



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

The Phoenix

Summer 2021- 2022





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Cover Obi and Moana share summer fun at the beach with friends

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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



Ros and Dave Finch's griffons got into the Halloween spirit and were ready to great any trick or treat visitors



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Boots- a prisoner for love

*Who does it better?
Osha say No Contest*





The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW AGM

2021 Presidents Report

Once again, the Covid pandemic interrupted the club activities and we had to adjust our club schedule to accommodate lock downs, travel restrictions and show cancelations and postponements

Championship Show

We were fortunate to squeeze our show in at Easter in the window between lock downs. As it turned out, we were the only club in Australia that was able to hold the specialty shows. Both the Queensland and Victorian Griffon clubs were forced to cancel.

Our Judge for the Gold show was Mr John Sheppard and for the Silver show, Ms Anu Lummvaara. The Gold show was the Edward Croad Memorial Show and we were pleased to be able to fly Mrs Jocelyn Croad down from Queensland as our guest of honour, to present the memorial trophy. It was a friendly show and we were pleased to welcome a number of visitors who enjoyed their first ever dog show

I would like to thank the hardworking show committee who once more put together a highly successful show.

The trophy table was at the usual high standard, thanks to our Trophy Manager, Sarah Peddie McGuirk.

Thanks to Terri and Grant Odell who donated a fantastic raffle prize as a fund raiser

Special thanks go to our Show Secretary, Claire Parker O'Sullivan, who managed to carry out all the responsibilities of the job, despite having given birth 3 weeks before the show. Jemima was the youngest visitor at the show.

Thanks also to all the members who helped set up the show. Show don't run themselves and without the early morning workers it would not have happened; Adam Tremenheere, Jannelle Tremenheere, Matthew O Sullivan, Jane Wistuba, Sharyn Wood all assisted. Thanks also to Ashleigh Barber and our catering manager, Tiffany Dale, who worked in the canteen and provided a delicious lunch for the judges

Point Score

The club point score competition was cut short at the fourth show in June for the lockdown but we were able to hold two more shows when they resumed in October. We had good support from our members for the point score, despite the challenges of covid

Promoting the breed

Due to the restrictions we were unable to carry out our usual activities in 2020; The Dog Lovers Show was cancelled, Dogs on Show was cancelled, the social activities and meet ups were cancelled and even our Christmas party of 2020 was cancelled due to covid restrictions.

However, the club has been very active through social media and has four platforms to promote the club

- Our club website - griffonsnsw
- The official club Face book Group - Griffons NSW
- The Club Face Book Page – The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW



- Instagram - @griffonsnsw

The club also has two other private club groups- The CGBC of NSW Committee Group and the CGBC of NSW Exhibitor Support Group

The Committee group has been invaluable in 2020/2021 and regular on- line committee meetings have kept the club running smoothly and successfully.

Educating Puppy Buyers

The Covid situation has created a huge demand for dogs of all breeds and Griffons have become very popular with the public. This in turn has led to an upturn in unethical and dishonest breeding practices by people who want to cash in on demand. As well as breeders producing unregistered and unhealthy Griffon litters, there have also been people who have deliberately bred crossbred Griffons and marketed them as pure Griffons or as a 'rare' breed.

Members of the club have been very proactive on the local Facebook groups educating potential buyers about only buying from ethical breeders and offering help, support and advice to all potential puppy buyers. The club has also created a series of educational memes to promote ethical breeding practices.

Griffon Buyer Register

The Griffon Buyer Register was developed in 2014 to assist people in buying a Griffon and has gone from strength to strength in 2021.

Our thanks go to our Assistant Secretary Sharyn Wood who manages the memberships and the Griffon Buyer Register. Anyone who enquires about buying a Griffon, gets a large educational package providing information about ethical breeders and explaining the differences between ethical and unethical breeding. In this way the club has been very proactive about providing advice to buyers.

In addition, the breeders of the club have agreed to follow a code of ethics that goes above the minimum requirements of the ANKC and they are able to work with Sharyn to find the most suitable homes for their pups.

The situation assists both the breeders and the public and Sharyn does a fantastic job collating all the inquiries. Sharyn has had a particularly busy year with the increasing demand for the breed and we have over 100 people on our Buyer Register

Health

Our club continues to support health research for Griffons. We ensure that members are kept fully informed about the latest health research findings and problems and support proven, reputable research. Up to date research information on a variety of health issues is published in each issue of The Phoenix

Membership

Our membership has grown rapidly over the past year and we ended the financial year with 240 members. At the moment we have 213 members who are all Griffon owners or Griffon lovers. This is an excellent number, considering we don't have a common breed. We ensure that we meet the needs of all members, exhibitors and pet owners alike. We have a number of international members as well as Australian members.

We have a strict code of conduct for all members which includes the way members treat dogs and the way they behave and communicate with other members. We expect all members to comply with this.

Newsletter

The club produces a newsletter 'The Phoenix' which is issued quarterly and is full of information from Australia and overseas with items of interest for all Griffon lovers.

Committee

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

I would like to thank the Secretary Jannelle Tremenheere, Treasurer, Matt O'Sullivan and the executive and committee members- Jane Wistuba, Claire Parker O'Sullivan, Terri Odell, Victoria



Mercer. Nicola McLean, Sharyn Wood, Adam Tremenheere, Sarah Peddie Mc Guirk, Tom Gregory, Tiffany Dale and Ashleigh Barber for their help and support in the past 12 months.

Both Jane Wistuba and Tiffany Budini have opted to step down from the committee due to family commitments and I would like to thank them for their support of the club.

Jane has been a long-term committee member and has been there for the club whenever there was work to be done. She has been the Catering Manager for a number of shows and always had beautifully presented tables for the exhibitors and judges.

She is one of the willing workers of the club and could always be relied on to assist when it came to the hard work of setting up and packing up for shows and assisting at Dog Lovers and Dogs on Show. Members like Jane are the backbone of clubs, always relied upon to be working away in the background. We are very grateful for all the help Jane has given the club and would like to thank her for her many contributions.

Tiffany Budini took on the big job of Dog Lovers Coordinator and put in months of work, completing paperwork to organise our breed stand, only to have it all cancelled when the Sydney Covid Lock downs hit again in June. Tiffany is getting married in 2022 and we wish her every happiness.

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

We have always been proud to call our club the friendly club and I feel that we are successfully maintaining this, even in the difficulties we are experiencing at the present time.

I look forward to working with all our members again in whatever capacity I am elected to fill and hope that 2022 will be bigger and better for all members.

Michelle Parker Brien (President) 2020-21

Secretary's Report (2020/20201)



2021 Championship Shows

Well, what a year, COVID certainly continued to disrupt everyone's normal life and lock down resulted in the cancellation of many dog shows and dog related events. However, our club was lucky enough to hold their double championship shows in April.

Both shows were a success, however due to COVID restrictions we were unable to hold our normal presentation after the shows or have our usual finger food table and bubbles to celebrate the winners.

Our numbers were good considering interstate exhibitors could not attend and it was lovely to see several new exhibitors hit the ring with their young Griffons.

A big thank you to the Executive and Committee who helped with set up and pull down as well as the general organisation of the two shows. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make our shows successful.

It was lovely to see Jocelyn Croad one of the club's Patrons attend the shows and present the Eddie Croad memorial trophy to the Best in Show winner at our Gold Show.

2022 Championship shows

Executive and Committee have started the arduous task of organising the 2022 Championship shows, next year we hope to return to our presentation. The CNCC canteen has had an upgrade and is under new management. The canteen will be open for our shows and will offer a variety of delicious food and beverages as well as EFTPOS.

Dog Lovers Show

Nothing to report for Dog Lovers Show this year again as it was another victim of COVID 19 and cancelled.

Point Score Show

Our Point Score competition for 2020 – 2021 began the year with a flying start and then Unfortunately, was disrupted by COVID 19 lockdown which meant the cancellation of many



dog shows. However, we were able to recently return to the show rings and held a point score show at the North of the Harbour it was a lovely to see a good turnout of Griffons with Griffons taking out a Best in Group and Minor in group.

Rescue Report

No Griffon rescues to report for 2020/2021 however, due to a large amount of unethical and unregistered breeders appearing on the scene breeding cross breeds for colour and unregistered Griffons because they can, we expect to see more Griffons coming into rescue, especially when the covid restrictions cease.

Jannelle Tremmenheere -Secretary 2020/2021



From the Editor

Welcome to the first issue for 2022. Fingers crossed that the normality we are experiencing remains and we can all get out and about again with our Griffons without any more restrictions and lock downs.

We are looking forward to a busy year and everything is in place for another successful championship show. Details are in this issue and everyone is welcome to come and watch even if they don't compete in the show.

This issue has photos of Griffons celebrating Griffmas as loved members of the family and some stories of the exploits of some of our Griffon members

The club held the AGM at the end of 2021 and a full report is in this issue, along with the President and Secretary report.

Thank you to the members who contributed. Please email or message me with any news or achievements of your Griffons.

Up to date information on club activities is always available on the club Face Book Group, Griffons NSW.

Erik had a wild New Year's Eve





Annual General Meeting Report

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

Position	Person Elected
President	Michelle Parker Brien
Vice President	Ashleigh Barber
Secretary	Jannelle Tremenheere
Treasurer	Matt O Sullivan
Committee	
Assistant Secretary	Sharyn Wood
Fund Raising Officer	Terri Odell
Events Co Ordinator	Victoria Mercer
Committee Member	Marousa Polias
Committee Member	Adam Tremenheere
Committee Member	Claire Parker OSullivan
Show Committee	
Show Manager	Michelle Parker Brien
Show Secretary	Claire Parker OSullivan
Trophy Manager	Sarah Peddie McQuirk
Non Committee Positions	
Events Committee Member Sthn	Unfilled
Events Committee Member Sydney	Tom Gregory
Events Committee- Member Dog Lovers Show	Unfilled
Catering Officer	No Longer Needed
Rescue Co-Ordinator/s	Adam Tremenheere Jannelle Tremenheere
Patrons(2)	
	Jocelyn Croad
	Tom Couchman

seconded Bernadette Bull, carried

Events Coordinator tabled – accepted Jannelle Tremenheere, seconded Ashleigh Barber, carried
 Claire Parker-O'Sullivan motioned that all persons in attendance must be double vaccinated in accordance with the Clubs COVID Policy.

Minutes Annual General Meeting 27th November 2021 CNCC Show Grounds Hillsborough

Welcome To Country- On behalf of all in attending our meeting today I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

Attendance: Ashleigh Barber, Bernadette Bull, Marousa Polias, Jannelle Tremenheere, Claire Parker- O'Sullivan, Matt O'Sullivan, Michelle Parker-Brien, Victoria Mercer, Kerry Bell, Emily Bell, Terri Odell, Grant Odell

Apologies: Tiffany Dale, Sarah Peddi McGuirk, Adam Tremenheere, Jane Wistuba

Minutes of last AGM-2020 tabled – Accepted Ashleigh Barber, seconded Jannelle Tremenheere – carried

Presidents Report 2021 tabled – Accepted Claire Parker-O'Sullivan, seconded Terri Odell - carried

Show Report 2021 tabled – Accepted Matt O'Sullivan, seconded Marousa Polias – carried

Treasures Report 2021 Tabled: balance as at the end of June 2021 \$7,764.71 accepted Matt O'Sullivan, seconded Jannelle Tremenheere, carried

New Member's Tabled: accepted Matt O'Sullivan, seconded Terri O'dell, carried

Rescue Officers Report tabled in Secretaries Report)

Dog Lovers Reports tabled however events not held due to COVID 19 accepted Marousa Polias,



The executive stood down for the purpose of nominations for 2022.

Michelle Parker-Brien was unopposed as President so she took the floor in the capacity of President for nominations and the remainder of the meeting.

There were several non-executive positions that were not filled. Jannelle Tremenheere moved that as these positions could be performed by other members of the committee we would not fill the positions for 2022, moved Marousa Polias, carried.

Matt O'Sullivan nominated Vanja Neus to continue as the clubs Auditor for 2022, seconded Claire Parker-O'Sullivan, carried

Jannelle Tremenheere moved that the club make Jocelyn Croad a life member, Seconded Bernadette Bull, carried

Claire Parker-O'Sullivan moved that the club make Eddie Croad a posthumous life member, seconded Michelle Parker-Brien, carried

It was suggested that Claire Parker-O'Sullivan look into purchasing a pin or badge for life members, seconded Jannelle Tremenheere, carried

Claire Parker O'Sullivan also nominated Tom Couchman as a life member, seconded Ashleigh Barber, carried

Meeting Closed at 1.20 pm

Mr Gruff is in disguise





How did Griffons celebrate Christmas

They were spoilt of course!!

Jemima celebrated with her Griffon family



Boots and Elroy were so good that Santa brought them lots of presents



Bodie, Oscar and Gus, dressed up to greet the Christmas guests



Edwina is not impressed with her Christmas fashion



Ashleigh found a tiny Griffon elf



Coco the gingerbread man



And Santa Teddy Griffon



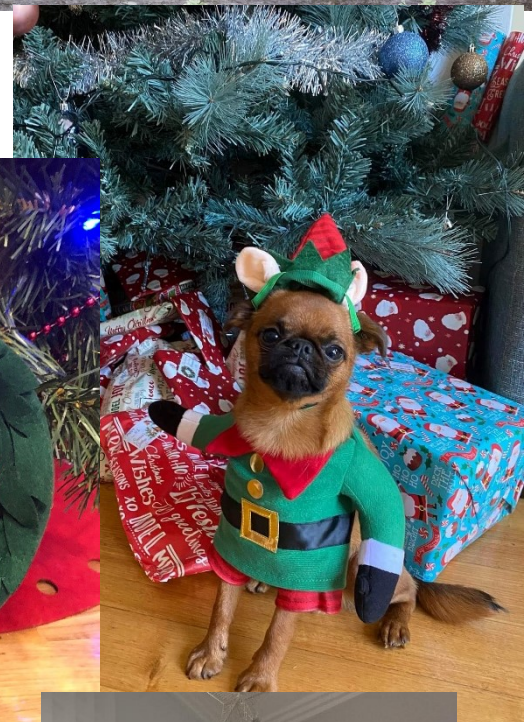


Gizmo and Gypsy, groomed up and ready to party

Sid, Kenzie and Erik, ready to spread Christmas cheer



Igor the Christmas elf- not on the shelf



Maple the Christmas ornament



Percy and Alfie, waiting for Santa



Milly, Kia and Cornelius have been very good all year



Neville the gingerbread man





Morty and Mavis



AND

Minnie and Monte

Matching the outfits



Vivian Leigh and her Puggy brothers met the man in the red suit at the beach



Sprout is waiting for the presents to appear under the tree

Teddy had his first Christmas and is not quite sure what the fuss is about





Zsa Zsa and Zorro, Santa's little helpers



Squirrel and Beedle found a very wiggly present



The Harpersband Griffons sent greetings from Russia



The Morning Bell Griffons sent greetings from Belgium



*And our club sent greetings to everyone.
I hope that
you and your
Griffons all
had a
wonderful
time*





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

The end of 2021 and beginning of 2022 saw the passing of some well-known Griffon exhibitors and breeders in three countries. With them go a wealth of knowledge and a life of dedication to the breed.

May they Rest In Peace

Ruth Periera

In the USA, Ruth Pereira of the well known Donandru Griffons died just before Christmas.

She was a respected breeder and won several best in show awards with her Griffons at both Specialty and All Breeds level. She was active in promoting the breed and encouraged and worked towards health research

Donna Vartanian wrote "It's with great sadness that I tell you the Griffon world lost a great advocate today: Ruth Pereira.

Ruth was a judge, breeder, exhibitor and philanthropist. She was instrumental in encouraging research of SM in our Breed, funding a great deal of the studies."

Vale Ruth Pereira : 1936-2021



Birgitta Friman

In Sweden, Birgitta Friman of the well known Cayafas Griffons died after a long illness

She bred a number of top winning Griffons and was respected in the Griffon world

Torald Lybbikk wrote " It's not easy to put into words a strong friendship, but I will try. From our first meeting at the Finnish Special in 2014 we found the tone. In 2015, Morino came into the world, and when he was about to get a new home, we were the lucky chosen ones. From that day the friendship grew through common

interests and mutual respect.

We talked for hours at least once a week. To begin with mostly dogs since it was Griffon that brought us together, but eventually mostly about everything else and I got to know Birgitta better than most. Under the rough surface there was a lot of humour, (sometimes macabre) honesty, care, the ability to see the comedy in most things, a roaring laugh and a heart of gold! Always willing to share experiences and knowledge after a long life as a breeder. Living engaged in the dog world and Cayafa's dogs will be remembered, but I'm going to leave that bit. To me, she was just Birgitta.

Vale Birgitta Friman: 19.05.43 - 22.12.2021



Wendy Baker

In Australia, well known Griffon exhibitor, Wendy Baker died at the beginning of January. Although she bred under the Gemcourt prefix she was better known for handling Griffons bred by Lanyon Kennels and later Statuesque. She won multiple Best in Show awards with her Griffons, Gr Ch Statuesque Mudgee Mud and Sup Ch Statuesque Pumpnickel and was known as a strong and determined competitor.

The last Griffon she exhibited was bitch bred by Robyn Morse and sired by Statuesque Mudgee Mud.

She was an All Breeds judge and was active as a show organiser in South Australia.

Vale Wendy Baker: 1962 -2022



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Congratulations go to **Sandie Mead**, in New Zealand who passed her practical exam for the Toy Group. This was the final stage of the examination process which also included a written exam. Covid lock downs and restrictions meant cancelations and postponements for the various exams making it a long process. Sandie is an experienced Griffon exhibitor and breeder and it is always good to have people who genuinely know and love the breed in the judges ranks.

Kerry Bell's husband, Robert, is a very talented wood

worker, who usually makes children's toys. However, she persuaded him to do a Griffon instead and he has done a remarkable job.

Because of the facial shape and the coat texture, they are not an easy dog to create successfully but his final result is outstanding.

He has even managed to bring the eyes to life and capture the true Griffons spirit.

There will be many envious Griffon owners



The work in progress



The final result





Esme the hero

Able to catch robbers with a single bark

In the late 1800's in Brussels, Griffons were popular with coachmen who used them as alert dogs. One of their jobs was to alert the coachman to anyone approaching the coach.

Esme, a young Griffon girl, owned by Demi Hundt, proved that the instincts are still strong. One night recently, Esme suddenly started barking at a noise across the road. This was very unusual for her as she hardly ever barks. She woke Demi who looked to see what she was causing her to bark. There was actually a robbery taking place in the pharmacy across the road and ever alert Esme had



heard the robbers.

The police were called and the robbers were successfully caught, all thanks to Esme the hero alert dog.

Of course, Esme didn't let it go to her head and despite her hero status she was still happy to walk around Sydney to keep the humans happy. But she did have to catch up with her friends to tell them about her adventure





Fashions may change but the Griffons stay the same

100 years of Rough Griffons as a ladies' companion

Griffons were originally described as a ladies' dog and from the late 1800's onwards they became very popular with fashionable ladies of the time.

But even though the fashions over the past 100 years have changed, the Griffons have not changed.

Her Majesty, Marie Henriette, Queen of the Belgians, with Griffons, circa 1880's

Grooming may have changed and ears are no

Sarah Bernhardt with her Griffon 1890's



longer cropped but thanks to the dedicated breeders the Griffons themselves have not changed

Mary Lencret with her Griffon. Paris 1906

Matilda Hortense Claire Fossi, famous French actress icon of her time with Griffon, circa 1909



Irene Castle with her Griffons 1922

Unidentified woman with Griffon circa 1925





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Mrs Parker Bowles of
the Partridge Hill
Griffon Kennels, with 3
of her dogs circa 1934

Griffon in the movie,
Werewolf of London,
1935



Actress, Carole Lombard with
Griffon pup, circa 1940

Actress, Joyce
Compton with
Griffons, circa
mid 1940's



Delores Del Rio,
actress with
Griffon, circa early
1950's



Melanie Barrett with Farthing,
a Griffon bred by Dozmere
1968

Comedienne, Joan Rivers and
her daughter with a Griffon,
circa 1990's





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

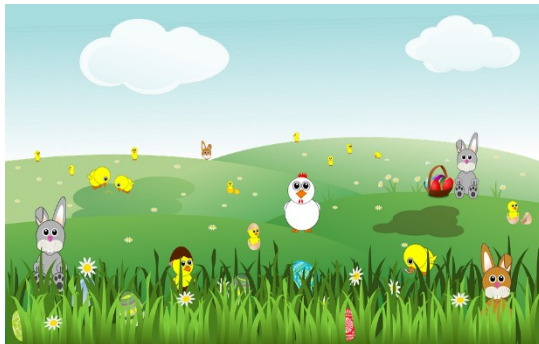
Available in Pink and Black

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

terri@petsonthepark.com.au



Easter Extravaganza

For exhibitors with stamina- there are three days of shows to showcase the Griffons in April over the Easter period.

Commencing with the **CGBC of NSW specialty championship double show Saturday 9th April** at the beautiful Hillsborough grounds. Camping available on the grounds. (The schedule can be seen on the next page)

Sunday 10th April is the **4Ps Toy Club** show and the **Flat Face Toy club** show running in tandem at Orchard Hills.

Monday 11th April is Griffon judging at **Sydney Royal**.

Visitors are welcome on all three days. The Saturday and Sunday shows have free entry for visitors (Covid rules apply)

Sydney Royal has normal entry costs for the Royal.

The link for Sydney Royal is below

<https://www.rasnsr.com.au/sydney-royal-competitions/competitions/dog-show-sydney/>

We look forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors at our Griffon Club show. The schedule is on the next page.

The club also has advertising in the catalogue for \$10 a page. You may design your own ad or our Show Secretary can design one for you with high resolution photos



Entries Close: 1 April 2022

THE COUNTRY GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF NSW

DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

CNCC DOG COMPLEX, HILLSBOROUGH RD, HILLSBOROUGH

SATURDAY 9 APRIL 2022

Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 14, 11, 12 & 18 (dogs & bitches), Property Classes

Entries to: The Show Secretary, C/- 5 Kendall St, Charlestown 2290

Ph & Extreme Weather Ph: 0459 169 096

Cheques made payable to: The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

JUDGES

Silver Show

Miss T Parker (NSW)

Griffon Bruxellois

Gold Show

Prof B Corbitt (NSW)

Griffon Bruxellois, Property Classes

Order of Judging: **Silver:** Breed Classes in Alphabetical.

Gold Show: Breed Classes in alphabetical, Property Classes (Brace, Breeders Team (3-5), Best Gait, Rough/Smooth Coat, Rough/Smooth Head, Top Line/Tailset, Parent & Offspring (2-4)).

Judging Commences: **Silver:** 9.30am, **Gold:** not before 11.00am

DOGS NSW Representative: Mr J Mathieson

Entry Fees: *Members:* \$15.00 first, \$10.00 subsequent,

Non Members: \$30.00 first, \$10.00 subsequent



Catalogues: Included with entry

Covid Plan in Place. All Exhibitors are required to be fully vaccinated.

PRIZES:

General Specials: Trophy & Sash,

Special Classes: Trophy & Sash



Preparing for A Show

In the 41st Issue of The Phoenix, Winter 2021, we published an article on **How To Show your Dog**.

That article explained the correct registration papers needed to enter a conformation show and how to train your dog to stand, both on the table and the ground, and how to gait your dog in the ring.

But... that is only part of it

You can buy the best dog, or the most promising puppy in the world and unless you prepare it properly you will not win.

There are three main parts to dog conformation competition.

1. The dog itself.

If you have bought an ANKC registered (Main Registration), pedigree, purebred dog from a quality breeder then in most cases it will be suitable to show, if you rear, prepare and present it properly. For this article, I will assume that the dog you have is fed well, so that it is healthy with a good, healthy coat and has been exercised appropriately so that it has good muscle tone and it a correct weight and is not fat or flabby.

A show dog should be a healthy dog that is typical of the breed without exaggeration. It should always be a well- cared for dog and the coat texture, body condition and attitude will show that. And that is also what we expect for all loved pets.

2. The attitude of the dog and the bond it has with the handler.

This comes with training (see Winter 2012 issue) and practice. You cannot expect the dog to show well if you do not practice so that the experience positive and enjoyable. You would not expect to enter and win a golf tournament if you only played every now and then so you cannot expect the dog to perform at its best if you do not work with it and create the bond as a handler



Two griffons happily gaing with owners showing the bond created

3. Grooming and coat presentation

The Griffon has two coat types- rough and smooth. The rough requires more work and grooming than the smooth but both coat types require attention.

Presentation and grooming is important because it does not help the dog if it looks dirty or scruffy and an unkempt dog looks as if you don't care. In the end if a judge is presented with two equal dogs and one is groomed appropriately and one is untidy and scruffy, they will generally award the correctly groomed dog

The Rough Coat- must be hand stripped. This is essential because a Griffon has a double coat- a harsh weather proof top coat and a soft insulating undercoat. The top coat comes through hard and darker when stripped and the judge will look at coat texture as it is a breed characteristic. A clipped dog only has a soft undercoat.

It takes time to successfully learn how to hand strip so it is important to talk to your breeder for advice and help. If your breeder is unable to help then the club website has some useful information



on grooming on the following link

<http://www.griffonnsw.com/ggrooming-your-griffon.asp>

If you are unable to groom yourself there are a small number of professional groomers who can hand strip and understand the breed. It takes time and regular effort to keep the coat in show condition and cannot usually be done with a single strip as the coat needs to grow through the cycle.

The dog also needs to be washed in a shampoo appropriate for a rough coat dog. Don't use conditioner on a rough coat.

Rough coat Griffon in show groom



Smooth Griffons require less grooming but still need attention to get them in their best show condition. They need to be regularly brushed to get rid of any dead hair and to keep the coat shiny and glossy. They need any wispy hairs on the tail, trousers, ears and under the belly scissored to neaten them up. They need to be shampooed and conditioned with a shampoo appropriate for the coat

For dogs of both coats it is also important to make sure nails are trimmed short, ears are clean and teeth are white.

This type of grooming is beneficial to all dogs and it keeps the dog in top physical condition making a happier and more comfortable dog

Smooth coat Griffon in show Groom



What Do You Need to take to the Show?

The comfort of the dog is most important. Essential items are:

- Fresh water and a drinking bowl
- Treats to use in the ring
- Show Lead- not the usual walking lead. The show lead should be fine and blend, not detract from the dog
- Walking collar and lead
- A crate or trolley for the dog to rest in safely, with bedding
- A chair for yourself
- Grooming equipment- comb, pin brush for rough coats, brush for smooth coats
- If an outdoor show, shelter of some type for both you and the dog
- A sense of humour and don't worry if you are embarrassed- when you work with dogs you can guarantee that you will be embarrassed at some stage
- And above all – have fun – it should be an enjoyable activity for the both of you and a social outing



Talking dogs outside the ring waiting to be judged



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Griffons Enjoying Summer Sunshine

Jean Claude- flying into the summer sports



*Mushroom, Devina, Elijah and Klaus,-with Adam Tremeneheere
Strolling by the dock on the bay, watching the tide roll in*



*Kenzie
having an
evening
swim*



Tango and friends, cooling down



*Tango and even more friends, in the
swim*





2021 Point Score

North of the Harbour

The relaxation of some Covid restrictions led to a number of shows, previously postponed, rescheduled at the end of the year.

The North of the Harbour show, which had been a designated point score show for July, was rescheduled for 17th November 2021 so the club was able to squeeze in another point score before the end of the year.

The weather was overcast and increasingly windy but the day stayed dry for the show. There was an entry of 13 Griffons, a good number considering that exhibitors were just coming back from a lengthy lock down break.

Cabal 2021



Best of Breed and Dog CC and also Best in Group was **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**, owned and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell

Runner up Best of Breed and Bitch CC was **Ch Nagpuni in the Midnight Hour**, bred, owned and handled by Terri ODell



Reserve Bitch CC was **Ch Tzani Giggie Mc Dimple**, owned and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell
There was no Reserve Dog CC



Best of Breed Neuter and Neuter Bitch CC was **Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna**, owned and handled by Marousa Polias



Some of the wet conditions at the point score show

Northern All Breeds KC

The final point score show of the year was Northern All Breeds Kennel Club at Hillsborough on Saturday 27/11/2021. Despite the bucketing rain and the wet and boggy conditions, we had a good entry of 15 Griffons, all braving the weather.



The Best of Breed, Bitch CC and Best in Group was the smooth red bitch, **Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke**, owned and handled by Michelle Parker Brien

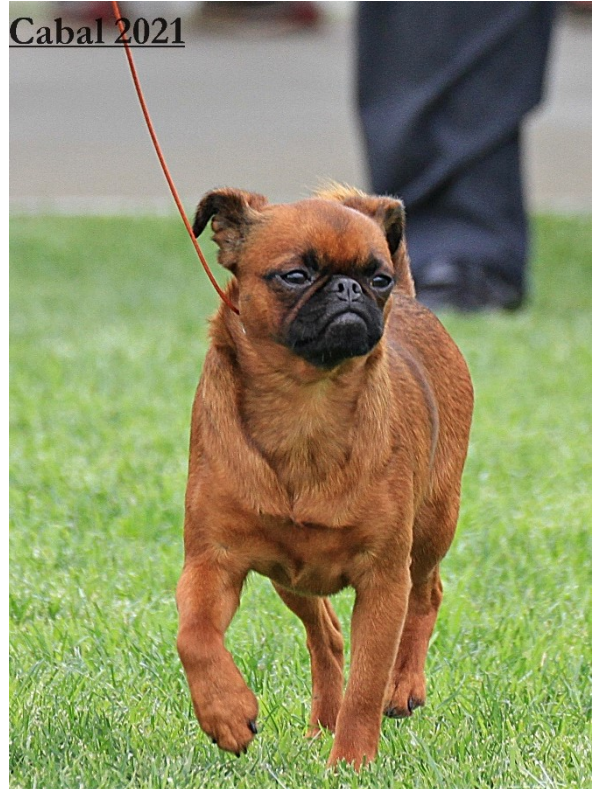
Runner up Best of Breed and Dog CC was **Supreme Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**, owned and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell





Reserve Dog CC was **Krusayd Griffon Don Diablo**, owned and handled by Maroussa Polias

Reserve Bitch CC was **Balliol Norberta Niffler**, owned and bred by Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Claire Parker O'Sullivan



Best of Breed Neuter and Neuter in Group was **Gr Ch Tzani Rhoda Dendron**, owned and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell



This show was the final show for the year and the Point score winners were presented with the prizes at the show.

2021 Point Score Results

Due to Covid lockdowns and restrictions, the club only managed to hold 6 of the 10 designated shows. These shows were in the first 5 months of the year before lockdown and the final two shows were in November, when the restrictions were lifted.

A total of 17 dogs competed in the point score and while this was less than usual it is a good number considering the difficulties that exhibitors were experiencing.

The quality was clearly apparent in the breed with a number of Griffons taking out Best in Group or Class in Group awards at the point score shows

The club would like to thank the exhibitors for the ongoing support of the club point score in what was a very difficult year. We can only hope that 2022 has more normality for everyone



2021 Point Score Winners

1st Place

The winner of the 2021 Point Score competition was **Supreme Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**, owned and handled by Kerry Bell and her daughter, Emily Bell. Brax gained 68 points and, on the way, won a Best in Group and a Runner up in Specialty Show



2nd Place

The 2nd place getter was **Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna**, owned and handled by Marousa Polias, with a total of 50 points

The winner of the Puppy Point Score was **Nevaending Sinners and Saints**, owned and handled by Jannelle Tremenheere

The top ten dogs in the point score were:

1.	Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac	68pts
2.	Neut. Ch. Kango Lady Ma Donna	50pts
3.	Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke	47pts
4.	Ch Tzani Giggle McDimples	38pts
5.	Gr Ch Tzani Rhoda Dendron	25pts
6.	Nevaending Sinners and Saints	18pts
7.	Balliol Norberta Niffler	17pts
8.	Ch Nagpuni in the Midnight Hour	16pts
9.	Balliol Poppy Pomphrey	14pts
10.	Krusayd Griffon Don Diego	14pts



Congratulations!



2022 Point Score

The 2022 Point Score Schedule

29/01/2022 Wollongong & District Kennel Club Inc AM Wollongong Southern	19/03/2022 St George District KC Orchard Hills Sydney	14/05/2022 Lake Macquarie ABKC Hillsborough Hunter	19/06/2022 Norwest Canine Association Castle Hill Sydney	16/07/2022 North of the Harbour All Breeds Kennel Club Orchard Hills Sydney	20/08/2022 Port Stephens Dog Sports Club AM Hillsborough Hunter	17/09/2022 Nowra & District Kennel Club Inc Berry Southern	8/10/2022 Flat Face Toy Dog & Tibetan Spaniel Association of NSW Orchard Hills Sydney	15/10/2022 Southern Highlands Kennel & Obedience Club Inc Berrima Southern	26/11/2022 Wyong Shire KC Hillsborough Hunter
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Other Key Dates

NSW Griffon Club Show date – 9th April 2022

8-19 April– Sydney Royal

Griffon Judging Sydney Royal – 11 April

Breakdown – 10 shows

4 shows in Sydney region

3 shows in Hunter region

3 shows in Southern region

Point Score Competition

Rules and Scoring System

Open Competition

1. Points will be awarded to exhibits at designated point score shows of the Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

Points will be awarded in the following manner:

Best in Show AB	50 points
Runner Up in Show AB	40 points
Class in Show AB	30 points
Best in Group	25 points
Runner Up in Group	20 points
Class in Group	15 points
Best of Breed	10 points
Runner up in Breed	8 points
Challenge (without BOB or Runner up)	6 points
Reserve Challenge (without BOB or Runner up)	5 points
First in Class	3 points
Second in Class	2 points
Third in class	1 point
<i>Specialty Shows count as groups</i>	<i>Neuter in Group counts as a class in Group</i>

2. Points will be awarded to the exhibit will be highest result gained by an exhibit. They will not be accumulative at a single show.

3. The total points gained by each exhibit will be added together and published in The Phoenix

4. The competition will be open to all exhibits including those in Baby Puppy

5. Recognition will be given to the Winner of the Point Score and the Runner Up in the Point Score.

6. Only club members are eligible. Should a non-member win the points won by the member will be awarded only. Eg if a non-member wins BOB and a member wins Runner Up BOB then no BOB points will be awarded and the member will be awarded the points for Runner Up BOB

7. Neuter BOB and CC has the same value as entire BOB or CC



Puppy Point Score Competition

This competition is open to Puppies from 3 months of age up to the age of 18 months.

Points will be awarded in the same way as the Open Point score competition.

Puppies may compete in the Open Point score competition and the Puppy Competition simultaneously

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Points will be awarded in the following manner:

Best in Show AB	50 points
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3. The total points gained by each exhibit will be added together and published in The Phoenix

4. Puppies will compete in this until they reach the age of 18 months. All points accumulated up to the age of 18 months will be counted towards the point score. All points gained after the age of 18 months will not be counted in the Puppy Point Score but will go towards the Open Point Score

5. A separate recognition will be given for the best Puppy in the Point score.

6. If 2 puppies achieve equal results at a show the award will go to the Griffon that defeats the most dogs in its class. Eg- if there are 2 baby puppies and 3 Junior then the award will go to the Junior winner as it defeated more dogs. If the results are still equal then both will be acknowledged.

First Point Score Show 2022

Wollongong All Breeds Kennel Club 29th January 2022

The first point score show of 2022 for The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW, took place at Wollongong ABKC show.

Despite the heat, 32C, the ocean breeze made everything tolerable and the dogs were not bothered.

There was an excellent entry of 17 for judge Nadia Attridge (QLD) with a number of promising youngsters and it was good to see a good turn up of smooths and 4 black and tans entered.

The Best of Breed and Bitch CC was from the Junior class- **Balliol Poppy Pomphrey** (Michelle Parker Brien) and handled to her win by Marousa Polias





Runner up BOB and Reserve Bitch CC, from Open Class was **Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke** (Michelle Parker Brien)

Dog CC from Open Class, was **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**, (Kerry Bell and Emily Bell)



Reserve Dog CC from Puppy Class was **Frenchgriff Follow the Sun**, bred by Victoria Mercer, handled by Ashleigh Barber

Best of Breed Neuter and Neuter in Group was **Rosndae Little Black Dress**, (Roslyn Finch, David Finch)

The top 5 placings after the first show are:

1. Rosndae Little Black Dress 15pts
2. Balliol Poppy Pomphrey 10pts
3. Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke 8pts
4. Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac 6pts
5. Frenchgriff Follow the Sun 5pts



There is a short break to avoid the February heat and the next point score show will be **19/03/2022 St George District KC Orchard Hills Sydney.**



Griffon Birthdays



Mavis celebrated her 15th birthday



Minnie turned 3 years



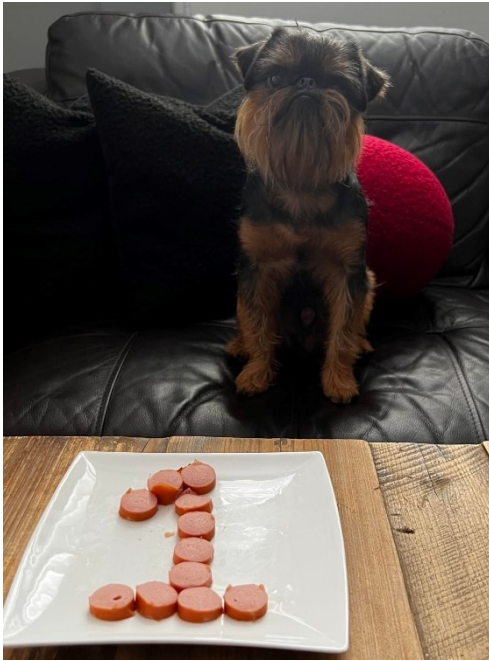
Porthos and George turned 5

Neville is now 10 years



Happy 10th Birthday to Prickle

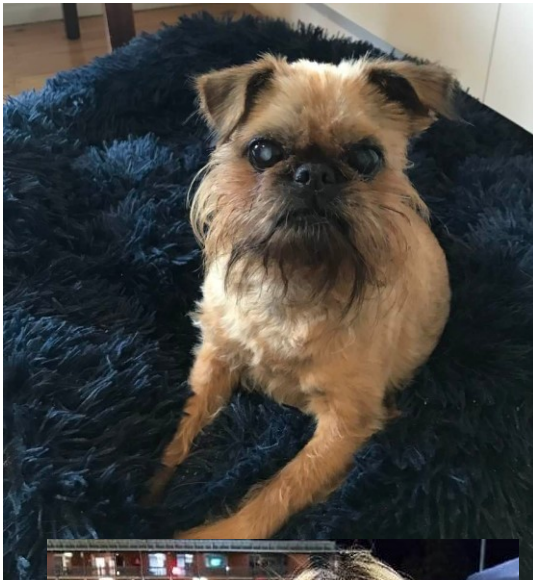




Zorro is one year old



Rose celebrated turning 15 years



Gertie is now 11

Dumbledore had a haircut for his 11th birthday – not impressed



Bowski is now 5





Boots is now 1 year old



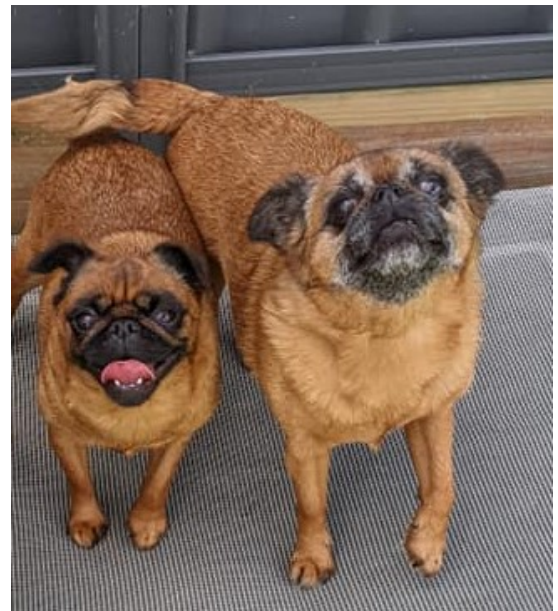
*Minerva celebrated her first birthday
birdwatching with the family*



Bailey turned 5 years



*Brussels
celebrated
her 9th
birthday
with
daughter
Mushroom*



*Sprout
celebrated her
9th birthday*





Show News

The show calendar is starting to look better and the Griffons have been doing well, showing the depth of quality in the breed

Dogzonline Point Score Competition

Dogzonline is a site for registered ANKC breeders and competitors. It has a long running and prestigious point score for those who choose to participate. Dogs compete, not only against their own breed but also against all other breeds

Supreme Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac, owned and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell had an outstanding year despite the covid difficulties.

He won:

☀ No. 1 Griffon Bruxellois - Show Dog of the Year Competition - Australia

☀ No. 1 Griffon Bruxellois - Show Dog of the Year Competition - New South Wales

☀ No. 1 Griffon Bruxellois - Breed Challenge Competition - New South Wales

In addition, he also was also 10th in the state for Toys.



Congratulations to Kerry and Emily and well done for keeping the Griffon flag flying

Brax earned his position with a number of Best in Group and Show awards, including a Runner Up in Show at the Canberra Toy club show, Best in Group at North of the Harbour, Ganmain and a Best in Group in Victoria at the end of 2021



Kerry and Emily's girl, Breeze, **Ch Tzani Giggie McDimples**, also won Intermediate in Group in Victoria





Show Winners



Marousa Polias and Zsa Zsa, **Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ms Donna**, won Neuter in Group at the Maitland and Kurri District show



Jannelle Tremenheere had a run of success with her new puppy, **Elijah, Nevaending Sinners and Saints**. He had just gone into Minor Puppy when the restrictions were lifted and he won 3 Minor Puppy in Group and one Minor Puppy in show award in his first 4 shows



Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke, owned and handled by Michelle Parker Brien, won Best in Group in Newcastle, despite the appalling weather

Balliol Poppy Pomphrey, won Runner Up In Group and Best Junior in Group at Newcastle. Owned by Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Claire Parker O'Sullivan





Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees, won third place in a large sweepstakes at only his second outing. He is owned and handled by Jillian Mathieson



Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac, Brax, owned and shown by Kerry and Emily Bell, won Best in Group at Bulli KC in January and 2 Best in Group and one Runner up in Group at Bega in February



Balliol Poppy Pumphrey won Junior In Show at Tuggerah Lakes KC, owned and shown by Michelle Parker Brien



Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna, owned and shown by Marousa Polias won Neuter in Group at Tuggerah Lakes KC

Congratulations!



New Champions

With shows just starting to roll at the end of last year there have not been many new champions among our members in Australia, although we hope to see a few more successes as the show and competition year rolls on.



Only two Griffon club members in Australia gained titles at since the last issue

Ch Balliol Norbert Niffler

Owned and bred by Michelle Parker Brien

Sire: Ch Raweke Tywin Lannister

Dam: Ch Balliol Kendra Kadabra

Norberta was truly a Covid puppy. She was a baby puppy when the first lockdowns hit in March 2020 and she was briefly shown when shows started in March 2021,

Cabal 2021



only to go into another lockdown in June.

She finally got to attend some shows in October and November when restrictions ended and gained her title.



Ch Shigriff Spice It Up

Bred by Shigriff Griffons-

Michele Gurney, Caroline

Elder and Stephanie Paige -

owned and shown by Heather Harrison

Sire: Ch Shigriff Sam I Am

Dam: Shigriff seven Year Itch

Pip was another covid puppy and entered the ring at 15 months old, being born in the first round of Covid when there were no shows for some time. She gained her title in a very short time. She is the first

Griffon Heather has shown and it is great to see new exhibitors enter the ring with quality dogs

It is lovely to see young Griffons owned by club members, now excelling as they emerge from Covid restrictions

Congratulations!



Madeline Matschke
PHOTOGRAPH



Overseas Champions



In Belgium, Sofie de Rave's young Griffon became **Belgian Beauty Champion Star Griff Sunshine Diamond**. Bred by Oksana Zadoynova and owned by Sofie De Rave and Geert Degazelle

In Russia, Olga Baranova's, homebred girl had success in her American visit. Despite her natural tail and ears, competing against docked and cropped dogs she gained her championship

USA Ch Harpersband Mind The Gap presented and handled by Vasilina Rostomova.

Congratulations!



New Babies in the Ring

Now that life appears to be returning to normal it is also good to see the new babies coming out to their first shows and meeting the big wide world in their inimitable Griffon style. Three new babies, bred by Ashleigh Barber, made their debut in the past two weeks.



Grainger, Nevafollo All Butterbeard, the only girl in the litter, owned by Ashleigh Barber and Tiffany Dale

Roy, Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees, owned by Jillian Mathieson



Bertie, Nevafollo Bertie Botts, owned by Ashleigh Barber.



They all had a great time at their first shows and at the moment the two boys have each beaten their sister for BOB Baby. Her turn next

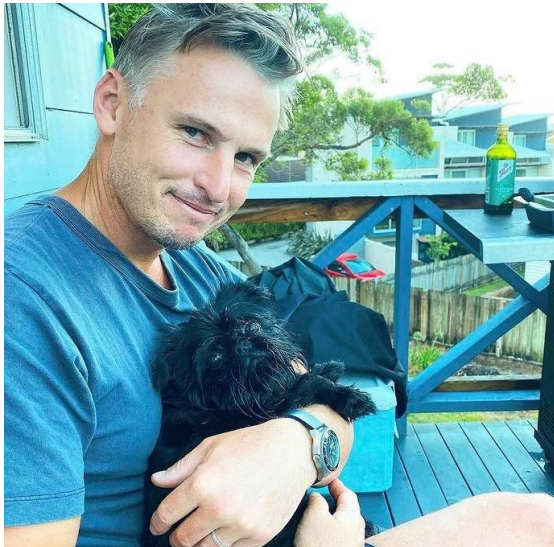


Griffon Snuggles

Sharing a bed- what better! Flitchee is happy



Sharing is caring- Mr Gruff and his sister Layla



Bean is a daddy's boy

Sushi- solo snuggles

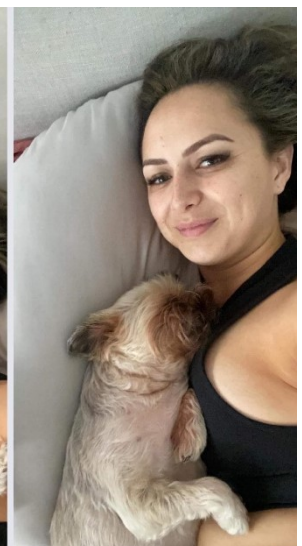
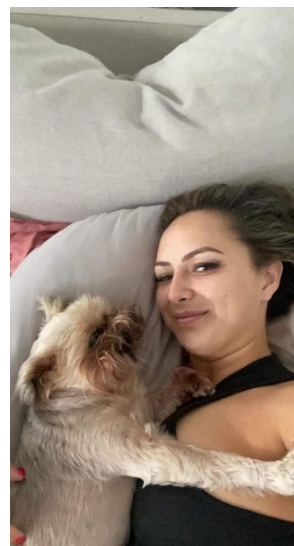


Wicket and Teebo-

big spoon and little spoon



Kia is sound asleep





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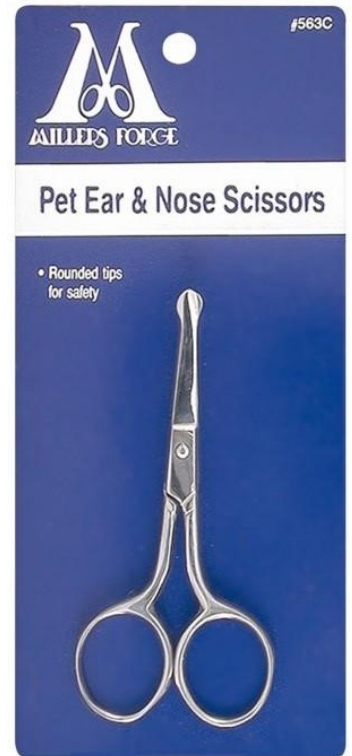
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Health

Slipping Patellas

Also called Luxating Patellas

Patellas seem to be a subject of discussion lately with several people asking advice on the various Griffons groups.

I was very surprised to read comments on one group where a number of people in Australia had required surgery for their Griffon for slipping patellas. This is not a problem that was common in the breed in the past I have owned Griffons for over 20 years and have never had a Griffon that required surgery.



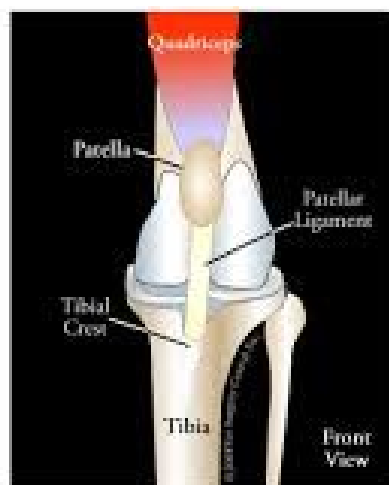
A strong well boned Griffon with 0/0 patellas

So here is some information on the condition

WHAT IS A Slipping Patella?

A luxating patella, in which a kneecap moves out of its normal position, is a very common occurrence in dogs. While small or toy breeds, such as Chihuahuas, Yorkshire terriers and Pomeranians, are the most prone to a luxated patella, this orthopaedic condition can affect all breeds of dogs.

Sometimes a luxating patella can be treated with physical therapy and medication. However, surgery may be necessary if your dog's condition is severe and causes them significant pain.



How Does A Luxating Patella in Dogs Occur?

The patella is held in place by a ligament.

A luxating patella occurs when the dog's patella (kneecap), which normally sits on the groove of the femur (thighbone), shifts out of alignment.

It can occur in one, or both, of the hind legs. In most small breed dogs, this movement occurs medially or toward the inside of the limb. A luxating patella in dogs can happen laterally, but this is less common and usually only occurs in larger breeds.



When luxation of the patella occurs, your dog may experience intermittent hind limb skipping or hopping, lameness, or a locking up of the limb at an odd angle. Sometimes the dog will shake the leg to re align. Once everything realigns, they return to normal as if nothing had happened.

Environmental Causes

A luxating patella in dogs can stem from a traumatic injury, especially in young dogs in the first 12 months when the ligaments are still loose and have not properly tightened.

This is why good breeders recommend that young Griffons:

- do not run up and down stairs,
- jump on and off furniture
- play rough games with larger dogs where they can be knocked or injured.
- run on very slippery floors where they cannot grip the surface.

Other environmental causes are:

- Early desexing before six months which prevents normal bone growth and strength
- Allowing the dog to become overweight which puts more stress on the ligament

Inherited Causes

It is also associated with joint or limb structure abnormalities, such as the groove of the femur where the kneecap sits being too shallow, or the area where the kneecap attaches to the shinbone (tibia) being displaced.

These limb and joint changes result in an alteration of forces placed on the knee and, in turn, luxation of the patella.

Good breeders are aware of this and always have the dogs patellas regularly checked. A vet can easily grade them and knowledgeable breeders are capable of feeling them as well. Ethical breeders will not breed from a dog with slipping patellas, certainly not with a dog with a grade higher than 1. All puppies should be checked by a vet at the time of the vaccinations to make sure that the patellas are in place.



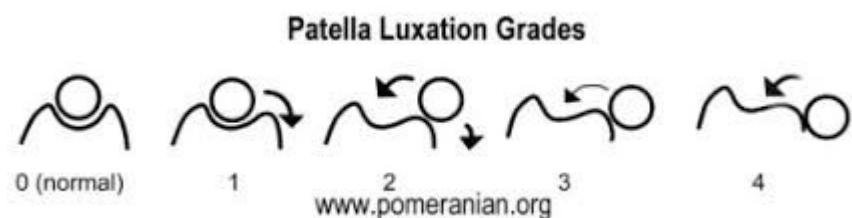
Healthy pups with strong bone and perfect patellas for their age

At the very young age a vet cannot grade them because the ligaments are loose but they can tell if there is a serious problem. When you get a puppy, the breeder should be able to give proof that the patellas have been checked and are normal.

How Is A Luxating Patella in Dogs Diagnosed and Graded?

A luxating patella in dogs is diagnosed by a veterinarian through a physical examination and is graded based on severity

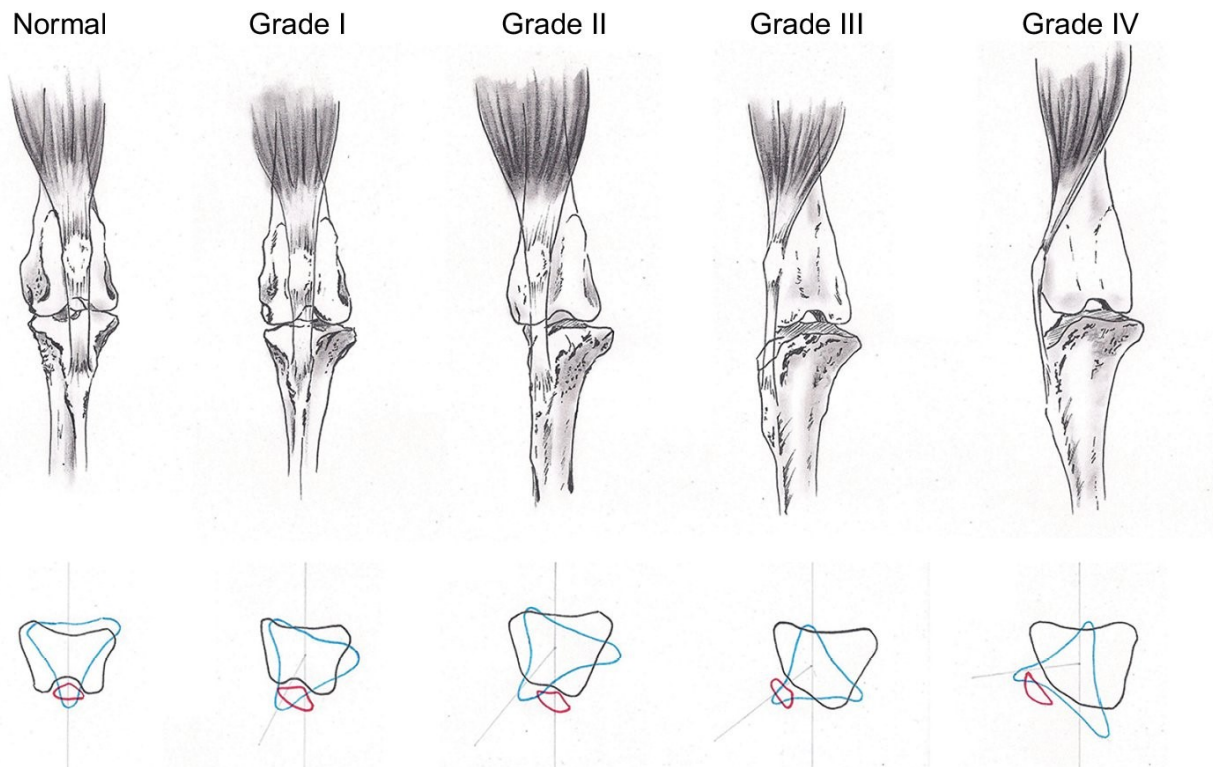
(0-4). To grade a vet normally stretches the hind leg out while holding the dog and feels the knee gently with slight pressure.





With small dogs this should be done gently – if too much pressure is applied the kneecap the ligament can actually be damaged so it is essential that you have an experienced vet who is used to working with small dogs.

When assigning a grade, the vet will take into account any signs of discomfort that you've seen in your pet. The vet can assign a grade for each knee. Grading should not be done until the dog is over 12 months. A pup under 12 months that has obvious signs of patella luxation, pain, or discomfort has either an injury or has a very severe grade.



Grades

Grade 0: the Patellas are perfect. They are in position and do not slip at all. You will sometimes see breeders refer to patellas as 0/0 which means that both knees are perfect

Grade 1: The kneecap dislocates out of its normal position with manual pressure but returns immediately when it's released. Grade 1 is usually found incidentally on examination by a vet and usually doesn't result in clinical symptoms. A dog with Grade 1 does not require surgery and the condition usually is not noticeable or a problem.

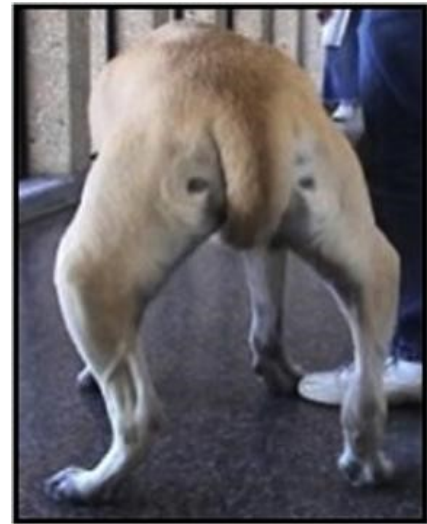
Grade 2: The kneecap readily shifts out of its normal position with manual pressure and remains displaced until it's manually adjusted. It can usually be pushed back in easily. The dog may hop or skip or shake the leg to get the patella back in. It is usually intermittent when the patella luxates out of its normal position and is rarely painful unless there's damage to the cartilage caused by frequent luxation.

Grade 3: The kneecap is disjointed most of the time but can be returned to its normal position with manual pressure; however, once this pressure is removed, the patella begins to spontaneously luxate. The dogs may walk with a bow- legged stiff type of gait. Due to limb structure changes and/or cartilage damage from repeated luxation, dogs at this grade may experience more pain and exhibit more lameness.



Grade 4: The kneecap is permanently dislodged from its normal position and cannot be manually replaced. Severe limb structure changes are usually present, which can lead to lameness and otherwise impaired mobility, and reduced limb function. The dog will have an obvious stiff bow-legged or awkward gait and will be obviously uncomfortable. Some dogs with a luxating patella may also have concurrent rupture of their cranial cruciate ligament — the human equivalent of an ACL.

Dog showing Grade 4 patella Luxation with obvious bow-legged stance



How Is Luxating Patella Treated?

The methods for treating a luxating patella in dogs range from conservative medical management to surgery, depending on the grade of the disease.

Most Grade 1 and Grade 2 instances are treated through pain and anti-inflammatory medications, weight management and exercise restriction. Physical rehabilitation therapy may also be helpful here, as it can help your dog rebuild muscle strength and ease back into normal activities. Some dogs with Grade 2 who experience significant pain from cartilage damage and significant lameness may benefit from surgery to improve their quality of life. Surgery is usually indicated for both Grade 3 and Grade 4 patellar luxation as they can cause significant lameness and pain.

Surgeries for dog patella luxation are divided into those that correct either bony or soft tissue structures. No matter the surgery, the overall goal is to realign the supporting structures of the knee joint to allow the kneecap to move normally and stay in the groove of the femur.

Common surgical procedures include:

- Techniques to deepen the groove on the femur where the kneecap sits.
- Moving the joint that attaches the kneecap to the shinbone more laterally.
- Reinforcing the knee joint's soft tissue structures.
- Surgery is often staged if both of the dog's hind limbs are affected, starting with operation on the most affected knee first.

My personal recommendation is that any surgery should be carried out by an orthopaedic surgeon and not a general practice vet. I have heard of cases where the dog is actually worse off when the surgery was not carried out by a specialist surgeon

A dog recovering from surgery



Recovery from Surgery

To allow the site to heal appropriately, your dog may have to wear a soft bandage or brace for three to five days and have their exercise restricted for about four to eight weeks following surgery. During this recuperation time, your dog's walks should be limited to short on-leash trips to use the bathroom, and they may have to be crated or confined to a small room to restrict activity. Physical



rehabilitation can be helpful to reduce the loss of muscle mass on the affected limb and may help some dogs return to normal function sooner.

It is very important that you practice some tough love during this recovery period or the dog will not heal and may require additional surgery

Moving Forward With Patellar Luxation

Luckily, many dogs with this disease don't even need surgery to resume their normal active life. Sometimes all it takes is a little rest, relaxation or physical therapy. But even if your dog does need to go through surgery to restore their range of motion, they probably won't be down and out for too long. As soon as a few months after their procedure, they're likely to be back to their same playful selves.

How to Avoid Patella Problems

- Do your research and buy your Griffon from a reputable breeder who is fully aware of luxating patella problems and deliberately breeds to avoid it. Ask your breeder the grade of the parents and make sure the puppy has had the patella checked by a vet at least once. A really good breeder will be able to show you not only the grades of the parents but will know the grades of the grandparents and even the great grand parents
- Make sure that you do not let your puppy injure itself in the first 12 months of life, especially with stairs and jumping. If you have larger dogs never permit rough play. If you have slippery floors, put mats down to allow the feet to grip.
- Don't let your dog get overweight and place stress on the ligaments and joints
- Exercise sensibly to build up muscle in the thighs to support weight
- Do not desex before 12 months so that the hormones can help the bones grow strong.
- Avoid breeders who sell you desexed pups at a very early age
- Ask how many older dogs the breeder has. If they have dogs who are 7 years or older, with perfect patellas, or of the father of the pup is older and has perfect patellas, that is a good indication of strong genetic bloodlines of clear patellas



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Images of dogs with severe patella luxation



D



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A vet examining the patellas





Some Examples of dogs with good (0/0) patellas

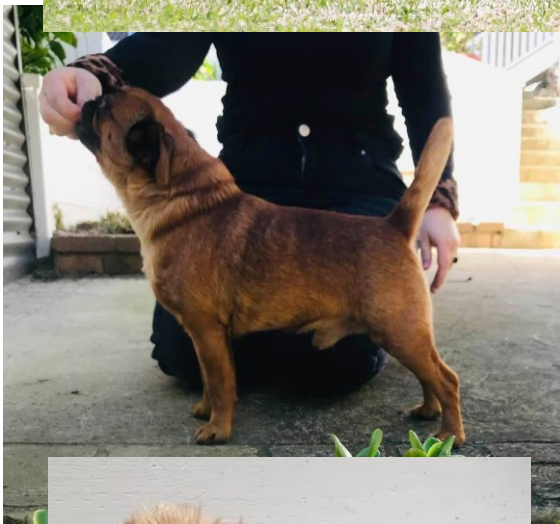
**14 year old dog 0/0
patellas all his life**

**11 year old dog 0/0
patellas**



**10 year old dog
0/0 patellas**

**7 year old dog
with 0/0
patellas**



**6.5 year old
dog 0/0
patellas
and his
litter sister
also 0/0
patellas**



**15 year old bitch
with 0/0 patellas**

**13 year old bitch with
0/0 patellas**

Article based on
information from Dr.
Jessica Seid





Griffons Relaxation



Morty- Griffon Garden Gnome



Time for Coffee- Elroy and Boots



Helping with the baking- Ygrette and Osha



Keeping warm on an unexpected cold summer morning- Percy and Alfie



Watching the world with Mum- Winston



A boy and his toy- Gizmo



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.



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



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



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



Strong solid bone makes breaks and joint injuries less common



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



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Support Responsible Breeders



Sprout's Luxury Holiday

Sprout was one lucky Griffon when his family, took him to Sydney for a holiday at a 5 Star luxury hotel.

The Langham is at Millers Point in The Rocks area and is close to the heart of the city.

They welcome dogs and Sprout had his own bed, balcony views of the city and got to be a



As you can see from the look on Sprout's face – he gave a 5 Bone rating

If any Griffon owners are interested the link is below

<https://www.langhamhotels.com/en/the-langham/sydney/>



tourist in Sydney.

In Australia, it is so rare for a hotel to welcome dogs in such a civilised manner that I am happy to promote them.





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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.




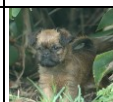

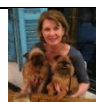




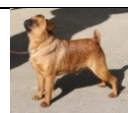


Please inform the club if you have registered to get a Griffon but no longer want one. Recently the Registrar has contacted several people only to be told that they have gotten another breed and no longer want a Griffon. It helps us keep our paperwork up to date if we know that you do not require a Griffon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



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



Breeder and Club Directory

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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
check any breeders
involvement with us.**