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The aims of the club are:

To promote the Griffon Bruxellois and Petit Brabancon breed.

To highlight the versatility of the breed as a loving and loyal pet, and a show and performance dog

To promote good sportsmanship and good fellowship among members at all times

To show respect and courtesy to all members in an atmosphere free of bullying and intimidation

To support responsible and ethical breeding practices of Griffons

To 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

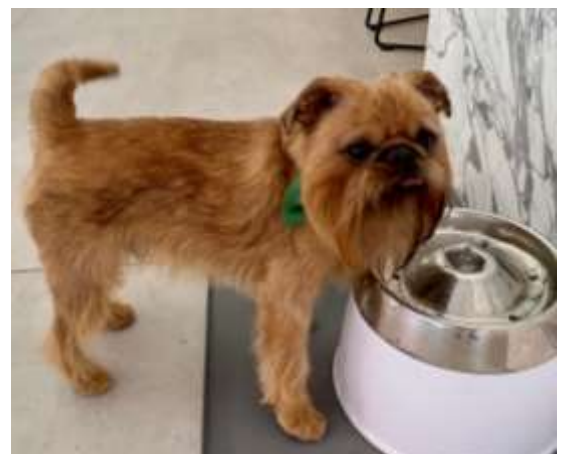
To educate Griffon owners about grooming, training and responsible ownership

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



Jane and Victoria at a country show With Daphne and George

Gizmo has a new bowl





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*Zorro has had an
exhausting day at
the dog show*

*Jaffa and Bean -
togetherness*





Presidents Report

Attack on Dog Breeders

Ethical reputable preservation dog breeders are under attack in all parts of the world.

Animal activists who do not believe that people should own companion animals have managed to infiltrate various levels of government in a number of European countries and there are varying severe restrictions on breeding.

The really sad thing is that the breeders who have been targeted are the easy to find kennel club members and the ones who have caused the problems; the commercial breeders and back yard breeders, will continue to slip under the radar

What is the difference between breeders?

At its simplest, there are two types of dog breeders:

1. Commercial Breeders.

- These people only breed to make money.
- They live off the dogs
- They breed to meet market demand.
- They have no loyalty to any particular breed. They will breed whatever is popular with the public and also breed cross breed dogs if they can get more money for it
- They cut corners to maximise profits
- They have as many litters as possible from each dog
- The dogs are commodities and they get rid of them as soon as they can no longer make a profit for them
- They usually don't health test
- They put any dog to any bitch with no planning
- They often belong to commercial registration systems to legitimise their activities
- They require no training for the commercial registry- as long as they pay the money they can breed as many dogs as they want
- They use dubious pedigrees (if any) that they have taken from legitimately ANKC registered dogs
- If their dog has ANKC registration they show no respect for the wishes of the breeder of their dogs and still breed even if it is on limited registration (not for breeding)
- They offer little long- term support for buyers, if any.
- They contribute nothing to the canine community apart from making money

2. Not- for- Profit Breeders

- They breed because they love the breed and their dogs
- They try to preserve the breed and are often called 'preservation breeders'
- They work to support their dogs- they do not expect the dogs to support them
- They often breed for themselves to help pursue their hobbies of conformation or dog sports
- Their dogs are their pets
- They sell any extra pups from a litter at a price that covers costs
- They usually keep their dogs until they die of old age
- If they do rehome older dogs, they do it carefully
- They do any necessary health testing for the dogs



- They study pedigrees and plan all matings carefully
- They do not breed to meet market demand and do not change breeding plans for the demand
- They do not breed bitches constantly – most only have 1-3 litters
- They are members of Dogs Australia (ANKC) and breed fully, internationally recognised, registered dogs with full pedigrees
- They have to undergo training and exams before they are allowed to breed in the registration system.
- They follow a strict code of ethics in breeding and ownership
- They offer long term support, guidance and mentoring for buyers
- They often belong to breed clubs and promote responsible breeding and ownership
- They participate in community activities such as training, breed rescue and fund raising to help support canine health research
- They contribute in a positive way to the community

Cause of the Problem

Commercial breeders, whether they are puppy farmers or back yard breeders, have created the current problems.

Market demand wanted Pugs, British Bulldogs and French Bulldogs, so commercial breeders churned them out in vast quantities all over the world. They cross bred these dogs to create 'rare' colours with even more health problems

In their greed, they have created dogs with such appalling health issues that there is now an international outcry against these breeds.

French Bulldogs, British Bulldogs and Pugs are breeds that were perfectly healthy when they were bred only by caring, dedicated and knowledgeable breeders. For over 100 years they were healthy with no problems.

Now the situation is so bad in these breeds that the Not- for- Profit breeders are a tiny minority in a sea of commercial money makers.

The situation is so serious that in parts of Europe they are now banned and it is illegal to breed them.

Where is the Griffon Bruxellois in this situation?

Sadly and unfairly, all other brachycephalic dogs have been caught up in the crossfire of this greed. There are calls to ban the breeding of all brachycephalic dogs.

In The Netherlands it is already illegal to breed Griffons unless you cross breed them or breed them with a long nose

In Germany there are a variety of stringent tests now applied to dogs under the ludicrous name of "Torture breeding". Dogs can be deemed to be suffering if they have short noses, short legs, coats too long, no coat etc. The list is endless and even the Australian Kelpie, one of the toughest working dogs around, is on the list.

In Norway, a judge has decided that Bulldogs and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels should not be bred because they are ALL unhealthy- ignoring the evidence of healthy long lived, well bred dogs

In Australia, Emma Hurst of the Animal Justice Party, has already called for it to be illegal to breed any brachycephalic dog. If she gets her way that means that you will not be able to buy your Griffon puppy because the breeder will be breaking the law if they have a litter.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10804143/Animal-advocates-fume-NSW-government-blocks-breeding-BAN-flat-faced-dogs-like-French->

In this issue there are photos of happy new owners with their new happy, healthy Griffon pups. That could be a thing of the past.



All of our members love the Griffon Bruxellois as a breed, we love their quirky personality, their happy, lively loving temperament, their cute little faces and the head tilt. Good breeders breed healthy dogs that live long and active lives

Please don't be fooled by the rhetoric of the activists.

Animal activism is NOT animal welfare. Read between the lines and understand the difference between types of breeders

Commercial breeders exist because they make money. The public can stop them buy not buying from them and doing their research properly before they purchase a pup.

This is why our club is always available to advise and assist. We do not want our breed ruined by commercial breeders in the same way that Pugs, French Bulldogs and British Bulldogs have been ruined.



Keep our breed healthy by supporting Not for Profit breeders who care about the breed

From the Editor

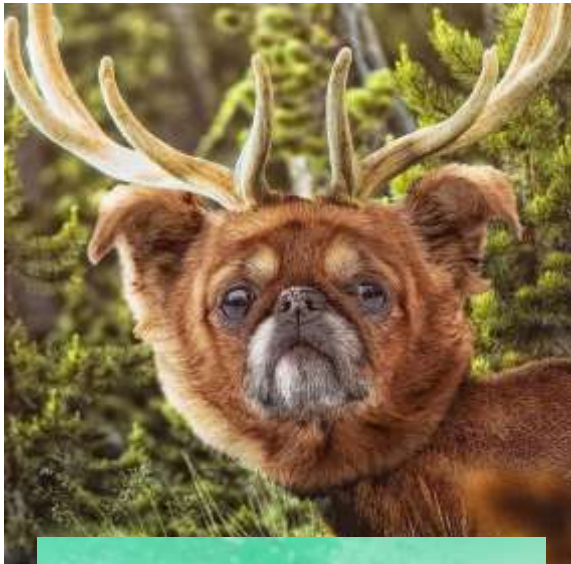
This is a bumper issue with a full report on the NSW specialty and Sydney Royal show. Plus overseas reports on some of the major shows.

We also look at the threat to our breed by animal activists who want to stop the breeding of all brachycephalic dogs.

Our members have been very busy, despite the non-stop rain on the east coast and Griffons have been flying the flag in a variety of activities.

With the colder weather there are more Griffons by the fire and snuggling up to keep warm and of course they are always ready to assist.

I hope that you enjoy this issue.



Designer Griffons

The latest designer Griffons.

A Griffon Moosellois, a shy creature found in dense forest. Can tip sideways when trying the head tilt

A Griffon Slothellois- a slow moving arboreal creature usually found in high tree canopies



The Antarctic Leopard Griffon Seal. Ideal companion for those who want to take their Griffon swimming or surfing





Veterinary Insight on Why Brachycephalic Does NOT Equal Unhealthy

(This is taken from an article previously published but is now truer than ever)

Dr. Maryanne Mack, DVM, breeder of top winning Boston Terriers, joins host Laura Reeves to discuss recent developments in Europe in regards to legislating the breeding of specific breeds. It is a transcript of an interview

I went to vet school because I love purebred dogs,” Mack said. I love their role as companions and I wanted to go to vet school really to focus on that role of the dog in our life... Just really wanting to work with people and their pets and breeders as well to just make healthier companions for all of us.

I think that the fact that a lot of groups have started to associate having a short face with being unhealthy is a really slippery slope that we don't want to go down.

There are a couple components of brachycephalic airway syndrome. Those are stenotic nares, or really tight nostrils, an elongated soft palate and a hypoplastic trachea. Those are sort of the three main issues that you see with brachycephalic airway syndrome.

We don't have any studies showing those are directly related to the length of the nose.

The component that we really have to look for, that we know make the biggest difference in these dogs, is the elongated soft palate...

That's not related to how long the nose is, that's related to different genes that are writing for the length of the soft palate. We see long soft palates in dogs with long noses. We see this in Labradors, we see this in mixed breed dogs. So, it's not only a brachycephalic issue.

I think it's really important to note that these things can occur in any breed of dog. They do happen to occur more in brachycephalic dogs, but we don't have concrete evidence that it's directly related to the length of the nose.

Most brachycephalic breeds, with the exception of some of the more mastiff types, these dogs were bred to be companions. That's their job and they do that very, very, very well. Part of the reason we love them so much is that these brachycephalic facial features elicit almost an infantile like response to people. I think that focusing on the fact that these are companion dogs.

These dogs are not out flushing birds, they're not working dogs, they are meant to make people happy, sit on your lap. I absolutely believe that they should be able to do things like go on a little hike they should absolutely be able to do that and be able to breathe while they do that. But this is not a dog that's out herding sheep in the summer. I think keeping that in perspective is really important.

I think we need to focus, as preservation breeders, on doing a little bit of a better job on selecting breeding stock and producing healthier versions of every breed. But for brachycephalic, specifically, we all know that there are some dogs out there that are not good breathers and that happens.

I think the hard part as a breeder is to say 'OK this dog might be beautiful, this dog might have a great top line and this has great movement but he cannot breathe and I should probably put him in a companion home where he won't be bred.' That's a really, really hard decision to make, but I think



as we move forward, especially in this new culture and climate, we have to make more of those decisions.

Preservation Breeders are the Solution

We as preservation breeders are actually the solution. We are the solution to this problem. If we work together to breed healthier dogs and if we work together to breed more of these dogs... I can't tell you how many of my clients come in with a puppy mill puppy and they say 'Well Dr. Mack, you told us some great breeders but we didn't want to wait for three years, so we ordered this one online and picked it up at the airport and here he is.'

It breaks my heart because we as preservation breeders, if we had more available dogs that were well bred, people would buy them and they would love them. Vilifying people that breed more than one to two litters a year or whatever number you've decided is too many I think is detrimental to all of us.

I first posted a statement in the beginning of 2020 basically saying I'm a veterinarian, I breed these dogs and it can be done right. These dogs are not inherently unhealthy. I received enormous backlash basically saying this veterinarian shouldn't be a veterinarian, how can any veterinarian promote the breeding of brachycephalic dogs. It went so far as to contact my place of work, contacting me personally. I had to take my website down. I had to make everything private. I had to tell people who had wanted me to be an advocate for this I can't do it right now because they're coming for me.

In the veterinary community I get backlash like 'how can you breed these dogs?' Oftentimes these people, once they meet my dogs and realize they can breathe and they're healthy and they look great, they realize that we see a disproportionate number of unhealthy dogs just by the nature being veterinarians.

I've actually done a little self-study where a dog comes to see me and I always find out where the dog came from. Then I make a note what issues does this dog have. About 95% of brachycephalic dogs I see that are bad breathers are from a pet store, a puppy mill or rescue. That is just the fact that I've gotten over six years of being a veterinarian, that these dogs are often the ones that they ordered online."

Actions taken by our club to raise awareness

Two years ago, The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc, via the club's Face Book group, requested that members share photos of their Griffon Bruxellois' noses over a five-day period of time.

There are over 2,000 members of the group and they come from all countries around the world. Members comprise of some of the leading Griffon Bruxellois breeders in the world plus many Griffon lovers and owners to whom their dogs are much loved pets.

Where possible the owners name and the country of residence of the dog was included. The dogs come from a wide range of participating countries with a vast range of varying climactic conditions. When available the age of the dog in the photo and/or the birthdate has also been provided to show nostrils of Griffons from all ages. The information provided with each photo is the information that the owners chose to include.

The Griffon Breed has three international breed standards and while there are some significant variations in each standard, all three call for a healthy, cheeky, active little dog.



The UK standard (which is also the standard used in Australia and New Zealand)

Temperament: Lively and alert.

Head And Skull: Head fairly large in comparison to body, rounded but in no way domed, moderately wide between the ears. Hair on skull in roughs rather coarse. **Nose always black, with large, open nostrils and definite stop between muzzle and skull.** Relatively short, wide muzzle, neat lips, with good turn-up. Chin prominent, in roughs furnished with a beard.

The FCI Standard

BEHAVIOUR / TEMPERAMENT : Well-balanced little dog, alert, proud, very attached to its owner, very watchful. Neither timid nor aggressive.

Nose : Black. The nose is set at the same level as the eyes. **Nose leather is broad with wide-open nostrils.** The tip of the nose is tilted back so that in profile the chin, the nose and the forehead are on the same plane. Muzzle : The foreface including the nose is very short : it must not exceed 1.5 cm. For the Petit Brabançon a correct foreface appears longer because it has no furnishing. A poor expression is given by a nonturned-up foreface, just as it is by a nose whose top line lies below the line from the bottom of the eyes and these are both serious faults.

The USA Standard

Skull large and round, with a domed forehead. The stop deep. Nose very black, extremely short, its tip being set back deeply between the eyes so as to form a lay-back. **The nostrils large**

Thus far the breed has been fortunate because it has not reached the extremes of popularity experienced by other brachycephalic breeds. This means that the puppy farmers and commercial breeders have not had the interest in destroying the breed through greed.

Interestingly some pet owners commented on the difference in health between the griffon they have from an unethical breeder and the Griffon they have from an ethical breeder. Griffons generally meet the breed standards as healthy sturdy dogs

<https://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/uploads/documents/Griffon-Noses-part-Two.pdf>





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



Dogs with Jobs

In this issue we are paying tribute to those Griffons who are more than just a pretty face. Here are some Griffons excelling in Dogs sports of different types

Trick Dogs



You can train your Griffons to do tricks and enter a competition. If they qualify in 3 trials in Trick Dog Starter, they can have the TKS title added after their name. They can then go on to more complex and higher level trials. It is something any one at any age can do and the Griffons love it

Coco-Nagpuni Coco Cristabelle RN is owned and bred by Terri Odell and handled by Shirley.

In April at the first trial Shirley handled her she won

second place in her Dog Tricks ring. In May Coco and Shirley competed again and attained a

qualification in Trick Dog Competition. Shirley is 85 years young and loves dog sports. Coco also has her Rally Obedience Novice title as well and is entitled to put RN after her name. She is a very clever little girl and loves her training



Trick dog rules can be seen if you google ANKC Trick Dog Rules





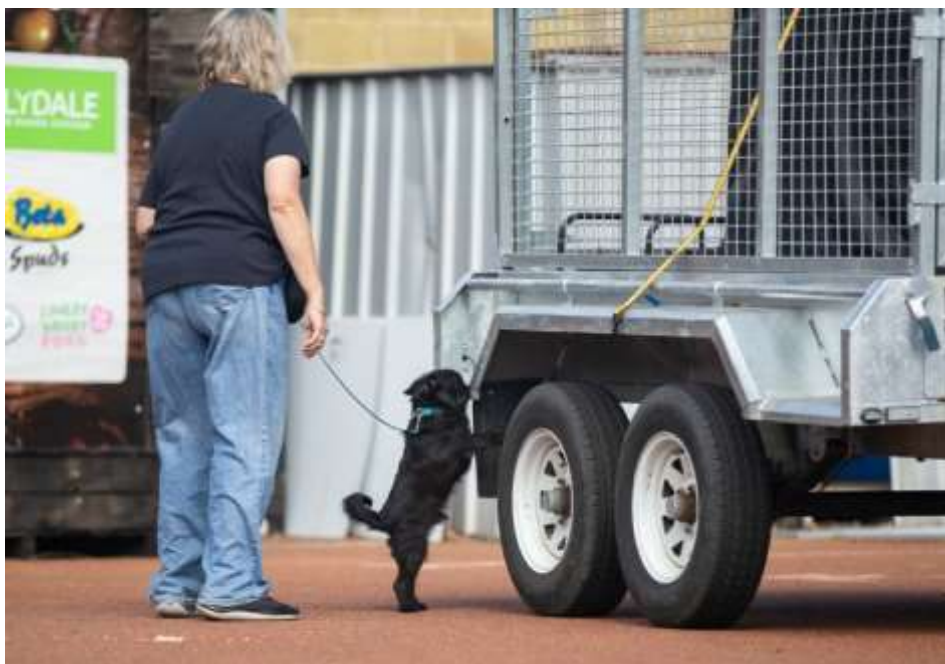
Scent Work Title

In March, **Sid, Conamoore Sidney Swain SWN** passed his final scent work trial in Novice. He has made history by becoming the first Griffon Bruxellois in Australia to gain a Scent work title

As its name suggests, scent work, sometimes called nose work, consists of the dogs sniffing out hidden substances or items. It is the same as police sniffer dogs

The tests involve the following:

- *Container: the target odour shall be concealed within a container, and the dog must indicate in which container the odour is hidden.*
- *Interior: the target odour shall be concealed on, under or in an object or concealed within the environment in an indoor search area.*
- *Exterior: the target odour shall be concealed on, under or in an object or concealed within the environment in an outdoor search area.*
- *Vehicle: the target odour shall be in a small container and concealed on the exterior of a vehicle.*



Dogs Australia Rules describe scentwork as the following:

Scent Work is a sport that is based on the task of working detection dogs to locate an odour and communicate to the handler that the odour has been found.

Sid working on a vehicle- up on tippy toes

Detection is done in a variety of environments and often during changing weather or environmental conditions.

Scent Work is a positive, challenging activity that allows dogs the opportunity to use their strongest natural sense in a way that is fun, engaging, and builds and strengthens a foundation of trust between the handler and dog.

Dogs are trained to recognise specific odours, and to alert their handlers when the odours are detected. Dogs may paw, bark, point with their nose or body, sit, lie down, or use any other non-destructive behaviour to communicate the location of the odour.



Handlers take their dogs through a search area which may be set up in a variety of environments. The dog and handler must work together as a team. The handler is part of the team, using body language and verbal encouragement to ensure all sections of the search area are covered, directing the dog's search only when necessary and indicating to the Judge when the dog has found the odour. Communication with and praise of the dog during the search are encouraged.

Congratulations to Kelly and Sid on a fabulous achievement

If you would like to try Scent work with your Griffon, contact the state body of Dogs Australia. In NSW it is Dogs NSW at the following:

Dogs NSW
PO Box 632 ST MARYS NSW 1790
Phone: (02) 9834 3022
Email: info@dogsnsw.org.au

Scent work rules can be found if you google ANKC Scentwork Rules



Eric The Story Dog

Eric, owned by Kellie Pilgrim Byrne has returned to school after the enforced covid break.

Eric visits the Year 2 students and listens to them read to him.

It is a positive way to encourage children to read and to develop literacy skills.

Eric is an old hand at this as he has also been the library dog at Perth library



Congratulations on your wedding day

Congratulations to club members, **Joe and Adelaide Brigui**, who celebrated their wedding with Eggsy and Sammy the Griffon, who they only picked up a week before the wedding. Sammy took it all in his stride



Congratulations to **Tiffany and Sean Barlogie** on their wedding.

Tiffany was on the committee last year and organised the Dog Lovers Show, only to have it cancelled at the last moment due to the covid lock down. She stood down from the position due to her impending wedding. We wish them every happiness on their new life





Raffle



*Still available- Our Fabulous raffle prize
It will be drawn at the next point score event at the Norwest
Canine Assoc Show at Castle Hill on 18th June.
Tickets are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5
Contact Terri Odell if you wish to buy tickets
terri@petsonthepark.com.au
Proceeds will go to Griffon Rescue
Prizes can be posted to interstate winners*



Easter Extravaganza

The weeks leading up to Easter are always extremely busy for NSW Griffon exhibitors with the CGBC of NSW double Championship show the weekend before Easter, closely followed by the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Sydney Royal

With life slowly opening up after the covid pandemic, the Royal saw an entry of 28 Griffons, a big increase on previous years and it was positive to see a number of very promising youngsters. The

judge, Mr Keith Brown from New Zealand was impressed with the quality of the dogs and mentioned that to a number of exhibitors. He found as his Dog Challenge winner and Best of Breed the well



performed smooth red dog, Sup Ch Cricklewood Night

Supreme Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris imp NZ- Bred by David Fifield and Sandie Meads, owned by Ashleigh Barber and Michelle Parker Brien, handled by Ashleigh Barber

of Magic in Paris, at his final show before he retired from the ring. At 10 years of age, Neville has had an amazing career and just loves the show ring. Handled as usual by Ashleigh Barber he then went

on to be short listed in the final 8 of the Toy Group.

Runner up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was another red smooth, Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler, handled by Claire Parker



Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler, owned and bred by Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Claire Parker



The Reserve Challenge dog was a promising Junior red smooth dog, Frenchgriff Follow the Sun, handled by Tiffany Dale.

Frenchgriff Follow the Sun. Bred by Victoria Mercer and handled by Ashleigh Barber and Tiffany Dale



Reserve Bitch Challenge was the red smooth bitch, Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice, handled by Terri Odell.

Reserve Challenge Bitch, Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice. Owned , Bred and handled by Terri Odell

This is possibly the first time that all major place getters at the Sydney Royal have been smooth coat Griffons and it is a tribute to the breeders who have worked together to produce such high- quality dogs, and the judge for having the breed knowledge to recognise and award them

The rough flag was kept flying in the Neuter Competition by Marousa Polias and her girl Zsa Zsa, Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna. Marousa has only been showing for a few years and Zsa Zsa was her first Griffon. Marousa began showing her in Neuter competition and has done so well.

Marousa and Zsa Zsa being judged





Zsa Zsa not only won the Best Neuter of Breed but then went on to win the coveted Best Neuter in Group over all the other Toy Neuter winners. A fabulous result and well deserved.

Best Neuter in Group – Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna. Bred by Garry Inifer and owned and handled by Marousa Polias. This phot- winning the Neuter in Group Award

Below, with the Judge, Mr Keith Brown



One of Neville's breeders, Sandie Meads was over from NZ to see Neville in his final show and was thrilled to see him win the Best of Breed. Neville with Sandie and his owners, Ashleigh Barber and Michelle Parker Brien





Championship Shows



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW traditionally holds a double championship show on the Saturday before Good Friday.

The Silver show commences the day and the Gold show follows.

This year the torrential rain that has beset the east coast of Australia continued and even though the previous day had been sunny, the day of our show saw heavy rain half way through the Silver show. Even though the rain stopped by the afternoon, the already sodden grounds were soaked and became very churned up and choppy in the mud, making it difficult for the Griffons to move as freely as they would normally gait.

However, exhibitors in gum boots and Griffons with muddy bellies soldiered on and the Griffons enjoyed themselves, probably more than the handlers.

Both shows saw an entry of 36 Griffons. It was down on pre covid years, but the flooding and road closures all over NSW from heavy rain prevented some exhibitors from attending

The trophy table was the usual high standard and thanks to Black Hawk for their generous sponsorship

SILVER SHOW



Golden Oldies with the Silver show judge, Tracey Parker-Jillian Mathieson with Ch Raweke Bindi with a Bow(15.5yrs), Claire Parker O'Sullivan with Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple (13yrs) and Matt O'Sullivan with Gr Ch Balliol Gertie Giggles(11 yrs)

The Silver show was judged by Tracey Parker and commenced with a parade of Golden Oldies, to celebrate our older and much loved Griffons. It is a free entry for all Griffons 10 years and over and is not judged. This year saw 5 Griffons entered, the oldest being Ch Raweke Bindi with a Bow, Mavis, who was 15.5 years of age and the youngest was a mere 11 years of age – her daughter, Gr Ch Balliol Gertie Giggles



Best in Show
and Dog
Challenge was
the Open Dog,
Supreme Ch
Tzani Zazu
Zodiac, bred by
Norman, Mills
and Bell and
owned and
handled by
Kerry Bell.



Reserve in Show,
Opposite Sex in
Show, Intermediate
in Show and Bitch
Challenge was the
bitch, **Ch Balliol**
Norberta Niffler,
owned and bred by
Michelle Parker Brien
and handled by Claire
Parker O'Sullivan



Reserve Dog Challenge
and Veteran in Show was
Supreme Ch Cricklewood
Night of Magic in Paris,
bred by David Fifield and
Sandie Meads and owned
by Ashleigh Barber and
Michelle Parker Brien.
Handled by Ashleigh





Reserve Bitch Challenge
was **Ch Tzani Giggie Mc Dimples**, bred by Norman, Mills and Bell and owned and handled by Kerry Bell

Class in Show Winners

Baby Puppy in Show
Nagpuni Love is a Game, owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell



Puppy in Show
Nevaending Sinners and Saints, owned, bred and handled by Jannelle Tremenheere

Junior in Show
Balliol Poppy Pophrey, owned and bred by Michelle Parker Brien. Handled by Claire Parker O'Sullivan





The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

Bred by Exhibitor in Show
Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice, owned, bred
 and handled by Terri Odell



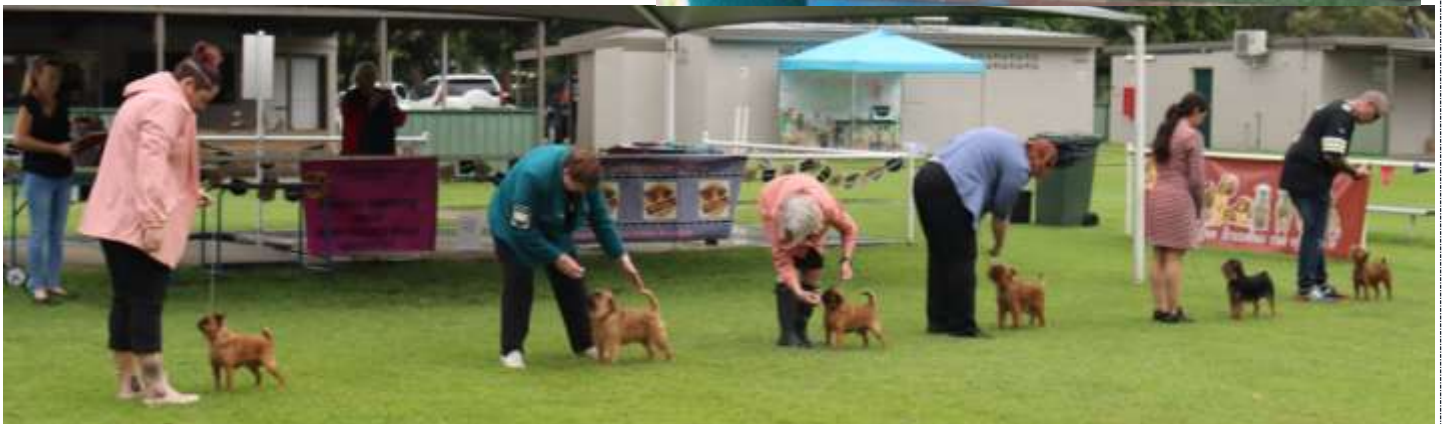
Australian Bred in Show
Nevaending Louisiana Magic, owned, bred
 and handled by Jannelle Tremenheere



Neuter in Show
Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna. Bred by
 Garry Inifer and owned and handled by
 Marousa Polias. Seen here with her friend
 Zorro



Scenes from the Silver show



Dog Challenge line up (left to right) Veteran dog – *Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris*, Open Dog *Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac*, Aust Bred Dog, *Ch Raweke Toby Lannister*, Intermediate Dog, *Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey*, Junior Dog, *Krusayd Griffon Don Diego*, Puppy Dog, *Nevaending Sinners and Saints*



Bitch Challenge line up (left to right) – Veteran Bitch Ch Balliol Jinny Juniper, Open Bitch Ch Nagpuni in the Midnight Hour, Bred by Exhibitor Bitch Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice, Aust Bred Bitch Nevaending Louisiana Magic, Intermediate Bitch Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler, Junior Bitch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey, Puppy Bitch Nagpuni Vieux Curee



Baby Puppy boys- not quite got the idea of this show thing



Boots, stepping out in the mud



Bunny on the table



And her sister, Betty



GOLD SHOW

The Gold show was judged by Professor Brian Corbitt and he provided a very thoughtful critique of the dogs for the club. Below is the critique



Prof Corbitt Judging Best in Show- Dog CC-Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac and Bitch CC- Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler

Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

Gold Championship Show

April 9 2022

Critique

Professor Brian Corbitt

In dogs the greatest privilege a judge can be offered is to judge at a specialty. This was my second Griffon show, the first being in Victoria about a decade ago. My most significant observation is that the breed is not going backwards. There is an excellent, consistent type across the ages, and the breed exhibits that desired 'cobbiness'. The breed is sound and exhibits no obvious issues. I note the UK Kennel Club Breed Watch for Griffon Bruxellois mentions '*Irregular hind movement*'. That was not an issue I noted last weekend. Nostrils were broad and open and none of the dogs 'snorted' or searched for air – something that you must be congratulated on. It was great to see all of the colours in both coats. The great pity of the day was the ghastly weather and the mud. That made finding that typical 'terrier-type' temperament difficult. When I judged the Victorian show a long while ago, almost 90% of the dogs and bitches were red rough coated dogs, with very few other colours and few smooths. What a delight last Saturday to judge almost 80% smooths (Petit Brabançon) – with all bar one 8 exhibits in the Bitch CC line-up being smooths, with the Res Dog CC and Bitch CC and RBCC, and a great Best Veteran, all smooths.

Congratulations for breeding and showing so many dogs and bitches of such great type.

After the show I noted two challenges that you will/are facing. One is immediate and other much more long term. You are all aware of action already taken by the Netherlands government banning the breeding of short-faced breeds a few years ago, and more recently this year, the Norwegian Government banning the breeding of Pugs and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels as a start. There is certainly a lot of noise in Australia at the moment by various groups to also ban or place restrictions on breeding short faced dog breeds and cats such as Persians. The Griffon Clubs can be very proactive getting support from the state dog administrations and Dogs Australia. It is also essential



that breeders of flat-faced breeds take on the example of the UK Kennel Club and its Breed clubs who actively and openly advertise the health management processes they follow – testing for genetic diseases, monitoring breathing and addressing serious hereditary diseases common in short-faced breeds such as Syringohydromyelia. I know many people do test. Letting people know we care can only help.

The second challenge, which a number of you discussed afterwards, is what happens when we inevitably move and more to the FCI, possibly resulting in 3 separate breeds. I do think this is a fair way away and is being pushed further into the background by the need to tackle more pressing issues with governments and their new legislation, and the constant efforts of the anti-pet's groups.

Individual Critiques (I use the abbreviations GB for roughs and PB for smooths)

Baby Puppy Dogs

Nos 1. Nevafollo Bertie Botts and 2 Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees. Both red PBs I don't individually critique Baby Puppies as they change so much over their growth period. I can just say I would certainly keep them all and keep showing them. There was so much to like in both of them.

NO 1 BEST BABY IN SHOW



Puppy Dog

1st: 3. Nevaending Sinners and Saints. Red GB. Excellent shape and cobby as desired. Very good head shape, correctly rounded but still developing. Eyes and Ears as required. Has correct angles fore and aft with a strong level topline. Moved soundly. Coat still immature.

Junior Dog

1st 4. Frenchgriff Follow the Sun. Red PB. Excellent type and cobby, almost square. Head well formed and rounded with correct eyes and well set on ears. Coat of correct colour and texture. Body well developed with good angles fore and aft. Strong top line. Very sound. Moved very well. RES Dog CC. BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW





2nd. 5: Krusayd Griffon Don Diego. Black and Tan GB. Excellent type and cobby, almost square. Head well formed and rounded with correct eyes and well set on ears. Coat of correct colour and texture. Body well developed with good angles fore and aft. Topline still developing. Tail set a trifle low. Very sound.

Intermediate Dog

1st 6: Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey . Red GB. Excellent type and cobby and correctly almost square. Coat was spot on. Very good coat texture and well prepared. Head correctly sized and rounded with great eyes and ears and turn up in muzzle as required. Very good body. Sound mover. Would have liked a slightly higher tail set but he didn't like the mud much (none of us did!) and this affected him on the move.



Australian Bred Dog



1st 9: Ch Raweke Toby Lannister . Red PB. Correct shape and size and cobby appearance. Head very good and well rounded...perhaps a trifle smaller for size, but eyes and ears were spot on and had sufficient upturn in the jaw. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well but was a trifle wide in front.

2nd: 7 Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum. Red PB. Correct shape and size and cobby appearance. Head very good and correct shape and well turned up. Better ears would help expression. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well but dowdy...perhaps the mud!

3rd: 8. Frenchgriff Black Beauty Alfie. Melange PB. Correct size but not cobby enough. Head very good with good ears and eyes. Lack enough body but had correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well.



Open Dog

1st: 10 Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac. Red GB. Outstanding breed type. Cobby and almost square. Head correct, excellent size and well rounded. Muzzle spot on in size and well turned up in under jaw. Ears balanced the size and had great ears, size and set on. Body strong and deep. Excellent topline and

well angulated fore and aft. Coat colour correct and round coat of correct texture and very well prepared. Great whiskers. Moved very soundly on great feet. Being picky I would prefer a trifle straighter in hocks moving away. DOG CC and BEST IN SHOW, BEST OPEN IN SHOW.

Veteran Dog

1st: 12 Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris. PB Red: Super breed type. Very cobby and correctly, almost square. Head was a delight, correct size and shape and well rounded. Muzzle perfect and well turned up in under jaw. Ears and Eyes spot on. Body strong and deep. Excellent topline standing. He didn't like the mud and dropped his topline a bit on the move. Very sound on correct feet. Correct colour and coat. Would love to judge this dog on the move on a better day but for his age he was amazing, even in the mud. BEST VETERAN



2nd: 11. Nevaending Its in the Name. Red PB Another really good dog with many of the qualities of the first. However, his head was a trifle small and not sufficiently rounded. Very good ears and eyes. Muzzle correct. Sound and well angled fore and aft. However, he hated the mud and was quite dowdy and didn't want to move.



Prof Corbitt -Judging Dog Challenge

Baby Puppy Bitch



1st 13; Nevafollo All Butterbeard, 2nd 14. Nagpuni Love is a Game 3rd 15; Frenchgriff Black Rosie . I don't individually critique Baby Puppies as they change so much over their growth period. I can just say I would certainly keep them and keep showing them. There was so much to like in all 3 of them.

Puppy Bitch



1st: 17 . Nagpuni Vieux Curee.
Red GB Excellent shape,
cobby and almost square.
Very good head, well shaped
with correct eyes and ears.
Developing body and well
angulated fore and aft.
Correct top line, held well on
the move. Sound.
BEST PUPPY IN SHOW

2nd: 16 Frenchgriff Daphne.
Red PB. Cobby and almost
square. Very good head and
well rounded. Body still
developing with good angles.
Sound. Top line could be
better.



Junior Bitch

1st: 18 Balliol Poppy Pomphrey. Red PB Excellent bitch overall. Excellent shape, Cobby and almost square. Very good head with correct turn up in underjaw. Eyes and ears correct. Well bodied with excellent angles fore and aft. Correct top line. Coat and colour correct. Very sound.

RES BITCH CC



Intermediate Bitch

1st: 22. Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler. Red PB. Outstanding bitch. Cobby and almost square. Correct shaped and sized head, well rounded with proper muzzle length and upturn in lower jaw. Well angulated fore and aft. Correct strong body. Topline correct both standing and on the move. Animated on the move and very sound. Great feet. Given her age there is further development, even so she pushed the Dog CC winner for BIS very hard. BITCH CC AND RES BEST IN SHOW, BEST INT IN SHOW

2nd: 20 Ch Tzani Giggle Mc Dimples. Red GB. Very good type, cobby and almost square. Correct shaped



head and well rounded. Correct topline and well angled fore and aft. Correct movement and sound. She was a trifle heavy for me and this spoiled the outline a little.

3rd: 21. Balliol Octavia Owl. Red GB. Very good type, cobby and almost square. Correct shaped head and well rounded. Correct topline and well angled fore and aft. Correct movement and sound. She was shy and coat was not in good enough condition.



Australian Bred Bitch

1st: 24. Nagpuni Midnight at the Oasis. Red PB. Correct shape and size and cobby appearance. Head very good and well rounded, eyes and ears were spot on and had sufficient upturn in the jaw. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well and was sound. Coat very good. **BEST AUST BRED IN SHOW**

2nd: 25. Nevaending Louisiana Magic. GB Black and Tan. Correct shape and size and cobby appearance. Head very good and well rounded, eyes and ears were spot on and had sufficient upturn in the jaw. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well. Coat was a bit soft and needed a good strip.

3rd: 23. Nevafollo Quick Quotes Quill. Red PB. Correct shape and size. Head very good and well rounded, eyes and ears were spot on and had sufficient upturn in the jaw. Very good body with correct angulation but was a trifle longer than the desired proportions for the breed. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch



1st: 26 Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice. Red PB Correct shape and size and cobby appearance. Head very good and well rounded. Her eyes and ears were spot on, correct muzzle length and had sufficient upturn in the jaw. Very good body with correct angulation fore and aft. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well. **BEST BBE**

2nd: 27 Ch Balliol Kendra Kadabra. Red GB. Correct shape, almost square and size and cobby appearance. Head very good and well rounded. Ear correctly set and of correct size and shape. Eyes balanced size and dark. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Very good rough coat texture. Moved well and sound.



3rd: 28 Nevaending Golden Chanterelle. Red PB. Correct shape and size and cobby appearance, but gave the appearance of being a bit short in leg. Head very good and well rounded. Ears well set on had sufficient upturn in the jaw. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well.

Open Bitch



1st: 30. Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke. Red PB. Super typey bitch. Correct shape and size and cobby appearance. Head very good and well rounded, and had sufficient upturn in the jaw. Ears well set on. Eyes correctly balanced. Very good neck into body with correct angulation front and rear. Strong body. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved very well and was sound. Could have easily won the bitches.

2nd: 29. Ch Nagpuni In the Midnight Hour. Red GB Correct shape and size and cobby appearance. Head very good and well rounded with eyes and ears spot on and had sufficient upturn in the jaw. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well but without the reach and animation of the first placed bitch. Brilliant textured coat with super presentation.

3rd: 32 Nevaending Dark Fortune. GB Black & Tan Correct shape and size and cobby appearance. Head very good and well rounded and had sufficient upturn in the jaw. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved quite well. Coat was a little soft.

Veteran Bitch (Both very typey specimens).



1st: 34 Ch Balliol Jinny Juniper. Red PB. Correct shape and size and cobby, almost square appearance. Head very typey with sufficient upturn in the jaw. Ears and eyes correct. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Moved well and sound.

2nd: 33. Ch Nouveau Demonstration. Red GB Correct shape and size and cobby, and had almost square appearance. Head very typey

with sufficient upturn in the jaw. Ears and eyes correct shape and size. Very good body with correct angulation. Topline correct with correct tail set. Coat texture was very good. Moved well but a bit affected by the mud!.



Neuters (Both very typey)

1st 36. Neut Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna. Red GB Very good, correctly proportioned bitch. Quite spritly on the move. Very good head with correct muzzle. Well set on ears. Good topline and well angled. Sound.

2nd 35 Ch Balliol impish Incantation Red PB Another very good bitch with the attributes

of the first but she was a little dowdy on the move and was not as strong in topline.



Bitch Challenge Line up



Brace judging

Scene from Breeders team judging – Nagpuni Griffons





Some Gold Podium shots



Puppy in Show, Nagpuni Vieux Curee -Terri Odell

Australian Bred in Show- Nagpuni Midnight at the Oasis- Nic McLean



***Neuter in Show- Neut Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna-
Marousa Polias***

***Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show- Ch Nagpuni
Ginger Spice- Terri Odell***



***A before shot from the Silver show – just to show that they
are not always good. Devina, Nevaending Louisiana Magic,
relaxing on the table with Jannelle Tremenheere***



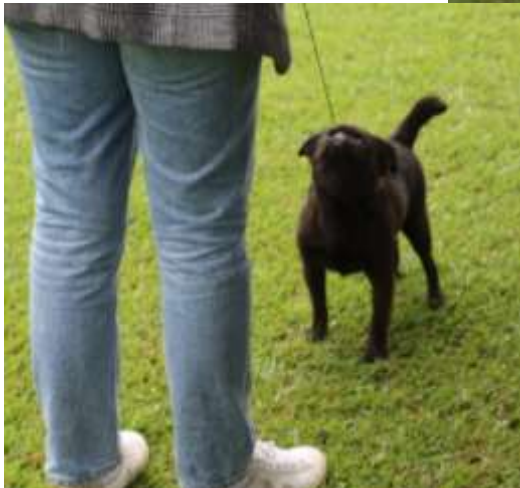
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Muddy Ring Shots from Both Shows

Ashleigh Barber showing Grainger in Baby Puppy bitch – Yes it is mud up the back of her legs

Bitch challenge judging in the Gold show- gaiting around the muddy ring



Alfie being such a good boy despite the rain with Jessica Fouard

Neville and his latest children in the Parent and Offspring class



Victoria Mercer and baby Rosie, wondering who this man is

Agnes, not at all bothered by the mud





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Griffon Get Together

In May an informal Griffon gathering was organised at Moore Park for Sydney Griffon people. After a long hiatus caused by covid and endless rain, the weather actually cleared to allow the Griffons to meet up and have some fun. It was obvious that they knew who had the treats

Thank you to Lynsey Murphy for sharing the photos





New Griffon Owners

Congratulations to these club members who have welcomed a Griffon to their family

Alex Nieuwenhuys and David Thompson welcomed Shadow, bred by Victoria Mercer of Frenchgriff Griffons



Jessica Chanin and family welcomed Steve, bred by Greg Egan of Krusayd Griffons. He is already part of the family

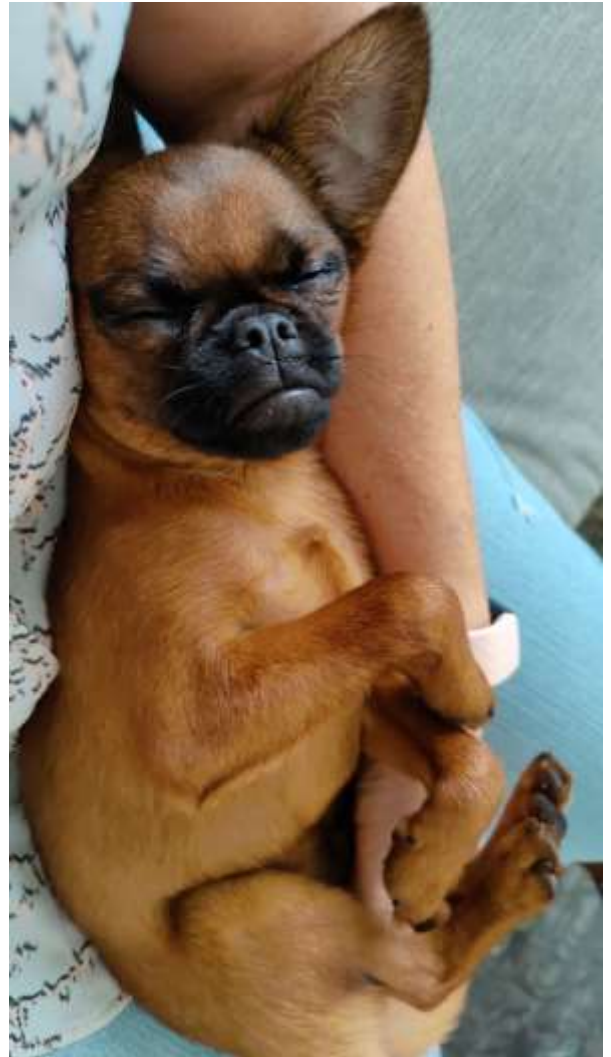


Natalie Harvey welcomed Patsy to the family. Bred by Greg Egan, Krusayd Griffons





*Cindy Kilian welcomed Harry Winston Bred by Victoria Mercer,
Frenchgriff Griffons*



*Joe and
Adelaide
welcomed
Sammy.
Bred by
Joscelyn
Croad and
Shane
Thomas of
Raweke
Griffons*



*Tiffany
Yew
welcome
Ragnar, a
friend for
Hunter.
Bred by
Greg Egan,
Krusayd
Griffons*



*Josie and Ralph welcomed
Neville into their home. Bred by Victoria Mercer, Frenchgriff
Griffons*



*Taylor and Joni
welcomed Bobbi into
the family. Bred by
Victoria Mercer
Frenchgriff Griffons*



*Shannon and
Dennis
welcomed
Wilma. Bred
by Victoria
Mercer
Frenchgriff
Griffons*



*Trudie welcomed Harbin to
the family, to join big
brother Inka. Bred by
Victoria Mercer Frenchgriff
Griffons*





Chris welcomed Zoe to the family to join her new big sister Willow. Bred by Victoria Mercer Frenchgriff Griffons



Bec and Ralph welcomed Ziggy to the family to join with his new big brother Kayne. Bred by Victoria Mercer Frenchgriff



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Griffons keeping Warm in winter

Elroy and Boots, multi tasking-on the job as office managers and keeping snug



Captain Eddie- managing to captain the boat and stay snug



Kia- this might be your bed but I am claiming it now



Ygrette and Osha- you are never cold when your sister sits on you





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	18/06/2022 Norwest Canine Assoc 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 Wyang Shire KC Hillsborough Hunter
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Second Point Score Show 2022

After several cancellations due to ground closures from flooding and rain, we were finally able to reschedule our second point score show for The County of Cumberland ANZAC Day show on 25th April.

We had a good entry of 17 Griffons for our judge, Mrs S Rickard from Victoria.

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



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Bitch Challenge and Runner Up Best of Breed was **Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey**, owned and handled by Michelle Parker Brien





Reserve Dog Challenge was Frenchgriff Follow the Sun,
owned and bred by Victoria Mercer and handled by
Ashleigh Barber and Tiffany Dale



**Reserve Bitch Challenge was Ch Nagpuni in the
Midnight Hour,** owned, bred and handled by Terri
Odell

**Best Neuter and also Neuter in Group was
Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna,** owned and
handled by Marousa Polias



The other little star of the day was **Nevafollo Bertie Botts,**
owned, bred and handled by Ashleigh Barber, who not only
won a huge baby sweepstakes class but also won Baby Puppy
in Group



Third Point Score Show

The Lake Macquarie Kennel Club show was the third point score show of the competition, held on Saturday 14th May at Hillsborough show grounds in exceptionally muddy conditions.

There was a strong quality entry of 18, the largest in the Toy group, for judge Mrs D Clarke from NZ. Despite the depth of quality, Griffons did not feature in any of the group awards which was disappointing

Some of the mud on the grounds. Gum boots were a necessity



**Best of Breed
and Dog
Challenge was
Shigriff
Sartorial
Splendour,**
bred by
Caroline Elder

and Michele Gurney, owned by Abbie Love and Jules Law and handled by Claire Parker O'Sullivan. Abbie and Jules are holidaying in the UK and Claire is minding Rocky so after some grooming during the week he came to the show to triumph. He has not been shown very much so it was great to see him come out and do so well



**Reserve in breed and Bitch Challenge was Ch
Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke,** owned, bred and
handled by Michelle Parker Brien.





Reserve Dog Challenge was Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey, owned by Jillian Mathieson.



Reserve Bitch Challenge was Ch Balliol Poppy Pophrey, owned bred and handled by Michelle Parker Brien

Best of Breed Neuter was Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna, bred by Garry Inifer and owned and handled by Marousa Polias

Top Ten Point Score placings -After 3 shows

1. Neut Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna	27
2. Balliol Poppy Pophrey	23
3. Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac	21
4. Nevafollo Bertie Botts	21
5. Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke	18
6. Rosndae Little Black Dress	15
7. Frenchgriff Follow the Sun	15
8. Shigriff Sartorial Splendour	10
9. Krusayd Griffon Don Diego	7
10. Ch Nagpuni in The Midnight Hour	7



**The Next point score show will be June 18th at the Norwest Canine Association Show
Entry on Oz entries on the link below**

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Griffon Birthdays



*Happy birthday
to Elijah,
Maggie and Niklaus who all celebrated their 1st birthday*



Happy 2nd birthday to Kenzie

*Happy birthday to Bean, 8 and looking
great*





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*Happy birthday to
Doug*



*Happy 3rd birthday to
Morty, Norberta and Sprout*



Happy 4th birthday to Flitchee





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With pets increasingly being treated like a member of the family, many owners are learning emergency techniques like CPR to keep their pet alive before bringing it to a veterinarian.

If there is no breathing and no pulse, begin CPR immediately.

Areas to check for pulse



Check for breathing and pulse

Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.

Look for other warning signs

- Gums and lips will appear gray-colored.
- Pupils will be dilated and not responsive to light.

Gums

Pupils

If not breathing, give breath to animal

Cats and small dogs

Place your mouth over its nose and mouth to blow air in.

Medium-large dogs

Place your mouth over its nose to blow air in.

Heimlich maneuver

If breath won't go in, airway may be blocked. Turn dog upside down, with its back against your chest. Wrap your arms around the dog and clasp your hands together just below its rib cage (since you're holding the dog upside down, it's above the rib cage, in the abdomen). Using both arms, give five sharp thrusts to the abdomen. Then check its mouth or airway for the object. If you see it, remove it and give two more rescue breaths.

Start compressions if no pulse

Lay animal on right side and place hand over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. Do not give compressions if dog has pulse.

Repeat procedure

• Check pulse after 1 minute and then every few minutes.

• Continue giving CPR until the animal has a pulse and is breathing.

• Stop CPR after 20 minutes.

Animal size	Compress chest	Compressions per breath of air
Cat/small dog (Under 30 lbs.)	1/2-1 inch	5
Medium-large dog (30-90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	5
Giant dog (over 90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	10

SOURCE: American Red Cross



Griffons on the Furniture

We have all heard the old saying that dogs are not allowed on the furniture. Of course, that doesn't apply to Griffons.

Mr Gruff, waiting patiently at the hairdressers

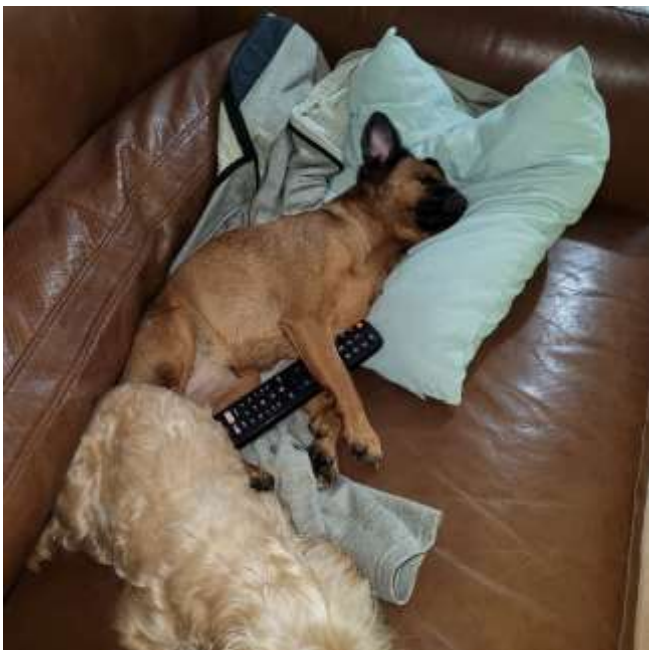
Did you want to sit here as well?



I'll have this chair thank you



We are happy share our garden seat with the small human



Lysanda's Griffons not only have the lounge but also the remote

Zorro, king of the lounge





International Show News

The start of the year is a busy time for Griffons internationally with a variety of prestigious shows, including all breeds and specialty shows

New Zealand

The Griffon Bruxellois Club of New Zealand held their Championship and Open shows in February. The shows were held on the South Island in Christchurch and a number of North Islanders made the long car drive and travelled down to compete.

The Championship Show was judged by Anna Ancell.

She found, as her winner, the Bitch Challenge winner, **NZ Ch Shigriff Second Thoughts (imp Aust)** bred by Caroline Elder and Michele Gurney, owned by Sandie Meads and Fern Feaver and handled by Fern. This was her third Griffon Specialty Best in Show and she won from the Veteran class. She is a

daughter of Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris who won Best of Breed at Sydney Royal at 10 years of age so it is a line that ages well.



Reserve Dog Challenge was the **Ch Toitoti Eyes on Me**, bred by Sue Berkhan and owned by Heather Strange Also Best Intermediate

Reserve in Show was the Dog Challenge, **Ch Paris Tailor Made**, the son of the Best in Show and the grandson of Am Grand Ch Paragons Sharp Dressed Man At Greengates. He is owned and bred by Sandie Meads and Fern Feaver. Also Best NZ Bred





Reserve Bitch Challenge was **Ch Paris On A Hot Summer Night**, Bred by Sandie Meads, owned by Gillian Stewart and Sandie Meads and handled by Gillian

There was a large Baby Puppy entry of 5 bitches and 1 dog, which is good for the future of the

breed.

Baby Puppy in Show was **Cricklewood Sew Much Fun**, bred and owned by David Fifield.



Best Junior was **Choyer Dance By Moolight**, owned, bred and handled by Heather Strang

Best Open was **Ch Yappenbach Definitely Dyvine**, bred By Adrienne Rowsell and Owned by Adrienne Rowsell and Alastair Cliquot.
Handled by Alastair





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The Open Show which followed the Championship Show was judged by Sam Chrisstoffels.

She chose as her Best in Show, the intermediate dog, **Ch Toitoe Eyes On Me**. Bred by Sue Berkhan and owned and handled by Heather Strang. Also Best Intermediate



Reserve in Show and Res Best Dog was **Ch Paris Tailor Made**, owned and bred by Sandie Meads and Fern Feaver Also Best NZ Bred

The Best Bitch was **Choyer Dance By Moonlight** owned, bred and handled by Heather Strang. Also Best Junior

Best Baby Puppy and Veteran, as for the Championship show



Best Open was **Choyer Abracadabra**, owned, bred and handled by Heather Strang



New Zealand Specialty Grand Champion

At present there are two recognised achievements in conformation showing in New Zealand - Champion and Grand Champion.

To become a Champion a dog must be awarded 8 Challenge Certificates from at least 5 different judges. At least one of these Challenge Certificates must have been awarded after the dog is out of puppy class.

To become a Grand Champion a dog must win at least 50 Challenge Certificates and win THREE Best in Shows at ALL BREED Championship shows under three DIFFERENT In Show judges.

They also have a Specialty Grand Champion for a dog that has won 3 Specialty Best in Shows under three different judges

When **NZ Ch Shigriff Second Thoughts** won her third Best in Show at the recent specialty show, she became eligible for the title of NZ Specialty Grand Champion.

The three Judges who awarded Poppy Best in Show were

- Sei-Ichiro Ishimaru- Japan 2018
- Peter Young -UK 2018
- Anna Ancell- NZ 2022

She is the first Griffon Bruxellois in New Zealand to have attained this



Dogs New Zealand

This certifies that
NZ CH SHIGRIFF SECOND THOUGHTS (IMP-AUST)
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GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS
Has officially been awarded the title of:
Specialty Grand Champion
Bred by
Ms M Gurney & Ms C Elder (Aust)
Owned by
S Meads
Having completed the requirements on
12 February 2022
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title and it is a positive achievement for her breeders, Michele Gurney and Caroline Elder in Australia and her owners, Sandie Meads and Fern Feaver in New Zealand.

*Note: the title is a recent one to acknowledge breed excellence.
In previous years the following dogs also won 3 or more BIS;
Ch Upmarket Paddy McGinty
Ch Upmarket Jamie Luck*



United Kingdom

Crufts

Crufts 2022 was held in all its former glory after some difficult COVID years. There was a good entry of close to 70 Griffons from both the UK and Europe.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia just a few weeks prior, led to a ban on all Russian entries so there were a few dogs absent who would usually compete.

The judge was Mr Espen Engh of the well known Jets Griffons and he found his winner in the Challenge bitch, Cilleine La Vie En Rose, bred and owned by Barney and Chapman and expertly handled by Julia Spittle

Crufts Winners

Griffon Bruxellois - Judge: Mr E Engh

Best of Breed

Cilleine La Vie En Rose (Mrs D & Miss S Barney & Chapman)

Dog Challenge Certificate

Ch Zilcan Ring of Fire at Movalian (Mrs V H Blore)

Reserve Dog Challenge Certificate

Barnfall Sunshine JW (Mr C Gullon)

Bitch Challenge Certificate

Cilleine La Vie En Rose (Mrs D & Miss S Barney & Chapman)

Reserve Bitch Challenge Certificate

Foxfly Diamonds Are Forever TAF (Mr A Scourfield)

Best Puppy

Osthaen Light My Fire for Movalian TAF (Ms S I Kenyon)

Best Veteran

Ch Menwinnion Sunburst (Mr H Ogden)



The Griffon Bruxellois Club 1897 Championship Show

Just a short time after Crufts, The Griffon Bruxellois Club celebrated the 125th Show. The Griffon Bruxellois Club is the oldest Griffon club in the world and was formed in 1897. It is a remarkable achievement to celebrate a 125th show and a tribute to all the men and women over the past century and a quarter, who have worked together to promote and preserve our wonderful breed and keep the health and breed type such a priority. There was, of course, a cake to celebrate the occasion

The judge was Barbara Murray (Operastar Griffons), a highly experienced Griffon breeder, exhibitor and judge.





Below I have published her report on the show

What a lovely day I had at the GBA 125 years Jubilee show on Sunday. The committee must have worked hard to get the hall looking so festive: there was a massive raffle, also Sandra's stall bursting with Griffonalia plus many donated items were later on auctioned by the ever ebullient Howard Ogden. After a tasty buffet the magnificent cake made by Dr Kelsey Suggitt was cut and eaten together with some Bubbly!

My winners were:

Best in Show and Dog Challenge – Black and Tan Rough Vinicius Villain. (Donnellan)
Res Best in Show and Res Challenge- Red Rough Ch. Harpersband Case In Point at Balthazar (SWINGE)

Bitch Challenge- Red Rough Cilleine That'll Be The Day (Barney)

Res Bitch Challenge Zilcan Firecracker. (TAF) (Whitehead & Selby)

Best Puppy Red Rough Zilcan Firecracker TAF

Best Veteran Red Rough Vendettas Tangerine Balthazar (Miss Swinge)

Photos of winning dogs can be viewed on the club website

http://thegriffonclub1897.co.uk/viewpage.php?page_id=23



Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association Championship Show

On 26th March, The Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association held their 40th Anniversary Championship Show. The Judge was Mr James Finlay - Kirkwood.

The show winners were :

Best in Show – red rough Ch. Barnfall Sunshine – C Gullion

Res Best in Show and Best Opposite Sex - Zilcan Colour Purple - Allen, Mrs C & Selby

Best Puppy in Show- Osthaen Light My Fire For Movalian - Kenyon, Mr S

Best Opposite Sex Puppy - Zilcan Blazing Away - Mr Mark & Whitehead, Miss Fiona

Reserve Bitch Challenge Ch. Cilleine Everyday - Blore, Mrs Val

Res Dog Challenge CC- Red rough Ch. Harpersband Case In Point At Balthazar JW (Imp Russ) Michelle Swinge

Best Veteran in Show Black Rough Ch. Flirt Alert Unlimited at Stormjac- Jane Conway



Unfortunately, I was unable to find photographs of these winners. The British, with their traditional understatement, are very modest and don't post photos all over Face book as other countries do.

I wish they would. Hint Hint!!

However, one photo I do have is one of the rare occasions when all 4 Secretaries of the British Griffon clubs were together

From left to right - Graham Finlay-Kirkwood secretary of the GBC of Scotland, Julia Spittle, secretary of the GBBA, Margaret Cook, secretary of the Northern GBC and John Swinge, secretary of the GBC.



USA

American Brussels Griffon Association Specialty Griffonsonian

The ABGA held a 3 day event with breed talks, obedience, RallyO and conformation

The historical event was a one hour seminar about the history of the breed presented by long time breeder judges Jeff Bazell and Jeff Kestner.

They were AKC Toy Breeders of the Year in 2019 and have spent decades compiling research and artifacts. A fascinating presentation and extremely informative.

This presentation was videoed and is available on the American Brussels Griffon Association FB page



The Best in Specialty went to a red rough, Joval Ewok Network, owned and bred by Dr Valeria Rickard & John Rickard

Other USA News

Also in the USA, Mary Gale's young dog, Cricklewood A Stitch in Time, gained his USA title, the first NZ bred Griffon to do so. He is only 16 months of age and has been shown sparingly,



handled and groomed by Mary. The American show world of professional handlers can be cut throat and it is even harder that Maestro is presented with natural ears and an undocked tail.

He gained his final points under Judge Mrs. Lynda Saranchuk who awarded Best of Winners, with majors in both males and females, at the Chief Solano KC Show.

Maestro is an example of the international cooperation that exists between high quality owners and breeders. His grandsire Sharpie (GCHS BISS Paragons Sharp Dressed Man At



Greengates) was one of the top winning Griffons in America. His owner, Mary Gale, sent frozen semen to David Fifield in New Zealand. Working with Sandie Meads, David successfully used the semen over one of Sandies bitches and one of the pups became Cricklewood Snappy Dresser. He, in turn, was used over NZ Ch Shigriff Second Thoughts, imported from Australia, and Maestro was one of the pups. So, three countries involved on opposite sides of the world and living proof that quality begets quality.



Mary Gale commented "Many many thanks to Sandie Meads and Fern Feaver of Paris Kennels (NZ) and David Fifield of Cricklewood Kennels (NZ) for trusting me with Maestro and sending him halfway around the world to me. We are Cricklewood's and Paris' first USA champion and are thrilled to represent them. Maestro carries lines on both sides, joined with the fabulous sire Neville (Australian Supreme Champion Cricklewood Night Of Magic in Paris [Imp NZ]). We are so honored to have the opportunity to carry on the legacy of these two legendary Brussels Griffons, born on opposite ends of the globe.

The American show scene is different to Australia in as much as it has become a business and it is very common for dogs to be handled by professional handlers who make a

living showing dogs. In Australia, it is the exact opposite. Most dogs are handled by their owners or friends. Even when people handle dogs owned by others, they do it for the love of it and for free.

The number of people who are paid to handle in Australia could be counted on one hand.

In America they have an Owner Handler class for people who handle their own dogs. Mary has always handled Maestro and the April 2022 statistics showed that Maestro

is nationally ranked #5 Owner Handler Dog among Brussels Griffons in the United States. An excellent result for a dog with a tail.

At only 16 months Maestro has an exciting future ahead. Congratulations to everyone involved

2022 Owner-Handler Breed Top 15

Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handled Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	GCH CH Symphonys N Seagryths Let The Magic Begin	Cynthia Muir	Brussels Griffon	330
2	GCHS CH Karmas Broadway Bound	Mr. Mark Francis Jaeger Karin Jaeger Karen Miller	Brussels Griffon	320
3	GCH CH Tazlandz Grand Slam	Julie Achord Kathy Worley	Brussels Griffon	220
4	GCHS CH Ambrosia Jazzin Jeffery At Valkyria	Valerie S Smidt Larry Smidt	Brussels Griffon	166
5	CH Cricklewood A Stitch In Time	Mary Gale	Brussels Griffon	120
6	Larkspur Love And Light	Susan Fraser Susan Fraser Susan Fraser Susan Fraser	Brussels Griffon	105
7	GCH CH Hurwood & Texas Hold Em At Camelot	Dede Stevens	Brussels Griffon	85
7	CH Twinstar Kamela	Joaquin Rosa Crestos Rios Rene Vazquez	Brussels Griffon	85



Show Winners

Despite the weather and 4 months of virtually non stop rain on the east coast of NSW, our members have been out there representing the breed. Gum boots are the new fashion item for all dog shows and the Griffons are now used to showing in all sorts of conditions. Despite all the challenges they have represented the breed in an outstanding way and show the depth of quality within the breed.

Leading the charge is **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**, owned and shown by Kerry and Emily Bell. He has had an outstanding year to date and since April he has won Reserve in Show at The Flat Face Toy Club show, backing up to his two Best in Show awards at the CGBC of NSW shows. He has also won one Best in Group and 4 Reserve in Group awards at All breeds shows in NSW and several Best in Groups at ACT shows. He is also currently leading the DogzonLine Show dog of the Year competition for the breed



Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke, owned, bred and handled by Michelle Parker Brien, has become a real mud runner winning a Best in Group and a Reserve in Group at two shows, in rain mud and sludge



Krusayd Griffon Don

Diablo, bred by Greg Egan and owned and handled by Marousa Polias won two Junior in Groups



Ch Nagpuni in the Midnight Hour, owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell, won a Best bred by Exhibitor in Group and a Best Open in Group in two Sydney Shows



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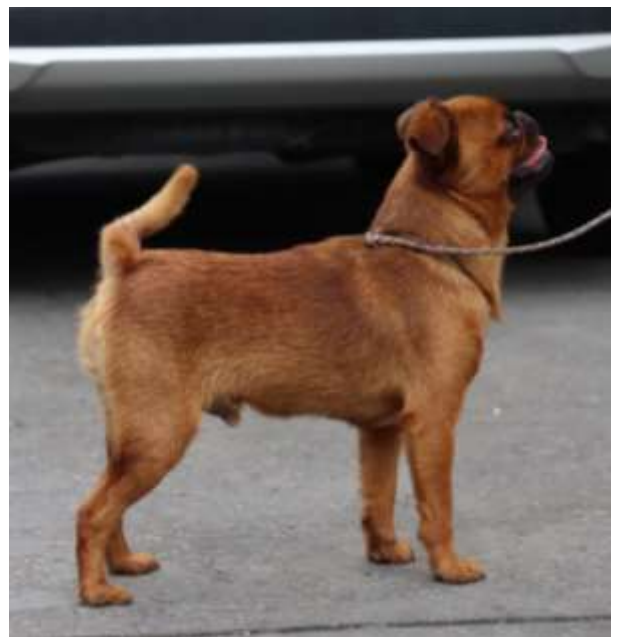
Nevafollo Bertie Botts, owned, bred and handled by Ashleigh Barber, has hit the rings with a bang with 4 Baby Puppy in Group, two Baby Puppy in Show and two Minor Puppy in Group awards. He has also won a number of sweepstakes



Frenchgriff Follow the Sun, bred by Victoria Mercer and handled by Tiffany Dale and Ashleigh Barber, won Junior in Group



Nevaending Louisiana Magic, owned and bred by Jannelle Tremenheere, won Australian Bred in group



Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey bred by Michelle Parker Brien and owned and handled by Jillian Mathieson, won two Reserve in Groups in quick succession





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Nevaending Sinners and Saints, owned, bred and handled by Jannelle Tremenheere, has won two Puppy in Groups



Nagpuni

Love is a Game, owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell, has won two Best Baby Puppy in Toy Group

Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey, owned, bred and handled by Michelle Parker Brien, won Junior in Group



At the Metropolitan Kennel Club of WA Inc Show, **Nagpuni Mister Bigg**, bred by Terri Odell and owned and handled by Alexandra Deasy, won Puppy in Group





Neut Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna, owned and handled by Marousa Polias, has won 3 Neuter in Group awards, as well as her prestigious Sydney Royal win

Ashleigh Barber and Tiffany Dale headed north to Gunnedah to the Manilla shows under Griffon breed expert, Jocelyn Croad. They won Best Minor Puppy in Group with **Nevafollo Bertie Botts** and Best Puppy in Group with **Nevafollo All Butterbeard**



Ros and Dave Finch have been having success with **Rosndae Little Black Dress**. She won Best Neuter in Show at the two FlatFace Toy club shows and won neuter in Group at Kuringai Kennel Club





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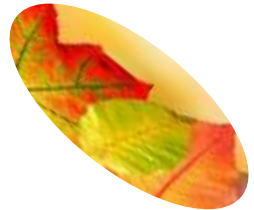


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Don't Buy A Lie...

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.



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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New Titles



Congratulations to

Rosndae Little Black Dress (Millie)

Owned, bred and handled by Ros and Dave Finch.

Millie got her Neuter Champion title with a Neuter in Group win at Ku-Ring-Gai Kennel Club show on Sunday.

Millie was shown in ordinary classes but a medical emergency caused her to be spayed, so Ros started to show her in Neuter classes.

On her way to her title she has won a number of

Neuter in Group awards

and several neuter in Show awards.



Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey (Minerva)

Owned, bred and handled by Michelle Parker Brien,



Minerva gained her title in strong competition. On her way to her title, she won numerous class in Groups and a Reserve in Group

Griffons Relaxing



Jean Claude likes to relax with a beer



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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 sharynwood54@gmail.com

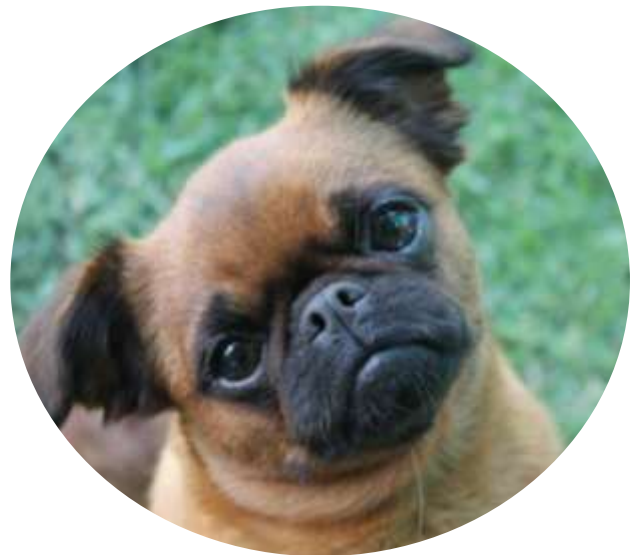
Please Note

The following information is important

There have not been many litters born to members over the past few months so any members registering need to be aware that they may face a 6 – 12 month wait for a puppy.

If you want a specific coat or gender then you may have a longer wait, depending on the type of pups born. Eg. if you specifically want a rough coat male, you can be sure that Murphy's Law will ensure that the next litter has smooth coat girls etc.

The more flexible you are in your choice the sooner you may get a pup.



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



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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.**