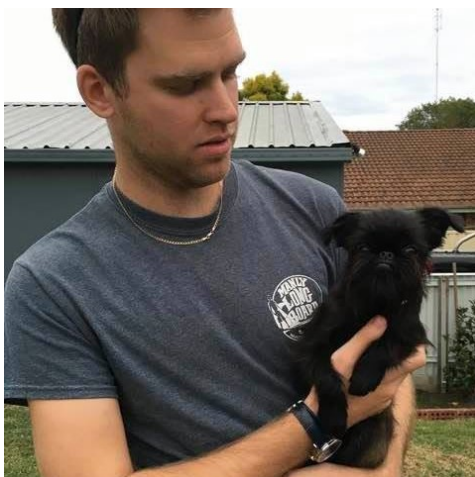
Honorary Life Member
Denis Montford

Life Member – In Memorium
Kerri Taylor

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 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 Cuddles with Dad



*Throwback-
Osha cuddles
with Tom*



Steve gets cuddles with Sacha and Isabella



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If you have got it, Flaunt it!!



Eddie



Frankie



Presidents Report

As this issue gets ready for publication, NSW is finally moving towards reduced restrictions and with luck, life will start to return to normal. Hopefully Covid numbers will not spike. We are still waiting for confirmation from Dogs NSW about when shows will begin again but at this stage it looks like December 1st is when everything will be open, depending on vaccination levels. Until then, all going well. We are permitted some

freedom of movement and permitted to have small gatherings

The club has been unable to run the usual Griffon Gatherings and meet ups because of the lockdown and due to the uncertainty of the situation, once again, we are unable to hold our club Christmas party.

We are preparing for the club AGM to be held on 27th November. If shows are functioning the meeting will be held at the point score show on that date. If the show is cancelled, the meeting will be held via zoom. Members will be notified when the situation is known.

The club executive and committee have worked hard during the year, despite the difficulties of lockdown. There have been regular meetings of the committee via the Committee FB group and all club management and decisions have been made as per the club constitution. Our club membership has reached 200 and our Membership secretary, Sharyn Wood has had a busy time managing the membership roll and the Griffon Buyer Register.

Editors Message

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

We have a big emphasis on Socialisation in this issue as it will be one of the central concerns when people start to return to the office and get out and about a bit more. Covid pups will need extra care to transition them safely to the big outside world.

We also have the AGM to look forward to and the agenda and nomination forms are all in this issue.

Due to requests, a role description of the roles is also included so that interested people understand what it involved in the roles. The club has

a friendly and hardworking committee and executive and everyone works together for the good of the breed.

As well we have our photos and information, sharing the achievements and activities of Griffons everywhere



Take the rough with the smooth, Minnie and Monty.

And the red and the black- Phin and friend





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

Support Responsible Breeders



Griffon Corner

Babies have been the flavour of the day for Griffon club members

Congratulations to **Tammie and Don Teo** on the birth of their daughter, Skye Ocean Teo, Sister to Trey and four legged siblings, Gigi and Coco



Congratulations

Congratulations also to our club patron, Jocelyn Croad, who became a great grandmother, when her grand daughter had a baby girl



Congratulations also go to **Kelly Pilgrim Byrne** and Sid on gaining a qualification in a scent work trial against dogs of all different breeds. Sid is **Conamoore Sidney Swain** and the trial was the first ANKC Scent Work Trial held in WA - Novice Containers. Sid was 4th fastest out of 24 dogs, finding the hide in 12.25 seconds. A fabulous achievement.

And a rebuttal to those brachycephalic critics who claim that flat faced dogs cannot function.





Notice of AGM

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

Agenda

Date 27th November 2021

Time - Not before 12 noon

Location – Hillsborough CNCC Grounds (if the Brisbane Waters Legacy Show takes place. If not, it will be a ZOOM meeting and information will be provided)

1. Members Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting November 2020
1. Presidents Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurers Report -Statement of Income and Expenditure
4. Show Secretary Report
5. Rescue Co Ordinator Report

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

(All Members step down and Independent Chair take charge. President to take the chair following election as President)

Appointment of Auditor

Any other Business

Review of the Code of Conduct and Breeders Code of Ethics

Close



Notice of General Meeting

AGENDA

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

November 27th 2021

Time: Following AGM

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Treasurers Report:

Secretary- Minutes of Previous meeting

Business Arising

Outgoing Correspondence:

Incoming Correspondence:

New members: to be voted on

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Show Committee Report
- Future events
- Griffon Buyer Register and Membership Report
- General Business

Any Other Business



**The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
Annual General Meeting 27th November 2021 - Hillsborough**

Nomination Form

Position	Person Nominated	Nominated by	Seconded by	Has read role duties Accept Nomination
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Committee				
Assistant Secretary/Registrar				
Events Co Ordinator				
Committee Member -Dog Lovers Show				
Committee Member				
Committee Member				
Show Committee				
Show Manager				
Show Secretary				
Trophy Manager				
Non Committee Positions				
Events Committee Member Sydney				
Catering Officer				
Rescue Co-Ordinator				
Patrons(2)				

Please Note:

- If written nominations are received they will be the nominations that will be voted upon. Nominations will not be called from the floor if written nominations have been received. **Nominations must be received by the Secretary by 21st November at nevaending@hotmail.com**
- If no written nominations have been received then nominations will be called from the floor
- If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to be nominated you may nominate and email the form to the Secretary at nevaending@hotmail.com
 - If you nominate another person who is not attending the meeting then ensure that they have signed the 'Accept Nomination' column
 - You must be a financial member in order to vote
 - Nominees for the 4 Executive positions must be financial members of Dogs NSW



Position Roles

PRESIDENT

The primary duty of the President of an organisation is to ensure the successful functioning of the organisation and the attainment of its objectives.

The following is a summary of the more important powers and duties of the President:

1. To uphold the Rules of the organisation. This involves knowing the Rules thoroughly.
2. To act as Chairperson at all meetings of the organisation and its Committee
3. To strive to continually improve the organisation's policy, activities and administration. This requires full co-operation with all members of the Committee
4. To ensure the correct functioning of all Sub-Committees.
5. To represent the organisation to the outside world
6. To act, subject to any expressed or implied instructions, on behalf of the organisation and its committee in the interval between meetings.
7. To perform the customary courtesies. This includes thanking office bearers and other helpers and making new members welcome.
8. To be present and support the club at all club championship shows and major event

Note: A President should not become involved in activities which could undermine the impartiality of the office.

A President should be available for consultation by the Secretary and other office bearers as required, but should not normally undertake the specific executive functions more appropriate to their particular positions.

Note: A member should not accept nomination for election to the position of President unless that member has:

- Adequate time to do justice to the position.
- Genuine interests in voluntary
- Committee work in general and the objectives of the organisation in particular.
- Background knowledge appropriate to the organisation.
- Good standing in the Club

VICE PRESIDENT

The primary duty of the Vice President of an organisation is to support the President ensure the successful functioning of the organisation and the attainment of its objectives.

The Vice President is also expected to be able to Chair the meetings if the President is unable to attend.

The following is a summary of the more important powers and duties of the Vice President:

1. To uphold the Rules of the organisation. This involves knowing the Rules thoroughly.
2. To act as acting Chairperson at any meetings of the organisation and its Committee, if the President is unable to attend.
3. To strive to continually improve the organisation's policy, activities and administration in conjunction with the President.
4. To work with the President to ensure to full cooperation with all members of the Committee.
5. To support the President to ensure the correct functioning of all Sub-Committees.
6. To represent the organisation to the outside world.
7. To act, subject to any expressed or implied instructions, on behalf of the organisation and its committee in the interval between meetings.
8. To perform the customary courtesies as delegated by President. This includes thanking office bearers and other helpers and making new members welcome.
9. To be present and support the club at all club championship shows and major event

Note: A member should not accept nomination for election to the position of President unless that member has:

- Adequate time to do justice to the position.
- Genuine interests in voluntary Committee work in general and the objectives of the organisation in particular.
- Background knowledge appropriate to the organisation.
- Good standing in the Club.



TREASURER

A Treasurer is required :-

1. To take care of and keep secure Club funds and assets.
2. To be accountable to members for the funds and assets.
3. To correctly record from where the monies came and to whom payments are made.
4. To inform members of the Club's financial situation.
5. To give guidance to members - e.g. to budget.
6. To carry out an active role as part of the club executive in normal club decision making
7. To be present and support the club at all club championship shows and major events

To carry out the above, the basic tasks are:-

- The recording of all receipts.
 - The recording of all payments.
 - The recording of Club assets.
 - The preparation of Club reports.
 - The preparation of Activity reports.
 - The preparation of Annual reports.
 - The preparation of budgets.
- (More details can be found on the Dogs NSW document Guide for Club Treasurers
<https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/clubs/club-resources/>)

Note: A member should not accept nomination for election to the position of Treasurer unless that member has:

- Adequate time to do justice to the position.
- Genuine interests in voluntary Committee work in general and the objectives of the organisation in particular.
- Background knowledge appropriate to the organisation.
- Good standing in the Club.

SECRETARY

The Secretary is generally responsible for the administration of the club, arranging meetings (and taking and circulating the minutes for these) and dealing with any administration regarding the club constitution. All correspondence will usually be handled by the Secretary. This includes letting members know about meetings, as well as handling all correspondence to outside bodies via formal letters, emails or social media posts.

You need to be a good communicator and have an eye for organisation.

Specific Duties

To prepare, in conjunction with the President, the agenda for club meetings.

To ensure that all members are kept informed of dates, times and venues for meetings, giving proper notice as detailed in the society's constitution. This also applies to meetings conducted online via Zoom or any other online platform.

To take minutes of meetings and write up all minutes correctly and in good time.

To report all important correspondence received to the meeting.

To maintain a "Sederunt" – a register of all member attendance at meetings. Usually, a straightforward sign in sheet that is returned to the secretary will suffice. For online meetings, the Secretary should take a record of all those in attendance.

To deal with arrangements for visiting speakers/events.

Work with the of the club executive to ensure the smooth running of the club

To be present and support the club at all club championship shows and major events

Annual General Meeting

- The Secretary should: –
- Make arrangements for the club AGM, ensuring due notice is given to all members so they are aware of the AGM.
- Give a report to the AGM on the past year's activity.
- A circulated agenda for an Annual General Meeting should, for example, contain a list of all nominations for club/society positions which have been notified in writing to the incumbent Secretary.
- This information would then be circulated to the entirety of the club or society's membership prior to the meeting.
- Time should also be provided for Office Bearers' reports, so that all members of the club or society are kept informed about, and involved with, the running of the club/society.

Note: A member should not accept nomination for election to the position of Secretary unless that member has:



- Adequate time to do justice to the position.
- Genuine interests in voluntary Committee work in general and the objectives of the organisation in particular.
- Background knowledge appropriate to the organisation.
- Good standing in the Club.

ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Role of the Committee member is to:

- Work closely with Executive and other committee members for the good of the club
- Carry out the decisions of the club meetings regarding the running of all aspects of the club including but not limited to: Championship shows, Rescue, fundraising, breed promotion, Health research, membership drives, liaison with other breed clubs, liaison with Dogs NSW, carrying out and meeting requirements of Dogs NSW regulations.
- To be present and support the club at all club championship shows and major event
- Support and assist the Show Committee in the running of the Championship show
- Support and assist the Secretary and Social Secretary in any fundraising, Pet Expo, Dogs on Show or fun days
- Support and assist the Treasurer in fund raising
- Support and assist the Rescue Coordinator as needed
- Support and assist the President in the smooth and effective running of the club in all aspects
- Ensure that at all times the committee work together for the benefit and long term success of the club.

Nominees for committee and elected committee members should never forget that they are servants of the Club and are answerable at all times to the members.

A member should never accept nomination for a committee position unless they have:

- adequate time to do justice to the position;
- a genuine interest in voluntary committee work and the objectives of the Club;
- background knowledge (or the willingness to acquire it) of the dog world;
- a good standing in the Club.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Assistant Secretary/Registrar

The Assistant Secretary/Registrar position is responsible for both the Roll of Membership and the Griffon Buyers Register. This is a position that receives constant communication from members of the public seeking information about owning a Griffon or joining the club. The position requires good organisational skills and good communication skills

As Assistant Secretary :

- Maintain and accurate list of all members
- Present new members to the club meetings for approval
- Answer inquiries from potential new members
- Provide educational material on the breed to new members
- Provide the first club contact for new members
- Send out renewal reminders for membership
- Provide member details as required by the auditor to the secretary
- Liaise with Treasurer regularly re membership fees
- Update meetings with membership details
- Support the club executive in the efficient running of the club

As Registrar:

The role of the Registrar is to assist buyers obtain a Griffon from reputable breeders who are club members and who have agreed to adhere to the club's code of ethics and conduct for breeders.

The Registrar cannot guarantee that a Griffon is available and the Register does not work on a 'first come, first serve basis'. When Griffons are available, the breeders advise the Registrar of the age, gender, coats and colours of the dogs available and the Registrar then provides the breeders with information provided by buyers. The breeders then select the potential buyer who they think is the 'best fit' for their available Griffon.

The Registrar provides information and answers inquiries.

Note that the Registrar and the club do not set prices for the dogs. That is the breeder's prerogative. The Registrar can only provide advice re the current situation at the time



Role of the Registrar

- Provide first contact for all Griffon inquiries
- Provide educational information about responsible breeding practices
- Provide information about the Griffon Buyer register
- Provide application forms for people interested in the register and collate and file all applications
- Maintain a register of all applicants and regularly update it
- Liaise with breeders when they have a litter and provide them with information about people wanting a Griffon
- Answer inquiries when possible or refer to others who may be able to answer
- Provide the club meeting with information regarding numbers on the register

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EVENTS COMMITTEE

Events Coordinator

The Role of the Events Coordinator is to:

- Work as a committee member and work closely with the other Executive and Committee members for the good of the club
- Chair the Events committee and provide support and organisation for other events committee members.
- Assist Dog Lovers Coordinator in the organisation for this event
- Carry out the decisions of the club meetings regarding the fundraising and social activities
- Organise fun days for the club members to encourage pet owner members
- Organise fund raising activities for the club, including raffles, silent auctions, sales of products and any other form of fundraising designated by the meetings that will benefit the club and the breed
- Report Events committee activities to the general meeting
- Liaise with the Treasurer regarding monies raised from activities organised by Event committee
- To be present and support the club at all club championship shows and major events

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Dog Lovers Show Coordinator

The role of the Dog Lovers Show coordinator is to organise and supervise the Club stand at the Dog Lovers Show.

The Dog Lovers Show is a large public event and provides a valuable opportunity to introduce the public to our breed and to educate the public about responsible breeding. The DL coordinator needs to be very organised, good at communication and able to deal with any issues that may arise at the last minute

The organisation of this event begins at least 8 months prior to the event and the coordinator must be in constant contact liaising with the Dog Lovers Show organiser

Prior to the Dog Lovers Show

The Dog Lovers Coordinator needs to :

- Liaise and communicate with the Dog Lovers Show organisers on a regular basis
- Book a stand at the Dog Lovers Show (ideally double)
- Report progress regularly to the general meetings
- Liaise and report to the Events Coordinator
- Plan and discuss themes for the breed stand with members at meeting
- Organise a budget for the stand if required
- Ensure that display items for the stand are available and undamaged. If they need replacement then organise replacement
- Store or arrange storage for the stand display items and ensure that they are in a secure and clean condition
- Some stand display items are also used at the championship show so if required, liaise with the show manager as required



- Ask for volunteers to man the breed stand and organise a roster system for volunteers and their Griffons. Usually the volunteers do a half day each and it is usual to have a team of 5-6 people on the stand at any time. This team is comprised of at least one very experienced Griffon owner plus several Griffon pet owners .
- Brief each team about the correct information to provide to the public regarding responsible breeders and Griffons history and breed characteristics
- Ensure that all stand volunteers have completed all the necessary Dog Lovers paperwork
- Ensure that parking, entry and any necessary volunteer paperwork is available to all volunteers
- Ensure that there are club cards or handouts available to give to the public
- Organise someone to give a breed presentation and any other additional Dog Lovers activity

During the Dog Lovers Show

1. Set Up

Setup takes place the day before the Dog Lovers Show opens.

The Coordinator needs to:

- Organise a team to assist in the setup of the stand
- Ensure that the set up team is fully briefed on Dogs Lovers requirements re paperwork and health and safety and high vis clothes
- Organise meeting times for the set up
- Coordinate the set up, ensuring that there is a mixture of breed history, breed description, breed care information as well as information about responsible breeders

During the Dog Lovers Show

- Ensure that all volunteers are in place in time
- Liaise regularly with volunteers to ensure that they know what to do and are comfortable
- Supervise the running of the breed stand or delegate another experienced person to supervise
- Ensure that Volunteers and their Griffons get a break at least once during the session.
- Ensure that all Griffons are comfortable and not stressed by the event

The Take Down

The take down occurs at the end of the last day. It is essential that the take down is done carefully and items are packed for storage in a neat and tidy condition. This is important so that they are not damaged and can be used again at the next show or Dog Lovers event

- Supervise the take down
- Ensure that all items are carefully packed and labelled so they can be easily accessed
- Organise safe storage of items
- Ensure that the stand area is left in a tidy condition

After Dog Lovers Show

- Meet with the Events coordinator for a debrief on the event
- Prepare a report to present to the next club meeting

SHOW COMMITTEE

SHOW SECRETARY

The role of the Show Secretary is to organise the smooth running of the club shows in accordance with the rules and regulations of Dog NSW. More detailed information can be seen on the Dogs NSW site-

<https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/clubs/club-resources/> dnsw_guide_club_show_secretary_-_aug_12

The Show Secretary is responsible for:

- Liaising with Dogs NSW re approval of show dates
- Organising show schedule
- Contracting judges
- Contracting the Show Representative
- Organising the show venue
- Coordinating with the Treasurer to ensure all show expenses are met
- Organising the show entries
- Organising the entries and catalogue



- Ensuring all show reports are sent to Dogs NSW in a timely manner
- Working with the show committee
- Organising show stewards
- Reporting to the membership at meetings
- Organise and distribute exhibitor cards
- Inform exhibitors of entry numbers
- Organise Challenge Certificates and necessary documents.
- Ensure that the judge has signed the necessary certificates

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- a good standing in the Club

TROPHY MANAGER

The Role of the Trophy Manager is to :

- Work closely with the Show Manager and Show Committee
- Carry out the decisions of the club meetings regarding the show trophies
- Purchase all trophies approved by the club for the show
- Purchase all ribbons as approved by the club
- Before the Show
- Attend all Show Committee meeting
- Liaise with other club members for suggestions regarding trophies
- Research and make recommendations for trophies to present to the Show committee

In the research presented to the show committee the following information should be provided:

- Availability of trophies
- Cost of trophies, including any postage required
- Source of trophies
- Timeframe required to get the trophy (if it has to be made)
- Have a range of different suggestions so that the meeting may consider different options

The Trophy Manager should also:

1. Attend general club meetings and present and discuss trophy ideas which the show committee has endorsed in order to get approval from the general meeting
2. Purchase trophies for the show that have been approved by the general meeting.
3. Ensure that all trophies decided upon are purchased within adequate time for the show
4. Provide safe storage for the trophies purchased until the day of the show
5. Ensure that the show committee are kept fully informed of any difficulties if they should arise, in purchasing the trophies.
6. Keep all dockets and accounts of trophy purchases which must be given to the Treasurer for reimbursement to the Trophy Manager
7. Only purchase those trophies decided upon and approved by the general meeting.
8. Purchase a gift/s for the judge and officials – as decided and approved by the show committee and general meeting
9. Purchase all ribbons for the show as approved by the general meeting
10. Organise name tags, labels etc to show each trophy and the trophy donor
11. Ensure that you are familiar with the way the trophies are funded. If the trophies are funded by donation the Trophy Manager should ensure that they know how much each person has donated and the names of the donors
12. Liaise with the Show Secretary and/ or cataloguer to ensure that the trophy information in the catalogue is correct and the donors are acknowledged and names spelt correctly
13. With the show committee, decide in advance when the trophies and ribbons will be presented- in the ring, after the judging etc

On the Day of the Show

- Arrive at the show ground in adequate time to set up the Trophy Table (at least 2 hours before the show or at a time designated by the Show Manager)
- Liaise with the Show Manager to decide the most suitable location for the Trophy Table
- Set up the Trophy table to enhance the trophies with all required labels etc
- Keep a detailed list of the trophies and details so that the presentation will go smoothly
- After Judging



- Liaise with the Show Manager (or person chairing the presentation ceremony)
- Ensure that you have the correct trophy and ribbon ready to hand to the presenter when needed so that the presentation runs smoothly. (You may also need a helper for this)
- Carry out these duties in a subtle and unobtrusive manner so that the presentation appears to be professional and seamless.

After Presentation

- Collect and pack any trophies that have not been given out.
- If any trophies need to be posted to recipients, ensure that you have the details and post to them as soon as possible. (Keep docket to present to Treasurer for reimbursement)
- Keep a list of trophies that have not been given out including value and present this list to the next Show committee meeting when the show is being reviewed.
- Store all remaining trophies safely so that they can be used on another occasion.

Perpetual Trophies

At the present time the club has one perpetual trophy. The following steps need to be taken:

- Ensure that all perpetual trophies are in the hands of the Trophy Manager well before the show date.
- Ensure that all perpetual trophies are in excellent condition and ready for presentation.(If perpetual trophies are returned damaged and need repairing then it is up to the Trophy Manager to get a repair cost and have it approved by the Show Committee before proceeding)
- If a small memento trophy is to be made to replace the perpetual trophy the Trophy manager needs to get quotes and samples of the types of mementos that are available. These need to be presented to the Show Committee for recommendation and then to the general meeting for approval. Once approved the Trophy Manager may purchase the memento.

SHOW MANAGER

- Work closely with the Show Secretary
- Manage the show committee
- Carry out the decisions of the club meetings regarding the show

Prior to the show

1.Show committee

- Chair meetings of show committee.
- Ensure that show committee makes recommendations for :
 - a) Judges
 - b) Trophies
 - c) Other show details
- Ensure that show committee meetings are minuted
- Ensure that show committee recommendations and minutes are presented at the next available club general meeting for approval.
- If show committee recommendations are approved then ensure that these recommendations are carried out
- Ensure that the Trophy Manager has purchased trophies as per the clubs decisions and that they are available for the show
- Ensure that the budget provided for the show has not been exceeded.
- Work with Show Secretary to appoint a steward and a Dogs NSW Show Rep
- **Catering** - Decide on the catering needs for the whole show and ensure that there are people designated to carry out the catering requirements.
- With the show committee decide on a catering budget which will be presented to the club for approval
- Ensure that you are fully conversant with the Dogs NSW regulations governing Aggressive dogs

Immediately Prior to the Show

- Ensure all equipment has been checked and that there is no shortfall in any area
- Ensure all necessary equipment is in working order.

Equipment needed is:

- i. rope (if not using permanent rings)
- ii. posts (if not using permanent rings)
- iii. bunting and flags for decoration around the ring



- iv. Club banners
 - v. ring notices
 - vi. hand washing bowls
 - vii. hand towels
 - viii. pooper scoopers (or any other appropriate disposal method i.e. disposable bags)
 - ix. garbage bins
 - x. umbrellas or cabanas (if using a ring with not permanent shelter for the judge)
 - xi. examination tables
 - xii. place markers
 - xiii. first aid kit
- Ensure ring is the correct size (if not using a permanent ring)
 - Ensure that refreshment is available for the judge and the stewards and any other officials.
 - Ensure that there is a Dogs NSW Rep available
 - Ensure that there is a steward available
 - Ensure that arrangements have been made to transport the judge to and from the show
 - Ensure that all catering arrangements have been carried out as decided by the club and show committee
 - Ensure that there are volunteers to provide the catering for both the judge and officials and the exhibitors

On the Day of the Show (Before it begins)

- Arrive at the show grounds at least 2 hours before the show starts in order to ensure that everything is set up as required
- Organise for Show committee members to arrive at the ground at the same time (at least 2 hours in advance) to assist in setting up the show
- Coordinate the work and duties of all the show committee members and other volunteer workers
- Set rings up including bunting, banners and flags
- Ensure that there is an area, clear of all obstructions, of at least 2 metres in width provided around the outside of every ring.
- Set place markers up in the ring
- Ensure all necessary equipment is provide including wash bowls , towels and soap for the judge, pooper scoopers etc
- Ensure that the transport for the judge to and from the show is in place as arranged
- Work with Trophy Manager to establish the most suitable location for the Trophy table
- Ensure that Trophy table is displayed to its best advantage

Catering –

- Ensure that food has been purchased and is available as previously decided
 - a) Ensure that catering volunteers are present and understand their duties
 - b) Ensure that refreshments are available for the judge, steward and rep when they arrive.
- Greet the judge and other officials when they arrive
- Ensure that there is a copy of the breed standard available should the judge wish to consult it
- Ensure that the judge is fully conversant with the order of judging and the classes to be judged
- If the judge is an overseas judge ensure that they are familiar with the Australian breed standard.

During the Show

- Ensure that the Judges and Stewards have whatever refreshment they require while working at all times
- Ensure that the judging is going at an acceptable pace (at least 40 dogs per hour) and that the show will be completed at the expected time
- If judging is too slow, find out way and diplomatically take steps to increase the speed

After Judging

- Ensure that the judge and officials are provided with lunch or other refreshments as decided
- Preside over the Trophy presentations (or ensure that another designated person will preside over the Trophy presentations)



- With the Trophy Manager ensure that all Trophies are handed out correctly
- Arrange for the judge and officials to be officially thanked
- Ensure that the judge has transport from the show

After the Show

- Co ordinate the show committee members and other volunteers to take down the ring set up. Remove all bunting, banners, etc
- Ensure that all club equipment is packed and stored suitably ready for use at the next show
- Ensure that the canteen and other areas used for catering are cleaned and left in a spotless and hygienic condition
- Ensure that the grounds that have been used are left in a spotless condition.
- Ensure that any left over trophies have been packed up by Trophy Manager
- Thank all helpers and finally have a rest.
- At a convenient time after the show call another show committee meeting to debrief and analyse the show. Prepare a show report to present to the next general meeting

A member should never accept nomination for a committee position unless they have:

- adequate time to do justice to the position;
- a genuine interest in voluntary committee work and the objectives of the Club;
- background knowledge (or the willingness to acquire it) of the dog world;
- a good standing in the Club

Further information can be found on the Dogs NSW site

<https://www.dogsnsw.org.au/clubs/club-resources/>

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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

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- 1 x black 16



To order contact Terri Odell
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Story Time Takeover with Erik the Book Buddy

Erik the Book Buddy dog needs your help to read some of his favourite stories. Join Erik and his handler in a fun, relaxed session where children get a one-on-one session to read out loud to Erik, and together, they can become confident readers with a love for stories.

Erik The Book Dog

Erik, a black rough Griffon owned and trained by Kelly Pilgrim Byrne is resuming duty as a Book dog at the State library in Perth. He previously held the position but lockdowns due to Covid put him on a holiday. Now he is back on duty. The State Library announced his return much to everyone's joy. Erik sits in with children who get a one-on-one session to read out loud to him, and together, they can become confident readers with a love for stories. Griffons are very empathetic and perfect for this role

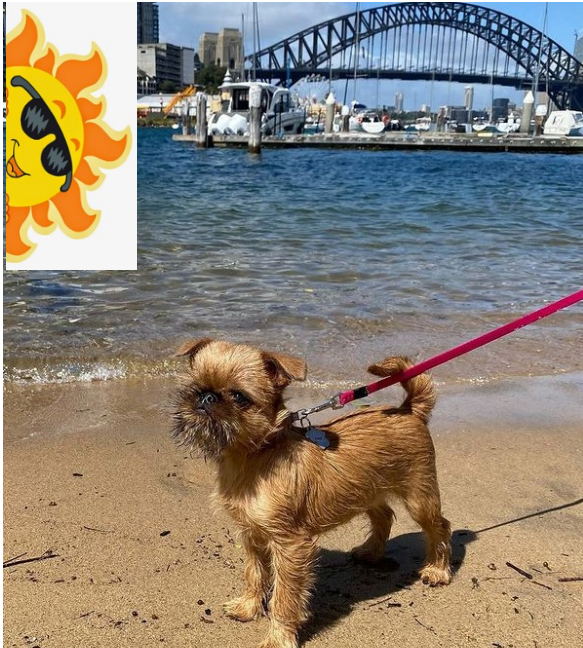




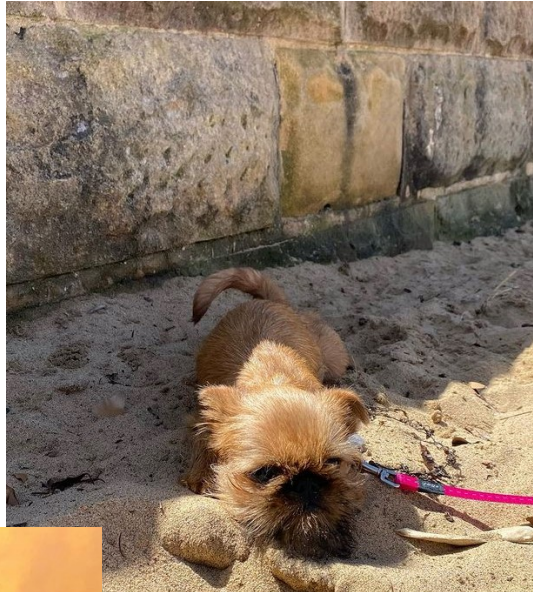
Beach Baby Griffons



Beach Baby, Beach Baby Beach Baby beach



Esme- first beach visit and it was exhausting!!



Bean had the whole beach to himself



Boots enjoyed a paddle



*Neville and the gang
enjoyed some excavation*





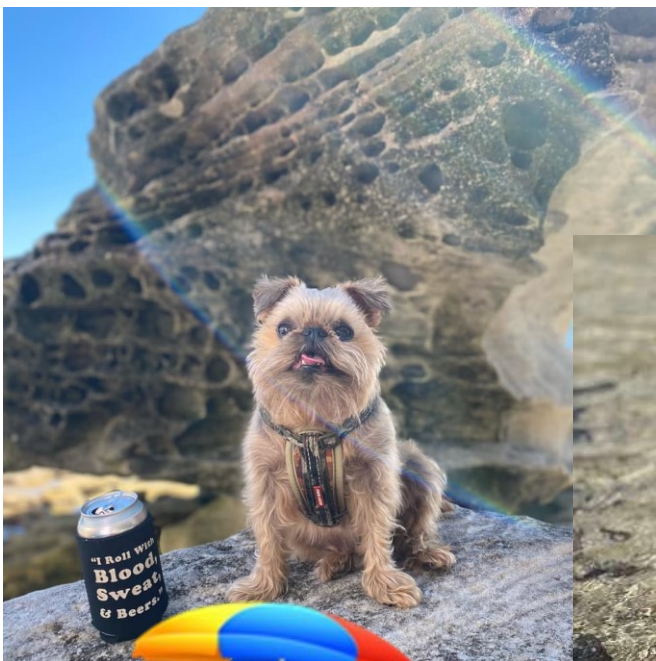
Eddie preferred to go boating with friend, Bernie



Marishka made the journey from Russia to a Greek beach to enjoy a holiday



Mr Gruff enjoyed a picnic at the beach, followed by a swim





Selecting a Pet Sitter or Dog Walker

At the moment, the internet is buzzing with the news of a missing Griffon in the USA. Frankie disappeared while her owners were on holiday. The dog was in the care of a Pet Sitter who lost the dog and to date she is still missing. The owners are distraught and it is a very a sad story.



This is not the first time that a Pet Sitter or Dog Walker has lost a Griffon. On several occasions in Sydney over the past few years, Griffons have been lost by a dog walker or sitter.

With Christmas Holidays coming soon for a lot of people, it is timely to remind all our Griffon owners how Griffons can be lost if not cared for properly and by responsible people who know about our breed. Careers need to realise:

- Griffons are a Velcro dog, extremely devoted to their family and can be always looking for their owner if left.
- They can get scared if they are not with people /dogs they know
- They could be subject to being stolen as rare breed in demand and thieves can get an expensive price

Keep in mind that there are no qualifications required for a person to set themselves up as a dog walker or pet sitter. Some people have owned a dog and decided it is an easy way to make money. Don't just believe what they tell you. Check qualifications and references carefully because nothing could ruin you holiday more than coming home to find you dog has vanished

Tips for Choosing a Pet Sitter

Follow our tips for choosing a pet sitter to make the process stress-free.

- Check references (especially off other clients) Check with vets
- Look for animal care experience or breed experience. Many veterinary nurses offer pet sitting services as well as working at veterinary clinics, so ask your local veterinarian if they can recommend anyone. Have they got small dog experience- pr better still Griffon experience. Do they know about Griffons and heat?
- Meet them beforehand to ascertain how you feel about their suitability. Don't be afraid to ask questions
- If possible, have them minded in pet's normal home environment
- Notify your veterinarian of your absence and neighbours or emergency contact person
- Consider a backup in case of emergency arises
- If possible- Travel with your dog

The link below has tips about travelling with your dog

<https://www.vetvoice.com.au/articles/four-tips-for-travelling-with-your-dog/>



Puppy Love

New Puppy Owners

Congratulations to these proud new Griffon owners. They are always worth the wait

Congratulations to Tiger Lily, who welcomed new puppy, Clementine. (From Frenchgriff Griffons)



Congratulations to Anna and Elizabeth who welcomed new puppy, Igor (From Frenchgriff Griffons)

Puppy Love

Congratulations to Erina Cheong and her family who welcomed new puppy, HaChi (From Frenchgriff Griffons)





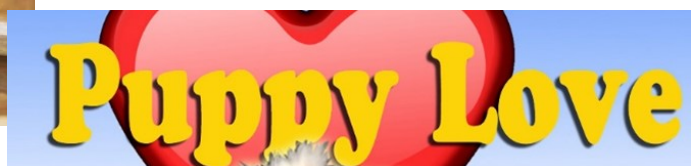
Congratulations to Sophie and Liam who welcomed new puppy, Ross. (From Frenchgriff Griffons)



Congratulations to Michelle who welcomed new puppy, Teddy (from Frenchgriff Griffons)



Congratulations to Luke and Belle who welcomed new puppy, Walter (from Frenchgriff Griffons)





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Congratulations to Rachel, who welcomed new puppy, Nergal (from Frenchgriff Griffons)



Congratulations to Alex who welcomed new puppy, Tango (From Nagpuni Griffons)

Puppy Love

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 or the Secretary, Jannelle Tremenheere at

nevaending@hotmail.com .

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



2021 Point Score

Since the last issue of The Phoenix, more shows have been cancelled, including the designated Point score shows of :

- Nowra & District Kennel Club Inc 19/09/2021
- Flat Face Toy Dog & Tibetan Spaniel Association of NSW 9/10/2021
- Southern Highlands Kennel & Obedience Club Inc 17/10/2021

There is only one remaining show on the point score calendar, Brisbane Water Legacy Dog Club at Hillsborough on Saturday 27/11/2021 .

We will await information about this show from the organisers. As NSW is planning on opening up in October to vaccinated people, we hope that it may go ahead as scheduled.

Awards will be made based on the results from the point score shows that were held prior to lockdown.

After the only 4 shows to be held, the top 10 places in the point score are:

Current Leaders of the Point score



1. Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac	35pts
2. Neut. Ch. Kango Lady Ma Donna	32pts
3. Ch Tzani Giggle 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 Pophrey	8pts

Currently in 1st place-Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac Kerry and Emily Bell



Currently in 2nd place- Neut Ch Kango Lady MaDonna- Maroussa Polias



*Currently in 3rd place-
Ch Tzani Giggle Mc
Dimple- Kerry and
Emily Bell*



Griffons on the job



*Grommet and
Bazil, supervise the
washing*



*Banjo on
neighbourhood watch*



*Douglas is off to
buy the groceries*



*Pansie, quality
testing the new
rug*

*Supervising the home
schooling*

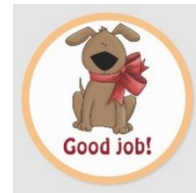


"Do you
have any
experience?"

"You bet! — I've
applied for
dozens of jobs!"



Babysitting Griffons Style



Beedle reading to the baby

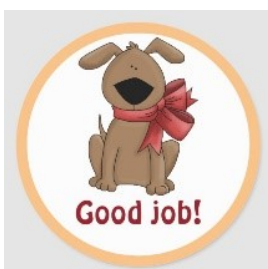


Archie and Duke teaching Carter how to sit and stay



Percy the babysitter

Jemima showing Squirrel her new rug





Puppy Socialisation

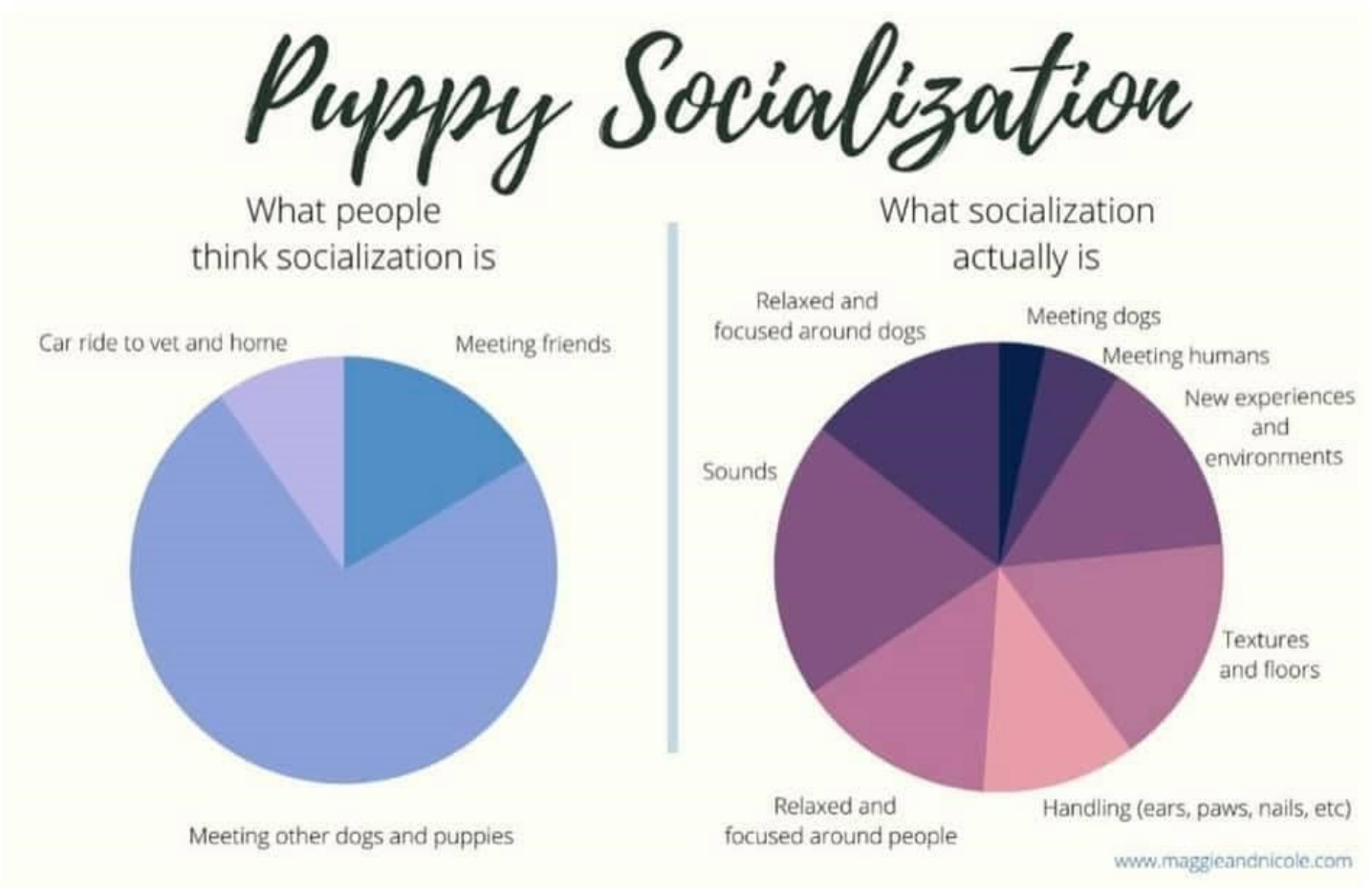
We all know how important it is to socialise puppies, especially in these Covid lockdown times when it is hard to get out and about easily.

However, there is a lot of confusion about what socialisation really is and what it is intended to achieve.

Often on Face book there are requests for playdates and activities to wear out pups because Griffon pups are energetic little creatures and often overwhelm the new owner with excess energy or even naughtiness.

Often people think that the dog should be exposed to lots of dogs to make them more social so think a dog park is the place to go.

The chart below highlights some of the main misconceptions



What is Socialisation?

Socialisation is getting your puppy accustomed to **all** the various noises, people, activities, actions, sights, sounds and smells etc that they can expect to experience in their life.

As an owner, you are responsible for exposing the puppy to all of these experiences in a safe, secure and controlled manner that is non frightening. If done correctly, the puppy develops increasing confidence with each exposure. If not done correctly the puppy becomes more fearful.

As an owner it is up to you to teach your dog to be confident and resilient in most situations.



Dogs Personalities

All dogs have different personalities, just like people, and although breed characteristics give you a good idea of what to expect in general, each dog is an individual.

In a single litter you can get a calm, laidback puppy, a mad whirlwind of a puppy, a shy introverted puppy, a bossy puppy etc. Often these traits show up reasonably early and a knowledgeable breeder will identify the traits and inform the new owners of them or select a puppy most suitable for the home. No personality is better than another one, in dogs or people, it is just how they are and socialisation takes the puppy personality into account

Fear Periods

Like children, all puppies go through stages known as **Fear periods**. This is when for a few weeks, everything seems scarier than usual to them. In puppies they have at least two stages- one any time between 6- 16 weeks and the other around 6 months – 10 months. (These times are approximate) If a puppy is frightened in this time, the fear can imprint on their mind and can make them reactive. I have personally found that in Griffons, a fright at this age can imprint very strongly. As an owner you have their full trust so you must not let them down by exposing them to a fright. Your job is to let them know that they are safe with you. All exposure must be done in a safe, secure manner so that the pup does not feel trapped or threatened.

Example

1. A Griffon pup is taken to a dog park. The pup is on a lead. A large off leash dog comes running towards you and the owners say “don’t worry, he is friendly”. Because the Griffon is small, even a friendly large dog can appear threatening. The Griffon is on the lead and cannot escape so the fear can escalate. Fear is not socialisation. If you believe the owners and leave your pup on the ground or tell it to play then you are letting your dog down as an owner.

How to handle this correctly

You should never trust strangers when they tell you the dog is friendly because the majority of people cannot read their own dog’s body language.

If you see this occurring, immediately, calmly pick up your Griffon and hold it until the other dog is under control. Or walk in the other direction. Don’t panic or rush, just be calm and talk in a happy voice to your dog so it does not feel fear. Griffons are very intuitive and pick up on your emotions

If you wish to remain, assess the control the owner has over the dog, ask them to put it on lead, a safe distance apart. Let your dog make the approach and if it doesn’t want to, don’t force it. Your dog does not have to be friends with every dog it sees, just as you are not going to hug every stranger you see

Remy and Nergal, having a safe playdate, small numbers, controlled environment and note the happy body language

Meeting other dogs Safely

Organised playdates are a more effective way to safely introduce your dog to others than dog parks

Ideally, when you do organise playdate, it should be with dogs of your Griffon’s own size. Only have larger dogs if they are known to you to be friendly, not too boisterous and trained to obey the





owner.

Don't have too many dogs at one time
Watch your own dogs body language
Ensure there is space so that the dog can get out of the fright zone if it is overwhelmed.
Watch interaction carefully to make sure no dogs intimidate others.

If your dog is overwhelmed initially, let it take its time to assess the situation- some dogs are thinkers and don't like to rush into a new situation. Other will rush headlong into play- it depends on the individual personality

Simone and Lisa's Griffons meet for a safe playdate in controlled conditions. Note happy relaxed body language,

Other Ways to Socialise apart from Meeting Dogs

- **Exposure**

Taking your Griffons to coffee shops, garden centres, Bunnings is also valuable socialisation. They see a lot of different things, get patted by various people and enjoy the world in a non - threatening manner

- **Training**

Training is one of the most valuable things you can give your dog. Griffons are highly intelligent and want to please you. Often the excess energy comes from a lack of mental stimulation rather than just physical energy.

If possible, take your dog to training classes. Make sure you choose ones that do not use harsh training methods. Griffons respond well to gentle correction and lots of positive reinforcement. Training provides your dog with mental stimulation, prevents boredom and creates a stronger bond between you and the dog.



Eric and Sid, enjoying training



There are all types of training you can do with your Griffon; Obedience, Rally O, Agility, Scent work, Trick Training, Dancing with Dogs and Heel work to Music, Flyball and Dock dogs. Griffons have achieved in all of them.

Bowski- a highly trained Dock Dog- having fun



Even if you don't ever want to take it seriously enough to trial, attending training with your Griffon is a valuable way to socialise your dogs in a safe, controlled and fun environment

And if you can't get to training, teach your Griffon activities at home.

All achievements add up to creating a confident dog and build the bond of trust you have with your Griffon. Teach them to sit, stand, stay, fetch a ball, play hide and seek etc. These activities can be done inside and provide mental stimulation.

Moana, fetching her toy



Zsa Zsa and Zorro, enjoy a lock down playdate

Socialising is not only going to dog parks or meeting other dogs. Socialisation, when done correctly, is exposing your Griffon to a variety of activities in a safe, secure and protected environment without risk or fear

How valuable are Dog Parks?

The following is an article from a Staffordshire Bull Terrier publication.

It has much to consider. I will admit that I am not a fan of Dog parks so the information in this article resonates with me. For me dog parks are a good way to expose your dog to foolish owners, inappropriately controlled dogs, infections like parvo virus, kennel cough and canine papilloma.

They can create fear and trauma in a dog, they can create uncontrolled excess excitement and this can lead to dog attacks.

If you do use a dog park with your Griffon, select a time when there are very few dogs around, only let the dog play with controlled dogs that you know and never believe someone if they say their dog is friendly- even a friendly large dog can inadvertently injure a small dog. Always be aware that you are your dog's protector.



This is a Labrador who was attacked at a dog park in September. The Labrador was on leash and is owned by an experienced dog trainer. The dog that attacked came from behind in an unprovoked attack and the Labrador panicked and ran, pulling the leash out of the owner's hand. The Labrador did not respond and the owner of the attacking dog fled

The Labrador has undergone two surgeries and is now traumatised. The owner has made a formal complaint to the council and the case is ongoing but council won't act because they claim it is a) the first time the dog attacked and b) the Labrador

was off lead when it ran away after the attack. Had the dog attacked a Griffon, the Griffon would be dead. These occurrences are not uncommon



Dog Parks

20 years ago, dog parks were barely a 'thing'.

Doggy Daycares were similarly rare.

A combination of urban sprawl and an increasingly time-poor family unit has resulted in their spread and popularity.

The idea of having a 'dog social dog' has become the norm amongst pet owners everywhere.

But this contradicts centuries and decades of selective dog breeding.

Dogs have been bred to be OUR human companions and **working** partners.

That work can be specific and create specific breed traits needed for the dog to carry out the working role.

While co-habitation (friendship) with other dogs sometimes goes along with that, it's never really been deliberately selected for

In fact, some breeds have been bred to be largely unable to read social cues from other dogs.

Some scent hound breeds like Foxhounds or Beagles have been bred to work in a pack but even they are not meant to befriend every dog they see

Now we're trying to fit a square peg in a round hole.

Making working breeds (even those not specifically bred to work) dog social.

Expecting Guard breeds to be friends, expecting Terriers to be welcoming to others.

How?

Well that's the entire problem...

The Face book obsession is-

Let's SOCIALIZE with as many puppies and dogs as possible so our wee Staffy/ Collie/ Terrier/ Shepherd puppy knows how to PLAY.

*** CUE THE PUPPY MOSH PIT ***

PLAY is one tiny fraction of a dog's social repertoire, but if it's 100% of what you do with your puppy, you're going to end up with problems.

The Staffy that obsessively licks other dogs faces until they lash out. Oh, but wait, 'he'll never *start* a fight, he just wants to play.'

The Heeler that tracks and chases any dog playing with a ball, inching closer and closer each time until WHOOPS, dog fight!

The 'fun police' Shepherds, ruling the roost until another one shows up and shit hits the fan.

Here's the thing. Dogs don't NEED dog friends.

Playdate for Tango, Kenzie, Sid and Erik in a controlled well managed environment





That's either comforting, or disconcerting for dog owners. Especially in this day and age when they are 'fur children' not dogs; and family members or surrogate children- not dogs

It is comforting to those that are trying to fix their dogs genetics with more and more 'socialization' because Karen at the dog park told them that their Terrier's spacial sensitivity and scrappiness can be fixed with PLAY.

It is disconcerting for those who have so far gotten lucky and had no incidents, and no fallout in engagement from an excess of doggy interactions.

There are 101 ways to give our dogs what they need and make them happy.

The dog park is not the place for that.

Tango with two larger dogs who are well trained and obedient



Griffon Playdates are a good way to provide safe social interaction. The

Griffons WA group in Perth, recently organised a

playdate and got a good roll up of Griffons and a few extras as well.



Some fun pictures of the WA Griffons





Griffon Birthdays



Happy 9th birthday to Billy who celebrated with a special cake with his own portrait on the top



Happy Birthday to Elma who turned 2 years



Happy 8th birthday to Dwight





Happy Birthday to Boots who turned 1 year



Jellybean celebrated his 2nd birthday with a Hawaiian party



Happy birthday to Remy Rose who turned 1 year



Happy birthday to Gizmo, Boot's brother, also turning 1yr





Happy birthday to Poppy, who turned 10 years old



Happy birthday to Sid, who turned 3 yrs. He celebrated with his non Griffon brother , Monty, who turned 8yrs

Happy birthday to Elroy who turned 3 yrs





Show News

While NSW continues in lockdown, there have been some shows in other states where the covid cases are low and it is great to see that the Griffon flag is flying



In Western Australia

Congratulations to first time Griffon owner, **Alexandra Deasy**, who went to her first show today with her new baby, **Tango, (Nagpuni Mister Bigg)**. They won Best Baby Puppy in Group in strong competition in Perth and Tango showed like a little trooper. He had only been with Alex for two weeks and he took it all in his stride.

Congratulations!



In Queensland

Ch Alynga Knitting Nancy- with **Diana Norman**, continued her success in the rings winning a Reserve in Group at Dayboro KC and two Junior in Group awards at the Burnett cluster

Congratulations!



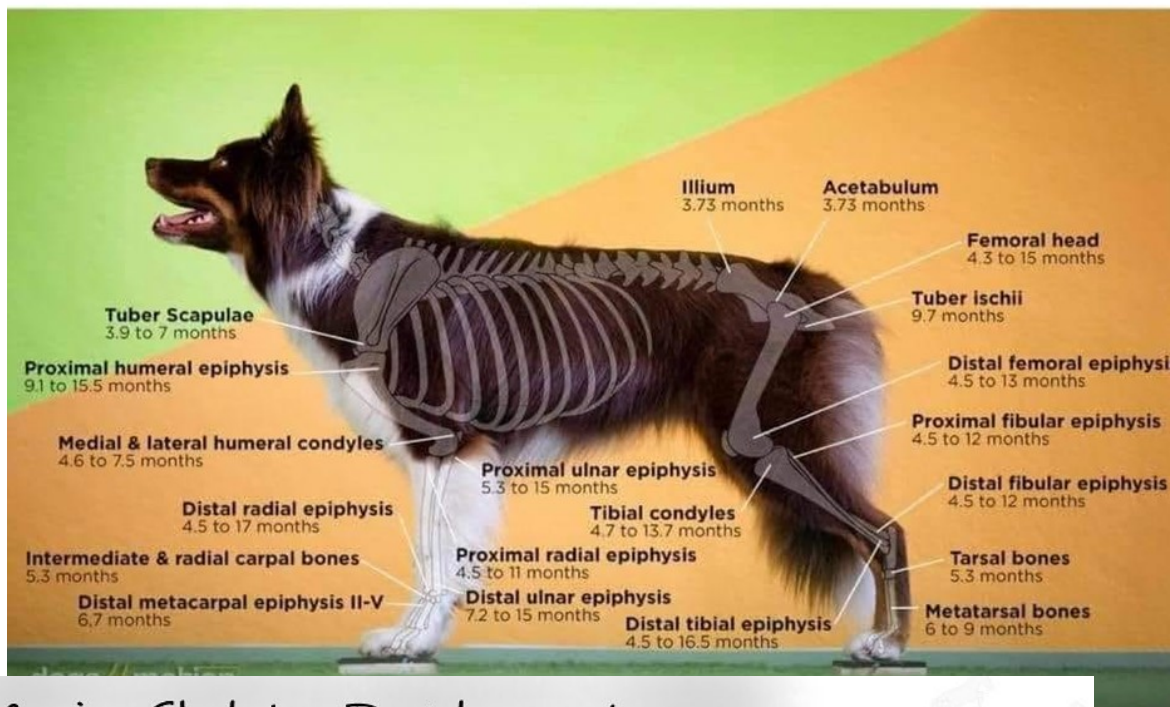
Tiggindor Didi Marsheree (Mochi) with **Lysanda Hooper**, won her first challenge at the Beaudesert Kennel club

Congratulations!

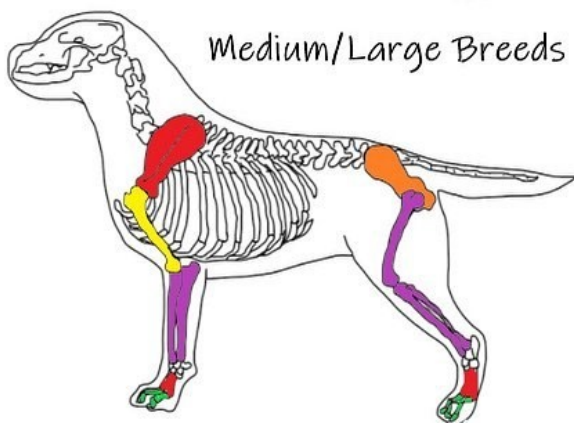


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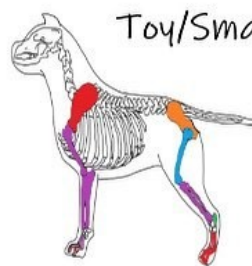
Canine growth plates closures (average time in months)



Canine Skeleton Development - Growth Plate Closures



Medium/Large Breeds



Toy/Small Breeds

- 7 Months - Scapula, Metacarpals/Metatarsals
- < 18 Months - Pelvis
- 8 Months - Humerus
- 6 Months - Distal Phalanges
- 12 Months - Radius, Ulna, Femur, Tibia, Fibia

- 4 Months - Scapula, Metatarsals, Distal Phalanges
- 12 Months - Pelvis
- 3 Months - Tarsus
- 8 Months - Femur
- 6 Months - Humerus, Radius, Ulna, Tibia, Fibia, Metacarpals

amartinvetphysio.com

Canine Growth plates close at different times as the puppy grows so careful controlled exercise is crucial to prevent long term injury.

This link below provides valuable information and tips about appropriate exercise and socialising that is safe and healthy for pups

<https://shoppuppyculture.com/pages/age-appropriate-exercise-1>



Griffon Picnics

Lockdown entertainment for Griffons- Picnics with owners



Boots and Elroy picnic fun- Where is our glass of wine?



Jean Claude – picnic in the park



Teddy at his first ever picnic





Puppy Scams Warning

The latest warning from Dog NSW

Puppy Scammers



Sadly it has become more and more apparent over the past few months that puppy scammers are out there in large numbers scamming thousands of dollars from unsuspecting, prospective and often naive people each month.

It is understood that as soon as one scammer site is reported and shut down, another site opens.

If, or when a person contacts you please, even if you don't have a litter or are planning to breed, please alert people to scammers and that they need to be mindful and on guard when contacting people advertising puppies for sale. The scam sites have wonderful photos of delightful puppies and paint glowing pictures to the uninitiated, unsuspecting potential puppy owner.

Please refer people to a DOGS NSW breed club, who have members that can provide guidance and direct them to DOGS NSW accredited breeders. Tell them to ask questions, speak to people - not just send texts or emails.

It really is the buyer, not knowing any better, falling for these scams. We have an obligation as responsible dog lovers, members and breeders to guide and educate people in how to tell the difference between a scammer (who in reality is a criminal) and a real registered breeder.

Importantly, if you become aware of a scammer you can report them to: <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam>



DOGS NSW

Address: 44 Luddenham Road Orchard Hills NSW 2748

Phone: 02 9834 3022

Email: info@dogsnsw.org.au

Web: www.dogsnsw.org.au



Where do Griffons Come from?



To get your Griffon:

1. First carefully plant your Griffon in a pot with good potting soil. Leave plenty of room for growth.

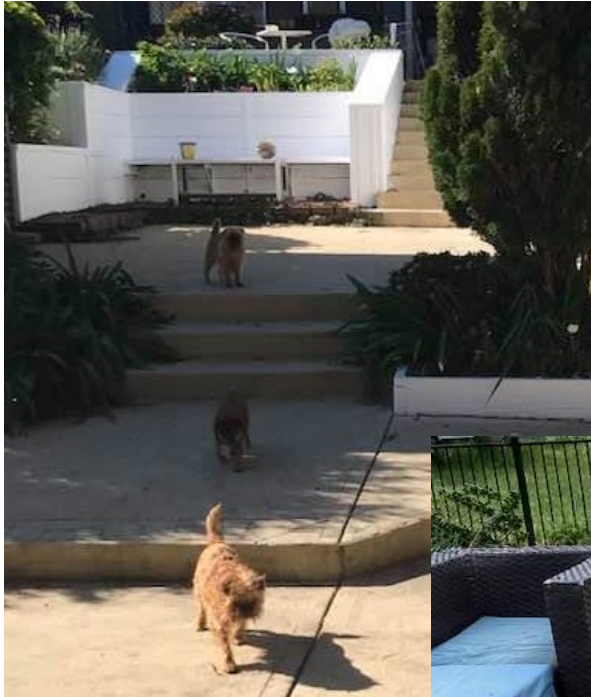


2. Nurture carefully and they will grow to full size.



3. With care they will soon be blooming in the garden





4. When fully bloomed, they will come out from the garden



5. And before you know it, you will have a good crop of Griffons



If only it were that easy!!





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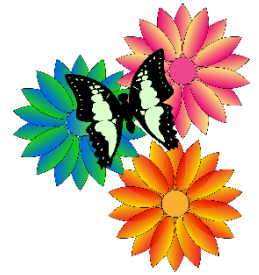
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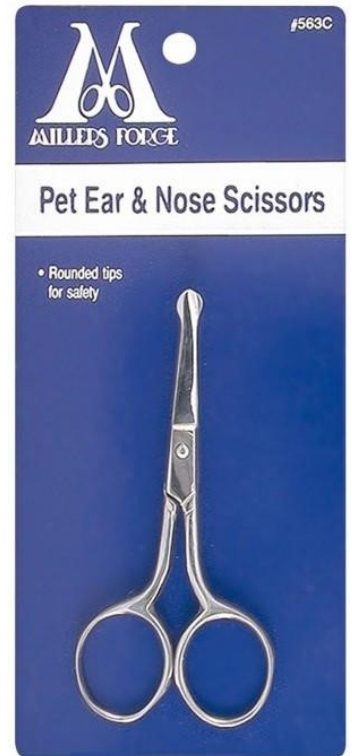
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Congratulations!

NEW Champion

While shows have been on hold in NSW, on the other side of the world, life is beginning again.

Club member, Olga Baranova, in Russia, was able to send her young boy KD, Harpersband Make a

Killing (WW Beauview Billy No Mates x CH Balthazar Pink Harpersband) to the USA with her friend Vasilina Rostomova. Unlike most USA dogs, KD does not have a docked tail or cropped ears so he was shown naturally. He gained his US championship title and can now be known as a USA Champion

Congratulations to Olga, Vasilina and KD

Congratulations!

Griffon Spring Fashion



Bean in his new jumper

Gizmo looking dapper



Jellybean and Twig going for the Flintstones look





Overseas Show Results

Europe

Finland

Europe is now starting to open up and shows are beginning. In Finland the Griffon club held a specialty championship show judged by Michelle Swinge of Balthazar Griffons UK.

In Europe under FCI regulations, they split Griffons into three separate breeds based on colour and coat types. They are:

Griffon Belge - Black or black and tan rough coats

Griffon Bruxellois- Red rough coats

Petit Brabancon- Smooth coats of any colour

At the Finnish Specialty they had an entry of 6 Griffon Belge, 27 Griffon Bruxellois and 27 Petit Brabancon, making a total of 60 Griffons

Finnish Griffon speciality

Michelle Swinge awarded **Best in Show** to the Petit Brabancon bitch Ch Hierners Lady Stardust (Ch Beauview Brave As A Blizzard X Ch Blue Bays Bruit Du Silence)

The judges critique read *"very nice bitch. square and cobby, well developed in chest and rib. good neck. level short back. good tail set. nice angles. large round head. small neat ears. nice eyes. large nose wide nostrils. good turn up. good bone. good coat and tan markings. very good movement. nice temperament."*



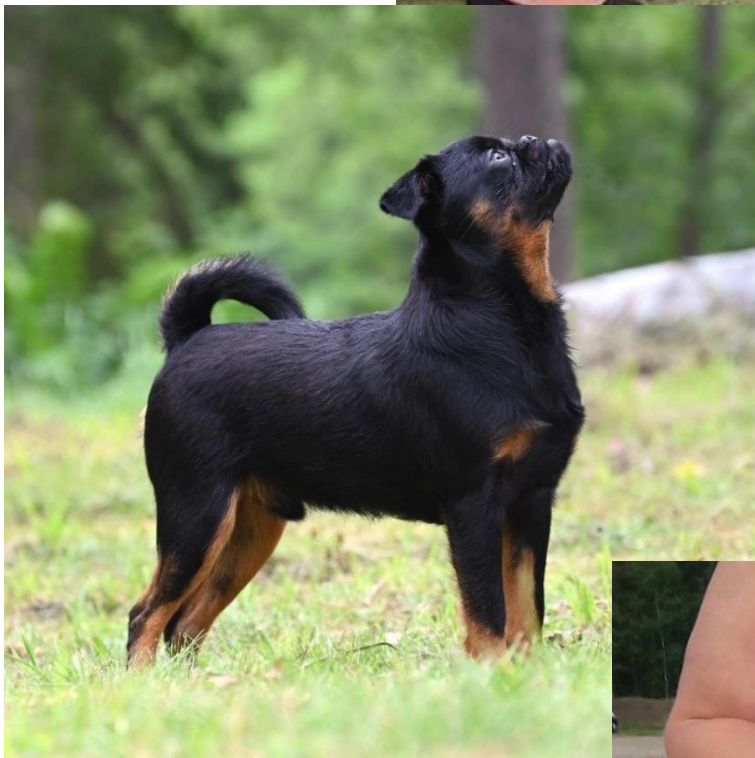
Best in Show Two was awarded to the Griffon Bruxellois dog, Ch Gaverline Luke

(Beauview Storm Warning X Gaverline Tara)

The judges critique read *"excellent type. square and cobby, good construction. well developed rib, good chest, level back, good tail set, good bone, lovely large head, small neat ears, good eyes, large nose, wide nostrils, good turn up, harsh coat, good movement."*



Best in Show Three
was awarded to the
Griffon Belge, the
black bitch, Ch
Hierners The
Countess
(Ch Samarandas
Rumba X Ch Hierners
A Cana Y A Cafe)



Best Puppy in Show was the black and tan
Petit Brabancon, Hierners In Your Dreams
(Ch Hierners You Lucky Dog X Ch Blue Bays
Bruit Du Silence)



Best Veteran in Show was the Griffon
Bruxellois bitch, Ch Pacey Yacaranda
Rose



World dog Show - Brno -Czech Republic. September/October 2021

The World Show consisted of the World Show with competition held over plus a number of other shows run in association with it.

The International Dog Show

It began with the International Dog Show which saw a total of 29 Griffons from the three classes

The Griffon Belge entry was 9 and Best of Breed from the Champion Class was the black and tan rough bitch, ***Ch Radost V Dom Vitaminka***



The **Griffon Bruxellois** class had 10 entries and the Best of Breed was the dog, ***Ch Hero Antique***, also from the Champion Class

The **Petit Brabancon** entry was also 10 and the Best of Breed also from the Champion Class was ***Ch Athos Zvezdnyj Alians***





The World Dog Show

Judging for the World Dog Show commenced with all the glamour of Eurovision.

There was a large entry of Griffons in all three classes

The **Griffon Belge** entry was 23 for judge, Miroslav Guniš.

The Best of Breed was the well performed black dog, **Ch Shevalin Fanfan La Tulip**, from Latvia



The **Petit Brabancon** entry was 32 for judge, Jakub Kadlec and his winner was the black and tan dog, **He's Puss In The Boots Too Much Love**, from The Czech Republic

Judge, Jakub Kadlec with his World show winners
Best of Breed- He's Puss In Boots Too Much Love,
SK- Lucia Baloghova
Best Opposite Sex- Akhtamar Do You Love Me, SF
- Sari Airaksinen
Best Junior- Shevilan Zacapa Ron, LT - Ilana-Alex
Shevsky
Best Veteran - Cedrik z Krchova vrchu, CZ -
Veronika Jilkova





The Griffon **Bruxellois** entry was 28 for judge Miroslav Guniš

The Best of Breed was awarded to the bitch **Baruška from Hunkov Pond**, from The Czech Republic



The Czech Griffon Specialty

Running in conjunction with the World Show spectacular was the Czech Griffon Specialty Championship show with an entry of 77 Griffons in total for judge Mr Darko Drobňak from Serbia.

The show was held out doors and the weather remained fine,

Best in Show and Best of Breed Griffon Belge was the black rough bitch **Shevilan Xtra Whiplash**, bred by Ilana and Alex Shevsky from Latvia





Reserve in Show and Best of Breed Petit Brabancon was a repeat of the Petit Brabancon class at the World Show from the Intermediate class, **He's Puss In The Boots Too Much Love**, bred and owned by L. Baloghova, SK



Best of Breed Griffon Bruxellois was the bitch, **Shevilan Yolka Elka** , , bred by Ilana and Alex Shevsky from Latvia

Best Couple in Show –
Shevilan Fanfan La Tulipe
+ Shevilan Xtra Whiplash





UK

In the UK, shows have also been getting back to normal with a number of large Championship shows taking place as well as some Griffon Championship Specialty Shows

The Griffon Specialty Shows

The Griffon Club 1897 Championship Show

The Oldest Griffon Club in the world, The Griffon Club UK 1897, held their championship show at the end of July, judged by Mr Stephen Thompson (Beauview Griffons). They had a total of 38 entries.

Best in Show was awarded to the red rough dog,
Blackstar Balloo Vonici



Reserve Best in Show was the red rough bitch, Zilcan
Paper Moon



Best Puppy in Show was
the red smooth bitch,
Datiro Chickadee



Best Veteran in Show was
red rough bitch, Vendettas
Tangerine Balthazar



Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association Championship Show

The Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association of the UK held their Championship show on 6th September. It was a double show with an Open Show, followed by a Championship show. This is very common in Australia but is fairly new for the UK. The shows had an entry of 50 Griffons. Interestingly, the Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show winners at both the Open and Championship show both sired by the same dog- Ch Menwinnion Sunburst

OPEN SHOW RESULTS

The Open show was judged by Mark Selby of Zilcan Griffons

Best in Show - Grajenco Versace at Fennymore
(R/R bitch) *(unable to find photo)*

Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite -
Osthaen Red Hot Chilli Piper (R/S dog)



Best Puppy in Show- - Datiro Chickadee (R/S bitch)

Best Veteran in Show-
Vendettas
Tangerine
Balthazar (Imp
Swe) (R/R bitch)





The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

Championship show

The Championship show was judged by with Barry Day, well known for Risepark Schnauzers.

Best in Show was the smooth dog -Zilcan Ring of Fire at Movalian

Reserve Best in Show and Best Opposite in Show
was - Cilleine La Vie En Rose *(photo not available)*



Best Puppy in Show- Beauborne Moana (R/R bitch) *(photo not available)*



Best Veteran in Show - Vendettas Tangerine Balthazar (Imp Swe)



The Northern Griffon Bruxellios Club

The Northern Griffon Club held their 70th Anniversary Show in 26 September, tandem with the National Dog Show. The entry was 64 for judge Maria Oliver (Birchend Griffons)

Best in Show and Dog CC- Ch Donzeata
Royal Viscount



Reserve in Show and Bitch CC- Donzeata Royal Attraction,

**Best Puppy-
Adream Countess
at Donzeata**



**Best Veteran-
Adream Black
Magic SchM 8yrs**



**Best Vintage-Ch Samaranda's Sorceror to Adream
ShCm 11yrs**





UK All Breeds Championship Shows

There has been a procession of shows in the UK summer as clubs catch up on shows that had been postponed. Entries have slowly increased with successive shows as more people return to showing. There are some promising youngsters who have emerged from the Covid hiatus and some dogs with consistent and outstanding results.

In particular, David Guy's dog, Ch Donzeata Royal Viscount, has had great success with several group and in group awards, his latest win being Best in Group at Scottish KC at the beginning Of October.

Leeds 25th July

GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS - entry 26

Judge: Mr J Swinge

BEST OF BREED : Barnfall Sunshine JW

Dog CC : Barnfall Sunshine JW

Res Dog CC : Stormjac Spocktacular Nite

Bitch CC : Grajenco Versace at Fennymore NAF

Res Bitch CC : Ru Paul's Lucy in the Sky with Movalian (imp Swed)

Best Puppy : Datiro Chickadee

Best Special Beginner : Datiro Marmalade

Barnfall Sunshine JW



Bath 3rd August

GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS 28

Judge: Mr K S Wilberg

BEST OF BREED : Operastar Ernanie

Dog CC : Operastar Ernanie

Res Dog CC : Blacktsar Balloo Vonici

Bitch CC : Ch Ru Paul's Twerkin for Birkin with Zilcan (Swed)

Res Bitch CC : L Beauborne Juno

Best Puppy : Datiro Chickadee

Best Special Beginner : Imgosbull Play Top at Rebeldye (Imp Rus)

Paignton

4th in Group : Ch Donzeata Royal Viscount – David Guy

GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS 28 entry

Judge: Mr T Ball

BEST OF BREED : Ch Donzeata Royal Viscount

Dog CC : Ch Donzeata Royal Viscount

Res Dog CC : Blacktsar Balloo Vonici

Bitch CC : Ch Ru Paul's Twerkin for Birkin with Zilcan (Swed)

Res Bitch CC : Donzeata Royal Attraction

Best Puppy : Balthazar Supersonic

Ch Donzeata Royal Viscount



Bournemouth 16th August

GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS entry 16

Judge: Mr D Hicks

BEST OF BREED : Ch Harpersband Case In Point At Balthazar (Imp Rus)

Best Dog : Ch Harpersband Case In Point At Balthazar (Imp Rus)

Res Best Dog : Risethor Laidbackjack

Best Bitch : Beauborne Juno

Res Best Bitch : Balthazar Tainted Love

Best Puppy : Balthazar Sweet Talkn Woman



Richmond 12 September

GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS entry 28

Judge: Miss F Price (Marquant)

BEST OF BREED : Blacktsar Balloo Vonici

Dog CC : Blacktsar Balloo Vonici

Res Dog CC : Barnfall Sunshine JW

Bitch CC : Ch Ru Paul's Twerkin for Birkin with Zilcan (Swed)

Res Bitch CC : Stormjac Black Pearl for Es

Best Puppy : Datiro Chickadee

Ch Ru Paul's Twerkin for Birkin with Zilcan

Darlington 19th September

GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS entry 39

Judge: Mrs C E Cartledge

BEST OF BREED : Zilcan Ring of Fire at Movalian

Dog CC : Zilcan Ring Of Fire At Movalian

Res Dog CC : Barnfall Sunshine JW

Bitch CC : Stormjac Black pearl for Es

Res Bitch CC : Grajenco Chanel at Fennymore

Best Puppy : Datiro Chickadee

Best Veteran : Vendettas Tangerine Balthazar (Swed Imp)



National Dog show 25 September

GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS entry 52

Judge: Mrs C E Cartledge

BEST OF BREED : Zilcan Ring Of Fire At Movalian

Dog CC : Zilcan Ring Of Fire At Movalian

Res Dog CC : C Barnfall Sunshine JW

Bitch CC : Stormjac Black pearl for Es

Res Bitch CC : Grajenco Chanel at Fennymore

Best Puppy : Datiro Chickadee

Best Veteran : Vendettas Tangerine Balthazar (Swed Imp)

Scottish Kennel Club 2nd October

Best In Group - Ch Donzeata Royal Viscount

GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS Entry 17

Judge: Mrs C McKenzie

BEST OF BREED : 10360 GUY, Mr D

Ch Donzeata Royal Viscount

Best Dog : 10360 GUY, Mr D Ch

Donzeata Royal Viscount

Res Best Dog : 10369 POTTS, Mr &

Mrs R ADREEAM SECRET AFFAIR

Best Bitch : 10359 GULLON, Mr C

Datiro Chickadee

Res Best Bitch : 10365 MACKAY, Mr

G & MACKAY, Mrs P Osthaen

Scandal By Night

Best Puppy : 10359 GULLON, Mr C

Datiro Chickadee

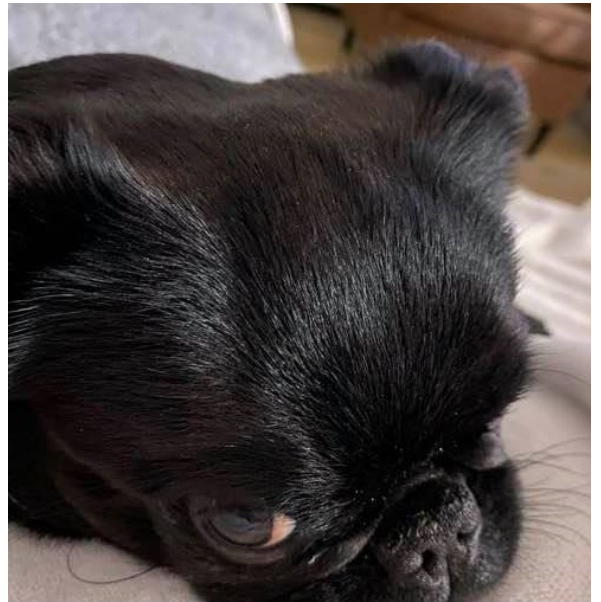




How can you resist those Griffon Faces?



Frankie, looking cute



Winnie, not getting out of bed



*Ygrette-
don't
move, I
am comfortable here*



Zsa Zsa and Zorro snuggles



*Douglas- just a
boy and his
dinosaur*



*Elijah- what do
uou mean, I am
not allowed on
the lounge?*



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Don't Buy A Lie...

Beauty is more than skin deep. A Griffon's appearance can give strong indicators of it's current & future health.

Bright, dark eyes, without white showing, mean eye conditions and injuries are less common.



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.



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Support Responsible Breeders



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

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.











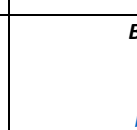


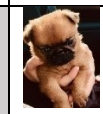
Please inform the club if you have registered to get a Griffon but no longer want one. Recently the Registrar has contacted several people only to be told that they have gotten another breed and no longer want a Griffon. It helps us keep our paperwork up to date if we know that you do not require a Griffon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



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



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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 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
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