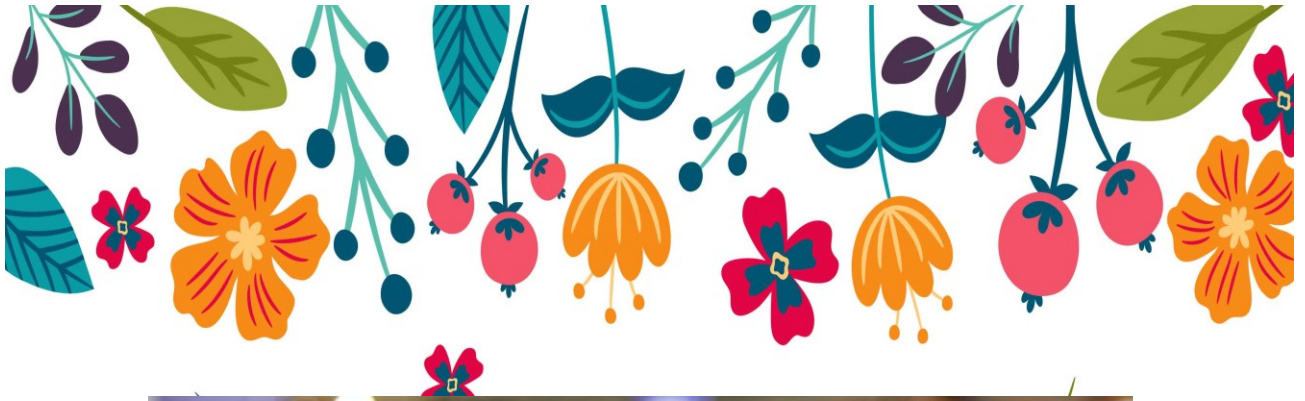




The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

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Spring 2023





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The aims of the club are:

To promote the Griffon Bruxellois and Petit Brabancon breed.

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

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

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

To support responsible and ethical breeding practices of Griffons

To provide advice and support for Griffon owners

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

To provide a rescue service for Griffons

To promote friendship and social activities among all Griffon owners

To educate Griffon owners

about grooming, training and

responsible ownership

To work in partnership with

other responsible Griffon

Bruxellois Clubs of Australia

and internationally for the

betterment of the breed



Monkey Boys

Can't start the day without the coffee





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Anchors away with Eddie



Griswold with his best friend the postman



Presidents Report

As we come to the end of the year, we have seen a decline in demand for Pups. 2023 seems to have been a year of consolidation for most people as they catch up on all the activities they had to put on hold during the pandemic. Weddings, house buying, renovations, new babies and the increased cost of living, have all been some of the priorities in people's lives.

During the pandemic we had over 100 people wanting Griffons on our Buyers Register. At the time there were long waiting lists and on social media, there were complaints that breeders were not breeding to meet market demand.

Now there are less than 20 people on the Griffon Register and some of those prefer to wait until next year or later.

Reputable Griffon breeders are not commercial breeders and they did not increase breeding just because the market at the time demanded it. The number of Griffons bred has been stable as good breeders prioritise the welfare of their dogs and pups over public demand.

However, what we have found is that the pandemic brought a wave of less reputable breeders, puppy farmers and scammers, who all cashed in on the naivety, ignorance and impatience of the general public in regards to pups.

Some of these people were ex French Bulldog puppy farmers, who bred cross breed, multi coloured dogs and sold them for high prices as "rare". As the market dropped for French bulldogs, they moved to other breeds such as incorrectly coloured Boston Terriers or so called "pocket Frenchies". There are no such dogs as pocket Frenchies. They are just unhealthy runts, kept malnourished so that they don't grow too much.

Now these people are moving into Griffons. Gumtree has a number of so called Griffons, including a recent breeder who had Brindle and cream pups which looked like French Bulldog crosses. But the person was selling them as Griffons. Other unethical puppy farmers are now importing Griffons with dilute genes to deliberately breed, denying the proven health issues that go with dilutes. They are marketing these dogs as "rare", which of course they are not. These dishonest people will no doubt fool a large number of people with their outlandish claims.

In other countries of the world, it is now illegal to breed flat faced dogs because of all the health issues created in Pugs and Bulldogs by the puppy farmers. These people have virtually destroyed the French Bulldog breed reputation with their greed and disregard for health.

Now more than ever it is important to educate people about these puppy farmers so that buyers can be knowledgeable and discerning and not be fooled by the lies. Our club is trying to be proactive in this and we need our members to also spread the word so that our beautiful Griffon breed is not ruined in the same way these people have wrecked French Bulldogs.

Also on Gumtree are scammers who have stolen ANKC Registered breeder's details and pretend that they are members and registered breeders. Please to don't be fooled

If anyone is contemplating buying a Griffon or knows someone thinking of buying a Griffon, please advise them to contact either of the clubs before they pay any money at all. That way they can be sure that they are not being scammed or making a puppy farmer rich



From the Editor

This is the final issue of the year and we would like to wish all our members and followers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 2024 bring, peace and happiness for all



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



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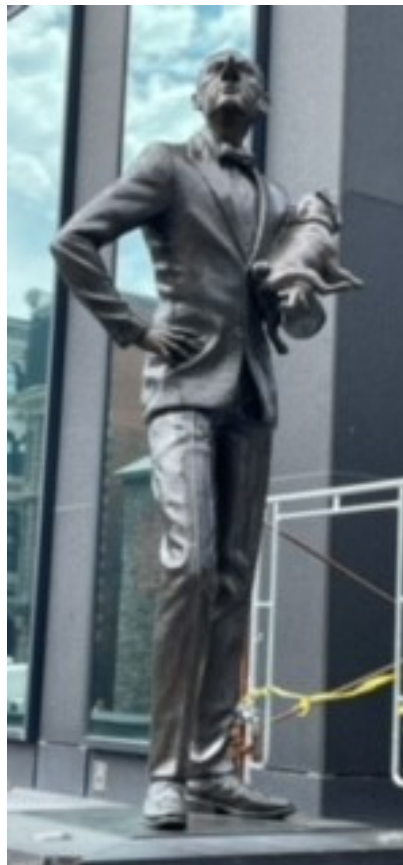
**Support Responsible
Breeders**



Griffon Corner

Kay Pound took her boy, **Basil** to the Dogs in the Park event in Sydney and entered him in the Cutest Dog Competition. It was Basil's turn to shine - he won 1st place. He beat all the fluffy oodles in their little hats, tutus and bowties. Of course, as Griffon lovers, we are not surprised- how can any dog be cuter than a Griffon. Congratulations Basil

Fern Feaver and Sandie Meads recently had a flying visit to Canada. They primarily went to see the inaugural Griffon Club Show (more about that further on), but also had time to do some sightseeing. Sandie said;” Recently when in Canada we visited the Old City of Montreal. There is a square called Le Place des Fermes. On one side there is the Bank of Montreal and on the opposite there is the Notre Dame Basilica. Looking at the Notre Dame is an Englishman holding a Pug and looking at the Bank



of Montreal a Frenchwoman with a Poodle. The inscription says: “
The English Pug and the French Poodle
A dashing looking English man, holding his pug, is giving a superior stare at Notre Dame Basilica, symbol of the religious influence on French Canadians.
210 feet away at the northern corner of the edifice, a woman in a Chanel style suit, poodle against her, shoots an offended look to the Bank of Montreal’s head office, symbol of English power.
With their masters oblivious to each other, the two dogs on the alert have already sniffed out the opportunity to unite.
(Inspired by the Commedia del ante and Two Solitudes from novelist Hugh MacLennan these two snobs set up an ironically touching scene of the cultural distance between English and French Canadians.)





Jillian Mathieson has taken up pottery this year and created some portraits of her two boys, Morty and Roy. The boys are posing with their own works of art



And as if the boys are not already spoilt, they also have their own Gryffindor (or should that be Griffon Door) sign above their doggy door



Marousa Polias and her husband, Luca travelled to Greece and Italy during the European summer. While it was primarily a family holiday, they were able to catch up with some Griffon owners in Italy



Marousa said; We were lucky enough to have a mini Griffon meetup on the other side of the world! It was an absolute joy to meet some sweet Griffons and their lovely, doting owners! The heat was so intense leading up to the date so we weren't sure if we would be able to meet but luckily the temperatures dropped and we were able to enjoy. Special thanks to Elisabetta Salati Chiodini, Fabricia Scarlata and Candida Ricchi for their enthusiasm, company and time



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Some of the Italian Griffons and owners.
No matter where you go- Griffon is a universal language



Also among our jetsetting members, **Kerry Bell and her daughter Emily**, had a fabulous trip to Europe, taking in the sights in a number of different countries before finally ending up in Switzerland for the World Dog Show in Geneva.



It gave them a wonderful opportunity to meet and chat with other Griffons owners and breeders and to also see the dog in the flesh, instead of just social media

And Emily even got to handle a Griffon in the ring.





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Notification of the AGM

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
Agenda
Annual General Meeting 2023
Not before 12 noon
2nd December 2023
Hillsborough

AGENDA

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

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

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

Appointment of Auditor

Any other Business

Close

AGENDA

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
General Meeting
2nd December 2023
Hillsborough
Time: After the Annual General Meeting

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Treasurers Report:

Secretary- Minutes of Previous meeting

Outgoing Correspondence:

Incoming Correspondence:

Business Arising

New members: to be voted on

GENERAL BUSINESS

•Show Committee Report

Trophies 2024

Update on show organisation

Other show business

•Events

Christmas Party

•Griffon Buyer Register Report

General Business

Any Other Business



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**The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
Annual General Meeting 2023
Nomination Form
2nd December 2023
Hillsborough**

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

Please Note:

- If written nominations are received, they will be the nominations that will be voted upon. Nominations will not be called from the floor if written nominations have been received. **Written nominations can be emailed to the secretary and must reach her by 5pm on 26th November 2023** If no written nominations have been received then nominations will be called from the floor
- If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to be nominated you may nominate and email the form to the Secretary at nevaending@hotmail.com
- If you nominate another person who is not attending the meeting then ensure that they have signed the 'Accept Nomination' column
- You must be a financial member in order to vote
- Nominees for the 4 Executive positions must be financial members of Dogs NSW
- Members must be financial at the time of the meeting in order to vote



Dog Lovers Show

The Dog Lovers Show was held on 26th and 27th August at Sydney Olympic Park.

Our club has supported this show since its very first event and have used it as an opportunity to educate the public about our breed and about the differences between ethical breeders



The Club stand prior to the arrival crowds

who breed to preserve breeds and commercial breeders who only breed for income.



Victoria and her gang meeting the Dog Lover officials before the doors opened

Organising the club stand is a big job that starts in January and if it wasn't for our hard-working volunteers, it would not be possible.

Victoria Mercer is the club coordinator and she liaises with Dog Lovers, organises the roster of volunteers to man the stand, organises the set

up and pull down and is the person on site to manage it. As she lives near Orange, some 5 hours out of Sydney, it is a big undertaking.

This year, Victoria, along with Terri and Grant Odell organised the set up on the Friday .

Victoria, Terri and Grant

They also manned the stand on Saturday along with Michelle Parker Brien .

On Sunday , Victoria Manned the stand with Marousa Polias and Bethan and Richard Flood , who also did the Pull down.

The crowds were steady but not as huge as the pre pandemic years but everyone was taken with the Griffons.



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thought was a puppy.

A number of people also asked about breathing and longevity so it is good to know that the message is getting through. They were reassured when told that well bred Griffons from reputable breeders almost never have breathing issues and that a well bred and cared for Griffon will live to 14-16 years of age with few health issues apart from those

Apart from the usual comments about Ewoks, the other most common question was "Are they full grown?"

Many people were surprised when introduced to a 10 year old that they had



associated with old age.

The calmness of the dogs and the happy friendly personalities were also a big hit.

Education people is an important role for the club and we could not do it without the generous help from our members.

If you feel that you and your Griffons would like to come



and spend half a day on the stand chatting to people and telling them what great dogs Griffons are, then keep August 2024 in mind.





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Performance Achievements

In these days of influencers, activists and extremists, all hellbent on attacking brachycephalic breeds, based on information from the poorest bred examples, it is heartening to see Griffons performing so well in so many activities and excelling against the more conventional breeds

Scentwork Griffons

Although Griffons are not considered a scenting breed, unlike some of the Gundogs and Scent Hounds, more and more Griffons have been blitzing it in scent work on both sides of the country. They have been competing with all different breeds of dogs and have held their own. Scent work is a very supportive sport and it creates confidence and a close bond with owner and dog. Our Griffons are proving that a short nose can still function just as effectively as a long nose



In Western Australia, Kelly Pilgrim Byrnes little team of Griffons continue to over achieve
Her black rough boy, Sid, passed his 3rd and final Advanced Exteriors Scent Work trial, which means he's now in Excellent for Vehicles and Exteriors where hides can be up to 1.2 metres

Kelly described the trial
We had our last scent work trial of the year last night and Sid was entered into Advanced containers and Advanced Interiors.
He was ah-mazing!
Qualified in both elements and even managed a 4th place in Interiors!
58% pass rate for Containers and he found both hides in 53.44 seconds!
35% pass rate



for interiors which was a music theme and visually a lot of items, including musical notes and CDs stuck to the walls. Two walls were included in the search area. Anyway, he was a little superstar and found both hides in 1.15.05 and would have been quicker if he didn't have to tell the silly human twice that the second odour was under a CD stuck to the wall!

He now needs just one more pass in Containers and he'll have his Advanced title! He's now in Excellent level for 3 elements - eeeek!

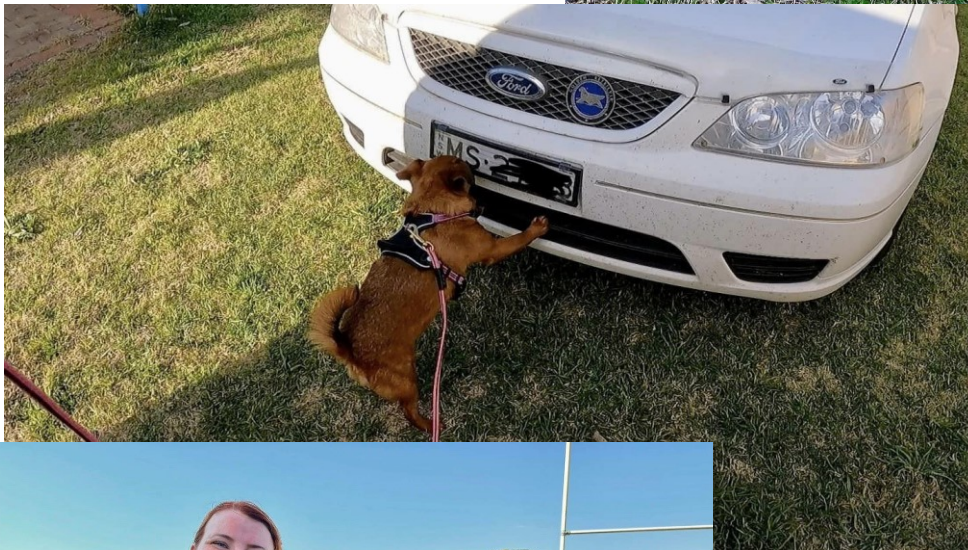
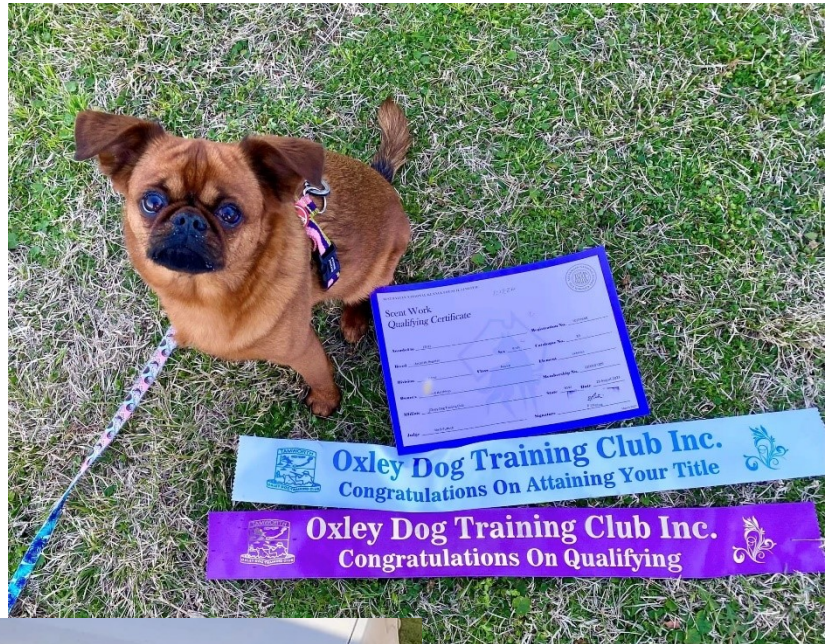


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Jillian Mathieson and Karen Hutchings in NSW, have been doing well with Roy and Eevee. At the recent Tamworth trial, they both had success

Eevee passed her final test and gained her Novice Scent Work title. Another titled Griffon and now onto bigger and better things in Advanced Scent work.

Photos of a very proud Eevee with her Qualifications and nailing in on her final test in a Vehicle search



Roy gained one pass, leaving him with only one more pass to gain his title.

Eevee and Roy were also able to have a Griffon get together at the trial As Jillian reported- "Griffons seem to instantly like other Griffons, and I think it's the same for their owners!

It's been wonderful to meet and catch up with Karen (and Eevee) due to scent work trials.

This weekend my Roy and Karen's Eevee competed. Although we didn't always pass our elements, I am excited that Roy is now one off his Novice title - and Eevee has already got hers and now competing in advanced!"



Roy didn't stop there. With one more qualification to get he nailed it in Sydney, gaining his final pass in Containers and giving him his title.





Roy at the moment he found the scent

Roy will now move onto Advanced Scent work and Morty, who Jillian has also been training will commence in Novice.

Congratulations to all involved

Rally Obedience

Rally Obedience, also known as Rally, is a form of Obedience with a number of posts which have instructions. The handler and the dog heel to each post and carry out the instruction at the station. It could be as simple as sit your dog or it could be instructions to complete a serpentine weave etc.

The dog and handler work together as a team and points are awarded out of 100, by the judge. On the weekend of The Dog Lovers Show, Terri Odell had a busy schedule. On Saturday she and Grant fronted the club stand.

On Sunday Terri and Bunny attended a Rally Trial to get Bunny's final pass to give her the Rally Advanced title. Bunny, not only passed but she won, gaining first place in a very competitive field, made of larger, more conventional obedience dogs such as Border Collies and Golden Retrievers





Club Rescue and Rehoming

One of our club's many functions is rescue and rehoming for Griffons. In that capacity with are affiliated with The Griffon rescue and Rehoming in WA and we work also with the Victorian Griffon Club should the need arise.

Because, in most instances, Griffons are bred by responsible breeders at the present time, we don't have a huge number of rescue or rehoming cases but we are always happy to assist. Such a case arose earlier this year

The club was approached by a Griffon owner who was anticipating a move to an Arab country and did not think such a move would be conducive for her Griffons.

The breeder of the two Griffons was not a club member and was unable to take the dogs back. one of the dogs had specific medical issues which added to the complexity of the situation.

Marousa Polias and Sharyn Wood handled the initial inquiries in consultation with the Executive. It was decided that Marousa would work with the owner to get the best possible outcome for the two Griffons.

It was a happy ending for the dogs, thanks to the liaison by Marousa and the kindness and generosity of our Griffon community. Marousa's report is below along with some photos of the two Griffons in their new homes

Rehoming Gus and Peaches 2023

Back in April we were contacted by one of our members who had been considering moving overseas. Of course, the main topic of conversation was their 2 Griffon Bruxellois fur children. In the family's eyes, it was (gut-wrenchingly) out of the question to take the dogs with them firstly because they were concerned with the long flight but secondly the family felt that the intense heat of the new location would not be suitable for the dogs.

With nothing concrete in place, the club was able to offer support and advice with what the next steps may look like. Suggestions were offered to the family and the Puppy Buyer Registry was consulted to see if any subscribers were interested in taking the 2 adult dogs.

Happy in the new home





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When the family contacted the Club again to advise it was looking like the move was going ahead, the Club contacted a number of people on the Puppy Buyer Registry but unfortunately most had recently added a new Griffon Bruxellois puppy to their home so were unable to consider taking on the adult dogs.

The Club opened up expressions of interest to the general membership and quite a few people applied. The situation was very delicate given the length of time the family would be away was unknown and so many other factors were difficult to predict, not to mention the medical issues associated with the older dog. Many home visits and interviews ensued as well as some overnight stays to see if the dogs could adapt to the new potential family home. There were some false starts and time was flying, ultimately the family had a huge decision to make whether to surrender the dogs to the Club or make a last-minute appeal to the greater Griffon Bruxellois community.

In the last week before the family was to depart Australia, the Club received the following message and sighed a huge sigh of relief that everything had been resolved.



"It's been a stressful week scrambling to find an alternative solution but we have managed to find great foster homes for the dogs. Lisa has experience dealing with GME, her previous Boxer had the condition so she is very well equipped to care for Gus. Peaches will go to Scott & Lisa and is already leader of the pack and goes with them to work each day where she is passed around cuddled & kissed. Even though they are separated they will each get the love and attention that they individually need. I'm 100% relieved and comfortable that the dogs are being well cared for and can leave the country stress-free about this. THANK YOU so so much. You've been an incredible support."

Happy in the new home

As a Club, we are very proud that we were able to offer support and assistance during a difficult and stressful time. We are even more proud of the number of members that put their hand up to take on a task that would have required a huge amount of responsibility.

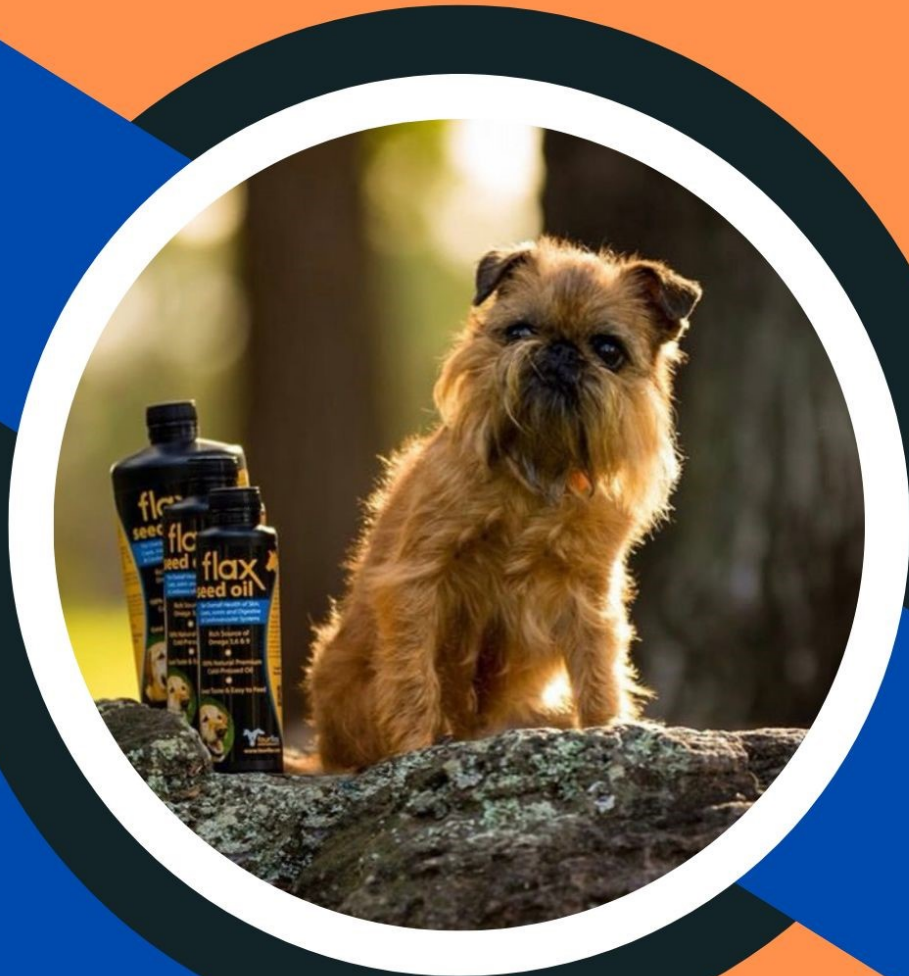
If anyone ever requires support from our Club, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via our various platforms.

Marousa Polias



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Black & Tan



Black



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Blue, Chocolate & Liver Griffons are the result of a dilute gene linked to serious health issues. They are never bred by responsible breeders

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Don't make puppy farmers rich**



LIES the PUPPY FARMERS say:

THE LIE	THE TRUTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first Chocolate/Blue etc in Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not. They have always been here and breeders have produced them. The ethical breeders have pet homed them and desexed them so that health problems were not produced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The colour is unique or rare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not. It is a dilute gene that has always existed and was known about by early breeders in the 1800's
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the same as the chocolate gene in Dachshund (or any other breed that carries chocolate.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not. Different breeds have different genetics. What is safe in one breed is not safe in others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Breeders don't understand genetics. I have bred for different colours and I know what I am doing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANKC registered breeders understand genetics very well. Many of them get full panel DNA testing on their dogs to make sure that they avoid the dilute genes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will open up or broaden the gene pool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It won't. It is a dilute version of the genes that already exist in the gene pool. It just carries more potential health problems so will not contribute anything positive to the gene pool
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no health problems. My pups are all healthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The skin issues rarely show up in pups. Often, they don't occur until the dog is 3 years old and then steadily worsen. The earlier they do show up the worse they will be
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no health problems with the chocolate/liver colour only the blue. I am only breeding the chocolate/liver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes the blue has more serious health problems in the first cross generation. BUT research is showing that when breeders deliberately double or triple up on the liver/chocolate gene the potential for health problems increase.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breeders are just snobs or racist when they complain about the colours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breeders who love dogs care about the long- term welfare of all dogs. There is nothing snobbish or racist about wanting to avoid suffering for any dog.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some registered breeders have bred from chocolate dogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On very rare occasions a knowledgeable breeder has bred from a chocolate but it has been a first cross only and the breeder has not only had a detailed understanding of colour genetics but they have then DNA tested all offspring to ensure that the dilute gene is not doubled.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are my dogs and I will breed what I want. My dogs are healthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The inheritance of colour is complex. Puppy farmers don't know or care about the complexity of genetics. They breed to make money. They will only stop if they cannot make a profit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My friend/son/ daughter etc has a chocolate /blue and it is healthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes, you may be lucky and get a dog without skin problems. But you never know in advance. Is it a risk you are prepared to take?

**DON'T BE FOOLED BY THEIR LIES
DON'T MAKE PUPPY FARMERS RICH**



News from Other States

Queensland

Brisbane Royal

Brisbane Royal had an entry of 8 with 5 absentees.

Best Of Breed and Dog Challenge was Majomarc Firefli Kazari owned and bred by Ven Grasso (*no photo available*)

Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was Ch Griffonsberg Scarlett Vivian- owned and bred by Iain Mitchell

Reserve Dog CC and Best Puppy was Griffonsberg Ulysses S Grant- Iain Mitchell (*no photo available*)



South Australia



Adelaide Royal

Adelaide Royal followed a week later with one of the biggest entries that they have had for a long time with a total of 17 entries

Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was Ch Alynga the Terminator, owned by Diana Norman and handled by Robyn Morse

Runner Up Best of Breed, Bitch Challenge and Best Puppy was Ch Tenayshus Doras Gidget – owned by Samantha Brown



Western Australia

Perth Royal



Perth Royal, previously a show that had no Griffon entries, had one of their largest Griffon entries with 6 Griffons

Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was Ch Nagpuni Mister Bigg owned by Alex Deasey.



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Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was Ch Alynga Madam Upanova owned by Angela Murphy

Victoria

Melbourne Royal

While Perth Royal was occurring, on the opposite side of the country, Melbourne Royal had also commenced. The Griffon entry was 27, the biggest Griffon entry of all the

Royal shows for 2023.



Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was Gr Ch Alynga the Terminator, owned by Diana Norman and Mark

Huisman and handled by Robyn Morse

Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was Ch Troubadour Thistle Do, owned by Sally Stewart

The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria Double Championship Show

In conjunction with Melbourne Royal, The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victorian two championship shows. The Silver Fern Show in the morning was judged by - Mrs Sandie Meads (Paris Griffons-New Zealand) and The Golden Wattle Show in the afternoon was judged by Mr Stephen Wailes (Victoria) They had a good entry of 38 Griffons for the two judges



The Silver Fern Show judged by Mrs Sandie Mead

Best In Show, Dog Challenge and Open in Show: Ch. Azande Little Red Wagon (photo Kelly Jayne) Beth Canavan



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Runner up to Best in Show, Reserve Dog Challenge : Ch Woodover Battries Not Included – Kathy Grass

Bitch Challenge and Best Minor in Show- Griffjo I am OK Kathy Grass



Reserve Bitch Challenge- Ch Nagpuni Vieux Curee Terri Odell

The Golden Wattle Show
judged by Mr Stephen Wailes

Best in Show and Bitch Challenge – Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice- Terri Odell



Runner Up In Show and Dog Challenge- Ch Azande Little Red Wagon – Beth Canavan



Reserve Dog Challenge – Ch Armorgriff Ruffled Feathers – Natasha Clarke

Reserve Bitch Challenge- Ch Griffonsberg Scarlett Vivian- Iain Mitchell



The Neuter in show awards at each show were shared by the Troubadour girls.



At the Silver Fern Show Ch/Neuter Ch Troubadour Mrs Tiggywinkle was **Best Neuter in Show**

At the Golden Wattle Show, **Best Neuter in Show** went to Ch/Neuter Ch Troubadour Holly Go Lightly

Both owned by Sally Stewart





International Show News

Canada Visit

Club members, Sandie Mead and Fern Feaver, recently visited Canada and attended the first Canadian Griffon Specialty. There were exhibitors from the USA as well as Canada and dogs from Europe were entered as well as locally bred dogs.

We thank Sandie for her report on the show



Some of the exhibitors at the show

Fern and I recently had the opportunity to attend and had the most amazing time at the National Brussels Griffon Club of Canada's inaugural breed specialty show. The judge was Mr Howard Ogden (Beauview, UK).

The show was held in Brockville, a town on the banks of the St Lawrence river.

I was also honoured and privileged to be asked to mentor judges who had expressed an interest in knowing and learning about the breed.

The committee of the club had put together a wonderful array of prizes, silent auctions, and a raffle. My wallet is considerably lighter!

The best moments were seeing a NZ bred Griffon, owned by Mary Gale in the USA, Maestro- Gr Ch and Ch Cricklewood A Stitch in Time, take out Winners Dog (or DCC as we know it) and Best Open Rough Male.

The atmosphere and camaraderie was fantastic, lots of congratulations and clapping, no matter who won. I was told the Canadians like a lot of clapping and this was evident over all three days.

Both Fern and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting Stacey Cronyn, Pierette Belair-Kekanovich, Roxanne Charbonneau, Blanche Clark-Somers, Ginny Kerry, Ekaterina Oliinechuk aka Katya, Josey St Pierre, Jeff Kestner and Jeff Bazell and Karen Nesbitt who was the Show Manager for the Thousand Islands Kennel and Obedience Club.

I forgot to mention the wonderful 'Poppin' bags made by Paulette Warner and the exhibitors bags made by Karen Nesbitt. Just fabulous.





Wonderful to put names and faces together, to finally meet Stacey and special to spend time with Mary and Maestro and Howard.

The judging is quite different to what we are used to and I hope I have got this right... there are classes for the dogs—puppy, age groups and open. The winners of these classes go in and compete for Best Dog or Winners Dog. The same is then carried out for bitches and the best bitch is chosen. Then, this is where it seems to be complicated. There are two classes—one for ‘Special Males’ and one for ‘Special Females’ where everyone goes in together, the males, then females, then best dog and best bitch. The judge examines the new dogs, moves the ‘Specials’ around, then the Winners Dog and Bitch.



Judging Winners Dog



Judging Best Dog

From this line up the judge can then chose his Best of Breed, either a dog or bitch and not necessarily from his Winners Dog and Bitch. The reserve or best opposite sex can then be chosen either from the ‘Special’ class or the best winners dog or bitch. So you may have won the Winners Best Dog or Bitch, but this does not necessarily mean you will win Best of Breed and Opposite Best of Breed.

Lots of memories to be treasured

Official Results: -

Best Of Breed:

St Johns Pull Up You Big Girl Pants

Best of Breed (Best in Show)

Best Of Opposite Sex

GCh Pax Mundi N Tickitbou Allblack

Best Of Winners:

St Johns Pull Up You Big Girl Pants





Best Puppy In Breed

Star Griff Fairy Night Dancer

Best Puppy

Select Dog

GCh Tickitbou's Sing It Tomee

Select Bitch

Tickitbou's Oops I Did It Again

Award Of Merit

GCh Royal Shaklands Balboa Rocky

Winners Dog:

US Gr & Ch Cricklewood A Stitch In Time

Reserve Winners Dog

US Ch St Johns Handsome Is As Handsome Does

Senior Puppy Dog Class

1st Navyn Balmoral Tartan

Bred By Exhibitor Dog Class

1st Wee Darlin's Apollo



Open (Rough Coat) - Male

1st US Gr & Ch Cricklewood A Stitch In Time

2nd St Johns Handsome Is As Handsome Does

Veteran Male

Ch Hero Our Time Of Legends Heart

Ch KRA's The Mighty Hercules

Judge, Howard Ogden and Stacey Cronyn with the Veteran winners

Winners Bitch:

St Johns Pull Up You Big Girl Pants

Reserve Winners Bitch

Shevilan Tamara

Senior Puppy Bitch Class

1st Star Griff Fairy Night Dancer

2nd Navyn Ginlor Hocus Pocus

3rd Navyn'n Ginlor Cast A Spell

4th Navyn Balmoral Berry

12-18 Month Bitch Class

1st St Johns The Animalier

2nd Navyn Out Of The Blue

3rd Fist Face Green With Envy At Oltann

4th Casa Di Lauro Elizabeth The Queen



Canadian Bred Bitch Class

1st Navyn N Somershire Balmoral Rose

Open (Rough Coat) - Female

1st St Johns Little Black Dress At Homestead

2nd Tickitbou Big Booty Judy

Bred By Exhibitor Bitch Class

1st St Johns Pull Up You Big Girl Pants

2nd Wee Darln's Medusa

3rd St Johns Thank Heaven For Little Girls II

Open (Smooth Coat) - Female

1st Shevilan Tamara

2nd Navyn Gossip Girl

Veteran Female

Tickitbou's Oops I Did It Again

The following is a report from Stacey Cronyn, the President of the National Brussels Griffon Club of Canada.

“What an incredible day. Congratulations to St Johns Kennels today on winning our first Canadian National Specialty! We had a record breaking day with 32 entries in our National Specialty judged by Howard Ogden (Beauview UK). We had an international entry with dogs from New Zealand, the USA and Canada. We did ringside breed mentoring with Sandie Meads and Howard Ogden gave his breed presentation with many take aways and leaving us with a sense of direction on our path forward ! I am so incredibly proud of our club. It was truly a group effort with a common goal of advancing the breed here in Canada. I think we have only just begun I want to thank my home crew of Ch Hero our Time of Legends Heart (George), Tickitbou’s Oops I did it again (Oopsie) for their happy return to the show ring garnering Veteran wins and a select win for Oopsie and a BPIS in show for Navyn Balmoral Tartan (Albie) in the all breed show under Lee Steeves. Thank you to TIKO and Karen Nesbitt for creating a fabulous venue for us over the last few days and making this day possible. I don’t think I will forget it anytime soon. “

The World Dog Show

The World Dog Show 2023, was held in Geneva. Griffons were judged by Jarmo Hilpinen, from Finland, well known for his Blue Bays Griffons.

His winner and Best of Breed was the bitch, UK/USA CH, Harpersband Poison, owned and bred by Olga Baranova and handled in class by Vasilina Rostomova.

Olga also won the dog with her boy, UK/RUS CH, HARPERSBAND MAKE A KILLING

Both dogs had to go in for Best of Breed and Emily Bell, who was watching with her mother, Kerry, was hastily roped in to assist by handling the bitch Poison. Emily piloted her to Best of Breed, a fabulous way to wind up a European holiday





Celebrating with Kerry, Emily and Vasilina

There was some heated FB discussion following the judging about a photographer who was in the ring and had a dispute with another Griffon exhibitor. It was an unfortunate and rather nasty way to end a successful show.

In Australia professional photographers are not allowed in the rings during judging so it was considered unusual by most Australia exhibitors.

Olga's success continued in October when her boy, HARPERSBAND MAKE A KILLING got his 3d and crowning CC followed by Best of Breed at Midland Counties under judge Peter Young

This is the 2nd UK Champion in 2023 and 5th Harpersband UK Champion, an achievement to be proud of



New Zealand

The Griffon Bruxellois Club of NZ held their Championship and Open shows on Saturday 18th November at Christchurch. The entry was 27 which is up on the previous year so it is good to see the numbers increasing. The Judge was Kaye Finlayson who has had long experience with Toy breeds and previously owned and bred Griffons.

Best in Show, Dog challenge and Open in Show
Ch Nouveau Demafioso bred and owned by Alastair Clicquot





Reserve in Show, Reserve Dog challenge and NZ Bred in Show
Ch Paris Tailor Made bred and owned by Sandie Meads

Baby Puppy in Show
Choyer
Supernatural
bred and owned
by Heather
Strang



Puppy in Show
Paris All Max'd Out bred and owned by Sandie Meads
and Fern Fever



Junior in Show
Ch Nouveau
D'Pink
Panther
bred and
owned by
Alastair Clicquot



Veteran in Show
Ch Yappenbach Definitely D'Vyne bred by Adrienne
Rowsell and owned by Alastair Clicquot and Adrienne
Rowsell



Bitch Challenge Ch Paris Design by Night bred and
owned by Sandie Meads
Reserve Bitch Challenge Ch Choyer Dance by
Moonlight bred and owned by Heather Strang



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Open Show Judge Mrs Joanne Price

BIS, NZ Bred in Show Ch Paris Tailor Made

RIS, Open in Show Ch Cricklewood Red Alert at Paris

Baby in Show Choyer Supernatural

Puppy in Show Paris All Maxx'd Out



Junior in Show and best Bitch Ch Paris Design by Night



Veteran in Show Ch Nouveau Distinctive (owned by Jocelyn Walker)



Reserve Best Bitch Ch Choyer Dance by Moonlight



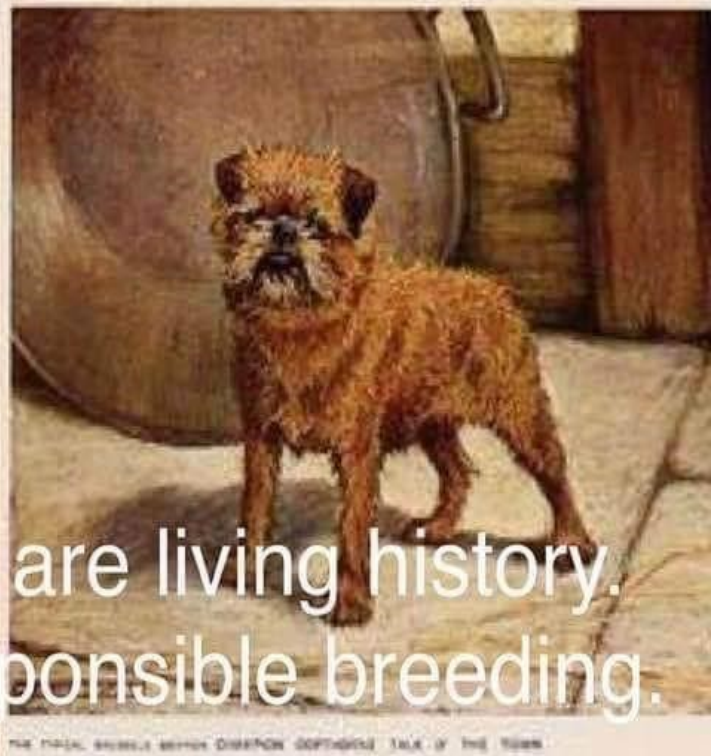
Heather Strang with some of her Black and Tans





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2023 Point Score Competition

The 2023 shows are:

04/02/2023 Wollongong & District Kennel Club Inc AM Saturday Wollongong Southern	04/03/2023 Children's Cancer Charity Dog Club Orchard Hills Saturday Sydney	06/05/2023 Albion Park ABKC Saturday AM Albion Park Showground Southern	02/6/23 Newcastle Toy and All Breeds Saturday AM Hillsborough Hunter	22/07/2023 North of the Harbour All Breeds Kennel Club Orchard Hills Sydney	12/08/ Medowie KC Saturday AM Hillsborough Hunter	02/09/2023 Spring Fair Saturday AM Orchard Hills Sydney	21/10/2023 Southern Highlands Kennel & Obedience Club Inc Saturday AM Berrima Southern	18/11/23 Norwest Canine Assoc SHOW CANCELLED	02/12/2023 Wyong Shire KC Saturday AM Hillsborough Hunter
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There have been four point-score shows since the last edition of the newsletter

1. North of the Harbour- July

Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler- Claire Parker O'Sullivan



Runner Up Best of Breed and Best

Junior in Group Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay- Kerry Bell



Reserve Bitch Challenge and Intermediate In Group- Ch Balliol Poppy Pophrey- Michelle Parker Brien



Reserve Dog Challenge – Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp – Jasmine Dale and Michelle Parker Brien





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2. Medowie Kennel Club- August

**Best of Breed and Dog Challenge- Nevafollo
Fizzing Whizzbees- Jillian Mathieson and
Ashleigh Barber Dale**



**Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge –
Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke- Michelle Parker
Brien**

**Reserve Dog Challenge – Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp- Jasmine
Dale and Michelle Parker Brien**



**Reserve Bitch Challenge – Ch Balliol Octavia Owl-
Bernadette Bull and Michelle Parker Brien**



3. The Spring Fair - September



Best of Breed, Dog Challenge and Junior in Group- Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay- Kerry Bell



Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge – Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice- Terri Odell



Reserve Bitch Challenge – Ch Nagpuni Vieux Curee- Terri Odell.

There was no Reserve Dog Challenge

Best of Breed Neuter and Neuter Bitch Challenge- Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna- Marousa Polias





4. Southern Highlands -October

Best of Breed, Dog Challenge Intermediate in Group- Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay- Kerry Bell



Runner Up best of Breed and Bitch Challenge – Gr Ch Tzani Giggle Mc Dimples- Kerry Bell

There was no Reserve dog or bitch challenge

Best of Breed Neuter and Neuter Dog Challenge- Ch Beaufox Comte de La Fere- Sharyn Wood and Jane Wistuba

At the present time the leading dogs in the competition are:

Open Competition

- 1. Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay 65
- 2. Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice 31
- 3. Nagpuni Love is a Game 27
- 4. Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp 25
- 5. Ch Balliol Poppy Pophrey 22

Neuter Competition

- 1. Neut Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna 50
- 2. Ch Beaufox Comte de la Fere 10

Puppy Competition

- 1. Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay 50
- 2. Nagpuni Love is a Game 27
- 3. Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp 25



The next and final point score show will be on 2nd December 2023 at the Wyong Shire Canine Club Show at Hillsborough
Entries through Show Manager

The show will be followed by the AGM and General Meeting



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Don't Buy A Lie...

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

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



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



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



Strong solid bone makes breaks and joint injuries less common



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



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



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Support Responsible Breeders



The Griffon Buyer Register

The Griffon Buyer Register exists to help people obtain a Griffon, either a puppy or an older dog. This rules and requirement of this register and the forms to be completed can be seen on our club website at the link

<http://www.griffonsw.com/breeders-directory.asp>

We are a very large club and most of the Griffon breeders in NSW are members of our club. We also have members who are breeders in Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand.

Our members also all follow a Code of Ethics and do all they can to breed healthy well socialised Griffons so that you have the best chance of getting a healthy and happy new family member



If you are interested in getting a Griffon please look at our register and complete the forms which can be downloaded there and we will do everything we can to help you get your new Griffon friend and companion. We are very pleased to say that we have so far assisted a number of members to get a new Griffon family member. If you have filled out a Griffon Buyer Form and would like to

change or update your information please contact our Assistant Secretary: Sharyn Wood at sharynwood54@gmail.com

Please Note

The following information is important

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

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

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























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



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The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc Breeders Code of Ethics and Conduct

The guidelines are as follows:

- Pre mating testing of prospective parents. Tests to be carried out if validated as a proven scientific screening method and if the evidence indicates that such testing is required in the breed due to scientific validated evidence that indicates a breed concern.
DNA tests to be carried out if available and relevant. (Note: The only DNA tests available for Griffons at the present time are for colour inheritance and parentage. There are **NO** DNA health tests available for Griffons)
- Subject to veterinary advice, no mating where tests indicate inadvisable
- Microchip puppies prior to sale
- Puppy microchip numbers to be included in the Application to Register litter.
- Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon if required
- Copies of parent's test results and puppy vet check results to be made available to prospective purchasers if requested
- Prospective purchasers can, prior to purchase, view puppies with mother where litter was born and raised. (This will not occur until the pups are vaccinated and protected)
- Provide detailed information on puppy care and welfare to purchasers (All relevant documentation connected with the puppy including inter alia, advice on feeding and care, registration documents, (if already issued) details of vaccinations etc are handed over to the purchaser at the time of sale. When an appropriate contract is available it should be signed by both parties. If registration documents are not available at the time of sale the breeder must comply with Dogs NSW Regulations Part 1 – Register and Registration Clauses 13.9 – 13.11)
- To observe proper standards of management in regard to the housing, health, exercising and socialising of all dogs on the premises managed by the registered breeder. (It is strongly recommended that Accredited Breeders follow the guidelines contained in the NSW Animal Welfare Code of Practice “Breeding Dogs and Cats”).
- To ensure that all pups are raised in a home environment and are treated as a member of the family. They are not kennelled outside or kept exclusively as kennelled dogs. The mother is also not a kennelled dog but is a member of the household and is treated as such.
- To keep all pups until **10-12** weeks of age and to ensure that they are socialised prior to leaving.
- To ensure that the breeder is completely honest with the puppy buyer regarding any health issues that may occur
- To ensure that the breeder provides the new owner with detailed information on maintaining the Griffons health and welfare- including information on:
 - the dangers of overexercising in the first 12 months,
 - the dangers of allowing a pup to jump on and off furniture or run up and down stairs,
 - the dangers of early desexing
 - the need for a correct and nutritionally balanced diet to ensure that the pup grows into a strong and healthy adult

Explanation of Terms for Breeders Scheme

Pre mating testing of prospective parents.

Note: Disease testing means:

Testing for health conditions which are notified by the breed club, ANKC or Dogs NSW as relevant to the breed, and for which scientifically validated, reliable, readily available and cost effective screening procedures are available.



DNA tests for hereditary diseases that are available in the relevant breed.

At the present time the most recent comprehensive health survey on the Griffon Bruxellois internationally was carried out by The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW in 2016.

This survey of over 9,000 Griffons identified the most common health issues as;
Slipping Patellas, Cleft Palates and undescended testes.

At the present time there are no DNA tests available for Griffon Bruxellois.

The CGBC of NSW recommends veterinary checks of all breeding dogs prior to breeding. However, we do not recommend the unnecessary use of anaesthetic to test for conditions that are rare or non-existent in the breed or if the dog does not show any symptoms.

The CGBC of NSW believes that all health testing should be done with the welfare and quality of life experienced by the dog as the prime consideration and the terms of the Accreditation: *scientifically validated, reliable, readily available and cost-effective screening procedures are available* should at all times be kept in mind

In reference to the health conditions identified by the Health Survey we have the following comments:

Cleft Palate – The majority of pups born with this condition are euthanised at birth. Some pups are able to be hand reared by breeders. Breeding not supported

Undescended Testes- This is not a life threatening condition and dogs are usually castrated and live normal healthy lives. Breeding not supported.

Patella Luxation- This condition has various grades of severity. A vet can diagnose the condition in a normal physical examination. Further testing/grading available if a condition is identified. Breeding not supported. Pups have loose ligaments that slowly tighten in the first 12 months of life.

Permanent grading cannot be done until the dog is over 12 months.

Anasarca-a condition that commonly affects brachycephalic breeds. While linked to a specific phenotype there is insufficient research to indicate if it is hereditary. If the pup lives, we would expect the breeder to be guided by veterinary advice.

Inguinal/Scrotal Hernia- this can be diagnosed by a normal veterinary examination. It can be a life-threatening condition and can be hereditary. Breeding not supported

(Please note this is not to be confused with an umbilical hernia which is usually not a problem)

SM/CM – The CGBC of NSW supports the research into this condition and supports breeders who have assisted the research by getting their dogs MRI'd. We acknowledge that at the present it is still very much in the research stage. This procedure so far does not meet with any of the definitions for testing at the present time as it is not yet *scientifically validated, reliable, readily available or a cost effective screening procedure(s)*.

MRI's are still a diagnostic process, not a screening process and a permanent grade for a Griffon cannot be issued until the dog is 3.5 years or over.

There are guidelines for breeding published by Claire Rushbridge (UK) which the club recommends members follow as far as is possible but at the present stage it is not essential that members MRI their dogs in order to be accredited as this is still in the research phase.

However, we do recommend that breeders are fully familiar with the genetic lines behind their dogs and take all precautions, including diagnosis, to ensure that they do not breed dogs with this condition.

Other Conditions:

Hips: There is limited evidence that a condition such as H.D is a major issue in the breed in this country.

The club recommends hip X rays with formal, recognized grading if the breeder, after veterinary consultation, feels it is necessary.

The club does not recognize any diagnosis carried out by a vet which is not formally graded under the approved CHEDS grading scheme.

<http://www.ava.com.au/cheds>



Eyes. We recommend that the eyes are checked during the usual annual veterinary examination. If symptoms of an eye problem are identified by the vet then we recommend a visit to a canine ophthalmologist but do not consider it necessary if the dog does not display symptoms.

Stenotic Nares. In a limited number of cases we are aware that Griffons have been born with Stenotic Nares. Whilst it is possible that these dogs can have the nostrils enlarged to enable them to breathe we do not support the breeding from affected animals and members who have done so would not be accredited.

Equally we do not support breeding from Griffons who have required surgery for elongated soft palates or narrowed tracheas if these issues are diagnosed as hereditary.

Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon

Copies of parents test results and puppy vet check results to be made available to prospective purchasers

Puppies are vaccinated and checked by a vet at 6-8 weeks of age.

Accredited breeders keep the pups until 10 -12 weeks when they are again vaccinated and vet checked. These check-ups can be considered as a pre- sale vet check. It is not necessary to have an additional vet check prior to sale.

The normal veterinary certificate is sufficient if the pup is healthy and free of health problems.

However, if the pup is diagnosed with a health problem the CGBC of NSW expects that breeders will fully inform the prospective purchaser prior to sale.

The CGBC of NSW believes that our member breeders have the love of the breed and the welfare of the breed as their number one priority.

Buyers Rights and Responsibilities

- The majority of breeders do not ask for a deposit. However if a breeder requires one-NEVER pay a deposit until after the puppies have been born or there is a puppy available or you have visited the litter. Deposits are refundable under Australian Consumer Law unless you change your mind. The dam may not conceive or there might not be enough puppies born. Alternatively, your circumstances might unexpectedly change because of ill health, a work transfer or other unexpected event.
- If you buy a puppy with purchase conditions about future breeding or showing called “breeder’s terms”, make sure these are spelled out in a written contract, which both breeder and buyer sign and retain respective copies of. Be clear about the conditions and contact The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW if you are concerned or do not quite understand the terminology. This will avoid disagreements later. The breeder should explain every aspect of the agreement.
- You should view the Certificate of Registration and Pedigree for both the dam and sire before paying for the pup. The registration should be ANKC and the pups will be Limited or Main register. See further information -Choosing a Breeder.

If there is a problem - a consumer’s right to a remedy

- If you have purchased a pet and something goes wrong, you may have rights against the seller if they failed to meet one or more of the consumer guarantees. Many breeders will sell with a written contract that detail this. Please read carefully and contact The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW if you are unsure
- Generally, you are not entitled to a remedy if you change your mind about a purchase or if the problem is due to something beyond the seller’s control. However, if the seller provided an ‘express’ warranty or an additional promise about the quality, condition, performance or characteristics of the item purchased, they must uphold that guarantee.



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- 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.**