



# The Phoenix Winter/Spring 2022







*Cover Dog Lovers Day 1 Volunteers and our  
hardworking Events coordinatoer- Victoria Mercer*

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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



*There were 5 in bed  
and the little one said  
"roll over"*

*Roy and Morty being  
the best boys*





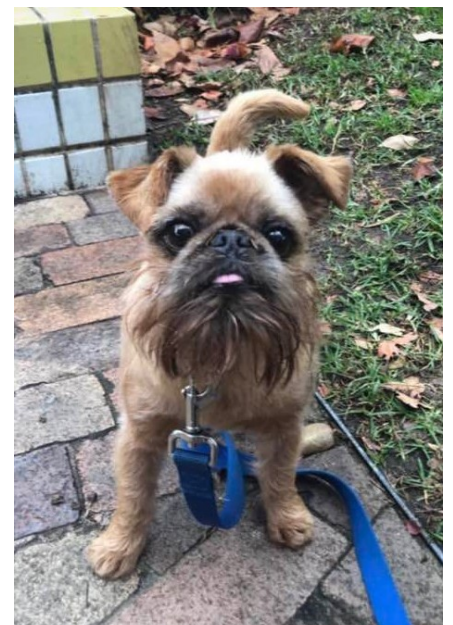
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*Zsa Zsa and Zorro- double the cuteness*

*Teebo says hello*





## Presidents Report

Our club year is drawing to a close and this issue has information about the AGM. The club is very successful and despite covid we have still been active in promoting our wonderful breed and educating and advising people about responsible breeders. Behind the scenes the executive have been providing advice and support to all Griffon owners or potential Griffon owners, club members or otherwise. The President and Secretary usually answer several questions every week.

Our extremely hard-working Assistant Secretary and Registrar, Sharyn Wood, has dealt with hundreds of inquiries, provided reams of information and advice and assisted breeders and buyers alike to get a dog from a responsible breeder.

Our Events Co Ordinator, Victoria Mercer, has just finished organising the Dog Lovers show with the months of organisation and coordination that it requires.

And our committee have been meeting and managing the club behind the scenes.

All of this work, and some of it is substantial, is carried out by volunteers for the love of the breed. Many of them have full time work, have litters of pups, have family responsibilities on top of all the work. The club could not survive without their dedication and professionalism.

We are always welcoming new members who would like to assist with the running of the club and we always welcome advice that will help the club function more effectively and reach a wider audience to promote the message of responsible breeding, buying and ownership

We are also pleased to be able to announce some gatherings and activities after such a long enforced break. For the first time in three years we will once again hold our club Griffmas party for all Griffons, owners and four legged friends. We look forward to seeing everyone there



## From the Editor

This issue has information regarding a couple of griffon gatherings including the club Christmas party, scheduled after 3 years. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

There is also an article on the death of the Queen. Even though she didn't own Griffons she was a true lover of dogs and she bred dogs and appreciated all breeds of dogs and the work that they were bred to do.

We also have the nomination forms and agenda for the AGM and the general meeting that will follow it, as well as news from interstate and overseas.



*Archie looking dignified*

*Obi, modelling smart casual*







# What Does Our Club Do?

Showing isn't even half of it!

## EDUCATE



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

## ASSIST



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

## PROMOTE



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

## RESCUE



Griffons in need whom often require extensive veterinary and rehabilitation work



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

## Support Responsible Breeders



## Griffon Corner



Sending our best wishes to club member, **Ros Finch**, who had an accident and tore the tendons in her leg. After major surgery, she is now confined to 6 weeks rest followed by a moon boot for a further 6 or more weeks to allow her leg to heal.

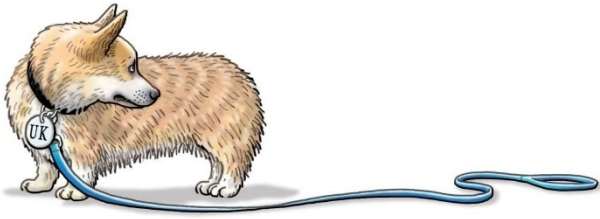


**Ashleigh Barber and Tiffany Dale** celebrated their marriage with three of the Griffons as page boys and bridesmaids. What could be more perfect. Congratulations and our best wishes to Mrs and Mrs Barber Dale





## Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022



Chattanooga Times Free Press 

## Vale Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

As I write this, the world and more particularly the UK is in mourning for the passing of Her Majesty Elizabeth II. Out of respect we give this tribute to a famous dog lover.

Among her many other qualities Her Majesty was renowned as an animal lover and particularly a dog lover. She didn't own Griffons but she was a UK Kennel Club Breeder with two prefixes. She bred her Corgis under the Windsor Prefix and she bred working Labradors under the

Sandringham prefix.

She is most famous for having Corgis and in this she has a connection with Australia.

She got her first Corgi in 1933 when she was seven years old

The Duke of York, Elizabeth's father, approached a respected breeder named Thelma Gray who brought the family three puppies from her Rozavel kennels in Surrey to choose from.

They settled on a little corgi officially called Rozavel Golden Eagle and he was called Dookie.

In 1944, when she turned 18, Princess Elizabeth got Susan.

Away from the cameras, Princess Elizabeth and Susan were inseparable. When the time came to breed Susan, Her Majesty, again turned to Thelma, provider of her childhood puppies, to find Susan a mate. Rozavel Lucky Strike was the dog for the job, and founded a line of Windsor Pembroke corgis, which continued for 14 generations.

Thelma Gray later migrated to Australia and lived in Adelaide.

The Adelaide Hills Kennel Club is unique in that it holds a Royal connection directly with Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The February 1986 Expo Show was a world first in that a perpetual trophy was presented for the

Best of Breed Welsh Corgi Pembroke.

This trophy was a personal gesture by Her Majesty in memory of the late Mrs Thelma Gray, her personal friend, who bred her first corgis. There is no other club, of any description in the world that has this very special, and unique connection with The Queen. In February 2002, then secretary, Lesley



Mackness, arranged for a number of previous Queen's Trophy winning corgis and their owners to meet Her Majesty in the grounds of Government House, an event which was covered by the press, radio and tv around the world.



The Queen also bred working Labradors and her Sandringham dogs were famous for quality and working ability. She was a keen competitor in Working Gundog trials and her dogs were frequent winners in Gundog trials

The Queen's Sandringham kennels produced 7 Labrador field trial champions over three decades. Five of these were

made up by her Gundog Trainer and later Headkeeper Bill Meldrum.

Two others were owned and made up by two historic gundog handlers: Mrs J.K. Heywood-Lonsdale, the mother of The Duchess of Devonshire, and Dave Garbutt, as one of the top handlers of the modern era: he is the only person to win the IGL Retriever Championship three times with three different dogs that he bred himself.

While the duties of monarchy did not allow her time to fully train the dogs she was a hands on owner and actively planned and bred the dogs, showing a clear understanding of pedigree and working ability of the dogs.

The list below identifies the breeder, owner and handler of each champion as well as runs in the IGL Retriever Championship.

FTCh Sherry of Biteabout

Breeder: Mr W. Davidson

Owner: Her Majesty The Queen

Handler: Mr W.G. Meldrum (1966, 1968, 1969)

FTCh Sandringham Ranger

Breeder/Owner: Her Majesty The Queen

Handler: Mr L.J. Curtis (1962)

Handler: Mr W.G. Meldrum (1964, 1965)

FTCh Sandringham Slipper

Breeder/Owner: Her Majesty The Queen

Handler: Mr W.G. Meldrum (1968, 1969, 1970, 1971)

FTCh Sandringham Sydney

Breeder/Owner: Her Majesty The Queen

Handler: Mr W.G. Meldrum (1972, 1973, 1975, 1976)

FTCh Sandringham Magpie

Breeder: Her Majesty The Queen

Owner/Handler: Mr Dave Garbutt (1975)

FTCh Sandringham Moccasin

Breeder: Her Majesty The Queen

Owner/Handler: Mrs J.K. Heywood-Lonsdale (1976, 1978)

FTCh Sandringham Salt

Breeder/Owner: Her Majesty The Queen

Handler: Mr W.G. Meldrum (1980, 1982)





***The Queens  
Gundogs***



Her Majesty also allowed her grounds at Sandringham Estate and Balmoral to be used for Pointer and Setter Trials. I recall a friend who had working Setters recounting how the Queen would wander down to watch the dogs working and chat with the competitors when she was in residence. The grounds at Sandringham were used for many years for these trials and poignantly, the last trial was held there on Thursday 8th & Friday 9th September 2022, the day of her death.

She was also aware of the dangers of breed popularity and insisted that her dogs were part of her private life. She was aware of the danger to breeds of over popularity. Her dogs were an integral part of her life for as a child and for her 70 years as a Monarch Vale.





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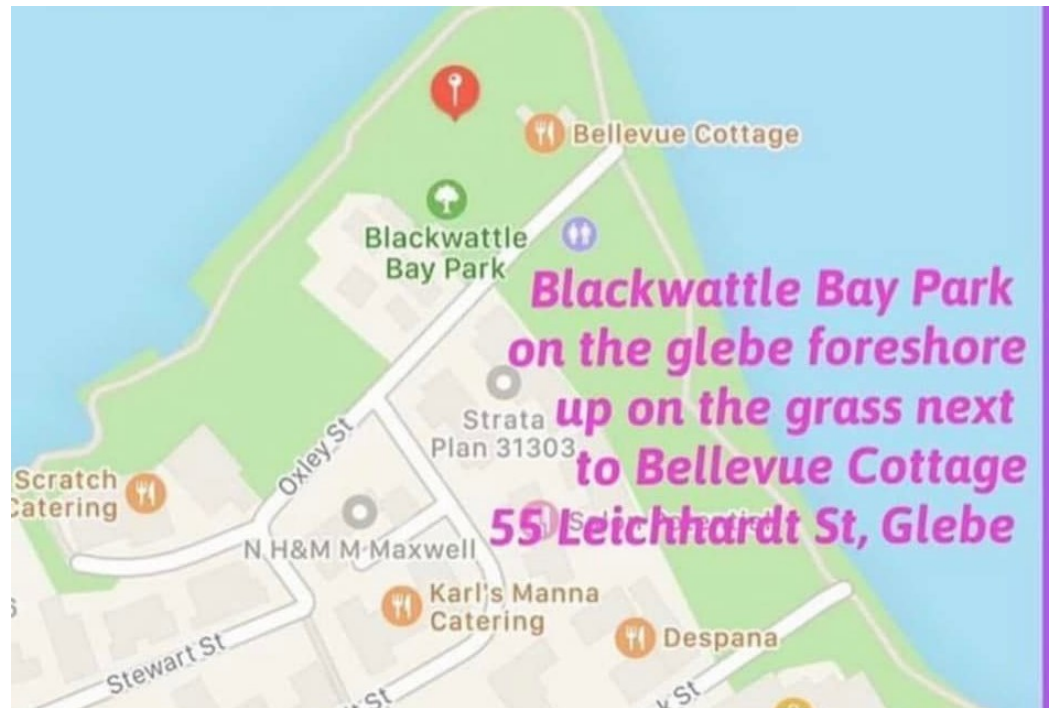
## Dates for Your Diary

### Griffon Get Together

#### SYDNEY GRIFFON OWNERS

Put this date in  
your diary

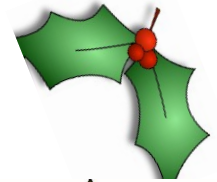
The next Sydney Griffon meet up is at 2pm on the 25th September. It will be next to Bellevue Cottage on Blackwattle Bay. See map for details. All very informal. Just turn up.







# Club Griffmas Party



**When:** December 4<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Where:** Colongra Bay  
Colongra Bay Road  
Lake Munmorah.

**Time:** Commencing at 11am

Colongra Bay is halfway between Newcastle and Sydney and is easy to reach.



**From Sydney-** Travel up the M1. Take the Charlestown turnoff. Go through Doyalson. Colongra Bay Rd is on your right just past the Shopping centre.

**From Newcastle-** Go through Belmont and Swansea to get to the Doyalson. Colongra Bay Rd will be on your left before the shopping centre.

**BYO Lunch**  
BBQ facilities are available.  
Colongra



Bay is on the lake and has a jetty. Both dogs and people can paddle or swim in the lake.

It is also ideal for paddle boards if any members would like to bring them.

It has a path around it and it is a pleasant walk for the dogs with a lot of water birds. It has a BBQ area in a shaded area and just across from the path there is more seating in a shaded area.

There is a clean toilet block

There is a large grassed area and a fully fenced and well- maintained dog run area.

It is at the end of a quiet road with little traffic.

**Griffons are invited to bring their owners for a fun day**







The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



## Notification of the AGM

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW  
Agenda  
Annual General Meeting 2022  
Not before 12 noon  
26 November 2022  
Hillsborough

### AGENDA

1. Members Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017
1. Presidents Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurers Report -Statement of Income and Expenditure
4. Show Secretary Report
5. Rescue Co Ordinator Report

### Election of Office Bearers and Committee

**(All Members step down and Independent Chair take charge. President to take chair upon election)**

Appointment of Auditor

Any other Business

Close

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### AGENDA

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW  
General Meeting  
26 November 2022  
Castle Hill  
Time: After the Annual General Meeting

**In Attendance:**

**Apologies:**

**Treasurers Report:**

**Secretary- Minutes of Previous meeting**

**Outgoing Correspondence:**

**Incoming Correspondence:**

**Business Arising**

**New members: to be voted on**

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### •Show Committee Report

Trophies 2019

Update on show organisation

Other show business

#### •Events

Christmas Party

#### •Griffon Buyer Register Report

General Business

Any Other Business



**The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW  
Annual General Meeting 2022  
Nomination Form  
26 November 2022  
Hillsborough**

Position	Person Nominated	Nominated by	Seconded	Accept Nomination
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
<b>Committee</b>				
Registrar				
Events Co Ordinator				
Committee Member(Social Media/PR)				
Committee Member				
Committee Member				
<b>Show Committee</b>				
Show Manager				
Show Secretary				
Trophy Manager				
<b>Non Committee Positions</b>				
Rescue Co-Ordinator				
Patrons(2)				

**Please Note:**

- If written nominations are received they will be the nominations that will be voted upon. Nominations will not be called from the floor if written nominations have been received. **Written nominations can be emailed to the secretary and must reach her by 5pm on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
If no written nominations have been received then nominations will be called from the floor
- If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to be nominated you may nominate and email the form to the Secretary at [nevaending@hotmail.com](mailto:nevaending@hotmail.com)
- If you nominate another person who is not attending the meeting then ensure that they have signed the 'Accept Nomination' column
- You must be a financial member in order to vote
- Nominees for the 4 Executive positions must be financial members of Dogs NSW





# 2022 Dog Lovers Show

After a three year hiatus due to Covid, the Dog Lovers



Show in Sydney finally happened on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August. This time it was at Sydney Olympic Park, a much larger venue and the crowds were huge.

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW had a breed stand again and once more the Griffons were popular. Our club has participated in this event every year since its inception and it has become a club tradition.

Unlike some of the commercial breeders, the purpose of the Breed Stand is not to sell pups but to



educate the public about Griffons and about responsible breeders.

*Some of the breed information on display*







Thanks must go to Victoria Mercer who did a fantastic job in difficult circumstances to get the breed stand set up and running. The volunteer roster is split in to 4 sessions of morning and afternoon. In this way we are able to give the dogs a rest from so much overwhelming attention and also give volunteers a chance to look around the venue at all the other stands We usually try to have an experienced Griffon owner/s on the stand along with some newer owners.

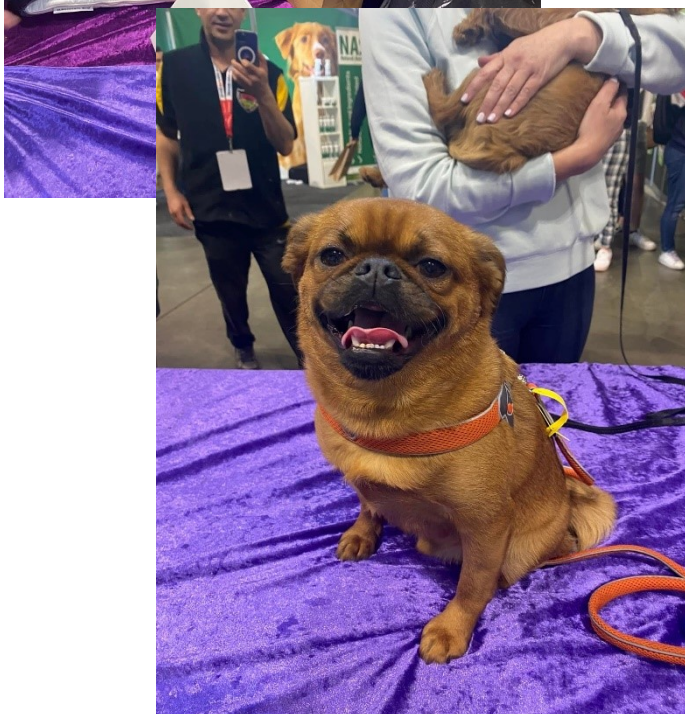
**Victoria Mercer**

This year due to several volunteers contracting Covid at the last minute, and several others either with a litter of pups or expecting a litter, it reduced the number of experienced Griffon breeders/owners.

Victoria, who lives near Orange, had to do all four sessions for the weekend to fill in some last minute gaps; a long and exhausting weekend for her.



The Griffons lapped up the attention as usual, displaying their fabulous personalities and they had large crowds the whole weekend







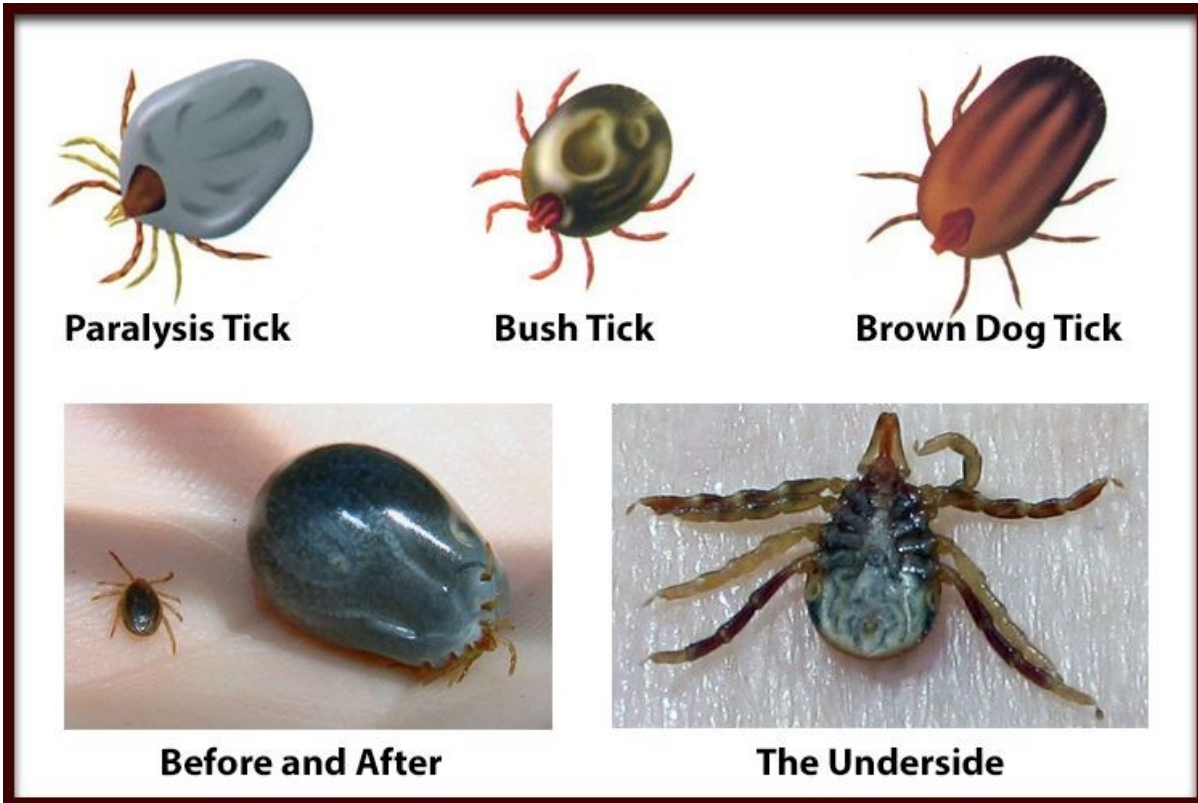
And of course, we could not have done it without the fabulous club members who volunteered to help on the stand along with their Griffons. Our club is proud to have such a supportive membership who help promote responsible breeding and our great little Griffons.







## Beware Ticks this Season



However, one day, at the end of August, I noticed that Pomona was vomited saliva. When I checked her she had a partially engorged tick right at the base of her tail on her anus. Fortunately, I had found it in time and she only had to spend the day at the vets with the anti venom treatment.

With all the rain along the east coast of Australia, the tick season is predicted to be one of the worst. I have never had ticks in my garden and have only used the tick treatments on a needs basis because I don't like to give strong chemicals unnecessarily.

## 7 signs of tick paralysis in dogs



1. Change in bark (sounds rapsy or quiet)
2. Tick or tick crater (scab left behind after the tick has fallen off) found
3. Vomiting, retching & gagging
4. Weakness in the back legs
5. Inability to jump or walk up the stairs
6. Difficulty breathing
7. Complete paralysis







# 6 Places Ticks May Hide on Your Pet

## What to look for

To find a tick, feel for lumps or bumps and look for areas that appear irritated.

Regularly check your dog for ticks after all outdoor playtime and walks, even if your pet is on a preventative.

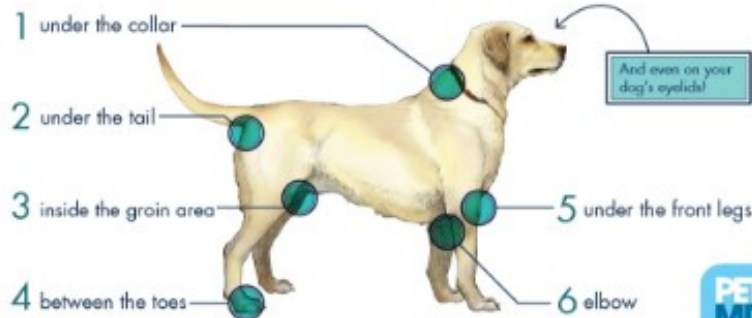
A deer tick is about the size of a sesame seed.



Some species of ticks are no bigger than a grain of sand.



## Ticks are drawn to dark, moist areas on the body like:



With all paralysis ticks it is essential to get treatment instantly as the dog can deteriorate quickly. But treatment is not simple and is in several stages.

The tick poison itself, will cause paralysis of the dog's throat, making it difficult to breathe and eventually causing full body paralysis and death.

This has to be monitored by a vet carefully.

The tick anti venom serum also causes side effect and can affect the heart. It has to be administered carefully with the veterinary observation. In the case of Pomona, she did not react to the anti venom so it was able to be administered completely.

In the past I had a PGBV dog who reacted quite badly to the anti

venom and it had to be administered in slow stages over two days.

It is also important to be aware that dogs affected by tick paralysis can have a relapse, either from the tick poison. The first three days after release from the vet treatment the dog must be kept quiet and clam to make sure that the heart is okay after the anti venom.

The following 2-3 weeks the dog should be kept reasonably quiet with no exercise or physical stress so that it doesn't react to the tick poison.

I have a number of possums in my yard and they are notorious for carrying ticks so it is likely that the ticks have come from them and are now finding a happy haven after the excessive 12 months of never ending rain. My dogs have now been treated with NexGuard Spectra and I have since found a small dead tick on another dog, so the NexGuard did the job. My dogs will now be

## Tips for avoiding tick paralysis in dogs



1. Tick search—No preventative is 100% protective, so lots of cuddles and daily tick searches are essential
2. Preventatives—I recommend Advantix™ (provided there are no cats in your home as Advantix™ is toxic to cats), fortnightly Frontline™ top spots, Frontline™ spray every 3 weeks or a tick collar replaced every 2 months (remember if it gets wet it takes 24 hours before it is active again)
3. Be aware of the symptoms of tick poisoning & bring your dog in to the vet if they start to showing signs, if it is after hours DO NOT wait until morning! Take them to the closest 24 hour emergency veterinary hospital.
4. Tick search again—I cannot emphasise this enough!





treated with the tick products for their own safety.

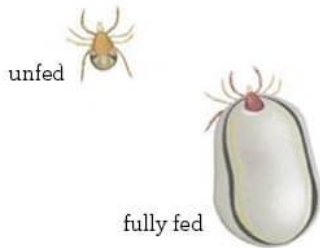
There are a number of different tick treatments and I am not recommending any in particular.

As much as I dislike putting chemicals on my dogs, I have no option, at least over summer.

Ticks will thrive anywhere there are warm moist conditions and anyone who lives in the areas marked on the map are advised to use a tick preventative

# Ticks in Australia

## Paralysis Tick



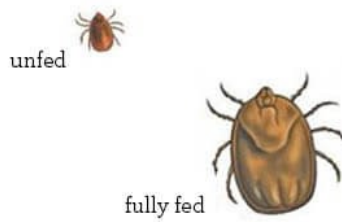
### Adult

LEGS form a v-shap line from the snout down the sides of the body; the first and last part of legs are brown and the second and third pair are pale  
BODY is pear-shaped to oval and yellow-grey to light grey with a dark band on the sides  
FACE is oval but wider at the rear and brown  
SNOUT is very long



JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

## Brown Dog Tick



### Adult

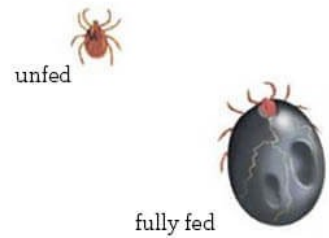
LEGS are brown/tan and spread out along the body  
BODY is small (male) to elongated and oval (female); Red/brown in colour. Grooves along body of female  
FACE has a distinctive hexagonal base  
SNOUT is short



JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

Tick activity scale  
LOW HIGH

## Bush Tick



### Adult

LEGS are dark red-brown and the first pair are close to the snout  
BODY is oval-shaped and dark red-brown to dark blue-grey  
FACE is oval and dark brown



JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC









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down a historic  
building...

Don't knock down a historic breed.







# Griffon Birthdays



*Happy birthday to Tango-1 year old*



*Happy birthday to Flitchee 4 years*



*Happy birthday to Bean 8 years*

*Happy birthday to Hermione- 9 years*





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## Health

**A NEW VET COMPASS STUDY SHOWS THAT BRACHY BREEDS ARE NOT AS HIGH A RISK OF DEATH WHEN UNDER GENERAL ANESTHETIC AS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.**



A new study reveals the true risks of anaesthesia in dogs

Published: 05 Sep 2022

*A new VetCompass study, led by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) and the University of Manchester, has revealed a relatively low risk of death from sedation and general anaesthetics for dogs in the UK. The research was carried out with the aim of generating up-to-date information to help improve shared decision-making between veterinary professionals and owners.*

What is probably more surprising is the feedback obtained from Brachy Breeds. It has always been believed that the Bulldog has a higher risk of death under anaesthetic but the research has actually shown the opposite.

*The team also investigated whether flat-faced 'brachycephalic' breeds were associated with higher risk. Surprisingly, longer-nosed 'dolichocephalic' breeds showed four times the odds of sedative/anaesthetic-related death compared with medium-length nose dogs, whereas no additional risk was seen in flat-faced breeds.*

And

*Some of the key factors associated with increased risk of sedation and anaesthetic-related death in this new study included:*

- Older age
- Poorer overall health
- More urgent surgeries
- Certain breeds such as Rottweilers and West Highland White Terriers compared with mixed breeds.



To read the full report see: <https://www.rvc.ac.uk/.../study-reveals-the-true-risks-of-...>

**Dr Dan O'Neill, Associate Professor in Companion Animal Epidemiology at the RVC and co-author of the paper, said:**

*"Waving a tearful goodbye to your beloved dog as they are admitted for an anaesthetic at your veterinary surgery can be one of the scariest moments of many dog-owner's lives. This new VetCompass study can help owners deal with these fears by understanding the real anaesthetic risk is not that high: 14 deaths in every 10,000 dogs. Decision-making based on the known can now replace fear of the unknown."*

**Dr Stephanie Shoop-Worrall, Research Fellow in Epidemiology and Data Science at the University of Manchester and lead author of the paper, said:**

*"VetCompass is an invaluable resource that has allowed the study of anaesthetic risks from dogs across the UK. These results can help reassure owners of the relative safety of sedation and anaesthesia in dogs, which is only getting safer over time, and can also prompt practice changes for veterinary surgeons to decrease risks further."*

**Professor Dave Brodbelt, Professor of Evidence based Veterinary Medicine at the RVC and co-author of the paper, said:**

*"This is a timely study that updates the current estimates of anaesthetic risk in the UK. Going forward, the use of electronic patient records from resources such as VetCompass provide an excellent opportunity to monitor this infrequent but important complication seen in veterinary practice."*

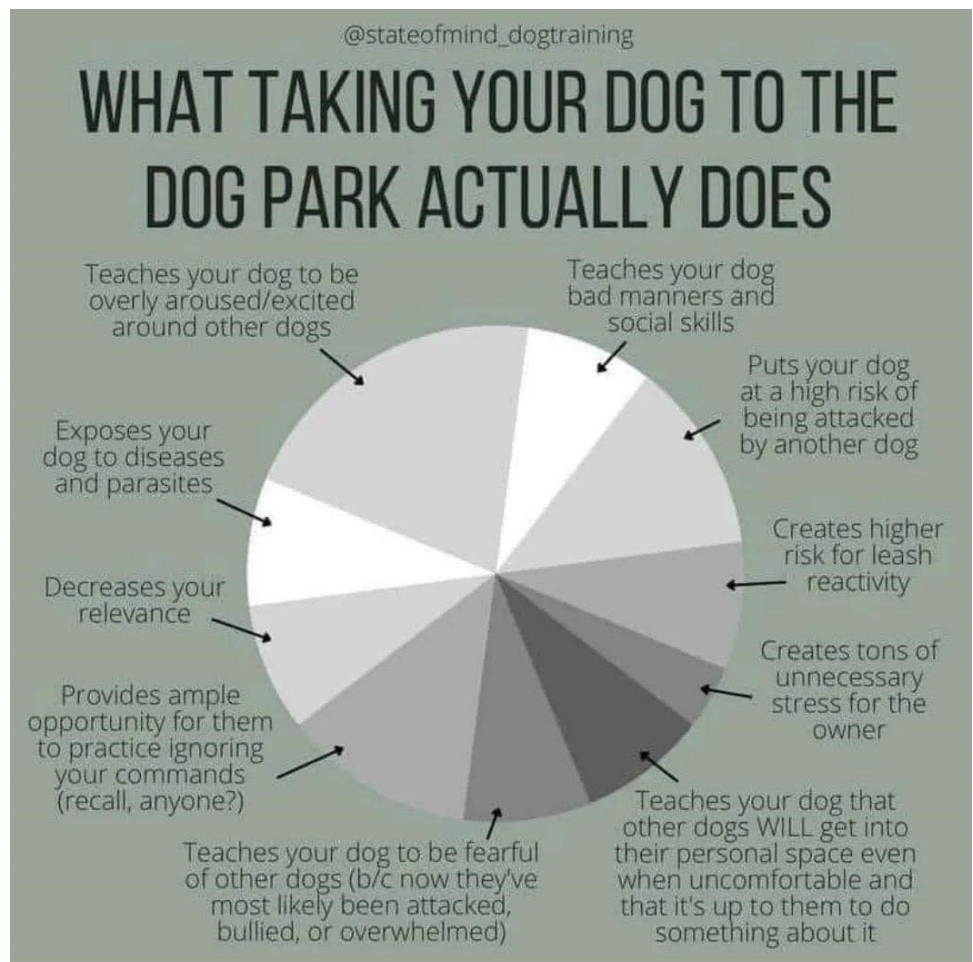
## Socialisation

Socialising your dog does not mean taking it to parks to play with every random dog. Socialising means that your dog is calm and collected in all circumstances. A socialised dog can walk past other dogs and not be bothered, not react or behave in an uncontrolled manner. Unless the dog park is empty or has one or two dogs in it that you know well, then they can be very dangerous places for a small breed dog like a Griffon.

As well as physical danger, they can more easily pick up worms from so many dogs

defecating in a small space, be exposed to viral papilloma in the mouth, be at greater risk of contracting parvo or kennel cough from unvaccinated dogs.

Think carefully for the health and welfare of your dog before you use a dog park



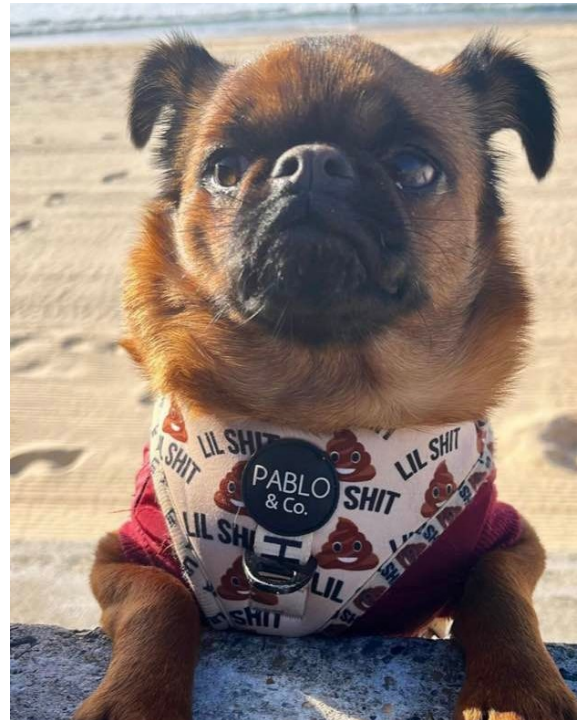




## Griffons looking disapproving



*Jellybean and  
Twig- not  
happy*



*Gizmo- Bondi  
beach on a  
winter's day is  
too cold*



*Jean Claude- do you mind, I am trying to sleep*



*Who put my bed up here?*



*Ygrette says its my birthday and I am still  
waiting for my presents*





# International Show News

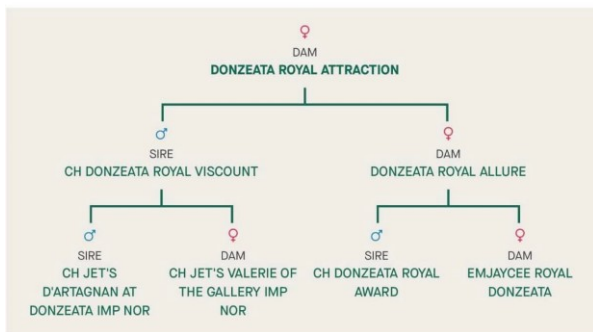
## United Kingdom

At Paignton and District Fanciers Show the Griffon Bruxellois bitch, **Donzeata Royal Attraction** won Best in Show.

Bred, owned and handled by David Guy, she beat an entry of over 4,500 dogs of all breeds to win her award. Congratulations to all her connections.



### Pedigree



She repeated her victory two weeks later at Richmond Dog Show when she again went Best in Show under judge, Mrs Sandra Marshall





## Crufts 2023

Steven Seymour who is well known for his connection with the famous Beagriff Griffons, founded by his mother, Jill Seymour is to be the Griffon Bruxellois judge at Crufts 2023.

An Australian who has long resided in the UK, Steven is a respected international judge with a deep knowledge of the Griffon breed. We look forward to seeing his judging.

Congratulations on this most prestigious appointment



## Show Winners in NSW

Kerry and Emily Bell's baby puppy Booker - **Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay** has been on a roll with 10 Baby Puppy in Group awards since he started his show career. He went one better on the weekend at Forbes when he also won Baby Puppy in Show.



Kerry and Emily can also celebrate another first when their boy **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**, won another CACIB at the FCI Spring Fair.

This makes him the first Griffon Bruxellois in Australia to have a CACIB Champion title (pending). During his journey he has won a Group 1st and Group 4th under international judges.







*Cabal Canine Candid's 2022*



Terri and Grant Odell 's girl, **Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice**, won Runner up in Group at the prestigious Sydney Kennel Club show

Not to be outdone their young girl **Nagpuni Vieux Curee (Eevee)** won Best Junior in Toy Group under Australia's leading Griffon specialist, Jocelyn Croad, at the Bay City ABKC



Marousa Polias has also been on a roll with her neuter girl, **Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna**, who has won 1 Runner up Neuter in Show, 4 Best Neuter in Group and 2 Runner Up Neuter in GroupAwards since the last newsletter







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## New Titles

Congratulation to the following dogs on gaining their championship titles



### ***Ch Krusayd GB Don Diego***

*S: Ch Shigriff Spanner in the Works*

*D: Roxbud Mookie*

Zorro is owned and handled by Marousa Polias and he is her first full champion and he second Griffon. Breed by Greg Egan, he is also the first champion Griffon Bruxellois from his kennels. We congratulate both on their success.

### ***Ch Nagpuni Mr Bigg***

*S: Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum*

*D: Ch Nagpuni Shaken Not Stirred*

Tango was bred in Sydney by Terri and Grant Odell and sent all the way over to Western Australia. He is owned and handled by Alex Deasey and he is her first Griffon and her first show dog. He gained his championship title with ease and we look forward to seeing him in the obedience ring in the future.

It is great to see new people entering the breed and having success. The future of the breed depends on new exhibitors and breeders. Congratulations







## News from Other States

### Queensland

August saw the triple shows for The Griffon Club of Queensland; one Open show and two Championship shows, plus Griffons judged at Brisbane Royal.

Sadly in all cases the entries were very disappointing.

Considering the growing number of people in Queensland who have started to breed Griffons, it is very disappointing to see that they don't support the club or show the dogs they are breeding. It would appear that the majority of them are only commercial breeders, who are producing puppies to make money and supplement their income. Such an attitude is very detrimental to the breed. Dog shows are an opportunity for breeders to showcase the quality of their breeding. If they have no faith in the quality of their dogs then it is very sad that they have such a poor opinion of the dogs that they are producing.

Large numbers of sub standard dogs, bred by people who have little knowledge or care of the breed is the surest way to ruin a breed. We have seen it happen in French Bulldogs, with the breed almost destroyed by greedy puppy producers, we are seeing it in Dachshunds. I would hate to see it occur in Griffons.

### The Queensland Griffon Club Shows

All three shows saw an entry of only 12-13 dogs. This club had an entry of 100 dogs for their first ever Championship show so it is very sad to see how low the numbers have fallen. The three shows saw a mixture of winners so it is good that the judges all found different things that they liked. Despite the low numbers the entry was made up of a number of dogs of very high quality.

The day started with the Open show

#### The Open Show

Judged by Mr Ashley Harwood, the Best in Show winner was the Open Dog- **Ch Los Chatos del Norte Rasta Man**, bred in Spain and owned by Ven Grasso

Reserve in Show was the Intermediate bitch from Victoria- **Ch Griffonsberg Scarlett Vivian**, owned and handled by Iain Mitchell

*Judge Ashley Harwood with bitch Ch Griffonsberg Scarlet Vivian and Iain Mitchell*





### The Championship Show - Show 1

The first Championship show was judged by Mrs Debbie Jacques and she found her Best in Show winner with another of Ven Grasso's Griffons, this time his homebred bitch from the Intermediate class- **Majomarc Donatella Del Norte**.

Her Reserve in show was another dog bred by Ven Grasso-**Majomarc Ezra Kazari** from the Australian bred class

*Judge Debbie Jacques with her two winners- - Majomarc Donatella Del Norte and Majomarc Ezra Kazari, with Ven Grasso and Naomi Lawrence*



### The Championship Show – Show 2

The second championship show was judged by Mrs Janet McGregor, better known for her Pugs. She found her Best in Show in the Black and Tan dog - **Ch Shigriff Sam I Am**, owned and bred by Shigriff Griffons and handled by Caroline Elder

*Janet McGregor and her Best in Show Ch Shigriff Sam I Am with owner/Handler, Caroline Elder*

Reserve in Show went to the bitch , owned and bred by Iain Mitchell, **Ch Griffonsberg Venus Victorious**

*Iain Mitchell with the judge Janet McGregor and Ch Griffonsberg Venus Victorious*

*Full show results can be seen on the DOL results pages*







### Brisbane Royal Griffon Judging

## GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS

#### Class 1 Baby Puppy Dog

1531 Mr M Huisman & D Norman, ALYNGA ICHABOD MUDD, 13-02-2022, 6100134927, s.Ch. Donzeata Royal Star (Imp Uk), d. Alynga Ivy

#### Class 4 Junior Dog

1532 Mr V Grasso, MAJOMARC EZRA KAZARI, 09-06-2021, 4100356731, s.Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man (Imp Esp), d. Shigriff Sleepin Onth Sidewalk

#### Class 10 Australian Bred Dog

1533 Mr V Grasso, MAJOMARC FIREFLI KAZARI, 18-06-2021, 4100360255, s.Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man (Imp Esp), d. Spanriever Copperplate

#### Class 11 Open Dog

1534 Mr V Grasso, CH. LOS CHATOS DEL NORTE RASTA MAN (IMP ESP), 25-08-2015, LOE2286050, s.Spa. Ch. Tajinastes Quiereme Mucho, d. Gbz.Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte Cornelia

	Show 1	Show 2
Challenge Dog		
Reserve Challenge Dog		

#### Class 2A Minor Puppy Bitch

1535 Mrs M K Passeri, CRICKLEWOOD ANITA PACKAGE (IMP NZL), 05-01-2022, 02763-2022, s.Nz. Ch. Jakarim The Gigolo, d. Nz. Ch. Cricklewood Miss Tuttlebee

#### Class 3A Puppy Bitch

1536 Mr R Patterson, SHIGRIFF SMOOTH AS SILK, 18-10-2021, 5100128453, s.Ch. Shigriff Sam I Am, d. Shigriff Seaside Rendezvous

#### Class 4A Junior Bitch

1537 Mr V Grasso, MAJOMARC FIREFOX KAZARI, 18-06-2021, 4100360256, s.Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man (Imp Esp), d. Spanriever Copperplate

#### Class 5A Intermediate Bitch

1538 Ms D Norman & Mr M Huisman, CH. ALYNGA KNITTING NANCY, 26-06-2020, 6100124335, s.Ch. Donzeata Royal Star (Imp Uk), d. Alynga Ivy

1539 Dr I T Mitchell, CH. GRIFFONSBURG SCARLETT VIVIEN, 04-09-2020, 3100416764, s.Grand. Ch. Tzani Neddie Seagoon, d. Ch. Griffonsburg Venus Victorious

1540 Mr V Grasso, MAJOMARC DONATELLA DEL NORTE, 26-10-2020, 4100350331, s.Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man (Imp Esp), d. Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte All Of Me (Imp Esp)

#### Class 10A Australian Bred Bitch

1541 Mr R Patterson, SHIGRIFF SWEET GEORGIA BROWN, 10-09-2018, 5100108593, s.Ch. Shigriff Suitably Attired, d. Shigriff Stella Artois

#### Class 11A Open Bitch

1542 Dr I T Mitchell, CH. GRIFFONSBURG VENUS VICTORIOUS, 19-09-2018, 3100382582, s.Ch. Witchgriff Bear Grylls, d. Ch. Griffonsburg Vespers Victory

1543 Mr V Grasso, CH. LOS CHATOS DEL NORTE ALL OF ME (IMP ESP), 04-02-2017, LOE2366114, s.Gbz.Ch. Lux.Ch. Prt.Ch. Spa. Ch. Visby De Mhunner, d. Los Chatos Del Norte In Time

#### BEST OF BREED

1542	Mitchell, Iain	CH. GRIFFONSBURG VENUS VICTORIOUS	First
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#### RUNNER UP EXHIBIT OF BREED

1539	Mitchell, Iain	CH. GRIFFONSBURG SCARLETT VIVIEN	First
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The entry, shown above was comparable with the championship shows but due to a large number of absentees, there were no dogs exhibited, only bitches. The results showed Iain Mitchell taking out both major awards with his two girls, shown below.







## South Australia

### Adelaide Royal

Adelaide Royal has just been completed, the first since Covid, and they saw the biggest Griffon entry for a long time. Over the past 10 years, Griffon numbers have languished so it is good to see some new exhibitors coming into the breed and more Griffons in the ring being shown. In the past the Griffon entry at Adelaide Royal was usually in single figure but this year they had an entry of 16. Despite some absentees, they had a strong entry and it was good to see some new exhibitors in the ring.



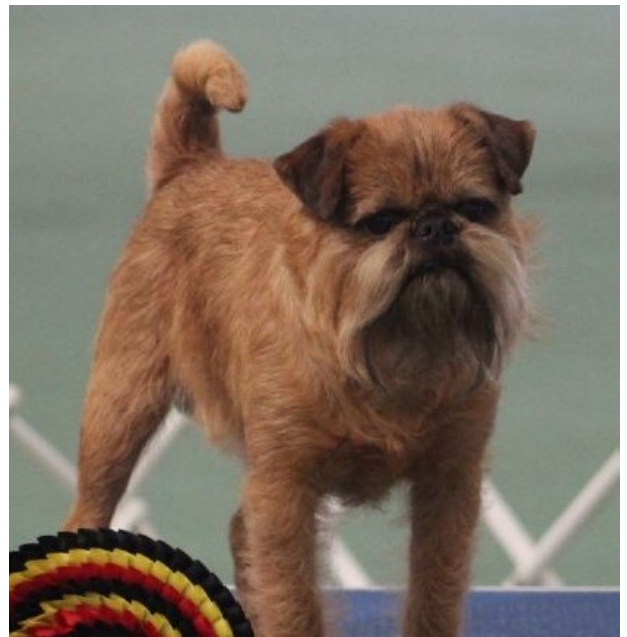
Robyn Morse has been a regular supporter of Adelaide Royal and has had a number of successes there in the past. This year she continued the tradition taking out Best of breed with her Bitch Challenge winner and Reserve Best of Breed with her Dog Challenge winner.

Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was **Armogriff Queen Athaliah**, a red rough bitch from the Intermediate bitch class.

Reserve Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was **Ch Armogriff Asmodeus**, a red rough dog



BEST OF BREED			
BEST OF BREED			
823	Unnamed	ARMORGRIF QUEEN ATHALIAH	First
RUNNER-UP TO BEST OF BREED			
814	Unnamed	CH. ARMORGRIF ASMODEUS	First
BEST PUPPY OF BREED			
810	Unnamed	SHIGRIFF SATIN AND SASS	First



Best Puppy was the B&T smooth boy, **Shigriff Satin and Sass**, bred by Shigriff and owned and handled by Heather Harrison





# Don't Buy A Lie...

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

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



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



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



Strong solid bone makes breaks and joint injuries less common



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



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



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## 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.griffonsw.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](mailto: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.











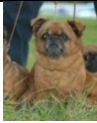









The more flexible you are in your choice the sooner you may get a pup.



**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



## 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.**