



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



# The Phoenix

*Christmas/New Year Edition*



Happy  
Newyear

*Summer 2023*





## Your Club

*Cover Dog Griffmas party 2022*

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Jocelyn Croad

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### Life Member – In Memorium

Kerri Taylor

### The aims of the club are:

To promote the Griffon Bruxellois and Petit Brabancon breed.

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

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

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

To support responsible and ethical breeding practices of Griffons

To provide advice and support for Griffon owners

To support and recommend testing of health issues relevant to Griffons based on genuine scientific research, both local and international.

To provide a rescue service for Griffons

To promote friendship and social activities among all Griffon owners

To educate Griffon owners about grooming, training and responsible ownership

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



### Christmas Greetings from our Members







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### Some Griffmas photos

*Santa Teddy is doing his Grinch look*

*Jemima and friends*





## Presidents Annual Report 2022

While the Covid pandemic eased, the club activities were again interrupted because of weather conditions which led to state wide flooding, road closures and the long term closure of the Orchard Hills dog show grounds. This led to show cancelations and postponements and required readjustment of the club point score shows

### **Championship Show**

Our show in at Easter was held in the endless rain. A few fine days prior to the show led us to believe we may be lucky but the rain started again halfway

through the Silver show and the rest of the day was in rain and mud with exhibitors in gum boots

Our Judge for the Gold show was Professor Brian Corbitt and for the Silver show, Ms Tracey Parker.

Both judges selected the same dog and bitch winners who Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac and Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler, who both went Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show respectively.

Professor Corbitt wrote a detailed and informed critique on the dogs and was extremely complementary about the high standard of the dogs and the excellent health and soundness of the dogs he judged

It was a friendly show and we were pleased to welcome a number of visitors who enjoyed their first ever dog show, despite the rain

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

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

Thanks also to all the members who helped set up the show. Shows don't run themselves and without the early morning workers it would not have happened; Adam Tremeneheere, Janelle Tremeneheere, Matthew O Sullivan, Ashleigh Barber Dale, Tiffany Barber Dale and the photographer, Jasmine Dale.

### **Point Score**

The club point score competition was again interrupted with 3 shows cancelled due to the weather events, one show moved from Sydney to Hillsborough again due to the relentless rain and one show postponed and rescheduled but unfortunately clashed with the club Christmas party date. Despite that we managed to hold 7 of the 10 point score shows and our member support led to good entries of up to 17 at some point score shows. There have been over 30 dogs competing in total in the point score

### **Promoting the breed**

Dogs on Show was cancelled due to weather conditions but after a 3 year hiatus from covid, The Dog Lovers Show was held again. It was in August and Victoria Mercer did a fabulous job pulling it all together. She was assisted by Marousa Polias and Terri and Grant Odell. Several of the usual team members were unable to attend due to litters but many of our members stepped up to help and it was great to see so many pet owners support the club.

The club was also able to present a breed presentation at The Pet Show, and again thanks go to Marousa Polias and Terri Odell who presented the talk and took some Griffons along to meet the public

The Griffon Gatherings finally restarted in September when the weather eased and a great turn up of over 30 - 50 people attended a relaxed and low key get together at Rush Cutters Bay

The Christmas party has also been scheduled after a 3 year break and will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Colongra Park Central Coast

The club has continued to be very active through social media and has four platforms to promote the club

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

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

The Committee group has been invaluable in 2021/2022 and regular on- line committee meetings have kept the club running smoothly and successfully despite the weather and the closures and cancellations

### **Educating Puppy Buyers**

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







them as pure Griffons or as a 'rare' breed.

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

The President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary have also been kept busy offering advice and support to people thinking of buying a Griffon

#### **Griffon Buyer Register**

The Griffon Buyer Register was developed in 2014 to assist people in buying a Griffon and has gone from strength to strength in 2022.

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

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

The situation assists both the breeders and the public and Sharyn does a fantastic job collating all the inquiries.

#### **Health**

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

#### **Membership**

Our membership has grown rapidly over the past year and we ended the financial year with 160 members who are all Griffon owners or Griffon lovers. This is an excellent number, considering we don't have a common breed. We ensure that we meet the needs of all members, exhibitors and pet owners alike. We have a number of international members as well as Australian members.

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

#### **Newsletter**

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

#### **Committee**

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

I would like to thank the Secretary Jannelle Tremenheere, Treasurer, Matt O'Sullivan and the executive and committee members-, Claire Parker O'Sullivan, Terri Odell, Victoria Mercer, Sharyn Wood, Adam Tremenheere, Marousa Polias, Sarah Peddie Mc Guirk, Tom Gregory, Tiffany Barber Dale and Ashleigh Barber Dale for their help and support in the past 12 months.

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

We have always been proud to call our club the friendly club and I feel that we are successfully maintaining this, even in the difficulties we are experiencing at the present time. Hopefully 2023 will be bigger and brighter with more activities shared with members

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

Michelle Parker Brien (President) 2021-22



## **Secretary's Report 2021-2022**

### **2022 Championship Shows**

After the unfortunate cancellation of our shows last year due to COVID, this year we were able to hold our shows for 2022.

Both shows were a success even though the weather was more suitable for ducks, the Griffons took it in their stride and seemed to enjoy the mud

however I can't say that the exhibitors were that enthusiastic.





We were fortunate to be able to have access to the new CNCC Cafe and the Judges and Officials lunches were provided. The food was delicious a big thanks to Cherie Bryson the proprietor of the newly fit out Cafe. Our numbers are slowly building however there were several NSW exhibitors unable to attend due to you other commitments. Hopefully next year we will have everybody back on board and get back to our normal numbers of approximately 50 at each show. So lets see if everyone can keep the 1 April 2023 free to celebrate our breed at our breed specialities.

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

#### **2023 Championship shows**

The Executive and Committee have started the arduous task of organising the 2023 Championship shows and have made a great start acquiring our two judges, trophies for the gold shows, our Steward and photographer.

#### **Dog Lovers Show**

The Dog Lovers show was another successful event thanks to our Events Coordinator Victoria Mercer.

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond their control a number of breeders where unable to attend due to other commitments, however Victoria was able enlist the help of Club members and their beautiful griffons who I am told all had an amazing day.

#### **Point Score Show**

Our Point Score competition for 2021 – 2022 began the year with a flying start and then unfortunately was disrupted by floods which meant that some point score shows had to be rescheduled and some cancelled.

#### **Rescue Report**

No Griffon rescues to report for 2021/2022 however due to a large amount of unethical and unregistered breeders appearing on the scene this may change in the future.

Jannelle Tremenheere

Secretary 2021/2022

## From the Editor

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and we look hopefully forward to a New Year without any crisis or catastrophe.

This issue had lots of photos showing how our Griffons were all spoilt as they celebrated Christmas with their families.

I also has the schedule for our next championship shows to be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. We look forward to welcoming Griffon lovers to the shows.

There is also the sad news of the passing of Ted Ellis, who was the first President of the Queensland Griffon Club and whose connection with Griffons went back to 1958. We extend our sympathies to his family.



*Niklaus- just relaxing*

*Eddie and Freddie, on the road for summer fun*







# 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



**TV Star –  
Darci, Ch  
Nagpuni  
Shaken Not  
Stirred,**  
owned, bred  
and trained by  
Terri Odell, is  
now a TV star,  
and was in a  
scene from  
the comedy  
series BUMP  
which can be  
seen on STAN.

Her daughter, **Evee, Nagpuni Vieux Curee**, has regularly featured in the Aldi catalogues so thespian abilities obviously run in the family

### Queensland Griffon Club

Sadly, at the end of 2022, the Queensland Griffon Club went into dormancy due to lack of support. The 2022 shows had a disappointing entry of only 12 and 13 dogs, which makes it difficult for a club to function with such limited support.

The Queensland club started 12 years ago with an enthusiastic band of breeders and supporters and their first ever show saw the biggest entry of Griffons ever seen in Australia, with 100 dogs for Siv Jernhake of the well known Vendettas kennel in Sweden.

The exhibitors came from all states of Australia to support the show and it was a gala day. Mrs Jernhake demonstrated some excellent type judging that showed the depth of her breed knowledge

The winners of that show were;

*Best in Show & DCC- Ch Statuesque Pumpernickle, - Gemcourt Kennels (Sth Aust)*

*Reserve in Show and Res DCC- Ch Balliol Gellert Grindalwald - Jannelle Tremenheere and Michelle Parker Brien(NSW)*

*Bitch CC – Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple- Michelle Parker Brien (NSW)*

*Res BCC- Ch Troubadour Poison Ivy- Sally Stewart (Vic)*

Sadly, in recent years that enthusiasm waned. Experienced breeders retired and their place was taken by commercial breeders who lacked breed knowledge and were not interested in supporting or promoting the club. This is a great pity.

Breed clubs are the backbone of the breeds. It is the clubs that preserve the breeds and it is the clubs that support and promote the breeds and respect the heritage. When a breed is







taken over by commercial breeders who only breed for profit, the quality of the breed deteriorates, health problems arise due to lack of breed knowledge and the external appearance of the breed changes. We have seen the French Bulldogs, British Bulldogs, Pugs and Dachshunds deteriorate because commercial breeders who only care about profit have dominated the breeds. So great is the damage that commercial breeders have caused to these breeds, that they are now banned from breeding in some European countries or have ludicrous restrictions placed on them along with accusations of 'torture breeding' in other European countries. The only people to advocate for the long term survival of our unique and historic breeds are the breed clubs.

I hope that in the next few years there may be some dedicated people who are prepared to revive the club for the benefit of the breed.

In the meantime, the two existing Griffon clubs, The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria and The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW are always willing to help people with advice and support.

### Informal Griffon Gatherings

There have been a couple of informal gatherings over the Christmas break. **Terri and Grant Odell-the Nagpuni Griffon gang** organised a get together with some of the dogs they had bred. A good

looking bunch of people and dogs



The Hunter Griffon people had a relaxed morning tea organised by **Jillian Mathieson**. The humans sat around watching and drinking tea, while there were lots of Griffon zoomies and wrestling and some tired Griffons afterwards.







## Vale Ted Ellis

Ted Ellis passed away in Queensland on 16th December after a short battle with pancreatic cancer

Ted was an experienced Griffon man and bred them in the UK under the Gyantze prefix.

His first Griffon was a gift to his wife, Anne in 1958 and was called Bess. She was a bitch with an impeccable pedigree and her full name was Bess of Beechtree, going back to the great Skibbereen dogs. (thanks to Jan Den Otter for the pedigree)

Bess got them hooked on the breed and they showed extensively in England before moving to Australia.

In Australia Ted used the Ravenspur prefix and bred both Beagles and Rottweilers under this prefix.

In the 1970's he had his first Griffon litter and continued to breed and exhibit Griffons. He bred a number of

### Pedigree of:

### Bessie of Beechtree \*

Date of Birth: 2-5-1958 Sex: F Breed: Griffon Bruxellois, G.Belge, P.Brabançon  
 Colour & Markings: rx/rx Reg No.:  
 Owned By: Ellis Ann+Ted, UK Bred By: Denman, UK

PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	G GRANDPARENTS	G G GRANDPARENTS	G G G GRANDPARENTS
<b>SIRE:</b>  Gosmore Corker *  Reg No.: Colour: rx/rx	Ch. Skibbereen Victor of Campfield Reg No.: 0659AJ Colour: rr/rx	Ch. Skibbereen Brandon 2004AE rx/rs	Ch. Victor of Babbacombe *	Ch. Glenwood Garoon * Jessica of Babbacombe *
		Starbright of Honeywick rr/rs	Ch. Partridge Hill Polonaise *	Partridge Hill Providence * Vulcan Venusia *
	Ch. Gosmore Joriemour Chloe * Reg No.: 0462AP Colour: rr/rs	Ch. Skibbereen Endcliffe Terrie 0599AN rx/rs	Partridge Hill Providence *	Partridge Hill Peccadillo * Starling *
		Victoria of Maybush rr/ss	Sparrow of Honeywick *	Partridge Hill Padraig * Starling *
<b>DAM:</b>  Lady Bella KCSB *  Reg No.: Colour: rx/rx	Ch. Vadtortop Valiente * Reg No.: 0604AK Colour: rx/rx	Black Knight of Vadtortop 0533AL bx/rx	Outalong Puzzle *	Ch. Skibbereen Bartestree * Outalong Judy *
		Vadtortop Koko rx/rs	Bindonian Judy *	Bindonian Seagry Bolero * Troutbeck Delphine *
	Lavina of Gregtoi * Reg No.: Colour:	Black Knight of Vadtortop 0533AL bx/rx	Ch. Zador of Fieldburcote *	Ch. Skibbereen Bartestree * Melba Peach of Maspond *
		Winnie of Peaton rx/rs	Jill of Barentha *	Titch of Barentha * Joy of Barentha *
			Ch. Skibbereen Brandon *	Ch. Victor of Babbacombe * Ch. Partridge Hill Polonaise *
			Partridge Hill Quatorze *	Partridge Hill Quello * Vulcan Victorine *
			Ch. Skibbereen Beau Brummel *	Ch. Victor of Babbacombe * Sparrow of Honeywick *
			Endcliffe Victoria *	Mourneside Gollywog * Tamara de Rouillon *
			Ch. Skibbereen Brandon *	Ch. Victor of Babbacombe * Ch. Partridge Hill Polonaise *
			Partridge Hill Quatorze *	Partridge Hill Quello * Vulcan Victorine *
			Sandy of Irton *	Ch. Terry of Irton * Alma of Irton *
			Doreens Adriana *	Ch. Skibbereen Bartestree * Doreens Alyse *

DATABASE: JAN DEN OTTER, kennel: V.D. PLATTEBELSKES & LEO BELGICUS, NETHERLANDS







champions, including Ch Ravenspur Pinocchio, Ch Ravenspur Priscilla and Ch Ravenspur Little Paddy, who can be found behind a number of pedigrees. Ted imported Griffons from New Zealand to enhance his bloodlines and he was the first (and so far, the only person) to have a successful litter from frozen semen with Griffons in Australia. He used the leading UK dog at the time, UK Ch Donzeata Royal Vintage as the sire, contributing further quality lines to the Australian gene pool.

***UK Ch Donzeata Royal Vintage***

He worked with other kennels and breeders for the good of the breed and a bitch he bred, Ravenspur Bo Peep was an outstanding brood bitch for Raweke kennels, producing top winners including Ch Raweke Micky Mouse, Ch Raweke Mighty Mouse and Ch Raweke Basil Brush, all who can be found behind many of today's top pedigrees so his legacy will live on.

He was active in promoting and improving the breed and he was a founding member of The Queensland Griffon Club and was the club's first President.



***Ted at one of the Qld Griffon Club's fun days***







He stopped showing and breeding as he got older but he always loved the Griffons and kept them as pets. His last dog, Jack, is now 10 years old and he was with Ted on his bed, with Ted's hand resting on him as him as he passed.

Jack will now live out his life with Ted's daughter, Liz.



**Vale Ted Ellis.** A true Griffon man whose contribution to the breed will continue through his dogs for many generations







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## Dates for Your Diary

### The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW 2023 Championship Shows

Once again, we look forward to the clubs annual double championship show. We look forward to welcoming all exhibitors and visitors. Our usual high standard of trophies will be available. All visitors are welcome and it is a perfect opportunity to come along and meet some Griffons

**Entries Close: 15 March 2023**

## THE COUNTRY GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF NSW DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

CNCC DOG COMPLEX, HILLSBOROUGH RD, HILLSBOROUGH

**SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2023**

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

**Entries to:** The Secretary, C/- 4 Awaba Rd, Eraring, 2264

**Ph & Extreme Weather Ph:** 0459 169 096

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

#### JUDGES

*Silver Show*

**Mr D Gilson (NSW)**

Griffon Bruxellois

*Gold Show*

**Miss M Joyce (VIC)**

Griffon Bruxellois, Property Classes

**Order of Judging:** Alphabetical order

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

**DOGS NSW Representative:** Mr J Mathieson

**Entry Fees:** *Members:* \$15.00 first, \$10.00 subsequent,  
*Non Members:* \$30.00 first, \$10.00 subsequent. All S/stakes \$5.00

**Catalogues:** Included with entry

**Property Classes:** Brace, Breeders Team (3-5), Best Gait, Rough/Smooth Coat, Rough/Smooth Head, Top Line/Tailset, Parent & Offspring (2-4)

#### PRIZES:

**General Specials:** Trophy & Sash,

**Special Classes:** Trophy & Sash



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### Request for Donations

We are also requesting donations towards our trophies, if members would like to contribute. We are not a large club and our entry fees do not cover the full cost of the running the shows. If you would like to support the club by donating to the trophies, the details can be seen

on the next page with the varying amounts for each trophy







## Donations to the Club Shows

Please contact our show secretary, Claire Parker at [lafoliepbgv@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lafoliepbgv@yahoo.com.au)

if you would like to donate to our show please indicate the trophy if you have a preference, and the amount you would like to donate.

The club bank details are *The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW. BSB - 012-559 (ANZ)*

Acc.No- 3890-43729 Write trophy and your name as reference

### GOLD SHOW

TROPHY	VALUE	RIBBON	VALUE
Best in Show	\$75.00	Best in Show	\$18.00
Runner Up Best in Show	\$50.00	Runner Up Best in Show	\$15.00
Opposite in Show	\$15.00	Opposite in Show	\$13.00
Dog Challenge	\$15.00	Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Reserve Dog Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Bitch Challenge	\$15.00	Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Baby in Show	\$25.00	Baby in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Baby in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Baby in Show	\$7.00
Minor in Show	\$25.00	Minor In Show	\$9.00
Opposite Minor in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Minor in Show	\$7.00
Puppy in Show	\$25.00	Puppy in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Puppy in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Puppy in Show	\$7.00
Junior in Show	\$25.00	Junior in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Junior in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Junior in Show	\$7.00
Intermediate in Show	\$25.00	Intermediate in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Intermediate in Show*	\$15.00	Opposite Intermediate in Show	\$7.00
Bred by Exhibitor in Show	\$25.00	Opposite Bred By Exhibitor in Show	\$15.00
Aust Bred in Show	\$25.00	Aust Bred in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$7.00
Open in Show	\$25.00	Open in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Open in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Open in Show	\$7.00
Veteran in Show	\$25.00	Veteran in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Veteran in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Veteran in Show	\$7.00
Neuter in Show	\$25.00	Neuter in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Neuter in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Neuter in Show	\$7.00
Parade of Golden Oldies	\$10.00	Parent and Offspring	\$10.00
Best Smooth Head	\$10.00	Best Topline and Tail Set	\$10.00
Best Rough Head	\$10.00	Best Breeders Team	\$10.00
Best smooth coat	\$10.00	Best Brace	\$10.00
Best Rough Coat	\$10.00		
Best Gaited	\$10.00		

### SILVER SHOW

TROPHY	VALUE	RIBBON	VALUE
Best in Show	\$75.00	Best in Show	\$18.00
Runner Up Best in Show	\$50.00	Runner Up Best in Show	\$15.00
Opposite in Show	\$15.00	Opposite in Show	\$13.00
Dog Challenge	\$15.00	Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Reserve Dog Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Bitch Challenge	\$15.00	Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Baby in Show	\$25.00	Baby in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Baby in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Baby in Show	\$7.00
Minor in Show	\$25.00	Minor In Show	\$9.00
Opposite Minor in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Minor in Show	\$7.00
Puppy in Show	\$25.00	Puppy in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Puppy in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Puppy in Show	\$7.00
Junior in Show	\$25.00	Junior in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Junior in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Junior in Show	\$7.00
Intermediate in Show	\$25.00	Intermediate in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Intermediate in Show*	\$15.00	Opposite Intermediate in Show	\$7.00
Bred by Exhibitor in Show	\$25.00	Opposite Bred By Exhibitor in Show	\$15.00
Aust Bred in Show	\$25.00	Aust Bred in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$7.00
Open in Show	\$25.00	Open in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Open in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Open in Show	\$7.00
Veteran in Show	\$25.00	Veteran in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Veteran in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Veteran in Show	\$7.00
Neuter in Show	\$25.00	Neuter in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Neuter in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Neuter in Show	\$7.00







# Club Griffmas Party

The club was finally able to hold a successful Griffmas party on December 4<sup>th</sup>, after a three year break.



The party in 2019 was cancelled at the last minute due to the severity of the bushfires that were raging up and down the east coast. The party for 2020 and 2021 could not be held because of the Covid pandemic and the start of the floods that continued throughout 2022. So we were very happy to finally

have a successful party, with perfect weather and a beautiful location at Colongra Park. Numbers were down

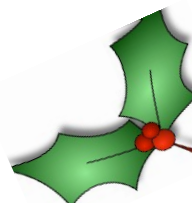
a little but that is only to be expected after so much

disruption. It was a very relaxing day with blues skies, sparkling water and lots of happy Griffons. It was also a great opportunity

to catch up with people who we hadn't seen for so long.











## The 2022 Annual General Meeting Results

The Annual General Meeting took place on November 26<sup>th</sup> in Newcastle. All positions were nominated beforehand and were elected unopposed. The positions remain unchanged for 2023 but there are some changes to be considered in 2024

Sharyn Wood indicated that 2023 will be the last year that she will stand as Registrar and Membership Secretary. This has been a big job and we appreciate all the work and effort that she has put into the role. Marousa Polias has volunteered to understudy the role and work with Sharyn in 2023 so that she can take over in 2024.

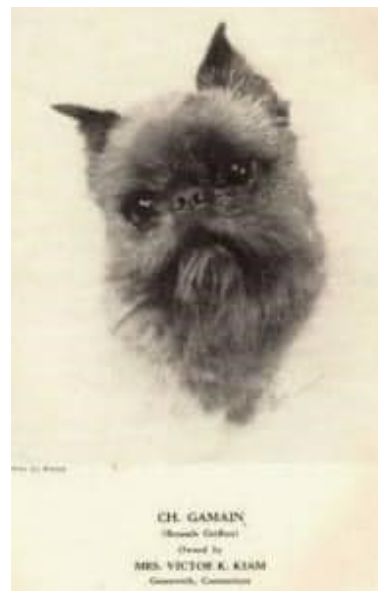
Our club secretary, Jannelle Tremeneere, has also indicate that this will be her last year in this position. She has held the position since the inception of the club, She is happy to work and assist the new secretary in 2024, so we will need someone to step up and take on the role. One of the strengths of the club has been the commitment of the club executive and committee, who have always worked together for the good of the breed and have put personal

Position	Person Nominated	Nominated by
President	Michelle Parker Brien	Michelle Parker Brien
Vice President	Ashleigh Barber Dale	Jannelle Tremeneere
Secretary	Jannelle Tremeneere	Michelle Parker Brien
Treasurer	Matt O'Sullivan	Claire Parker O'Sullivan
<b>Committee</b>		
Registrar	Sharyn Wood	Sharyn Wood
Events Co Ordinator	Victoria Mercer	Michelle Parker Brien
Committee Member (Assistant Secretary/Registrar)	Marousa Polias	Terri ODell
Committee Member	Terri ODell	Marousa Polias
Committee Member	Claire Parker OSullivan	Michelle Parker Brien
<b>Show Committee</b>		
Show Manager	Michelle Parker Brien	Jannelle Tremeneere
Show Secretary	Claire Parker O'Sullivan	Jannelle Tremeneere
Trophy Manager	Sarah Peddie McGuirk	Claire Parker O'Sullivan
<b>Non Committee Positions</b>		
Rescue Co-Ordinator/s	Jannelle and Adam Tremeneere	Michelle Parker Brien
Patrons(2)	Tom Couchman Jocelyn Croad	Michelle Parker Brien

needs aside for the benefit of the club and breed.

Please think about helping on the committee if you feel that you can contribute and assist us to maintain the club and keep it the great club that it is

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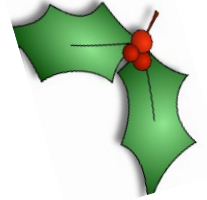
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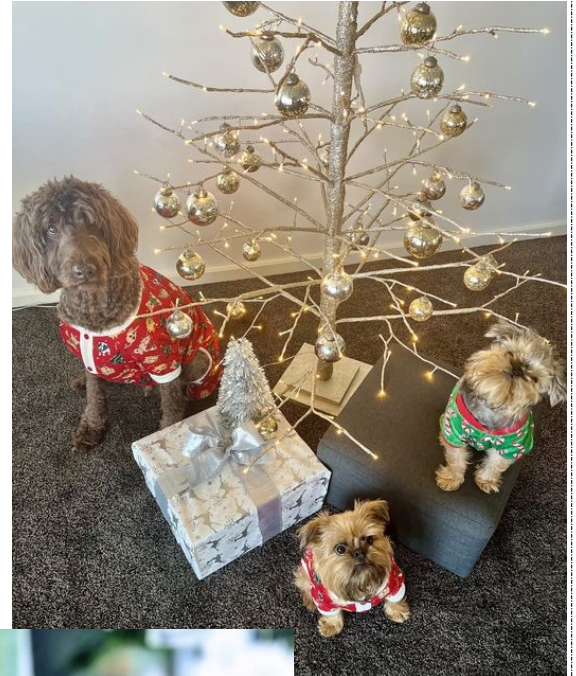


## Some Griffmas Celebrations

*Merry Christmas from Winnie*



*Bernie, Edwina and  
Freddie- the  
presents under the  
tree*



*Zsa Zsa and Zorro*



*Georgie and  
Flora*



*Percy admiring his own decoration*



*Erik, Kenzie and their own little elves*







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## 2022 Point Score

### The Final Point Score Show

After the last newsletter, there were three shows remaining in the point score; Southern Highlands, The Flat Face Toy Dog Club (both in October) and Wyong at the end of November.

Unfortunately, as had been the case for much of 2022, the weather had other ideas. Continued torrential rain and flooding forced the cancellation of Southern Highlands Show and the postponement of The Flat Face Toy Dog Club show. This show was moved to December 4<sup>th</sup>, which clashed with the club picnic date so it was no longer a point score show.

This left only Wyong and District Show to complete the point score.

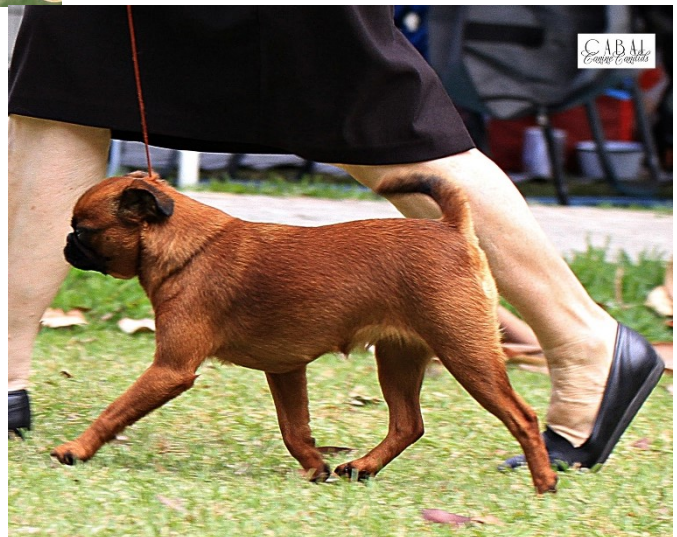
This time the weather was kind and we had a good entry of 15 for the judge Mrs Glenda Cook from Victoria.

Best of Breed and bitch challenge was **Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice**, owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell



Runner Up Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was **Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey**, bred by Michelle Parker Brien, owned by Michelle and Jillian Mathieson and handled by Jillian

Reserve Bitch Challenge was **Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey**, who also won Intermediate in Group. Owned and Bred by Michelle Parker Brien, handled by Jillian Mathieson







Reserve Dog Challenge was **Ch Krusayd Griffon Don Diablo**, bred by Greg Egan and owned and handled by Marousa Polias

Mrs Cook showed her appreciation of the breed and especially the smooths because she gave three in group awards to three smooth Griffons. She admitted that she had never done that before but was so impressed by the quality of the Griffons she judged



Baby Puppy in Group and also Baby Puppy in Show was **Balliol Quentin Quisp**, bred by Michelle Parker Brien, owned by Michelle and Jasmine Dale and handled by Claire Parker O'Sullivan.



Puppy in Group was **Nagpuni Love is a Game**, owned bred and handled by Terri Odell



The judge, Mrs Glenda Cook with her 3 smooth Griffon in Group winners, Terri Odell with **Nagpuni Love is a Game**, Michelle Parker Brien with **Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey** and Claire Parker O'Sullivan with **Balliol Quentin Quisp**





## 2022 Point Score Final Placings

Despite the interruptions caused by the weather the point score was well supported with a total of 31 Griffons competing in the various shows. Due to cancellations caused by flooding, the point score was completed with 7 out of the 10 shows, all well supported.

The point score was hotly contested with a number of dogs in the top 5 all in the running to win competition.

The final winner was only determined in the final Wyong and District show and Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey narrowly took the lead after winning Intermediate in Group.

The final results were:

**The overall winner** - Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey owned and bred by Michelle Parker Brien  
66 points



**Reserve Winner** – Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna, bred by Garry Inifer and owned and handled by Marousa Polias 62 points



**Puppy Point Score Winner**- Balliol Quentin Quisp. Bred by Michelle Parker Brien and owned by Jasmine Dale and Michelle Parker Brien  
30 points



**Reserve Puppy Point score winner**  
**Nagpuni Love is a Game**, owned,  
 bred and handled by Terri Odell

Full Results	Points
1. Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey	66
2. Neut Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna	62
3. Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey	36
4.Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke	33
5.Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac	31
6.Balliol Quentin Quisp	30
7.Nagpuni Love is a Game	27
8.Nevafollo Bertie Botts	24
9.Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice	23
10 Ch.Krusayd Griffon Don Diego	20
11. Frenchgriff Follow the Sun	18
12.Rosndae Little Black Dress	15
12.Shigriff Sartorial Splendour	15
14.Gr Ch Tzani Giggle Mc Dimples	13
15.Ch Nagpuni in The Midnight Hour	12
15.Nagpuni Vieux Curee	12
15.Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees	12
18. Nevafollo All Butterbeard	9
19. Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler	8
20. Nevaending Louisiana Magic	7
21.Nevaending Sinners and Saints	6
22.Nevaending Golden Chanterelle	5
22.Balliol Octavia Owl	5
23.Rosndae Amber Blossom	3
23.Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum	3
23.Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay	3



23.Balliol Queenie Quickspell	3
24.Nevaending Dark Fortune	2
24.Ch Beaufox Comte de la Fere	2
24.Balliol Quenmere Quickstep	2
25.Nevafollo Quick Quotes Quill	2

Full Puppy Point score results	Points
1.Balliol Quentin Quisp	30
2.Nagpuni Love is a Game	27
3.Nevafollo Bertie Botts	24
4.Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey	23
5.Frenchgriff Follow the Sun	18
6.Nagpuni Vieux Curee	12
.6.Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees	12
7.Ch.Krusayd Griffon Don Diego	10
8.Nevaending Sinners and Saints	6

The Puppy Point score is for dogs between the ages of 3 months and 18 months. The puppy results go towards the adult competition as well as the puppy competition but as soon as a puppy is over 18 months, then the points do not go towards the puppy point score.

The important thing about the point score is that it is fun for all exhibitors. It is a chance to get together and socialise and it is also a chance to show judges a strong entry of high quality Griffons.







Because of the strong member support for the point score shows, our club now has a reputation of supportive and friendly exhibitors.

The final point score of the years was also a chance for a Christmas get together and after judging it was a relaxed time with lots of Christmas nibbles

***Some of the exhibitors –  
Terri Odell, Bernadette  
Bull, Jillian Mathieson,  
Jannelle Tremenheere,  
Marousa Polias and  
Jemima Parker  
O'Sullivan***

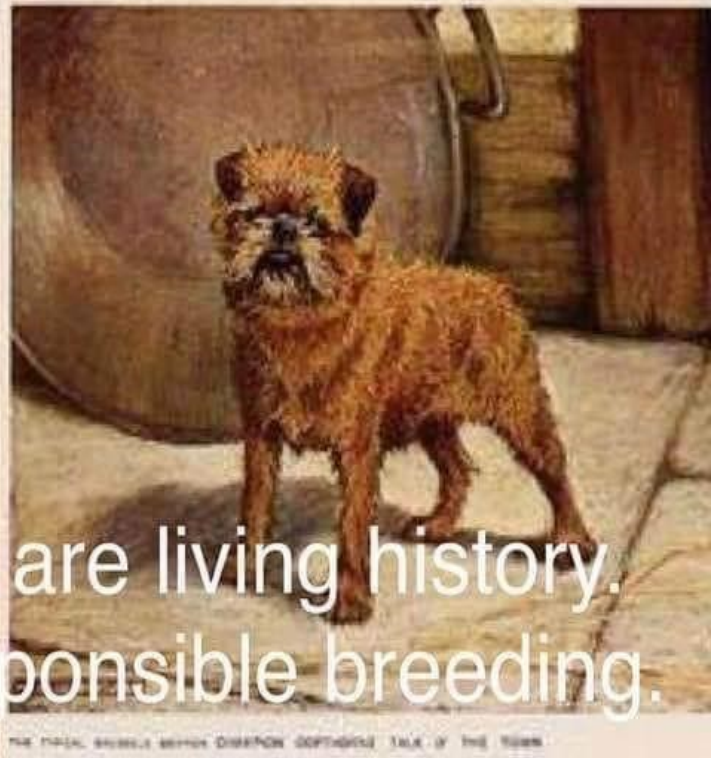






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## 2023 Point Score Competition

The 2023 Point Score competition will consist of 10 shows, averaging one per month, as much as possible, depending on the show calendar.

The shows will be distributed in the areas of NSW that have most of the exhibitors and breeders so the point score will have 4 shows in the Sydney area, 3 shows in the Hunter area and 3 shows in the Southern area.

Shows are chosen based on the date and location, to be as fair as possible to all exhibitors. The judges are not known in advance so the competition is without prejudice.

The 2023 shows are:

04/02/23 Wollongong & District Kennel Club Inc AM Saturday Wollongong Southern	04/03/23 Children's Cancer Charity Dog Club Orchard Hills Saturday Sydney	14/05/23 Cessnock ABKC Saturday AM Hillsborough Hunter	17/6/23 Yass Dist Kennel & Training Club Saturday AM Murrumbateman  Southern	22/07/23 North of the Harbour All Breeds Kennel Club Orchard Hills Sydney	12/08/23 Medowie KC Saturday AM Hillsborough Hunter	02/09/23 Spring Fair Saturday AM Orchard Hills Sydney	21/10/23 Southern Highlands Kennel & Obedience Club Inc Saturday AM Berrima Southern	18/11/23 Norwest Canine Assoc Saturday AM Castle Hill Sydney	02/12/23 Wyong Shire KC Saturday AM Hillsborough Hunter
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### Breakdown – 10 shows

4 shows in Sydney region

3 shows in Hunter region

3 shows in Southern region

### Relevant Dates

6-17 April– Sydney Royal

Griffon Judging Sydney Royal – 10 April

The CGBC of NSW Show date – 1st April 2023

There will be one change for the point score in 2023. The Neuter competition will be run as a separate competition, instead of being a part of the Open competition. As of 2023 we will award prizes for the winner of the Open, Puppy and Neuter competition.

### Point Score Competition Rules and Scoring System

#### Open Competition

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

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

2. Points will be awarded to the exhibit will be highest result gained by an exhibit. They will not be accumulative at a single show.
- The total points gained by each exhibit will be added together and published in The Phoenix
- The competition will be open to all exhibits including those in Baby Puppy
- Recognition will be given to the Winner of the Point Score and the Runner Up in the Point Score.
- Only club members are eligible. Should a non-member win the points won by the member will be awarded only. Eg if a non-member wins BOB and a member wins Runner Up BOB then no BOB points will be awarded and the member will be awarded the points for Runner Up BOB





### Neuter Point Score Competition

Points will be awarded to Neuter dogs in the same way but they will have a separate competition

### Puppy Point Score Competition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The first Point Score for 2023 will be at Wollongong on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, AM Show.

Entry is on Easy Dogs

Good Luck everyone.

Fingers crossed that famine, fires, floods or plague do not occur this year and we can have a relaxed normal year



**Baby face- you've got the cutest little baby face**







## Griffon Birthdays

*Happy birthday to all these lucky Griffons*

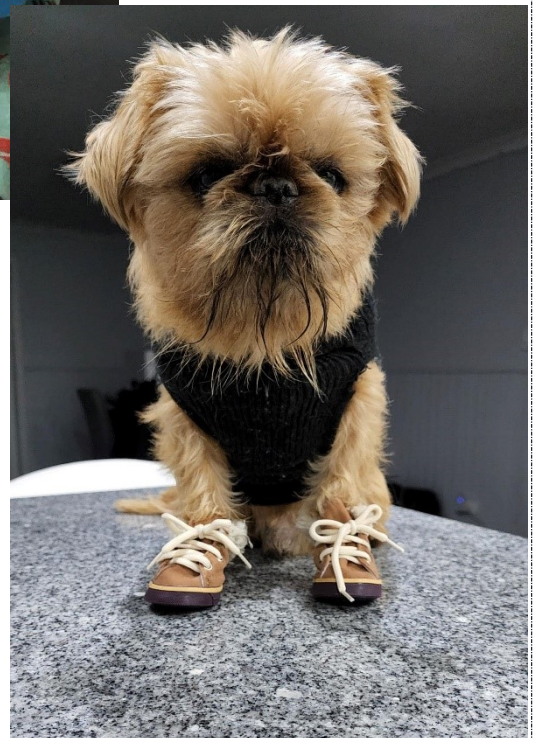


*Porthos and George,  
6years old, with their  
mother, Gigi*



*Bowski, George and  
Portho's brother in WA. 6  
years*

*Wilma, 1 year old*



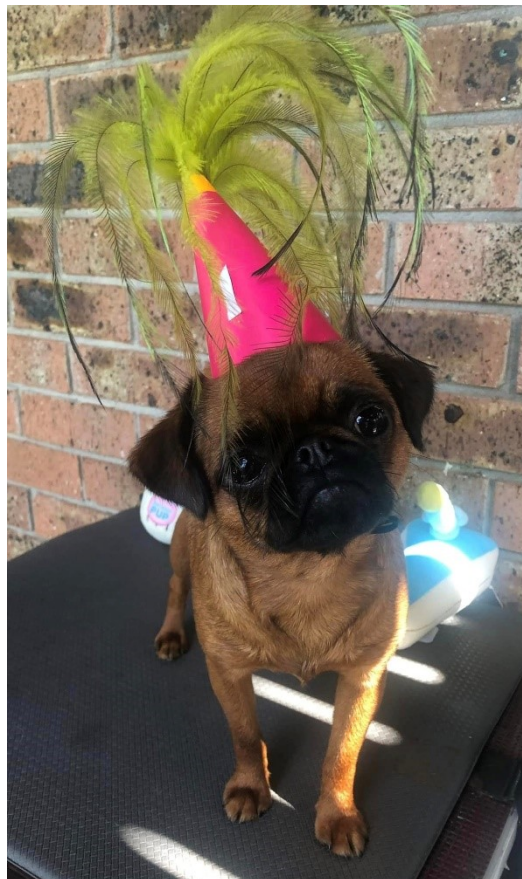
*Zsa Zsa, 5 years old, celebrating  
with her brother Zorro*







*Bunny and her daughter, Isla, celebrated their birthdays, one day apart. Bunny turned 6 and Isla turn 1 year*



*Sprout 10 years, Gertie, 12 years and Minerva 2 years all shared a November birthday so had a joint cake*



*Dumbledore also celebrated his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday*







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## Puppy Love



***Congratulations to these happy new Griffons owners***

***Jasmine Dale, welcomed Ronald to her family (from Balliol Griffons)***



***Danika was very excited to welcome Millie (from Nagpuni Griffons)***



***Fern welcomed Audrey (from Balliol Griffons)***



***Isabelle welcomed Georgie (from Nagpuni Griffons)***

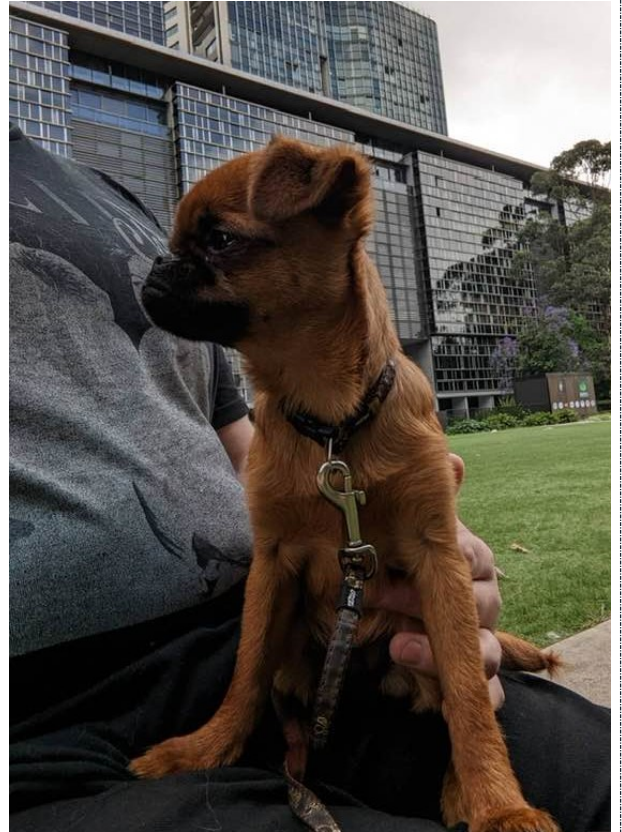






*Ruth welcomed  
Tee from  
Nagpuni  
Griffons)*

*Natasha  
welcomed  
Wilhemina  
(from Balliol  
Griffons)*



*Tania and Danny welcomed Freddie  
Mercury (from Nagpuni Griffons)*



If any members, breeders or new owners, have a new Griffon please let me know so that I can feature them in the newsletter. I will need your name, the dogs name, the breeders prefix. You can email me at [mbrienparker@yahoo.com](mailto:mbrienparker@yahoo.com)



*On your new family  
member*







## National Point Results

As 2022 drew to a close, the results of the big national point scores became available.

These point scores include all championship shows all over Australia and the exhibitors decide how many shows to attend. It is a numbers game so obviously the more shows

that you attend the more points you get. Some people enjoy the competition and travel to a lot of shows, others just do it for a bit of fun and don't take it too seriously.

However, the point score does give everyone a chance to compete on several levels- 1. Show Dog Level – for Group and Show awards, 2. Breed level- points awarded for the dogs beaten in your own breed , 3. Puppy level- for dogs between 3-18 months, 4. Neuter Dogs and a new category, Performance dogs (in DOL). Plus DOL also has a Breeders competition

There are two major national point scores;

1. **The Dogz on Line Point Score(DOL)**- this is the largest and most heavily supported by exhibitors.
  - In 2022 there were 15 Griffons competing nationally in the Show dog of the year competition and 6 in the NSW state competition.
  - There were 49 Griffons competing in the National Breed Challenge and 18 competing in the NSW state competition
  - There were 40 Griffons competing in the national Rising Star (Puppy) competition and 14 competing in the NSW state competition
  - There were 4 Griffons in the national Neuter competition, 2 from NSW and 2 from Victoria
  - There were 14 breeders in the national Breeder competition, 4 from NSW
  - There was 1 Griffon in the performance competition, from NSW



2. **The Top Dog Point Score**- is a smaller competition and not as widely supported by exhibitors. *(I must confess that I forgot it was there)*

- The Adult point score has 14 Griffons listed but a number of these dogs are now retired and the point score is out of date. By my calculations only 6 were actively shown in 2022 (only 2 from NSW).
- The Puppy point score only has 9 puppies listed but most of these are now out of date. To my knowledge only 4 were active in 2022 and only 1 in NSW.
- The Neuter point score has only 1 dog listed and he has been retired for a number of years

The Top Dog point score is possibly a point score some exhibitors may like to consider entering for a bit of extra fun but for the 2022 results, its impact is negligible so we will focus on the Dogz on Line Point Score

**Emily Bell**







## Dogz on Line Point Score Results

A number of club members and Griffon exhibitors were very successful in this competition.

**Huge congratulations** must go to **Kerry and Emily Bell** on the highly successful results of their team of Griffons. For the first half of the year they showed their adults, Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac and Gr Ch Tzani Giggles Mc Dimple. In the second half of the year they introduced their new puppy to the team, Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay and he has had some outstanding results

The star was **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**. In 27 shows he amassed 2,575 points which not only placed him as the leading Show dog (Griffon) of the year but also placed him 19<sup>th</sup> in the national Toy group placings and 4<sup>th</sup> in the NSW Toy group awards.



In addition he was placed second in the breed challenge competition.

Other members who were in the top 5 in the National show dog NSW state tally were



Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey** – owned by Jillian Mathieson and Michelle Parker Brien. Handled by Jillian Mathieson



2<sup>nd</sup> Place- **Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay**- owned by Kerry and Emily Bell







Equal 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke-** owned,  
bred and handled by Michelle Parker Brien

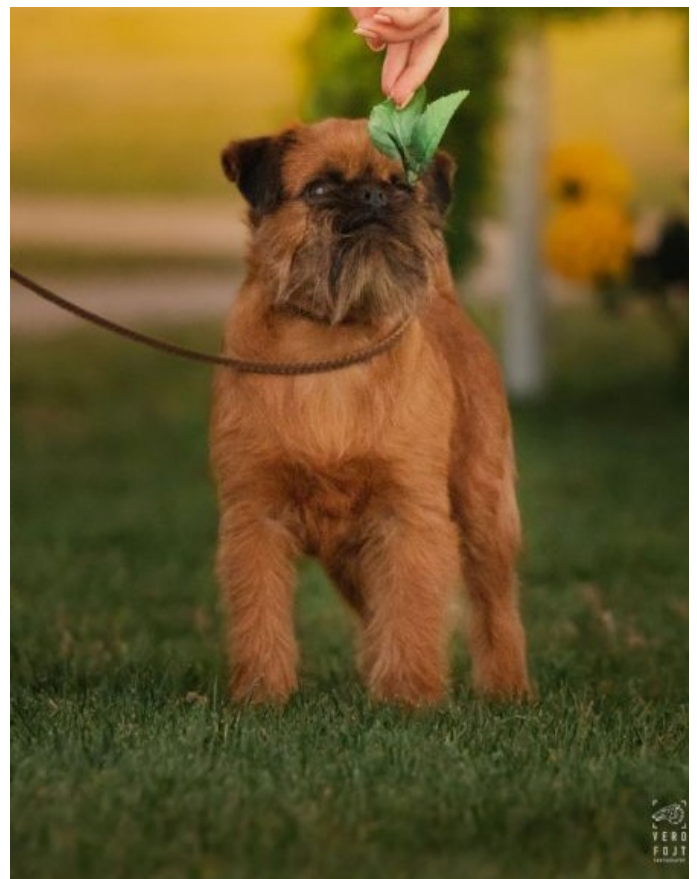
4<sup>th</sup> Place-  
**Ch  
Nagpuni  
Ginger  
Spice-**  
owned,  
bred and  
handled  
by Terri  
Odell



5<sup>th</sup> Place- **Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler-** owned by  
Claire Parker O'Sullivan

### *Rising Star (Puppy) Point Score*

The winner of the Rising star Point score was **Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay**, owned by Kerry and Emily Bell. He has had an amazing year and is a credit to the dedication of his owners. Since July he has attended 67 shows and earned 1165 points in the Rising Star competition, This placed him 17<sup>th</sup> in the National All Breed Rising Star competition, 5<sup>th</sup> in the State All Breeds Rising Star competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Toy Group Rising Star and 1<sup>st</sup> in the State Toy Group Rising Star, as well as being the breed Rising Star leader







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Other members who came in the top 50 in the NSW state Toy Group Rising Star are;

**Nevafollow Bertie Botts**- owned and bred by Ashleigh Barber Dale and Tiffany Barber Dale, who came 23<sup>rd</sup> with only 6 months of showing



**Nagpuni Love is a Game**, owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell who came 27<sup>th</sup>

**Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey**, owned by Michelle Parker Brien- who came 44<sup>th</sup> even though she turned 18 months in April



**Balliol Quentin Quisp**, owned by Jasmine Dale and Michelle Parker Brien, who squeezed in 3 weekends of shows in October and November and came 49<sup>th</sup>







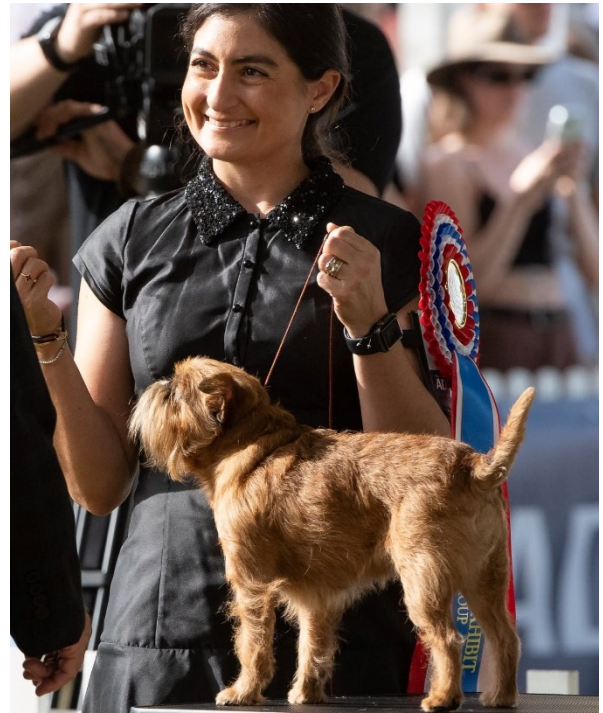
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## Neuter Competition

**Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna**, owned by Marousa Polias, was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National breed point score and 1<sup>st</sup> in the NSW point score

## Performance Competition

The only Griffon to compete was **Nagpuni Coco Christabelle**, owned by Terri Odell, who gained her Trick dog title. She was handled by Shirley Tulk. It is believed that she is the first registered Griffon to get this title.



## Members Results from Other States

In Western Australia, Ch Nagpuni Mr Bigg, bred by Terri Odell and owned by club member, Alex Deasy was the No 1 Griffon in the state. Tango is Alex's first Griffon and her first show dog so she has done an amazing job with him. I suspect that next year we will be seeing him in the Performance list as well

Congratulations to all the winners and to all the Griffons who took part for the fun of it.







## New Zealand Results

Dogz on Line also have a similar competition running in New Zealand and club members, Sandie Meads and Fern Feaver have had success with their Griffons over there as well.

**Ch Paris Tailor Made**, owned and bred by Sandie Meads was 14<sup>th</sup> in the national Toy Group top 50 dogs as well as 1<sup>st</sup> in the Breed Show Dog of the Year and also 1<sup>st</sup> in the Breed Challenge



**Gr Sp Ch Shigriff Second Thoughts**, bred by Michele Gurney and Caroline Elder, owned by Sandie Meads was 34<sup>th</sup> in the National Toy Group top 50 results, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Breed Challenge and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Neuter results



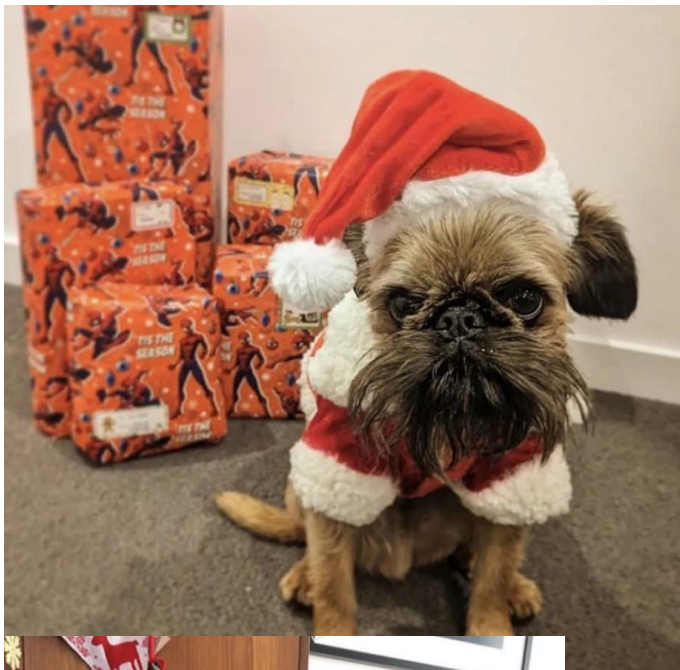
**Ch Cricklewood Red Alert at Paris**, bred by David Fifield and owned by Sandie Meads, was 38<sup>th</sup> in the National Toy Group top 50 list



## Rising Star NZ

**Paris Design By Night**, owned and bred by Sandie Meads, was 17<sup>th</sup> in the National Toy Group top 50 dogs and was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Breed Rising Star competition





## More Griffmas Celebrations

*Santa Paws is on the job*



*Moana the Christmas elf*



*Billy, George and Porthos ready to celebrate*

*Elroy, feeling Sentimental*



*Gizmo and Gypsy, ready to party*

*Obi and Moana, ready for the man in red*







# International Show News

## World Dog Show

There were two World Dog Shows held in 2022 because of covid the previous year. These shows are the prestige events for all countries that follow the FCI breed standards and showing structure. This means that they have 10 groups, instead of 7 that others countries have (one just for Dachshunds-don't ask me why). The also do not have a dedicated Toy Group for Toy dogs. Instead, it is the Toy and Companion dog group and is Group 9.

This division means that Toy breeds have to compete large breeds like Standard Poodles, which technically are a Gundog and not a Toy or Companion dog.

The group structure also has some odd groupings of breed type such as Group 2- The Pinscher, Schnauzer, Molossoid and Swiss Mountain Dogs and Cattle Dogs. This combination means that small dogs (dogs that are Toy dogs here), like the Affenpinscher and the Miniature Pinscher are in with huge breeds like the Mastiff and Bullmastiff, the Dogo Argentino, the Giant Schnauzer, the Newfoundland, and the St Bernard, to name a few.

The second show was in Brazil at the end of 2022.

There was a very small Griffon entry and because of the FCI artificial breed separation which splits the breed into three, the entry was only 2 for the smooth coat (Petit Brabançon) and 4 for the Griffon Belge (Black or Black And Tan rough coat)

The biggest entry, Griffon Bruxellois (red rough coat) was only 9 and was won by an American dog  
Entries were local with some dogs from Russia and America

WORLD DOG SHOW BRASIL   2022						
RESULTS OF BREED GRIFFON BELGE						
Exposição do Centenário Judge: JOSÉ ARNALDO MEDEIROS Dogs on Ring 4						
Nbr	Name	S	Class	Pos.	Title	Sex Breed
3342	ROTTER GRIFF KOROL RINGA	M		1º	CGC 5 pts - CACIB	BOS
3343	FAITER VIVA LA BAMBINA GRAND FINAL	F		2º		
3344	MURFIN MY MONCURIEUX	F		1º	CCJ	Best Junior - BOB
3345	LAPINUS BLACK SAVANNAH	F		3º		

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RESULTS OF BREED GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS						
Exposição do Centenário Judge: JOSÉ ARNALDO MEDEIROS Dogs on Ring 8						
Nbr	Name	S	Class	Pos.	Title	Sex Breed
3346	LAPINUS RIOT MAKER	M		1º	CCJ	
3347	CASA DI LAURO DISCO	M		2º		
3348	CASA DI LAURO DOM DIEGO MARADONA	M		1º	CAC - Res.CACIB	
3349	LAPINUS NOTORIOUS	M		2º	CGC 4 pts	
3350	ZABAVNAYA ROSKOSH	M		1º	CGC 5 pts	
3351	AM GCH CH BOBCAT & WISHING WELL THE ESSE	M		1º	CACIB	BOB
3352	GOTCHA ROSETA NORTHERN LIGHTS	F		1º	CCJ	BOS Best Junior
3353	LAPINUS AMELIE POULIN	F				
3354	NIZHEGORODSKOE OCHAROVANIE YOUNG LUCKY STAR	F		1º	CAC - CACIB	

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RESULTS OF BREED PETIT BRABANÇON						
Exposição do Centenário Judge: JOSÉ ARNALDO MEDEIROS Dogs on Ring 2						
Nbr	Name	S	Class	Pos.	Title	Sex Breed
3447	LAPINUS DANGER ZONE	M		1º	CCJ	Best Junior - BOB
3448	NIZHEGORODSKOE OCHAROVANIE YARA	F		1º	CAC - CACIB	BOS







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The American Griffon Bruxellois, AM GCH CH BOBCAT & WISHING WELL THE ESSENTIAL, owned by Paulo Clerice, also went on to win 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Group 9



The Best in Show was won by a Shih Tzu in an impressive spectacle with music, cheering, flashing lights and the full entertainment.

*Some images from the Opening and Closing ceremonies at the World Show*



### Czech Griffon show

Back in Europe, just a short time later, the Czech Griffon Club held their Specialty Championship show, judged by Lionel Prouve (Castafiore Griffons) from the UK and Svetlana Kokonena (Darisvet Griffons) from Lithuania. Under the able organisation of Mr Jakub Kadlec, they had a record entry of 126 Griffons, with dogs from Belgium, Czech, Slovakia and Ukraine.







Mr Prouve awarded Best in Show to black bitch winner of the Griffon Belge breed classes.

He commented that his winner was "an 18 m/o Belge bitch, **Hanna Von Antoanet**, pipping to the post two other top class dogs, the Petit Brabançon BOB, **Ch He's Puss in Boots Too Much Love**, and the BOB Bruxellois male, **Ch Keanu Reeves Corsairey Casch**."

**Best in Show- Hanna Von Antoanet.**

**Best in show winner with Judge Mr Lionel Prouve and organiser, Mt Jakub Kadlec**



**Reserve in Show and winner of the Petit Brabançon classes, Ch He's Puss in Boots Too Much Love, with the judge and organiser**



**Judging the Reserve in Show**







**Winner of the Griffon Bruxellois classes- Ch Keanu Reeves Corsairey Casch."**

## New Zealand Griffon Specialty

In October, the New Zealand Griffon Club held its Championship show and celebrated the club's 30th anniversary. The club has a tradition of having breed specialists whenever possible and this time was no exception.

Diana Norman of Tzani Griffons Queensland presided over the ring and she found her Best in Show winner in the veteran bitch **Gr Sp Ch Shigriff Say No More**. Poppy is owned by Sandie Meads and was bred in Australia by Caroline Elder and Michele Gurney. This is her 4<sup>th</sup> specialty Best in Show under four different judges. One New Zealand judge (Toy specialist) and three international Griffon Specialists. She has had an outstanding career since arriving in New Zealand and proven herself a wonderful brood bitch as well. The judges critique said

**NZ Ch & NZ SPL Gr Ch Shigriff Second Thoughts (Imp Aus)**

*1st. A lovely 8 year old red rough bitch who was hard to fault. Lovely cobby body, heavy for size. Topline firm and back short with well set on tail. Very well put together with correct angulation and lovely to watch on the move. One I would love to take home*



Dog Challenge and Reserve in Show was the smooth dog, **Ch Cricklewood Red Alert at Paris**, bred by David Fifield and owned by Sandie Meads and Fern Feaver and handled by Fern







## Fun in the Summer Sun

*Percy and  
Alfie,  
babysitting  
at the  
beach*

*Jean  
Claude –  
beach  
babe*



*Grommet the  
explorer*



*Freddie Mercury-  
boating is  
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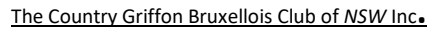


*Hart , the  
beach  
guard*



*Nergal decided to jump in the pool*





## Victoria

Beth had experienced some health problems earlier in the year so it was good that she well and able to handle her dog to the top award

Runner Up to Best in Show was **Ch Statuesque Betty** owned and handled by Ms Cate Jones who came over from Tasmania to exhibit



### ***Judging the Best in Show and Reserve in Show***







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## Health

Dr Paul Mandiger is one of Europe's leading experts in the field of research into SM/CM. This article is a summary of the condition, causes and treatment. Research into inheritance is still ongoing but all reputable breeders should be aware of the condition. *(Translated from Dutch)*

### Chiari Malformation and Syringomyelia

#### Chiari malformation and syringomyelia, a common condition in toy breeds

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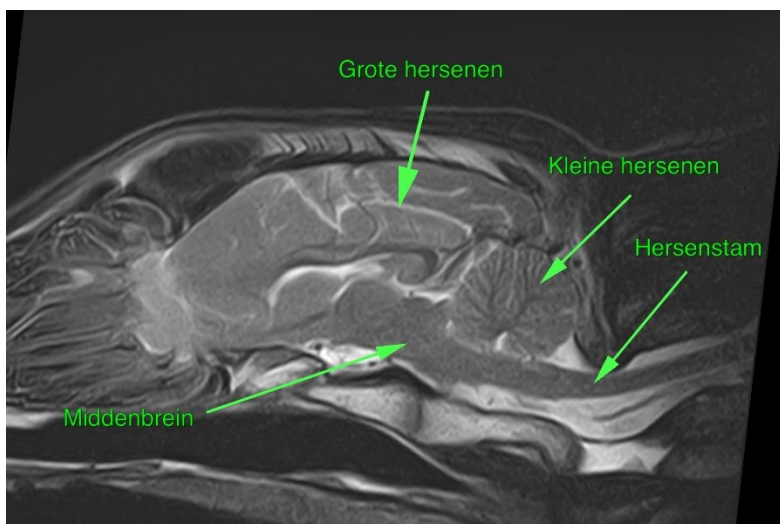
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#### Introduction

Our dogs are human inventions. About 15,000 years ago we started domesticating the wolf and over the many centuries we have been able to make all kinds of dogs. Charles Darwin (1859) describes it in his 'the origin of species': compared to all other animal species, the dog is the most varied species. So our ancestors did a great job because we made dogs specifically for hunting, herding, guarding, etc. Unfortunately, things didn't always go well. Most medium-sized dog breeds are perfectly suited for their function, but the smaller the dog, the larger the dog, the more it starts to squeeze. You don't just enlarge or reduce a dog. You use very specific genes for this. And so it is very clever of our ancestors, without specific knowledge of genes, that through years of selection they have been able to make very small and very large dogs. But if the building plan is wolf, how much can you deviate from it?

#### Chiari Malformation / Chiari-like Malformation – what is it?

Making dogs smaller and smaller has a downside. Because especially in the smaller dogs, the toy breeds, we see two disorders more common: Chiari malformation (CM) and syringomyelia (SM). These conditions are often referred to as 'the too small skull and too much brain', but this is not that simplistic. Chiari malformation is a condition in which the small brain (cerebellum) bulges out through the back of the head (foramen magnum). That is not normal. The skull contains the



cerebrum and cerebellum, the midbrain, the brain stem and the brain stem exits through the occipital hole and then passes into the spinal cord (figure 1).

*Figure 1: Lateral view of a dog's head using a high field MRI scan. Visible include the cerebrum, cerebellum, midbrain, brain stem, and spinal cord.*

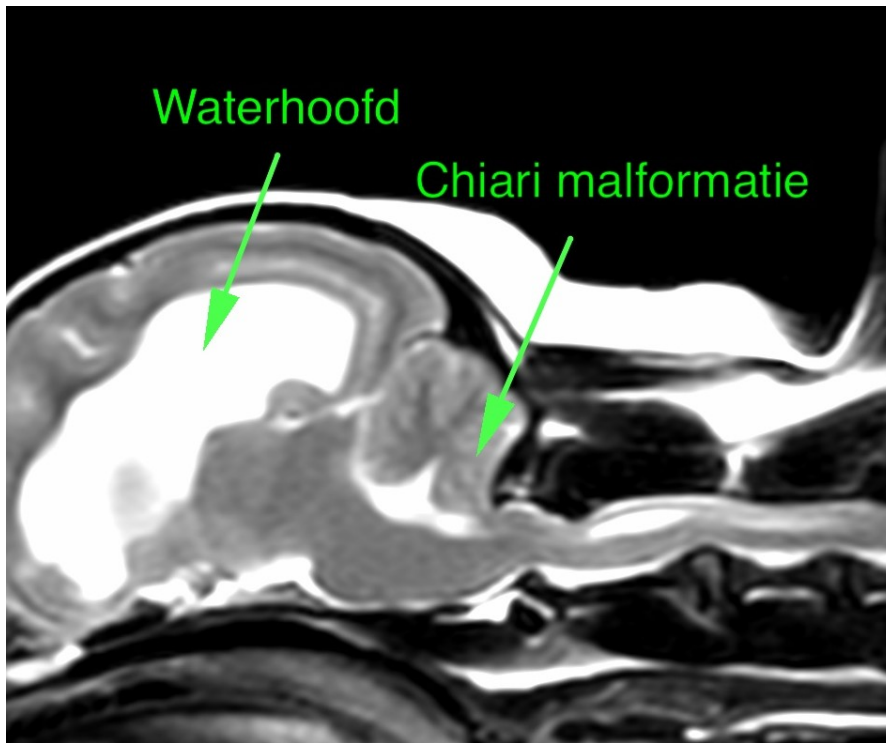
Chiari malformation was first described in 1890 by the German pathology professor







Hans Chiari. Hence the name Chiari malformation. Chiari malformation is currently classified into two variants. In the first variant, there is too much volume or pressure in the skull, pushing the cerebellum through the occipital hole. An example of this is hydrocephalus where the pressure is so great that the cerebellum is pushed through the otherwise normal occipital hole (figure 2). In the



second variant, there is an abnormal occiput/occipital hole that allows the cerebellum to bulge out.

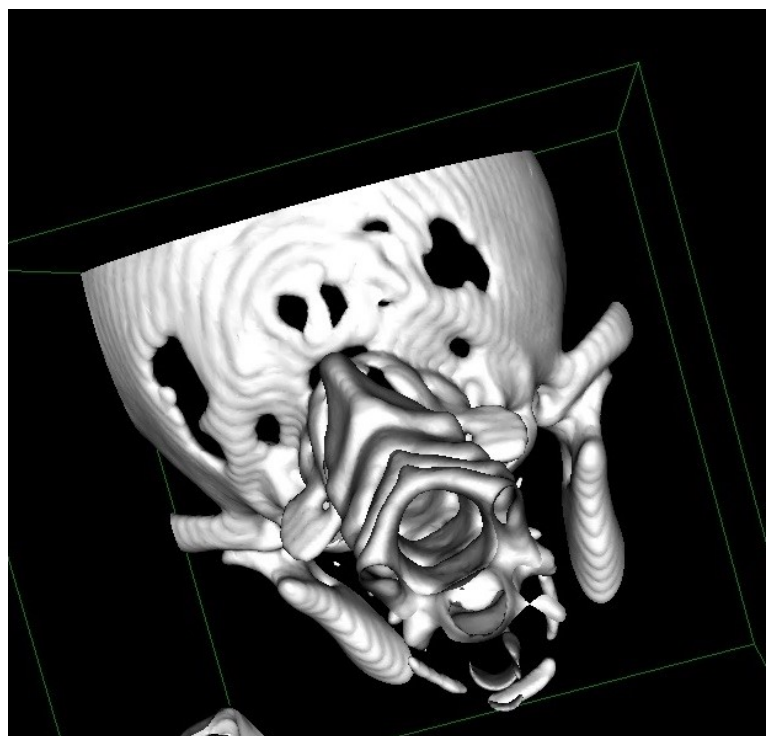
*Figure 2: MRI scan of a Pomeranian dog with hydrocephalus. The cerebellum is moved upwards and backwards by the excess pressure, causing Chiari malformation.*

In toy breeds there are several things that cause the Chiari malformation to occur. Because it is a combination of variant 1 and 2, we also call it Chiari-like malformation. For example, it turned out that the cerebellum of

Chihuahuas and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (CKCS) is proportionally larger than that of a Labrador (Shaw et al., 2012). Comparable data have been observed in other breeds. This is confused by most people with having more brains. That is not true. Smaller dogs have proportionally smaller brains compared to large dogs. So it is a myth to say that they have too much brain.

However, the second abnormality is that in smaller dogs the space at the back of the head (the so-called fossa cranii caudalis) is much smaller than in larger dogs (Shaw et al., 2012). And that's where it starts to wring: the cerebellum is bigger while the space is smaller. And often in the smaller dog the shape of the occipital hole is also abnormally large. Sometimes even parts of the skull are missing, so that the cerebellum now easily bulges out (Rusbridge, 2007). See also figure 3.

*Figure 3: CT scan of the back of the head of a Pomeranian. Visible is the incomplete ossification of the occiput. The occipital hole was also abnormally large and the hinges of the skull were missing. This dog also had an open fontanel. These are common abnormalities in dogs that are too small.*







Is this a problem? Yes! After all, the cerebellum shouldn't bulge out. When this happens, patients may experience various clinical pictures. The clinical pictures described in humans include sensory disturbances (feeling more – hypersensitivity), balance problems, coordination problems, loss of strength, swallowing and speech problems, breathing problems and incontinence (Rusbridge, 2005). However, whether you feel anything depends on the severity of the Chiari malformation. In England, CM is classified into three categories: free of CM (CM0), Slight CM (CM1) and Clearly Present CM (CM2). In the Netherlands we have refined this somewhat by speaking of very small CM (CM1), clearly present CM but without major herniation (CM2), clear herniation (CM3) and very severe herniation (CM4) (Figure 4). It goes without saying that CM3 and CM4 are serious and usually cause clinical pictures.

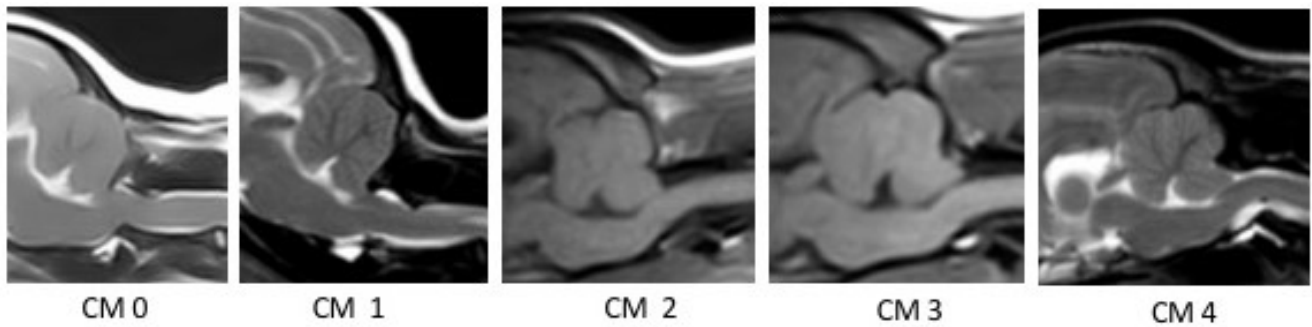


Figure 4: Examples of various forms of Chiari malformation. CM0 is normal, CM4 is severe.

#### CM – how to diagnose?

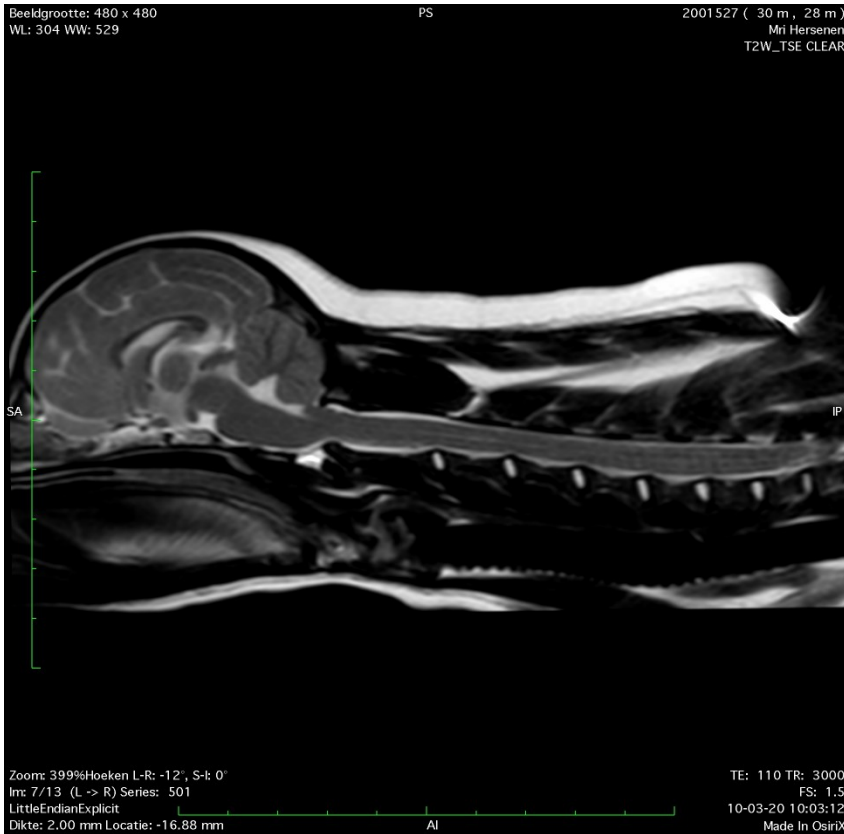
CM is therefore the protrusion of the cerebellum through the occipital hole and this diagnosis can be visualized with both a CT scan and an MRI scan. However, a CT scan works with X-rays and is not suitable for getting a good impression of the nerve tissue. With a CT scan you cannot assess SM and can only say very little about the brain and spinal cord. It is therefore pre-eminently an MRI diagnosis. An MRI scanner works with a very strong magnet. In veterinary medicine we use both low field (0.2-0.4 Tesla) and high field scanners (> 1 Tesla). The higher the magnet strength, the more beautiful the image can become, the faster you can scan.

#### CM – how common is it now?

The fact that CM occurs in various toy breeds is not new. In a previous study, we2 looked at how often CM was diagnosed in various Toy Breeds in the Netherlands. We saw CM in Chihuahuas, CKCS, French Bulldogs, Papillons, Griffons, etc. (Limburg and Mandigers, 2012). However, we do not know exactly how often it occurs. After all, it is not standardly tested in all breeds. Since 2011, only the CKCS has been obliged to scan breeding animals, with all other breeds it is done on a voluntary basis. So most of the knowledge we have comes from the CKCS. For example, in a group of more than 1500 Dutch, Belgian and German CKCS we examined, we saw a moderate to serious form of CM in 99% of these dogs (Wijnrocx et al., 2017). Most dogs had CM2 and CM3 but only a few of these dogs have clinical pictures. In 2018 we started screening Pomeranians on a voluntary basis. We have now examined a group of over 300 Dutch and Belgian Pomeranians and we see a mild to moderate form of CM in approximately 60% of these dogs (figure 6) (publication in preparation). Remarkably, half of these Pomeranians originate from Russia.





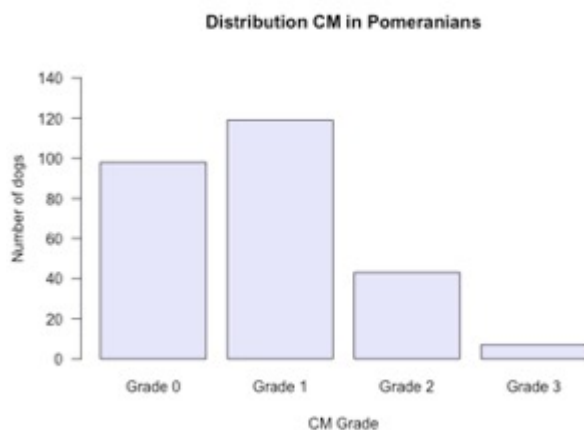


*Figure 5: MRI scan of a Pomeranian. What is striking is the enormous bulging and sloping back of the head. As a result, the space for the cerebellum is limited and it is flattened at the back. This dog has no CM but, probably due to this skull shape, clinical images.*

We know why CM can occur: a relatively large number of small brains and a too small fossa cranii caudalis of the skull. The first seems to be a standard given in the smaller dog, the second has to do with the genes you use to cause short legs. Moreover, it turned out that the convexity of the skull and width are decisive in CKCS: the more convex, the wider, the greater the risk (Mitchell et al.,

2014). With the Dwarf Kees we now look, among other things, at nose length, width of the skull, placement of the eyes, etc., but this seems to be less decisive in this breed. We do see a striking number of abnormally shaped skulls, which again promotes an abnormal position of the cerebellum (figure 5). With this breed, but also with the Chihuahua, weight seems to be more decisive: the lighter the dog, the greater the risk of CM (publication in preparation). CM must therefore be seen as a disorder that is not caused by a single abnormality. It is a condition that, in the different breeds, can be caused for various reasons, so several things stand out: width and curvature of the skull, the cranial caudal fossa, the volume of the cerebellum and perhaps linked to all this the weight of the dog.

*Figure 6: Distribution of CM degrees in the Pomeranian*



### What is the clinical picture of CM in dogs?

In the CKCS, therefore, the majority of all CKCS have CM. That makes it very difficult to determine whether they are affected. Most owners see little to no clinical pictures with their CKCS, which only has CM. This is different with the Pomeranian. We have now examined a group of more than 300 dwarf spitz dogs by means of MRI and these dogs have therefore been described extensively. We also have clinical data from 218 dogs. Clinical signs reported by owners include air licking, head shaking, frequent swallowing, phantom hind paw scratching, head stroking, pain to touch, and eye squinting. The latter clinical picture in particular has also been described in the CKCS. It is striking, however, that in our study only 10 to 30% of Pomeranian dogs with CM had one or more of these clinical pictures. The other owners whose dog has CM did not see these clinical







pictures. Indeed, only for the clinical picture 'squinting the eyes' was a statistically significant relationship with CM. This means that we have a very large group of Pomeranians with CM whose owner indicates that the dog is fine. Now the degree of CM is significant. The majority of Pomeranians have a very low CM (see figure 6). CM grade 1 is a very mild form of herniation where no clinical pictures may occur. This is different for grades 3 and 4. Here the herniation is considerable (see figure 4). Regardless of whether they all get clinical images, we must state that CM must not be present. Even if it is an abnormality that causes visible clinical images in only 10% of the dogs, it is an undesirable abnormality.

### CM and aging

CM is a congenital condition that can be diagnosed from a young age. As a rule, the degree of herniation does not change with age.

### Syringomyelia – what is it?

Syringomyelia (SM) can best be translated as cavity formation in the spinal cord. A small tube runs in the middle of the spinal cord. A fluid flows through this tube: cerebrospinal fluid. When this tube, referred to as the central channel, comes under pressure, it can expand. When this dilation is less than 2 mm we call it a central duct dilation and above that we call it syringomyelia. The word syringomyelia comes from a combination of two words: syrinx (cavity) and myelum (spinal cord). When we see a local widening of more than 2 mm, we call it a syrinx.

These definitions were determined using the CKCS (Hu et al., 2012; Mandigers and Rusbridge, 2009). The average CKCS weighs 7 to 10 kilograms and can therefore not be compared at all with a 2 kilogram Pomeranian. The author of this article therefore strongly advocates expressing the dilation in relation to the total diameter of the spinal cord. After all, only then does it say something. In England they divide SM into three categories: absent (SM0), a dilatation of up to 2 mm (SM1) and more than 2 mm (SM2). The use of these categories is useful for the layman but proved meaningless for breeding. Based on our own research, it appears that when breeders select using these categories, the heritability (the degree of selectability) is very low. When using exact mm' SM is thus dilation of the central canal. SM is only detectable with an MRI scan. CT is virtually worthless in this regard. To properly visualize SM, it is very important that the MRI scan goes exactly through the middle of the spinal cord. Because with an MRI scan you make a slice of tissue visible. The thinner the slice the longer it will take but the more you see, the thicker the slice the less you see. If a spinal cord is only 10 mm round and you make slices of 8 mm, it is conceivable that you will miss things. We have therefore internationally agreed on how a CM-SM scan should be made and the maximum slice thickness has been set at 4 mm.

SM can manifest itself in different ways: a round dilation, a tear in the tissue to the side, a tear in the tissue upwards. Also related to SM there can be fluid accumulation in the spinal cord tissue. We call the latter a presyrinx. Figure 7 shows the different shapes.



*Figure 7: Cross-sections of the spinal cord (T2 images). Various forms of syringomyelia: a circular dilatation, b upward dilation, c more severe variant of b, d very severe variant (there is hardly any spinal cord left) and e lateral dilatation.*





SM is best assessed by a combination of a longitudinal section of the spinal cord (sagittal image) and cross-section at different locations in the spinal cord (transverse or axial image). With the CKCS, the syrinx is usually located at the level of the second and third cervical vertebrae, so we as scientists have agreed to look at the area of the 2nd to 4th cervical vertebrae during a so-called CKCS screening MRI. With Chihuahuas and Dwarf Kezen it is wise to make the area much larger. In these breeds we regularly see the syrinx forming in the spinal canal at the height of the thoracic vertebrae. *A screening MRI is a so-called mini MRI scan in which we only look at the occurrence of CM and SM in a limited area. If the dog has nothing, he/she is suitable for breeding. If it deviates, then only under certain conditions. CKCS, Griffons and Dwergkezen are screened by several breeders for the existence of both disorders. This screening is therefore voluntary, except for the CKCS. There are several centers in the Netherlands and Belgium where it can be performed. Often at a reasonable price. It is possible to obtain an official report of the MRI scan. The clinic where the scan is then made then sends the scan to the MRI review panel. He writes a report. Such a report is often a summary of various technical details,*

The screening MRI has proven to be excellent for the CKCS breeding animals. In a recent study of our own (Mandigers et al., submitted publication) we looked at the value of these MRI screenings in the selection of breeding animals. And it turns out that if breeders choose their parents based on the results of the ancestors, then it is possible to get a reduction in SM very quickly. The only condition is that, if you select the breeding stock, those dogs and their ancestors are free of SM. Pups born from such combinations have a much higher chance of also being SM free. If you do not do this, the chance of SM remains very present (Mandigers et al., submitted publication).

### **SM - what is the cause?**

With CM this is clear to a certain extent. In SM it is considerably more complex. SM is the result of various factors in which CM seems to play a role in the CKCS, but not in the other toy breeds. In Chihuahuas, Pomeranians, French bulldogs, Griffons we see SM without CM being present (see figure 8) (Limburg and Mandigers, 2012). SM most likely arises because the pressure in the central canal is too high, the lining of this canal is not good, and some cervical vertebrae form too narrow a spinal canal. The too high pressure in the central canal seems to be caused by a range of abnormalities in the skull itself in combination with, for example, the Chiari malformation (Driver et al., 2013). As already written, we see SM in the CKCS in the first part of the spinal cord and you can make an excellent diagnosis with the aforementioned screenings MRI. But in various other breeds, including the Pomeranian and Chihuahua, we see the widening especially in the last part of the neck, first part of the chest (Mandigers et al., publication in preparation). In addition, the syrinx formation can also be located elsewhere in the spinal cord in the CKCS (Loderstedt et al., 2011). In dogs with clinical images, it is therefore better to make an extensive MRI scan than a screening MRI. Otherwise we run the risk of misdiagnoses. first part of the chest the dilation (Mandigers et al., publication in preparation). In addition, the syrinx formation can also be located elsewhere in the spinal cord in the CKCS (Loderstedt et al., 2011). In dogs with clinical images, it is therefore better to make an extensive MRI scan than a screening MRI. Otherwise we run the risk of misdiagnoses.





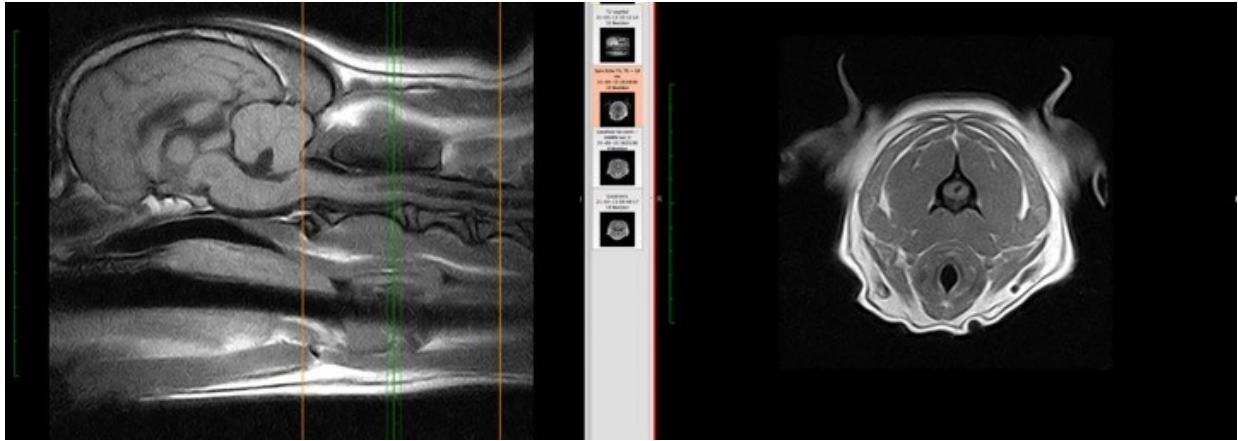


Figure 8: An MRI scan of a French Bulldog with very minimal CM but severe SM

### SM - How common is it?

This is well documented only for the CKCS. In our own study, we saw that the older the dogs got, the larger SM became and the more dogs had SM (Wijnrocx et al., 2017). It is estimated that in the CKCS approximately 60% of all dogs develop SM (Rusbridge, 2007). However, not all animals become clinical. There are many CKCS who have SM without being bothered by it. In the group of Pomeranians we studied, roughly 25% of all dogs develop SM. And in contrast to the CKCS, we could not yet demonstrate an age effect. This means that the percentage of Dwarf Keets with SM will be the same over the years. It should be noted that we only scanned a single Pomeranian several times, so the perception may ultimately be substantially different.

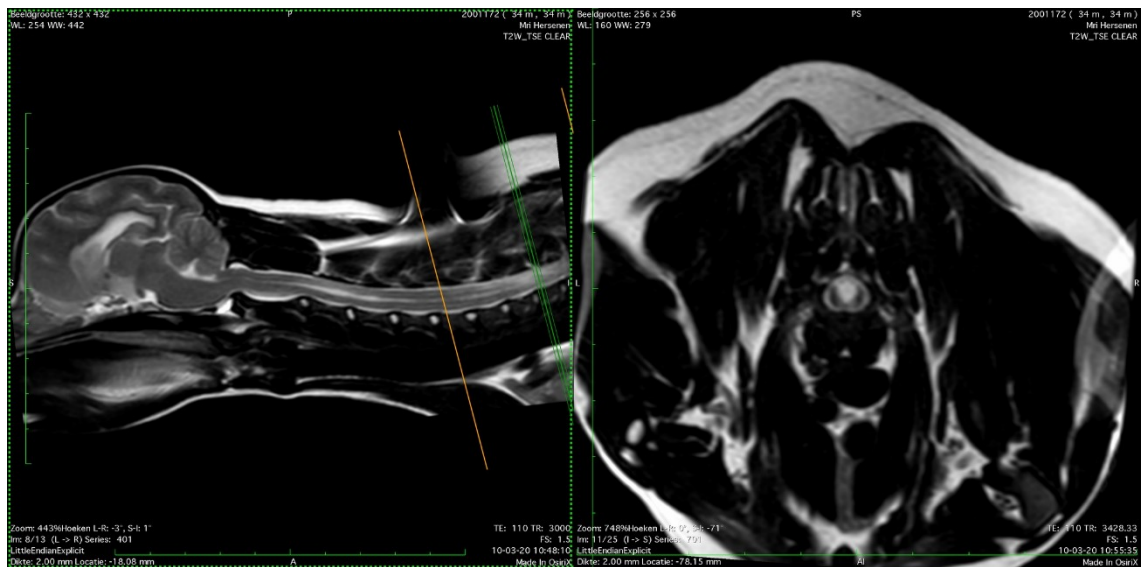


Figure 9: T2 weighted MRI scan of a Pomeranian. On the left the longitudinal section, on the right the cross section. What is striking is the abnormal skull structure, which causes the abnormal position of the cerebellum, the syrinx formation in the spinal cord at the level of the 2nd to 4th cervical vertebrae and again, seriously, in the thoracic vertebrae.

### SM - what is the clinical picture?

The clinical picture of SM has been extensively described. The most important and recurring symptom of SM is pain. Because the pain often occurs in attacks, the dogs can present completely normal on a clinical examination. Owners can describe pain related to the dog's posture. Examples are suddenly screaming after a movement or jumping. The dogs can





lie on the ground with their head between the two front legs. Often the dogs go to sleep with their heads in a raised position. For example, with their head on the edge of the basket or they look for a pillow. The clinical pictures are more often seen in the evening or early morning and are more pronounced when excited, defecating or when the weather changes suddenly. Some of these clinical pictures, such as the posture-related pain, is probably based on a neurogenic pain syndrome. Affected dogs may act as if they are experiencing allodynia. This is the painful experience of a non-painful stimulus. An example is that they do not like to be touched on certain parts of their body (ear, neck, front leg or sternum) and sometimes they do not allow brushing or, for example, a collar. Pain is positively correlated with syrinx width. Dogs with a wider syrinx usually experience more discomfort and dogs with a narrow syrinx may be without clinical signs. Dogs with a wider syrinx may also scratch. Typically, one side is scratched while the dog is walking. This often involves no contact with the skin. This behavior is often referred to as "air guitar" or "phantom" scratching. This symptom is suggestive of dysaesthesia. This means that there is a reduced or, on the contrary, stronger stimulus perception. People with syringomyelia-associated dysaesthesia describe a painful burning itch and/or an intense sensation as if insects were crawling on the skin. Dogs with a wider syrinx often also have a crooked neck/back (scoliosis). Scoliosis is more common in dogs less than one year old and may be the first clinical picture of SM seen even before neurogenic pain develops. In many cases, the scoliosis slowly disappears despite the presence of the syrinx. It has already been noted, but the shape of the syrinx matters. A small dilation will not give clinical pictures. A very large round dilation though. Muscle weakness may also occur (reduction of strength in the front legs and muscle atrophy). But when the syrinx moves sideways, the pain sensation is often the worst. Eventually, incoordination and muscle weakness of the hindquarters can also occur. The owner's description sometimes shows that the dogs experience a facial pain (neuralgia). Suggestive for this is rubbing or scratching the ear or face.

#### **SM - over time.**

It's already been written but the older the CKCS gets, the worse it gets. So it often happens that we only see clinical pictures in dogs nine years or older. The condition can then already be present from the age of 2 years (see also figure 9). We do not know whether this occurs in all varieties. Only the CKCS has been extensively studied. It should be noted right away that this information has become available precisely thanks to the breeders. The sad thing is that only in the Netherlands and Denmark, all breeding animals are pre-screened as standard. This varies greatly in neighboring countries. For example, the problem hardly exists for French breeders and in England only half of all breeders scan. And to make matters worse, some Russian breeders say it's just part of the game.

#### **CM-SM and its treatment**

There are various treatment protocols, but they usually ignore some important issues: what is what we observed on the MRI scan, what does the owner see and can it be correlated. When the dogs experience pain, the main treatment goal is to relieve the pain. By analogy with humans, this can be attempted medicinally or approached surgically. The most common surgical procedure is one in which part of the back of the head and the first vertebra are removed so that the flow of cerebrospinal fluid can be restored. It should be noted that the procedure does not address all causes of syringomyelia. In addition, the syrinx is still present even after surgery. And this technically very complicated operation often goes less well. In 50% of dogs, the formation of scar tissue will result in problems again within some time. That is why we in the Netherlands prefer medication. An attempt can be made 1) to inhibit cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) production, 2) to give painkillers or 3) to give corticosteroids. The agents that inhibit CSF production include furosemide and omeprazole. They don't always work well. Commonly used painkillers are the classic painkillers such as rimadyl and metacam. You can also work with more neuropathic painkillers such as amitriptyline, nortriptyline, gabapentin and pregabalin. In addition, various opiates are used, the most famous of which is tramadol. Some dogs also respond well to CBD oil. We note here that there are various CBDs on the market that do not contain an active substance. Only use certified







CBD oil of which the amount of cannabidiol is known. Prednisolone is usually only used as a last resort. A vet who starts this right away may not be fully aware of what is available. Of course there are also other treatment methods such as acupuncture, but there is insufficient scientific evidence whether this helps with this condition.

### CM-SM what to do?

This article started with us humans making dogs. We are responsible for the occurrence of these disorders. Both CM and SM don't hear. We rarely or never see these disorders in the larger dog breeds. If we see this in a large dog, there is often a clear cause such as trauma, a hernia, etc. This is different with the toy breeds. Our aim to make an ever smaller dog ignores the fact that we must guard the well-being of these dogs at all times. It might be nice that a Chihuahua fits in a teacup, but it's anything but healthy. There are no figures on the basis of which we can say: 'that weight is fine'. It's more. It is a combination of many factors that lead to CM and SM (Driver et al., 2013).

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

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



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



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



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



Strong solid bone makes breaks and joint injuries less common



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



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## Support Responsible Breeders





## 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](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.**









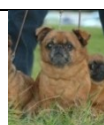







Recently the Registrar has contacted several people only to be told that they have gotten another breed and no longer want a Griffon. It helps us keep our paperwork up to date if we know that you do not require a Griffon any longer







## 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 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.**

