



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

The Phoenix

Summer 2024





Your Club

Cover : Summer vibes

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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

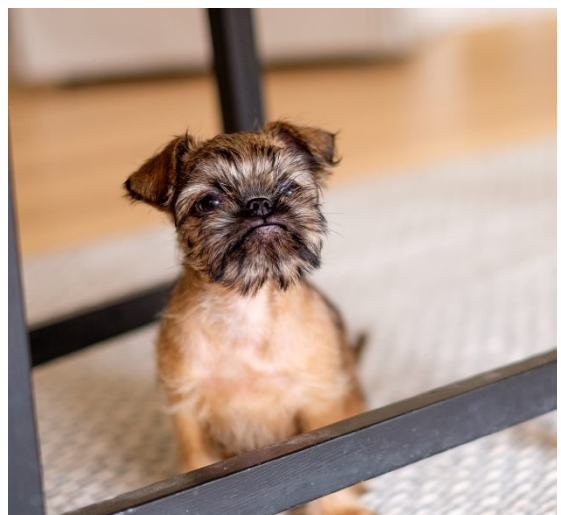
To educate Griffon owners about grooming, training and responsible ownership

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



**Some Puppy
cuteness**

**Owned by Lysanda
Hooper**





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Special Birthdays

Happy birthday to Emilie who is 16. Owned by Olga Baranova in Russia

Happy birthday to the one and only Neville, who is 12





Presidents Annual Report 2023

2023 saw life return to normal and most events and fixtures returned to pre pandemic normality

Championship Show

Our show in at Easter was highly successful with an entry of 40 dogs which was pleasing

Our Judge for the Gold show was Margaret Joyce (Victoria) and for the Silver show, Mr Daniel Gilson

It was a friendly show and we were pleased to welcome a number of exhibitors who enjoyed their first dog show.

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

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

Thanks 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; Jannelle Tremeneere, Matthew O Sullivan, Ashleigh Barber Dale, Tiffany Barber Dale and the photographer, Jasmine Dale.

Point Score

The club point score competition ran smoothly although numbers at shows were down. There have been 22 dogs competing in total in the point score, also down on previous years

Promoting the breed

The Dog Lovers Show was held in August and Victoria Mercer did a fabulous job pulling it all together. She struggled to find volunteers this year and there were only half a dozen people who assisted. Thanks go to Victoria, Grant and Terri Odell, Bethan and Richard Flood and Marousa Polias for assisting

We have not had any Griffon gatherings or the Christmas party this year due to pressure of works and the lack of volunteers to organise these event

This seems to have been the trend for this year as people focus on other priorities. Hopefully next year we will have more volunteers to assist in these events

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 2022/2023 and regular on- line committee meetings have kept the club running smoothly and successfully

Educating Puppy Buyers

The huge demand for pups during the pandemic has ceased and the number of buyers on the Griffon Buyer Register has dropped from over 100 to less than 20.

However, we are now aware of unregistered puppy farmers in NSW now deliberately breeding dilutes as rare.

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 continues to function smoothly and thanks to Sharyn Wood, potential buyers are provided with support and information about the breed

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 remained stable and we currently have with 141 members who are all Griffon owners or Griffon lovers.

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, and Ashleigh Barber Dale for their help and support in the past 12 months.

I would especially like to thank Jannelle Tremenheere, who is stepping down as secretary this year, due to work commitments, after over 12 years in the position. Jannelle has been one of the pivotal members in the executive and was a foundation member who has helped the club grow from a new club to the strong established club that we are today.

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 2024 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) 2022-23



Secretary Annual Report 2023

• Championship Shows

Our Championship shows were again very successful and well received by new and existing exhibitors. The ring change seemed to work well and exhibitors enjoyed a scrumptious and beautifully displayed food platters catered by Cherie Bryson the proprietor of the CNCC cafe. Cherie also provided the judges and Officials lunches.

A big thank you to the Executive, Committee and exhibitors who helped with set up and pull down. The Executive and Committee work hard to ensure that the shows run smoothly and their commitment and dedication to the club ensures that our shows are successful each year.

Congratulations to all the winners and all exhibitor you should be proud of your sportsmanship and



camaraderie. It is always wonderful to see a gaggle of Griffons and their owners together at our Championship shows celebrating our wonderful breed.

- **2024 Championship shows**

The Executive and Committee have started the arduous task of organising the 2024 Championship shows and have made a great start acquiring our two judges for the Gold and Silver Shows. Over the next few months our Trophy Manager will start to source trophies for both shows and Ribbons will be ordered.

- **Dog Lovers Show**

The Dog Lovers show was another successful event thanks to our Events Coordinator Victoria Mercer. The Griffon Bruxellois stand was again one of the most popular displays with people lining up to enjoy the Griffons quirky personalities and to have a pat.

- **Point Score Show**

Our Point Score competition for 2022-2023 has seen a decline in numbers but is still well supported.

- **Rescue Report**

There have been several Griffon crosses in the Hunter RSPCA. The Club was aware of the situation however the RSPCA in NSW will not work with the breed clubs when it comes to rescue even though we all know that Griffons would respond to a home environment. No Griffon rescues to report for 2023 however, due to a large amount of unethical and unregistered breeders appearing on the scene this may change in the future.

As many of you may know I am stepping down as Secretary of the Club due to work commitments. I have enjoyed my time as Secretary approximately 12 years, and hope to continue contributing to the Club in a role that is a little less involved.
Jannelle Tremeneere Secretary 2023



From the Editor

Wishing all our members a very happy New Year and a successful 2024. This edition has some exciting information about a new club fundraiser that everyone will love. The opportunity to buy some of the top Hunter

Valley wines in Australia, at a greatly reduced price. I can vouch for these wines as they are among my favourites.

We also have information about the point score, the AGM and the up coming Championship shows. thank you to those who have contributed information for the newsletter.



Griffons having Fun

Pip really enjoyed her egg

A Griffon wrestling match





What Does Our Club Do?

Showing isn't even half of it!

EDUCATE



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

ASSIST



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

PROMOTE



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

RESCUE



Griffons in need whom often require extensive veterinary and rehabilitation work



www.griffonnsw.com

Support Responsible Breeders



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

2024 Double Championship Griffon Shows

GOLDEN OLDIES

Entry is free for all Griffons aged 10 years and over. They do not have to be show dogs. The class is not judged but is a parade to celebrate our wonderful older Griffons. They can even be carried around the ring

Property Classes

Best Smooth Head
Best Rough Head
Best smooth coat
Best Rough Coat
Best Gaited
Parent and Offspring
Best Topline and Tail Set
Best Breeders Team
Best Brace

Entries Close: 15 March 2024

THE COUNTRY GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF NSW

DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

CNCC DOG COMPLEX, HILLSBOROUGH RD, HILLSBOROUGH

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024

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

Entries to: The Secretary, PO Box 5095, Dora Creek 2264

Ph & Extreme Weather Ph: 0459 169 096

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



JUDGES

Silver Show

Mrs C Loft (ACT)

Gold Show

Mr J Nichols (NSW)



Order of Judging: Alphabetical order

Judging Commences: *Silver* 10.00am, *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

PRIZES:

General Specials: Trophy & Sash,

Special Classes: Trophy & Sash



ShowManager.com.au

"More than just online entries"

Champagne Buffet Luncheon

A champagne buffet luncheon, with fabulous grazing table will be provided for all exhibitors and visitors after the presentation for the Silver show and prior to the commencement of the Gold Show. Everyone is welcome

Visitors Welcome

All visitors and their Griffons are welcome to visit and watch the show. Canteen facilities available
We look forward to meeting Griffon lovers



Donations to the Club Shows

Please contact our show secretary, Claire Parker at 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

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
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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





Griffon Corner

The start of 2024 sadly saw the passing of a respected Griffon breeder, judge and exhibitor. Dianne Tyssen from New Zealand, passed after a lengthy illness. Although better known for her Prestonville Cavalier King Charles Spaniels she also bred Griffon Bruxellois and was a very knowledgeable and respected judge. She judged the NZ Griffon club specialty in 2010 and Toys a number of times in Australia

Our condolences go to her family and friends.

Dianne Tyssen judging Best in Show at the NZ Club Championship show



In more sad news, Terri and Grant Odell lost their old girl, Jazzy (Ch Nagpuni Jellybean Jazz RN.) at the end of 2023. She was 15 years & 5 months. As well as being the most gentle, loving, confident Griffon she was also a TV star. She appeared in a Purina ad with large Great Dane & also in an NRL commercial for TV.

https://youtu.be/wmEPBu5_qI8

She was a talented little girl, gaining her championship title and her Rally Obedience title as well as her acting roles.

Jazzie in the Purina ad and a still from th NRL advertisement in 2014

And as a show dog





John Galliano's Griffons

We all know that Griffons are owned by stylish people and fashion icon, French designer, John Galliano, is proof of this. He is pictured here with his models and his Griffons, Coco and Gypsy.

Gypsy, the red rough, died in 2023, since the photo was taken.

Little Coco, the black and tan, was bred by Marie Dugrandcuzac Villeval of the du Grand Cuzac kennels and her pedigree name is New Temptation du Grand Cuzac.

She is his adored pet and he takes her everywhere with him.

Below is a casual photo of John Galliano travelling with Coco. Thanks go to Marie for providing this information.



An informal griffon get together took place just before Christmas organised by **Terri and Grant Odell**.

Kevin from 'Unleashed Northern Beaches' took some superb shots of us & the Griffs. He also brought some delicious fresh food from www.pippets.au for the dogs to try & they loved it so much, they couldn't get enough of it.





The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



How Griffons Celebrated Christmas



Jemima and friends, Wizz and Hermione, whispering Christmas secrets

Boots and Elroy got to visit Santa



Samantha Dummett's boys got to play with the Christmas train set



Kate Chater's gang had a Christmas party with friends



Hart couldn't wait to open his gifts





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Lindsey Murphy had a grumpy little Santa

Lisa Naughton's gang waiting patiently to see what Santa brought them



Squirrel found a Christmas elf



Teddy and Banjo got into the Christmas spirit



Terri and Grant found their own group of Griffmas elves



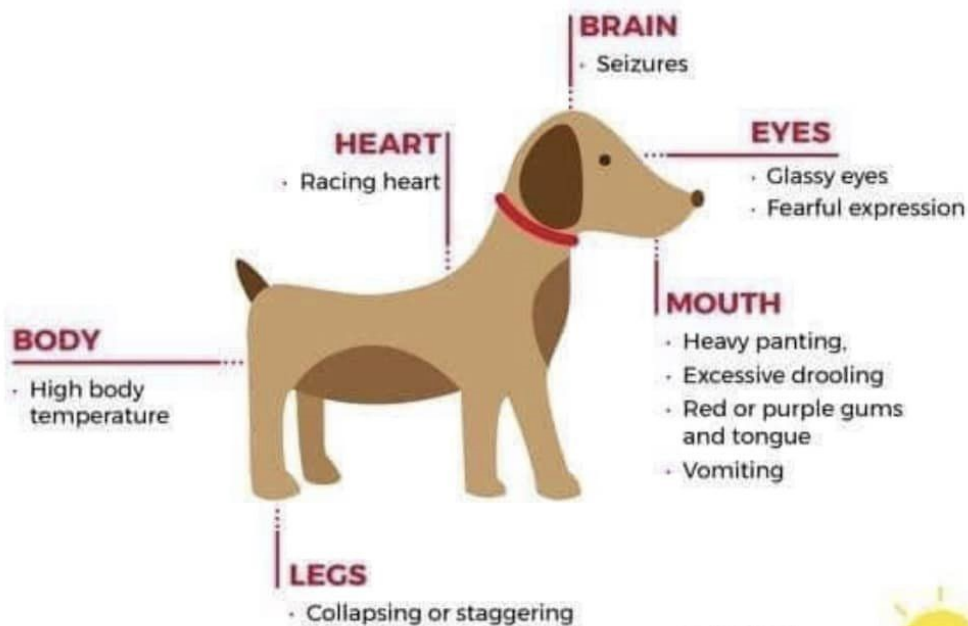


Health

Heat Stroke

Heat Stroke

Know The Signs



How to keep your dog cool on hot days

- Restrict exercise
- Never leave in car, hot room or sun trap
- Ensure drinking water and a cool, shaded spot is always available
- Walk early in the morning or later in the evening
- Spray with cool water

Steps to take if you're worried your dog has heat stroke

- Move somewhere cool
- Offer small amounts of tepid water
- Using wet towels, douse with cool (but never, ever cold) water
- Place in the breeze of a fan
- Contact your vet or, out of hours, your nearest Vets Now pet emergency clinic straight away

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Save your pet emergency
service number now.
vets-now.com/summer

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50%

Average survival rate of dogs diagnosed with heat stroke



2°C

This small increase in a dog's body temperature is all it takes for heat stroke to kick in.



60

Amount of days it can take for dogs to acclimatise to temperature changes



38.5°C

Dog's normal body temperature



15

Minutes it can take for a dog to die of heat stroke

6°C

Average temperature white cars are cooler than black cars after being left in the sun for an hour



43°C

At this body temperature a dog's organs begin to fail

Vetsnow

Your pet emergency service



Heat Stroke In Dogs

Heat Stroke Kills Dogs

Every year our emergency vets treat hundreds of heat stroke cases and, heartbreakingly, some end in tragedy. Many are a result of owners exercising their dogs between 8am and 8pm when temperatures can be at their peak.

Heat-related illnesses are almost always preventable, but it's critical to know when dogs are at risk. Our handy guide shows when it's safe for your dog outside.



OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE

32+°C

Heat stroke is a major risk regardless of condition, size or breed.



28-31°C

Dangerous for all, but life-threatening for larger breeds and puppies as well as dogs who are flat-faced or obese.



24-27°C

Extreme caution should be taken as most dogs, particularly those who are large, obese, flat-faced and very young, will find these temperatures very uncomfortable.



20-23°C

Even at this temperature dogs are at risk of getting heat stroke if exercised too rigorously, or suffering from an underlying condition such as obesity or breathing difficulties.



16-19°C

Generally safe to exercise dogs at all times of day, although keep a close eye on large, obese and flat-faced breeds.



12-15°C

No evidence of heat stroke risk so enjoy your walk.



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Respiratory Function Grading

Because of the popularity of brachycephalic (flat faced) dogs in the past decade, huge numbers of puppy farmers and commercial breeders have been breeding them in vast numbers. These dogs are mainly British Bulldogs, French Bulldogs and Pugs.

This indiscriminate and commercial breeding has led to an increased number of health problems, especially a condition called BOAS (Brachycephalic Obstructed Airways Syndrome).

The number of dogs, on a worldwide scale, that are affected by this condition, is so large that in some countries, it is now illegal to breed all brachycephalic dogs.

Griffons have mainly been bred by reputable breeders who have health as a priority, but as commercial breeders start to increase, there is a chance that Griffons may also start to have issues. Cambridge University have been leading the research into this problem and have devised a non-invasive method of testing dogs to assess their breathing capacity.

Vets in Australia have now been accredited to carry out the Respiratory Function Grading test and the ANKC has now developed a database. This is something that only ANKC breeders have access to. As the research is still ongoing, the formal grades have only been allocated to Pugs, British and French Bulldogs. Now they will award a positive or negative grade to all other brachycephalic breeds who are tested.

This is a break though that will enable responsible ANKC Griffon breeders to test their dogs to avoid this condition.

The information is on the ANKC database at <https://orchid.ankc.org.au/Home/HomeRfg>

I have also copied the information so that it is available for all.

This information will not only be valuable for breeders.

It will also be valuable for anyone who is buying a puppy. A buyer can ask the breeder to show them the RFG results for the parents. If the pup comes from parents who have been graded as Negative, then the buyer knows that the pup is unlikely to have breathing problems.

At the moment, this scheme is still in the early stages but as more and more vets become accredited and more breeders test then it should provide freely available data to for everyone.

One of the important factors for healthy Griffons that can breathe well is the size of the nostrils. In 2020 The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW conducted an online research poll, asking Griffon owners and breeders from around the world to send in photos of their Griffon's nostrils with any comments that they considered relevant.

There were 300 photos sent from Griffon owners internationally and they were collated into two booklets. These booklets can be seen online on the club website- GriffonsNSW and in the file section of the club's FaceBook page -griffonsnsw.

The links are also shown below

[file:///C:/Users/mbrie/Downloads/Griffon%20Noses%20part%20one%20\(6\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/mbrie/Downloads/Griffon%20Noses%20part%20one%20(6).pdf)

[file:///C:/Users/mbrie/Downloads/Griffon%20Noses%20part%20Two%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/mbrie/Downloads/Griffon%20Noses%20part%20Two%20(1).pdf)

This information has also been shared with the Cambridge Research team, at their request



RFG

Details

Dogs Australia (DA) has licensed the "Respiratory Function Grading" (RFG) scheme from the UK Kennel Club (KC). DA operates and administers the RFG Scheme supported by the University of Cambridge who have approved the assessment protocol for the scheme. The aim of the scheme is to detect the presence and severity of brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome using a clinical assessment and exercise tolerance test.

The objectives of the scheme are as follows;

- To identify dogs at risk/subject to BOAS to allow for the best care and treatment for managing such conditions | To give the breeder/owner the best available information in terms of the appropriateness of using a dam/sire in a breeding programme
- To give other breeders the information resource of dogs affected and unaffected by BOAS to allow for the selection of the most suitable stock for breeding purposes
- To provide data and statistics in terms of BOAS to monitor the frequency and progress in the breed affected for ongoing research for the overall improvement of the relevant breeds

RFG scheme assessments on brachycephalic breeds other than Pugs, French Bulldogs and British Bulldogs

Grading has been fully validated in Pugs, French Bulldogs and British Bulldogs through the Respiratory Function Grading Scheme by Cambridge University. In these breeds the individual dog is assigned a grade of 0 (no evidence of BOAS), 1 (mild but not clinically significant BOAS), 2 (moderate BOAS) and 3 (marked BOAS). In brachycephalic breeds that are not Pugs, French Bulldogs or British Bulldogs (eg Boston terrier) work is ongoing at Cambridge University to fully validate the RFG grading system for each individual breed.

At this stage an RFG scheme assessment can be performed on brachycephalic breeds other than Pugs, French Bulldogs and British Bulldogs breeds but these other brachycephalic breeds can only be assigned either BOAS negative or BOAS positive grades. BOAS negative dogs are equivalent to grade 0 or 1 and BOAS positive dogs are equivalent to grade 2 or 3.



Grade definitions;

Grade 0

Your dog is clinically unaffected and is currently free of respiratory signs of BOAS. If your dog is under 2 years old we suggest they have an annual health check with their own vet, as BOAS can develop later in life.

Grade 1

Your dog is clinically unaffected but does have mild respiratory signs linked to BOAS. These signs do not affect their exercise performance. If your dog is under 2 years old we suggest they have an annual health check with their own vet, as BOAS can develop later in life.

Grade 2

Your dog is clinically affected (moderate) and has moderate respiratory signs of BOAS that should be monitored and may require veterinary treatment.

Grade 3

Your dog is clinically affected (severe) and has severe respiratory signs of BOAS and should be seen by your own vet for a thorough veterinary examination with treatment. We do not recommend that you breed from your dog. For more details please email: health@thekennelclub.org.uk

Latest statistics

Below is a table of results for dogs tested in the latest five years. This data is updated daily.

Breed	Tested	Grade 0	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
British Bulldog	93	6	27	51	9
French Bulldog	86	11	43	27	5
Pug	37	3	12	18	4



RFG Panellists

Victoria

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Results of the AGM

The Annual General Meeting for The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW was held on 2nd December 2023

The following people were elected

Position	Committee Member
President	Michelle Parker-Brien
Vice President	Jannelle Tremenheere
Secretary	Marousa Polias
Treasurer	Matt O'Sullivan
Resgistrar	Sharyn Wood
Events Coordinator	Victoria Mercer
Committee Member (Social Media/PR)	Jillian Mathieson
Committee Member	Terri Odell
Committee Member	Ashleigh Barber-Dale
Show Manager	Michelle Parker-Brien(shadowed by Marousa Polias)
Show Secretary	Claire Parker-O'Sullivan
Trophy Manager	Sarah Peddie-McGuirk
Rescue Coordinator	Adam Tremenheere
Patrons	Jocelyn Croad & John Sheppard

Jannelle Tremenheere had foreshadowed at the start of 2023 her intention of stepping down as secretary and she had been shadowed by Marousa Polias for the year in the role. This has led to a very smooth transition of secretary.

Marousa will now also manage memberships and Sharyn Wood will continue to manage the Griffon Buyer Register

The secretary now has a new email address cgbcnsw@gmail.com if anyone wishes to contact her.

The club thanks Jannelle for all her hard work over the past 12 years as secretary. Jannelle has now stepped into the position of Vice President so will still have an active role in the club.

We also welcome Jillian Mathieson onto the committee and she has already had some fabulous ideas for activities and fund raising, including the wine sales which can be seen in this newsletter. Ashleigh Barber Dale, has stepped down from the Vice President role and is now on the committee

The meeting also elected a new patron, following the passing of Tom Couchman in 2023.

John Sheppard has accepted the position of patron and we look forward to working with him.

John has been a supporter of the club and has owned, bred and showed Griffons.

The club looks forward to a positive 2024 and we welcome suggestions from all members for activities and event that they may enjoy.



Suggestions and Ideas all
welcome



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Fund Raising

We are excited to offer all members a fabulous opportunity to get premium wines from one of the country's leading vineyards

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW is fundraising so we can help more Griffons and more Griffon families in 2024.

We have partnered with **Tamburlaine Organic Wines** to start fundraising.

Tamberlaine Wines are a local winery in the NSW Hunter Valley who pride themselves on being certified organic! Their wines are delicious - with a strong selection from their range all discounted for the fundraiser - so you save whilst supporting the club!



If you order wine via the instructions below, the club will receive \$50 for every 12 bottles sold from the fundraising list.

So, whether you buy one or a dozen, it all helps!

Please share this with your friends and family as they deliver Australia Wide for a flat fee of \$12!

HOW TO ORDER

There are two ways to order:

- Fill in the form and email it to tdoody@tamburlaine.com.au, or
- Call them and tell **them you are ordering off the club's fundraiser** on 02 4998 4250 or 1800 659 956.

Check out their website for more information on their products: www.tamburlaine.com.au.

A great way to support the club and get some top quality wines for yourself





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2022 Moscato Fun and fruity, with flavours of orange blossom and juicy peach fruits. Lightly spritzzy, low alcohol, and refreshing with natural sweetness. V	\$25	\$17	
2022 Pinot Gris Springtime in the orchard, lifted nectarine, kanzi apple and orange blossom. A refreshing crunchy acid finish. V	\$25	\$17	
2022 Sauvignon Blanc Grapefruit, dried herbs and passionfruit aromas with a bright and fresh finish. Sun, surf and sauv . V	\$25	\$17	
2022 Chardonnay Apple blossom and lemon aromas on the nose. Crisp green apple, white nectarine fruits and subtle oak on the palate with vibrant acidity and a clean finish. V	\$25	\$17	
2023 Off-Dry Riesling A playful Off-Dry Riesling style. A fine balance of juicy fruit flavour, natural grape sugar and acidity. V	\$25	\$17	
NV Sweet Phoebe Lifted rose petal and orange blossom aromas with notes of citrus and honey. Named after our granddaughter Phoebe; generous, lots of fun and a true sweetheart by nature. V	\$25	\$17	
2022 Petite Fleur Rosé Rose petal and pink grapefruit on the nose. Juicy red apple and refreshing citrus flavours. But don't let this little flower fool you, this is one serious Rosé. V	\$25	\$17	
2021 Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre Inviting dark cherry, tobacco and spice aromas complement the medium weight palate of generous blue fruit. Fine tannins provide structure and finesse. V	\$25	\$17	
2021 Shiraz Ripe plums and dark cherry fruits with toasty vanilla oak. Soft and generous with a silky finish. Always a crowd pleaser, perfect for lunch or dinner. V	\$25	\$17	
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Head Tilt Winner

A local photographer had a head tilt competition and asked for people to vote for the best head tilt. Of course we all know that Griffons are the masters of the head tilt so it is no surprise that Boots, owned by Bernadette Bull, won the competition.

The Rottweiler was in second place.

Congratulations Boots.



Christmas Head Tilts 2023

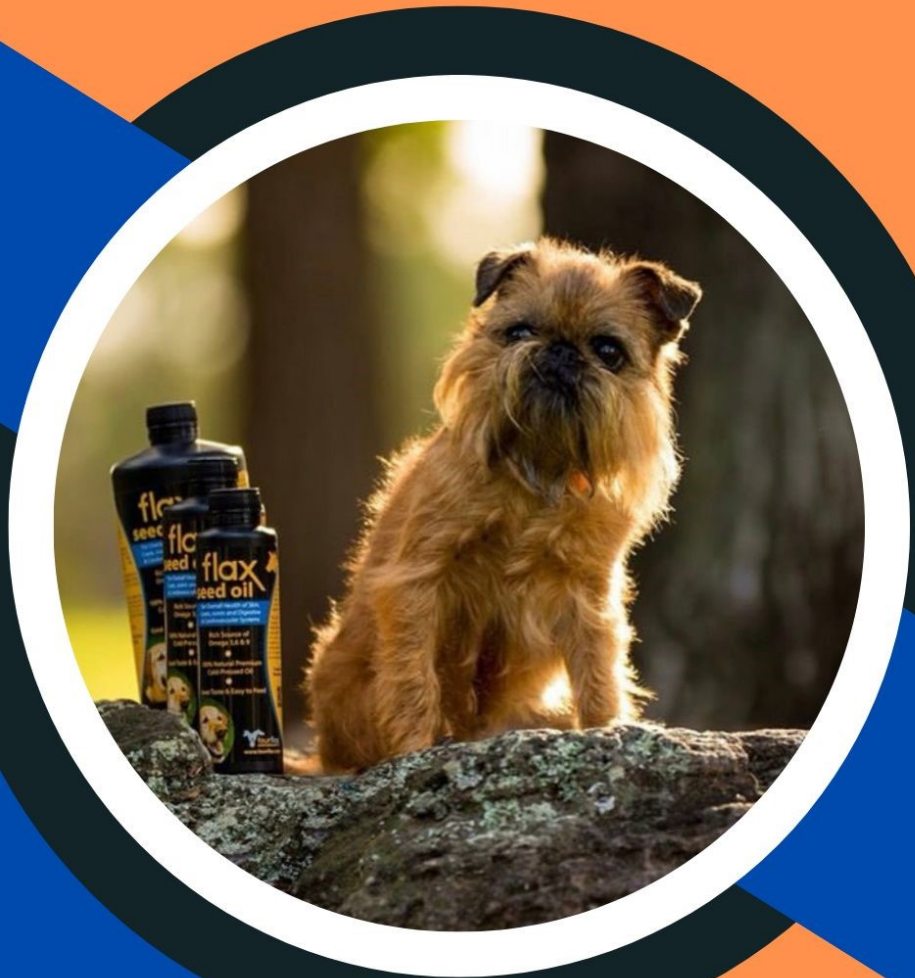




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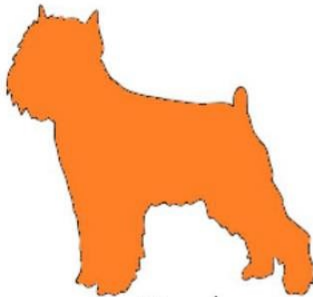
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LIES the PUPPY FARMERS say:

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**



Titles Gained

Congratulations to the following members who have gained titles

Neuter Grand Champion Kango Lady Ma Donna

S: Watagriffon Untouchable

D: Kango Kewpie Doll

Congratulations to our club secretary, **Marousa Polias** and Zsa Zsa. She won Best Neuter in Group at The NSW Womens Dog Club Show, giving Zsa Zsa her final points to make her a Neuter Grand Champion. She is the first Griffon in Australia to gain her Neuter Grand Champion title. A lovely way to finish the 1000 points needed for the title.

Bred by Garry Inifer, she can now be known as **Neuter Grand Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna**. She is Marousa's first show dog and Marousa has done a fantastic job showing her



Ch Tiggindor Captain Courage

S: Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey

D: Alwood Mystery

Congratulations to Lysanda Hooper and Tommy on gaining his Australian Champion title



Ch Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees SWN

S: Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris

D: Nevaending Dark Fortune

Congratulations to Jillian Mathieson and Roy on gaining his Scent Work Novice title. Roy has had a busy year, gaining his championship earlier in the year.





Gr Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay

S: Star Griff Northern Lights

D: Notorious Fuel to Fire

In breaking news, congratulations to members, Kerry Bell and Emily Bell and Booker, who gained his Grand Champion title on Australia at Canberra at only 22 months of age



If you have success with your Griffon, please let me know so that we can celebrate your success



How Griffons Celebrate Summer

Eddie and Freddie, just floating around



Georgie took her family to the drive in- and got the best seat of course



Marcus packed himself into a box- no doubt wanting to be posted somewhere cooler





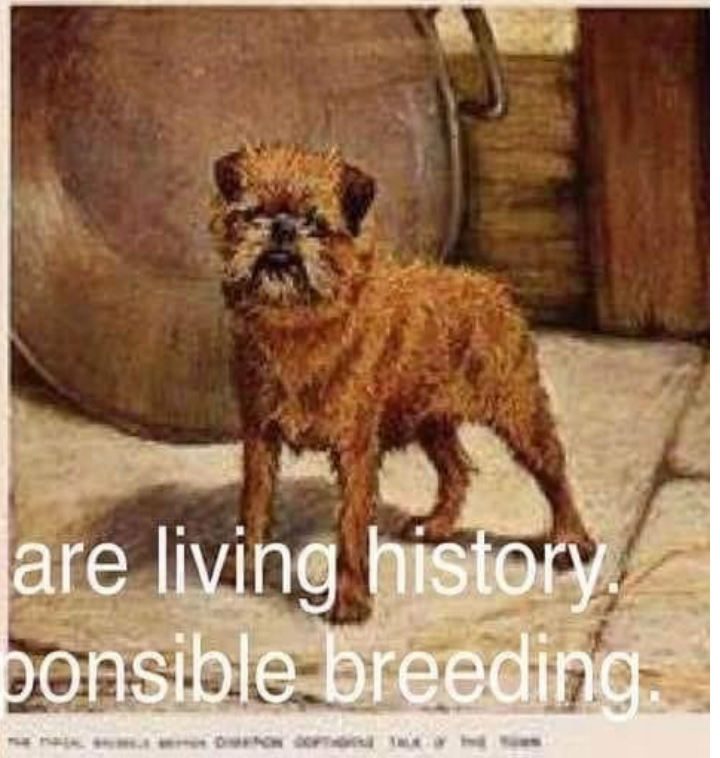
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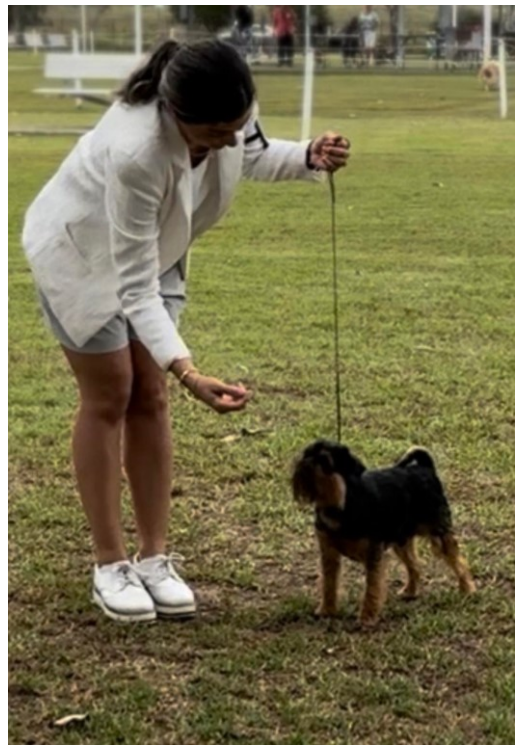


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2023 Point Score Competition

The 2023 Point Score competition finished with the **Wyong Shire KC** show on 2nd December.

Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was **Ch Krusayd Griffon Don Diego** - Marousa Polias



Runner up
Best of
Breed and
Reserve Dog
Challenge
was **Ch
Balliol
Nicholas de
Nimsey**- Jillian Mathieson

Bitch Challenge was **Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler**-
Claire Parker O'Sullivan



Reserve
Bitch
Challenge
was **Ch Balliol Tilly
Tonks of Raweke**-
Michelle Parker
Brien

Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge Neuter was **-Neut Gr Ch
Kango Lady Ma Donna**- Marousa Polias





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2023 Point Score Final Placings

Open Competition

The Winner of the Open Competition was **Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay**, owned and handled by Kerry Bell and her daughter, Emily Bell,



Runner Up in the Open Competition was **Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice**, owned by Terri and Grant Odell



Neuter Competition

The Winner of the Neuter competition was **Neut Gr Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna**- owned by Marousa Polias



Runner Up in the Neuter Competition was **Ch Beaufox Comte de la Fere** owned by Sharyn Wood and Jane Wistuba





Puppy Competition

The winner of the Puppy Competition was **Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay**, owned by Kerry and Emily Bell. He completed the double, winning both Puppy and Open competitions



Runner Up in the Puppy Competition was **Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp** owned by Jasmine Dale and Michelle Parker Brien

A total of 22 dogs participated in the point score for 2023. Thank you to all club members for the support,

sportsmanship and camaraderie at these shows
Congratulations to all the winners

Leading Dogs in the 2023 Point score

- | | | |
|----|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. | Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay | 65 |
| 2. | Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice | 31 |
| 3. | Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp | 28 |
| 4. | Nagpuni Love is a Game | 27 |
| 5. | Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey | 24 |

Neuter Competition

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

Puppy Competition

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|----|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. | Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay | 50 |
| 2. | Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp | 28 |
| 3. | Nagpuni Love is a Game | 27 |





2024 Point Score Information

02/03/2024 Robertson Ag Show	25/04/2024 County of Cumberland Orchard Hills	31/05/2024 Ncle Toy and All Breeds Hillsborough	15/6/2024 Dogs NSW Public Relations Show Orchard Hills Sydney	13/07/2024 Bungendore & Palerang ABKC Mitchell (Near Bathurst)	10/08/ 2024 Bay City Hillsborough	29/9/2024 Nor West Canine Club Castle Hill	19/10/2024 Sthn Highlands KC Berrima	30/11/2024 Wyong Shire KC Saturday Hillsborough
Southern	Sydney	Hunter		Southern	Hunter	Sydney	Southern	Hunter

BREAKDOWN – 9 SHOWS
3 shows in Sydney region
3 shows in Hunter region
3 shows in Southern region

Other Relevant Dates

22nd March – 2nd April – Sydney Royal
Griffon Judging Sydney Royal – 25th March
Our Club Show date – 23rd March 2024

New Point Score Trophy

2024 sees a new innovation for the point score competition.

Our late patron, Tom Couchman, died in 2023 and he was instrumental in the establishment of the point score, and indeed, our club.

In recognition of the support and advice he gave the club, throughout the club life, it was decided, at the last meeting, to name the point score The Tom Couchman Point score in his memory.

The club has been fortunate to have an antique bronze plaque embossed with an early Griffon head, donated to us by Colleen Kirgan Khoury.

This plaque will be mounted and 2024 will be the first year that members will compete for this new perpetual trophy.

The Tom Couchman point score trophy from 2024 onwards will be presented at the club championship show and the winner will be presented with a commemorative trophy.

The Point score shows for 2024 have been arranged to be accessible for most member exhibitors.

They will not commence until March, to avoid the summer heat and they have been allocated with 3 point score shows each in the Sydney, Hunter and Southern areas. The shows are one month apart, as much as is possible and go from March to November.

The point score is not just about competition. They are an opportunity for exhibitors to meet socially, chat and talk Griffons and relax and enjoy the dogs. It is also a good opportunity for visitors to come along and meet the breeders and their Griffons

Looking forward to the 2024 point score!!





Don't Buy A Lie...

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

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



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



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



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



Strong solid bone makes breaks and joint injuries less common



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



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More Griffon Summer Fun

Freddie disguising himself as the seaweed, after a swim in the lake



Hart the beach boy

Neville, getting a little too close to nature on his bush walk



Winnie, when you only have a cat to share the bed with





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Sarah O' Sullivan is offering a specialised minding service to Griffon Owners and members

Located in the Sydney Eastern Suburbs area

Griffons are cared for in the home as a loved pet



Sarah's Specialised Griffon Minding

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The Griffon Buyer Register

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

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

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

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



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

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

Please Note

The following information is important

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

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

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














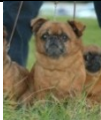








Please inform the club if you have registered to get a Griffon but no longer want one. Recently the Registrar has contacted several people only to be told that they have gotten another breed and no longer want a Griffon. It helps us keep our paperwork up to date if we know that you do not require a Griffon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



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Breeder and Club Directory

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Other Griffon Club Contact Information		
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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.**