



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

# The Phoenix

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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



*Griswold has been cleaning*

*Wednesday. Looking for mischief*





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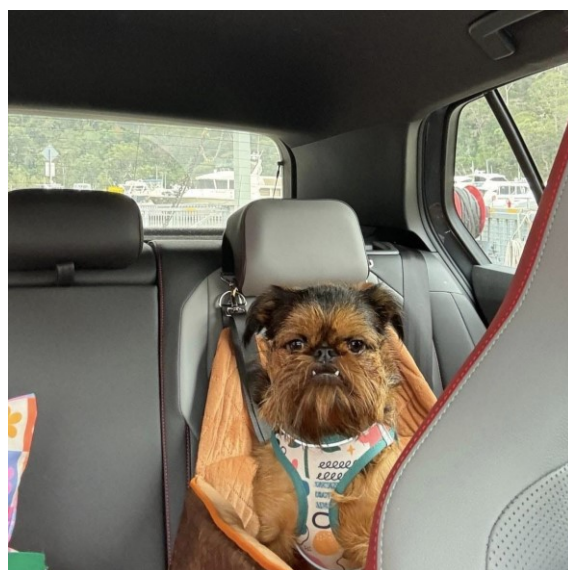
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## Baby you can drive my car!!



*Wiske on holiday*

*Poppy and Remy, in the drivers seat*





## Presidents Report

The club championship shows were a great success with a friendly welcoming atmosphere. We were happy to welcome a number of visitors who came to meet the Griffons and who also brought their loved pet Griffons for an outing. The amazing grazing table and accompanying bubbly at the lunch break contributed to the relaxed atmosphere and gave everyone a chance to chat and talk Griffons. Shows like this take a lot of organising and it isn't possible without the hard work behind the scenes. As

show manager, I would not have such a smooth and efficiently run show without the help of the show committee and executive. Thanks go to Claire Parker O'Sullivan (Show Secretary), Sarah Peddie Mc Guirk (Trophy Secretary) Marousa Polias (Secretary), Jannelle Tremeheere (Vice President), Matt O'Sullivan (Treasurer) for all the hard work behind the scenes. We are a small club with an uncommon breed and we could not run such a successful show without the kind and generous sponsorship of members and supporters. We had donations and sponsorship from not only our Australian supporters but also from supporters in Russia, New Zealand and England. We are very grateful for such support.

Specialty shows are, in my opinion, always the breed pinnacle. And a win at a Specialty is always highly prized as the competition is at a higher standard than the usual All Breeds show. They give breeders, owners and exhibitors a chance to compare dogs, discuss the breed and allow visitors to see some of the best dogs of the breed in the country.

Congratulations to the winners and all the exhibitors, who accepted the judges decisions in a spirit of friendship and sportsmanship.

Our planning for next year is already underway and we look forward to another successful show.

A reminder to members that renewals will be due at the end of June. Our club needs your membership to survive in order to protect and promote our wonderful little dogs.

## Editors Report

This issue has a full show report on both our club shows as well as international reports on the major shows in America and England. We have a detailed critique from our judge for the Gold Show which clearly shows what he was looking for in his judging.

I am always looking for articles of interest or photos, so please email me with results, news and

Maud Earl  
(British, 1864-1943)  
A Griffon and a Goldfish

information







# What Does Our Club Do?

Showing isn't even half of it!

## EDUCATE



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

## ASSIST



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

## PROMOTE



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

## RESCUE



Griffons in need whom often require extensive veterinary and rehabilitation work



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

## Support Responsible Breeders



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## Notice of General Meeting

### AGENDA

**The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW  
General Meeting  
Newcastle & Northern District Kennel Club  
Hillsborough Dog Show Ground  
June 1st 2024**

**Time: Lunchbreak or after judging- not before 10.30**

#### **In Attendance:**

#### **Apologies:**

#### **Treasurers Report:**

#### **Secretary-** Minutes of Previous meeting

Business Arising

Outgoing Correspondence:

Incoming Correspondence:

#### **New members:** to be voted on

Griffon Buyer Register and Membership Report

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- **Committee Report**

Crossbreeding Concerns

Dogs on Show

- **Show Committee Report**

Report on 2024 shows

Selection of judges for 2025

Trophies

- **Events Committee Report**

Report on proceedings for Dog Lovers Organisation

Future events

- Point score updates and review

- BOAS Testing

- Any Other General Business



***Bitch Challenge line up Gold Show***





## Griffon Corner

The New South Wales Government has just released a powerful series of ads against Domestic Violence in all its manifestations.

The ad about coercive control features a woman holding a Griffon, in a café.

The Griffon is Darcie, Ch Nagpuni Shaken Not Stirred, owned and trained by Terri Odell.

She sits patiently on the victim's lap while examples of coercive behaviour

are shown, including showing how perpetrators, threaten the ones you love. In this scene, the perpetrator tries to grab Darcie's lead.

Terrie said that Darcie, with the help of a lot of treats, took it all in her stride.



It is not the first commercial that Darcie has starred in. She is a seasoned performer and has been in the Telstra ad plus some TV shows

This ad is called Its Not Love- Its Coercive Control





## 2024 Championship Shows

The 2024 Griffon shows saw an entry of 36 at both shows and it was lovely to welcome some new exhibitors and the visitors who came to share the Griffon love.

The weather was perfect, mild and clear and the atmosphere was buzzing.

We were excited to have sponsorship by Ruby Rhubarb and Pets on the Park and our fabulous photographer, Kevin Case from Sydney Dog Photography, who donated his services. In addition, we received generous sponsorship from members and supporters, both in Australia and overseas. It shows just how small the Griffon world now is and we are very grateful for the support.

The day started with the **Parade of Golden**



**Oldies**, a class that is not judged, featuring nine fabulous oldies ranging in age from 10 to 15 years. Many of these dogs have been top winning dogs in their day and they loved the opportunity to be out in the ring again. Most importantly they are all loved pets, being spoilt in their well-deserved retirement. The Golden Oldies Parade also featured some of our youngest handlers with Henry, Jemima and Sadie, aged 2, 3 and 4 years of age, all bringing in a dog for the parade. A future generation of Griffon lovers

We were also happy to welcome our oldest club member, Jim Brien who is 96 years of age.



Between the shows we had our usual fabulous champagne buffet with the grazing table supplied by Cherie Bryson







## SILVER SHOW

The Silver show followed the Golden Oldies Parade and was judged by Catherine Loft from the ACT. Following the presentation, she commented on the quality of the Griffons presented for her and how much she enjoyed the judging. She also commented on the friendly atmosphere and sportsmanship of all the exhibitors.

Her **Best in Show and Dog Challenge** was the Spanish import **Ch Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man**, from the Veteran class, owned by Michele Gurney and Caroline Elder. He was really enjoying his time in the ring.



**Runner Up in Show and Best Opposite in Show** was the bitch from the Bred by Exhibitor class, **Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice**, bred, owned and handled by Terri Odell.



**Reserve Dog Challenge and Best Puppy in Show** was **Shigriff Sounds Like a Plan**, owned and bred by Caroline Elder and Michele Gurney. He is the son of the Best in Show winner.

**Reserve Challenge Bitch** was **Ch Nagpuni Shaken not Stirred**, from the veteran class, owned and bred by Terri Odell

Other class winners were:

**Baby Puppy In Show-**  
**Kango Princess Z**, owned by  
Marousa Polias



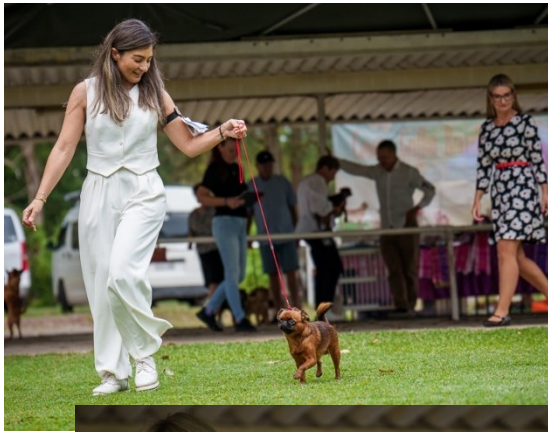
**Opposite Baby in Show-** **Kango Sisu Maverick Prince**, owned by  
Garry Inifer







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**Minor In Show** was **Rosndae Amber Sparkle**, owned by Ros and Dave Finch

**Opposite Puppy in Show** was **Kango Foxy Roxy**, owned by Garry Inifer



**Junior in Show** was **Frenchgriff Bertie Beetle**, owned by Kay Pound

**Intermediate in Show** was **Ch Nagpuni Vieux Curee**, owned by Terri and Grant Odell



**Opposite Intermediate in Show** was **Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp**, owned by Jasmine Dale and Michelle Parker Brien

**Australian Bred in Show** was **Ch Troubadour Mirto Lamentosa**, owned by Sally Stewart and shown by Caitlyn Jones



**Opposite Australian Bred I Show** was **Kango Ebony Prince**, owned by Gen Hong

**Opposite Bred By Exhibitor in Show** was **Ch Nevaending Sinners and Saints**, owned by Jannelle Tremeenheere





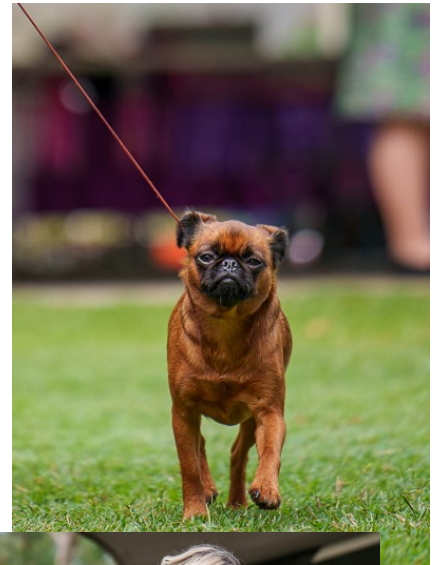


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***Open in Show*** was **Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke** owned by Michelle Parker Brien

***Opposite Open in Show*** was **Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey**, owned by Jillian Mathieson and Michelle Parker Brien



***Best Neuter in Show*** was **Ch Balliol Octavia Owl**, owned by Bernadette Bull and Michelle Parker Brien

***Reserve Neuter in Show*** was **Nevaending Golden Chanterelle**, owned by Jannelle Tremenheere.

Some more photos from the Silver show



***Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna***

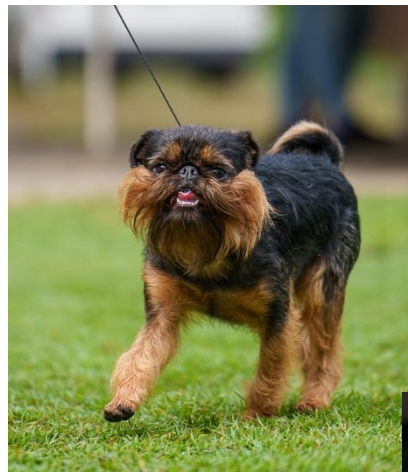
***Ch Krusayd Griffon Don Diego***



***Ch Nagpuni Secret Agent, RN, TKS***



***Nevaending Louisiana Magic***



***Balliol Queenie Quickspell***







## Gold show

The Gold Show is the show that features the Kerry Taylor Memorial Trophy for Best in Show. The Judge for this show was Mr John Nichols who we asked to critique the dogs for us. We thank him for his thoughtful and detailed evaluation of the dogs.

### Critique

Thank you for asking me to judge your Gold Show. It was a pleasure to be part of a show where everyone was having a great time and in such a friendly atmosphere.

Overall, the quality of the exhibits was very good and I managed to find many quality dogs to place. There were only a few which I call off type. They did not have the required short nose and layback which is unique to the Griffon. The layback tips the nose up and back, high between the eyes giving the deep stop and pert expression.

### Dogs

**Baby Puppy Dog- 1<sup>st</sup> 1. Kango Siso Maverick Prince B/T** smooth coat of good type. Square, Cobby with level top line and correct tail set. Head correct for his age with good turnout and layback. Lips fitting neatly. Movement true albeit a little uncontrolled with enthusiasm. Baby in Show



**Puppy Dog- 1<sup>st</sup> 2. Shigriff** Sounds like a Plan.

Young 11 month old puppy. Excellent type, correct expression, full of quality. Square compact, level top line, correct tail set. Excellent head, nose deep set, nestled level with eyes with good turnout and layback. Ears correct with neat fitting lips. Coat texture good and harsh. Movement true but a little close. Still very much a puppy. When he matures and fills out and becomes more masculine he has the potential to be quite special. Puppy In Show



**Junior Dog- 1<sup>st</sup> 3. Frenchgriff Bertie Beetle.** A red smooth coat with a good square compact body, level top line with correct tail set and neat feet. Well placed ears carried correctly. Would prefer shorter foreface with deeper set nose and layback. His expression could be more typical. Junior in Show



**Intermediate Dog – 2 exhibits – a close decision**

**1<sup>st</sup> 4. Nevafollo Bertie Botts.** A red smooth of good type with correct head and expression. Square with level top line, good tail set and neat feet. Moved a little close behind. Intermediate in Show

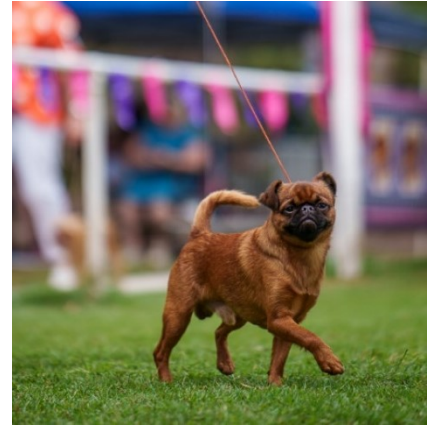




*2<sup>nd</sup> 5. Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp. A red smooth coat with correct head and good expression. Large deep set nose, dark eyes and well placed ears. Not quite as compact and cobby. Slightly more leggy than the first in class*



*Aust Bred Dog – 1<sup>st</sup> 7. Ch Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees. Red smooth coat-square dog with level top line with good chest and body. Head medium sized with good chin, stop and turnup. Lips neat fitting. Eyes dark and medium sized with correct expression. Opposite Aust Bred in Show*



*2<sup>nd</sup> 6. Kango Ebony Prince. A wire coated dog of good type with a well shaped head, large dark eyes, good size, nose pad deeply positioned, correct ear set, neat lips and good expression. The black wire coat had red through it and would*

*prefer harsher texture but this could be a presentation problem. Unfortunately, he lacked confidence and moved close behind*



**Bred by Exhibitor-** 1<sup>st</sup> Ch Nevaending Sinners and Saints. A red wire coated dog with a very good outline and balance, correct expression. A large well shaped head, good dark eye, well placed ears, good chin, stop and turn up. Neat fitting lips. Movement true. His coat unfortunately let him down. Opposite Bred by Exhibitor in Show

#### **Open Dog Two in Class**

1<sup>st</sup> 10. Ch  
Balliol  
Nicholas de  
Nimsey. A

*red wire haired dog of very good type. Square, compact, well sprung ribs, level top line, correct tail set and moved correctly. Head large and round, deep set nose placed correctly between and level with eyes. Good wide lower jaw, chin, stop and turn up.as with many of the wire coats was in transition. A neat unexaggerated dog deserving his Res Dog Challenge and Runner Up Best in Show*







*2<sup>nd</sup> 9. Ch Krusayd Griffon Don Diego. A B/T wire coated dog of good type, square compact body, with correct head with excellent large dark eyes, deep set nose placed correctly. Good expression. Ears were a little low set. Would prefer slightly more neck and a better tail carriage.*

### **Veteran Dog**

*1<sup>st</sup> 13. Ch Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man. A red wire dog of excellent type and balance. My Notes say WOW. – nothing to change. A compact square dog with well sprung ribs, level top line, good chest. Masculine and full of quality. Head large and round, large black nose pad, deep set with correct lay back Wide lower jaw, correct turn up, with neat fitting lips. Coat crisp and harsh. Well deserved challenge dog and Best in Show*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum- not the type I prefer*

### **Bitches**

**Baby Puppy Bitch** *1<sup>st</sup> 14 Kango Princess Z. B/T wire coated puppy of very nice type. Square compact body, level top line, tail set a little low but carries*

*correctly. Head was correct with sweet cheeky expression. Movement true. At this stage I felt she was a little light in body and substance. A nice baby. Opposite Baby in Show*



**Minor Puppy Bitch** *1<sup>st</sup> 16. Rosndae Amber Sparkle. A red smooth coated bitch of very good type and balance. A feminine head with very good chin, stop, turnup. Ears correct, neat fitting lips with excellent large dark expressive eyes. Tail set slightly low and unfortunately unsettled on the move. Minor Puppy in Show*





**Puppy Bitch** 1<sup>st</sup> 17. Kango Foxy Roxy. A red smooth coated bitch of nice type. Square, compact, a little wide in front and tail set a little low. Head correct shape, nose deep set with good lay back and level with eyes. Good turn up, deep stop, neat fitting lips. Prefer ears to be higher on the head. She was unsettled and lacked confidence on the move. Carried her tail down. Puppy in Show

**Intermediate Bitch**  
3 in class



1<sup>st</sup> 19. Ch Nagpuni Vieux Curee. A red wire bitch of good type. B0ddy square, compact, level top line with correct tail set and neat feet. Head correct with good chin and turn up, deep stop, and deep set nose with lay back. Ears correct, eyes a little small but correct pert expression. Movement was true and correct. Opposite Intermediate in Show

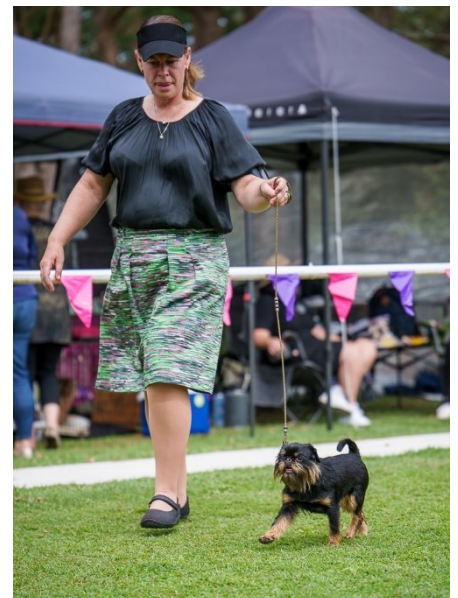
2<sup>nd</sup> 20. Nagpuni Love is a Game. A red smooth coated bitch of good type. Similar comments to the 1<sup>st</sup> place but this bitch had correct large dark eyes however her movement was not as correct.



3<sup>rd</sup>. 18. Balliol Queenie Quickspell. A red smooth bitch of a different type to the two above

**Aust Bred Bitch**  
6 in class

1<sup>st</sup> 25. Troubadour Mirto Lamentosa. A B/T wire bitch of very good type. Correct square compact body, well sprung ribs, level top line, correct tail carriage. Correct head with chin and good turn up. Excellent large dark eyes, deep set nose correctly placed level with the eyes. True Griffon expression, Movement a little close behind. Aust Bred in Show



2<sup>nd</sup> 24. Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey. A red smooth coated bitch of good typ. A good square compact body, excellent tail set and carriage. Prefer less rise over the loin. A typical feminine head, correct chin and turn up, lips neat fitting with good pert expression. Would prefer slightly shorter nose. Movement true and correct.





*3<sup>rd</sup> 22. Nevaending Louisiana Magic. A B/T wire coated bitch of good type. Smaller size but correct square, compact body. Correct feminine head and movement. Very close decision between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>*



**Bred by Exhibitor 1<sup>st</sup>**

*27. Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice. A red smooth coated bitch of excellent type. Sturdy compact body, level top line, good chest, small compact feet. Very nice feminine head, well positioned deep set nose, neat lips, excellent wide chin and turn up and correct lay back. Prefer ears higher set, A worthy challenge winner. In in General Specials, after two shows and at the end of a hot, humid day, she was losing interest and did not carry her tail as correctly*

*as earlier in the day. Bitch Challenge Best Bred by Exhibitor in Show*

**Open Bitch**

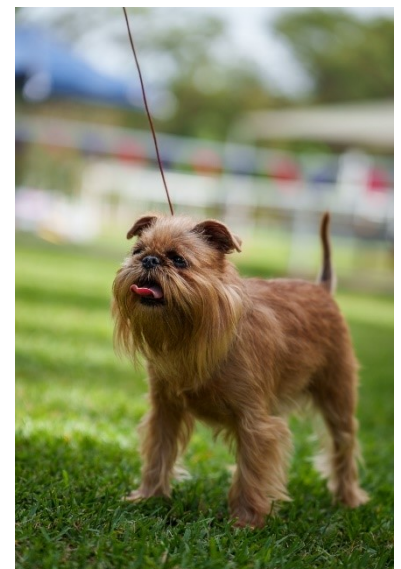
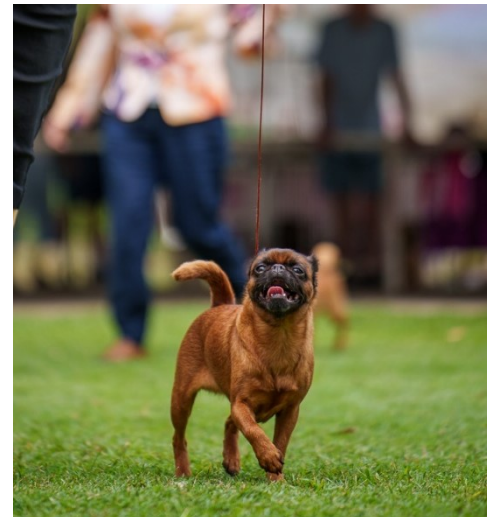
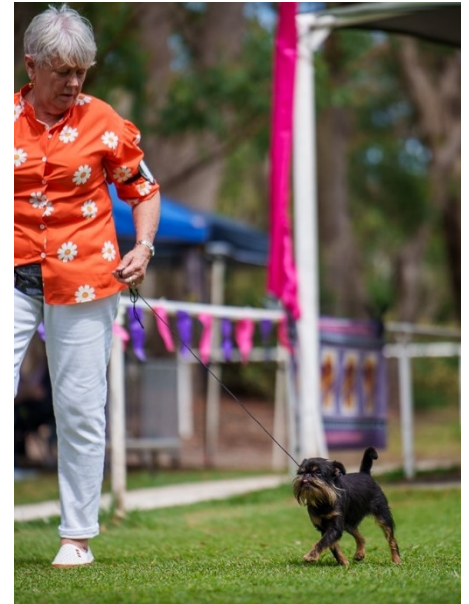
*3 in class*

*1<sup>st</sup> 29. Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke. A red smooth coated bitch of good type. Well balanced square, compact bitch with level top line and correct tail. Typical female head with good wide lower jaw and chin with turn up. Dark eyes, deep set nose and stop. Ears carries high and slightly flying. Opposite Open in Show*



*2<sup>nd</sup> 28. Nevaending Dark Fortune, A small B/T wire coated bitch of good type and balance. Body square, compact with good spring of rib. Level top line and tail set correct. A very good feminine head and correct pert expression. A close decision between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

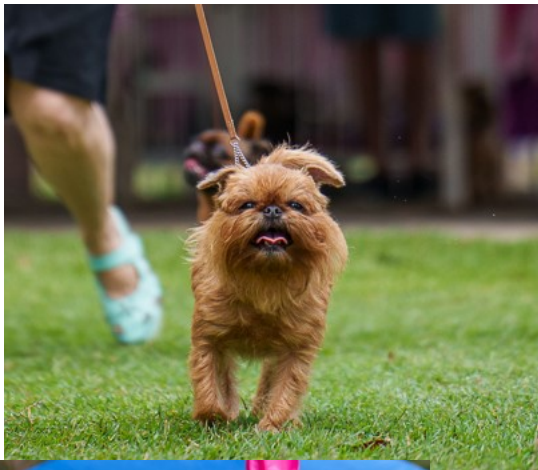
*3<sup>rd</sup> 30. Nevafollo Mischief Managed. A red wire coated bitch with a good head, correct chin, deep set nose, correct expression. Top line had a slight rise in the loin and the tail was a little low set. Would prefer a harsher textured coat. Movement was unsettled.*







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**Veteran Bitch** 1<sup>st</sup> 31. Ch Nagpuni Shaken Not Stirred. A red wire coated bitch of excellent type. My notes say "Just my type". Compact square body, well sprung ribs, level top line, correct tail set. Excellent feminine head, Large black nose set deep, well positioned ears and true Griffon expression. Out of coat but texture correct. Unfortunately, her hind movement let her down, however a very worthy Reserve Challenge winner. Opposite Veteran in Show

**Neuter**  
No Critques



Ch Balliol Octavia Owl. Neuter in Show

Neut Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna. Reserve Neuter in Show

More photos from  
the Gold Show -Happy Winners





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## Sydney Royal

Sydney Royal Griffon judging was on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and the judge was Mr Juha Kares from Finland, the second year in a row that an FCI judge was appointed to judge the Griffons.

The entry was 11, consisting of 4 dogs and 7 bitches, including 2 Baby Puppies and 1 Neuter bitch



The Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was **Troubadour Mirto Lamentosa** owned and bred by Sally Stewart and handled by Caitlyn Jones

The judges critique

### Best of Breed

Beautiful, very showy feminine bitch who loves the world. Feminine head, beautiful eyes. Good shoulders. Nice ribcage. Love her proportions. Very balanced and such a proud mover. Perfect tail. Such a show girl.



Runner Up Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was **Ch. Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay**, owned by Kerry Bell and handled by Emily Bell

The critique

### Runner Up Best of Breed

Classical handsome masculine male. Very nice head and beautiful eyes. Nice ears. Well-developed ribcage. Great coat and colour. Unfortunately, carried a bit too much weight today. Excellent tail and a very nice mover.



Best Puppy was **Lochtay Icepick Willie**, owned by Kerry and Emily Bell

### Puppy of Breed

Handsome puppy with a lot of potential. Excellent proportions. Very good coat and colour. Nice character and shows already very well. A great mover.





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## Full Results- GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS

**Baby Puppy Dog** 1<sup>st</sup> KANGO SISU MAVERICK PRINCE

**Puppy Dog** 1<sup>st</sup> LOCHTAY ICE PICK WILLIE

**Intermediate Dog** 1<sup>st</sup> CH. SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY

**Open Dog** 1<sup>st</sup> CH. KRUSAYD GRIFFON DON DIEGO

**Dog Challenge** CH. SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY

**Reserve Challenge** LOCHTAY ICE PICK WILLIE

**Baby Puppy Bitch** 1<sup>st</sup> KANGO PRINCESS Z

### **Puppy Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> ROSNDAE AMBER SPARKLE

2<sup>nd</sup> KANGO FOXY ROXY (2100604245)

### **Australian Bred Bitch**

1<sup>st</sup> TROUBADOUR MIRTO LAMENTOSA

2<sup>nd</sup> CH. NAGPUNI GINGER SPICE (

**Open Bitch** 1<sup>st</sup> CH. NAGPUNI SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

**Bitch Challenge** TROUBADOUR MIRTO LAMENTOSA

**Reserve Challenge** CH. NAGPUNI GINGER SPICE

**Best of Breed** TROUBADOUR MIRTO LAMENTOSA

**Runner up Best of Breed** CH. SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY

**Best Baby Puppy of Breed** KANGO PRINCESS Z

**Best Puppy of Breed** LOCHTAY ICE PICK WILLIE

### **Best Neuter of Breed**

**Neuter Bitch** 1<sup>st</sup> NEUT. CH. ROSNDAE LITTLE BLACK DRESS

**Best of Breed Neuter Rosndae Little Black Dress**



**Best Baby Kango Princess Z**



**Reserve Bitch Challenge Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice**







## Health

### Understanding your Griffon's seasons (information from The Kennel Club UK)



If you own a bitch (female dog) that hasn't been neutered, it's important to understand when your dog is likely to have her first season, how often they happen, what to expect and symptoms to keep an eye out for that she's in heat. As a responsible dog owner, you are the one who needs to ensure that accidents don't occur.

#### **What is a season?**

A dog's season, otherwise known as being 'in heat', is the part of a female's reproductive cycle that can allow her to become pregnant. When she is in season, your dog may act differently and her genitals may swell and produce a discharge. Knowing how to recognise the signs of heat, and being able to roughly predict when a dog is in season, can help owners avoid unwanted pregnancies and allow breeders to know when their dog is fertile.

#### **Your dog's first season**

Your dog's breed and size play a big part in when she is likely to have her first season. Most smaller breeds can have their first season at around six months old, but this can vary quite a lot from dog to dog, while some larger breeds may not go in to heat until they are over a year old. Having her first season is a sign that she is now sexually mature and is physically able to have puppies. For some dogs, it's obvious that they're having a season, while for others, the signs may be more subtle.

#### **How often do dogs come into season?**

After your dog has had her first season, she is likely to continue to have regular seasons, usually every six to seven months. How regular your dog's seasons are can depend on her size and breed. Younger dogs may have irregular seasons to start with, but these usually settle down and become more consistent within a few seasons. Your dog's seasons can be affected by being in the company of other females that are in season.

#### **At what age does a dog stop having seasons?**

Dogs don't go through the menopause like humans do. Instead, they carry-on having seasons throughout their life. This means that they are able to get pregnant at any age. The ANKC will not usually register a litter to a dam over the age of eight, without a veterinary certificate and responsible breeders won't breed from a dog once they are at this age because of an increased risk





of complications during pregnancy and birth. As your dog gets older, the length of time between their seasons can get longer. This is nothing to worry about and is just part of the aging process.

#### **How long is a season?**

Dogs are usually in season for about three weeks, but this may be as short as two weeks or as long as four.

#### **Signs your dog is coming into season**

Some dogs may have very obvious physical signs that they are in heat, while others may be more subtle.

Signs your dog is in season may include:

- Their vulva (the outer parts of their genitals) becoming swollen and red. Some dogs may be more noticeable than others. This change usually happens a few days before they begin to bleed. Some swell noticeably, some hardly swell at all. As an owner you need to be very vigilant
- A vaginal discharge that can start off bloody but may become watery and more pinkish as their season progresses. For some dogs, the discharge may be more yellow in colour or can be brown
- Cleaning their genitals more than usual by licking them
- Weeing more often

Some females may bleed heavily, and this may be normal for your dog, but if you are concerned then always speak to your vet for advice.

#### **Common behaviours of dogs in season**

As your dog comes into season, and certain hormones begin to increase, you may notice her behaving differently. This might include:

- Being more friendly to other dogs, particularly males
- Going out of her way to look for potential mates. When in season, and especially as she becomes more fertile, she may be less inclined to return to you when called
- Mounting other dogs, pets, furniture, toys or you
- Moving her tail to one side when touched or when around male dogs
- Being anxious, clingy, fidgety or nervous
- Nesting or gathering toys where she sleeps
- Being off her food
- Being more domineering
- Marking her territory with urine
- Being defensive of other dogs going near her rear end

Your dog's behaviour may change throughout her season, for example she may be defensive of dogs sniffing her at the beginning or at the end of her season, but may be keen to let them investigate her when she is most fertile. All of these behaviours are natural and nothing to be concerned about and should disappear once she's finished her season.

#### **How long does a dog in heat bleed?**

Most dog's bleed for roughly seven to 10 days (around half of their cycle). Your dog bleeding is a sign that their body is undergoing changes that help her to become fertile.

#### **How much does a dog in season bleed?**

Some dogs may bleed heavily, while for others it may be barely noticeable. Although some dogs may have a very obvious bloody discharge, it may be less noticeable depending on how much they groom and clean themselves. Some Griffons don't really bleed very much at all.







### **Do dogs get 'period' cramps?**

It is difficult to tell. Without dogs being able to tell us how they feel, it is hard to know what your dog is going through, but we suspect that it's generally not painful. Some dogs do seem to be uncomfortable during their season and may be a little fidgety, but it is unusual for there to be any obvious signs of pain.

### **Do female dogs hump when they come into season?**

Yes. A surge in hormones may cause your dog to want to mate and is a common sign of a female in heat. She may try to mount or thrust on other dogs (male or female), other pets, toys, furniture, cushions or even you (especially legs).

### **Do dogs pee more when in season?**

When your dog is in season, she may pee more often and may use her urine to scent mark when out for a walk, in the garden or even around the house. When in heat, your dog's urine contains hormones and pheromones that tell other dogs that she is fertile. Male dogs can smell these hormones and may try to visit her, or may urinate near your house in an attempt to stake their claim.

### **How to take care for a dog when she is in heat**

During her season, your dog may seem uncomfortable, anxious and a little confused about the



changes that are occurring to her body. All dogs are different and some dogs may need more comforting than others. To help your dog you could:

- Keep her distracted with games and play these around the house
- Take her for regular exercise (away from male dogs who may show an interest in her) or exercise her in her garden
- Give her a treat filled toy – remember to count these as part of her daily calorie intake
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### **How can I keep my house clean with a dog in heat?**

Each dog is different, some dogs may not bleed a lot, and others may be meticulously clean and lick themselves to get rid of any discharge. However, if you're concerned about your dog making a mess when in season then you could limit her access to sofas, bedding and carpeted areas. Some people put down plenty of towels in areas that their dog

usually sits and others use special pants that help to catch the blood.

### **Can you get 'period pants' for dogs in season?**

Yes. If your dog tends to bleed heavily during her season, then you can buy pants specifically designed for dogs that stop them bleeding on the floor and furniture. Some dogs may not find them comfortable, so try getting your dog used to them before they're in season. Remember that although these pants may do a good job of keeping your house clean, they **will not** be effective at preventing her from attracting a mate or successfully mating.

### **Should I walk a dog in season?**

Ideally No. During her season, your dog will be very interesting and attractive to males, and the feeling may be mutual, especially when she's ovulating. To prevent any unwanted interest, or accidental matings, if you have to walk her, it may be best to walk your dog at quieter times of the



day and stick to quieter areas where you know not many people walk their dog. During this time, **always keep your dog on the lead** to stop her from running off to a potential mate. Keep her close by in case any interested males do come too close. If possible, you could give them exercise and stimulation at home or in your garden.

### **Complications of dogs' seasons**

After a dog's season, some dogs may show signs of a false pregnancy. This is a condition that causes them to act as if they were pregnant when they are actually not, with them producing milk and even gathering objects into a nest as if they were puppies.

False pregnancy is caused by a change in hormones and is common in unneutered dogs. Many dogs will experience these effects and recover from them naturally, but they can be stressful and can lead to more serious complications, such as pyometra. Pyometra is accumulation of pus in the uterus (womb), which can be life threatening.

Signs of 'pyometra' can include:

- Being off her food
- Seeming tired
- Being sick
- Drinking more
- Licking her genitals
- Having a smelly vaginal discharge.

If you notice any changes in the patterns of your dog's season, especially if they appear to remain in season for an unusually long time, you should talk to your vet.



### **Dogs seasons and mating - when to mate your dog**

All responsible breeders recommend waiting until your dog is physically and mentally mature before mating them. This usually means letting them have several seasons before breeding.

Female dogs are only fertile when they are in heat. Once she is in season, the time that your dog releases her eggs and becomes keen to mate, usually coincides with her discharge becoming watery. You could use this as a sign to mate your dog, but some dogs may not have very noticeable discharge and using this method is not very reliable. There are two tests that your vet can perform that are more accurate. These include a vaginal smear test and a blood test that checks progesterone levels.

### **Understanding the stages of your dog's season**

During a dog's reproductive cycle, changes in her hormone levels cause her to behave differently and for her genitals to undergo a change, all to increase the ability of her becoming pregnant.

There are four main stages to a dog's reproductive cycle and these are:

- **Proestrus:** A dog's oestrogen levels start to rise in preparation for her to release her ova (eggs). Her vulva may swell and she may produce a bloody discharge. Although male dogs may begin to take an interest in her, she may not be keen to mate, and may not be happy about dogs sniffing around her. This stage usually lasts for around nine days, but varies from dog to dog.
- **Oestrus:** As her oestrogen levels drop, her progesterone levels begin to increase. This is the time when your dog is most fertile. She will have released her eggs and will allow herself to be mated. Her vulva will still be swollen and her discharge will be less bloody and may now be pink or straw coloured. She may present herself to males and may move her tail out of the way to encourage males to mate. This stage usually lasts just a few days.





- **Diestrus:** During this stage, your dog will no longer be fertile, but she will still be producing progesterone to help if she's pregnant. During this time, her vulva will become less swollen and she will show less interest in mating and in males. If she is not pregnant, high levels of progesterone can cause phantom pregnancies.
- **Anoestrus:** This is the time when her hormone levels return to normal and is the period before her next heat cycle begins.

#### **How long after bleeding is a dog fertile?**

In humans, a woman's period is a sign that she has finished ovulating, but in dogs it's actually a sign that they are about to become more fertile. Dog's may start with a very bloody discharge, but this changes and become watery over time. This can indicate that she is at her most fertile and this stage can last for around 10 days, but varies from dog to dog and may be breed dependant.

#### **What if my dog mates during her season?**

If your dog mates during her season, and it was not an intentional mating, then speak to your vet as soon as possible. There are certain injections that can be used within the first few days after mating that can prevent pregnancy. Your vet will be able to give you advice about your options and can discuss any risks involved.

#### **How to prevent pregnancy when in season**

During your dog's season, she will become very attractive to males and may be keen on mating with them. To prevent your dog from becoming pregnant, it is important that you keep her away from male dogs.

To do this you could:

- Walk her on a lead at quieter times of the day, or in places where there are fewer dogs
- Avoid taking her around to other people's houses who have unneutered males, or to any socialisation classes
- Avoid leaving her alone in the garden. Some males may be able to smell that she is in heat and may try to get into your garden to mate with her
- If you have any unneutered male dogs in the house, and do not want them to mate, then you **must** keep them separated for the entire time

#### **Can a dog get pregnant when not in heat?**

No. Your dog can only get pregnant when they are in season, but most bitches will only mate when they are in season. If your dog has let herself be mated, then it could be that she is in heat. This is the time that their body becomes most fertile and releases an egg, ready for fertilisation. They are most fertile for several days in the middle of their heat cycle. But it's still possible that, due to sperm usually being viable for several days (or even up to two weeks) after mating, if they are mated before their most fertile period, they can still become pregnant.



#### **Not breeding from your dog? Have you considered neutering?**

If you're not thinking of mating your dog, then you may want to consider investigating whether to have them neutered. Neutering is a common operation. It stops your dog from getting pregnant and means that they don't have seasons anymore. Neutering can also reduce certain behaviours and lowers the risk of certain health issues.



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## Point Score 2024

The revised point score shows for 2024.

02/03/2024 Robertson Ag Show Southern	25/04/2024 County of Cumberland Orchard Hills Sydney	01/06/2024 Northern All Breeds Hillsborough Hunter	15/6/2024 Dogs NSW Public Relations Show Orchard Hills Sydney	13/07/2024 Bungendore & Palerang ABKC Mitchell (Near Bathurst) Southern	10/08/ 2024 Bay City Hillsborough  Hunter	29/9/2024 Nor West Canine Club Castle Hill  Sydney	19/10/2024 Sthn Highlands KC Berrima  Southern	30/11/2024 Wyong Shire KC Saturday Hillsborough Hunter
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To date we have had two point score shows for the year.

### 1. Robertson Ag Show 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Best of Breed and Dog CC was **Ch Swedndreams  
Firefox at Lochtay**- Kerry and Emily Bell



Runner Up Best of Breed and Reserve Dog CC was **Ch  
Lochtay Icepick Willie**. Kerry and Emily Bell

### 2. County of Cumberland 25<sup>th</sup> April

Best of Breed and Dog CC was **Lochtay Vinnie  
Gigante**, owned by Jane Wistuba and Kerry Bell  
Also Best Puppy







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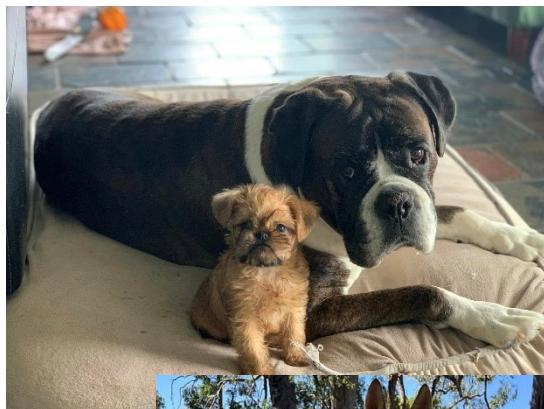
Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch CC was **Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice**, Terri Odell

Best Neuter was **Neut Ch Rosndae Little Black Dress**, Ros and Dave Finch.



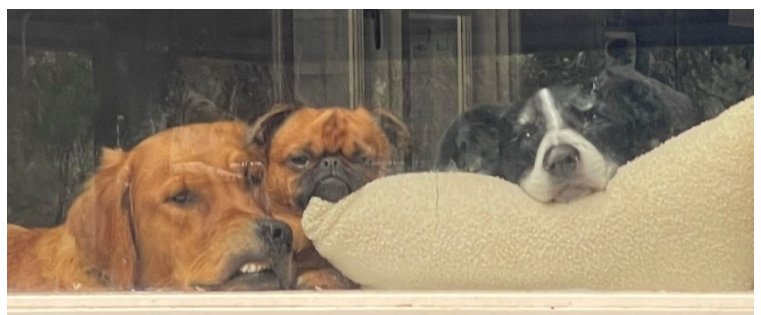
The Top Dogs in the point score at present are:

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|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay  | 13                      |
| 2. | Ch Lochtay Ice Pick Willie         | 13 also leading Puppy   |
| 3. | Lochtay Vinnie Gigante             | 10                      |
| 4. | Neut Ch Rosndae Little Black Dress | 10(Also leading Neuter) |
| 5. | Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice            | 8                       |
| 6. | Nagpuni Love is a Game             | 5                       |
| 7. | Kango Princess Z                   | 3                       |
| 8. | Rosndae Amber Sparkle              | 3                       |
| 9. | Frenchgriff Bertie Beetle          | 2                       |



## Griffons and Friends

*sharing photos of Griffons and other breeds*







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## Griffon Achievements

Congratulations to these Griffons for outstanding performance achievements. Proving once again just what smart, talented multi-tasking little dogs they are.

**Ch Nagpuni Mister Bigg JD**, known as Tango. He is developing into an outstanding Agility dog.

Gaining his JDX and AD titles.

Trained and owned by Alex Deasy



**Morty, Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey** gained his Scent Work Novice title, in two trials and seven straight tests. Outstanding

scent work

Owned and trained by Jillian Mathieson



Not to be left out, his brother from another mother, Roy, **Ch Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees**,



commenced Advanced Scent work with some qualifications and the judges award in Advanced interiors. Trained and owned by Jillian Mathieson





Despite the cold and wet weather, **Bunny, Ch Nagpuni In The Midnight Hour RA** 'competed in Rally Advanced getting 95 points out of 100. She was leading until the final dog when she got second place on a countback. Owned and trained by Terri Odell



**Kenzie, Armourgriff Highway Star SWN**, has also successfully started her Advanced Scent work trialling gaining passes in some of the elements, Owned and trained by Kelly pilgrim Byrne



**Rory, Ch Nagpuni Secret Agent RN.TK.S** gained his Starters Tricks Title last week. Owned by Terri Odell He was handled superbly by Shirley Tulk. Now moving up into Novice Tricks



Any Griffon can

participate in all Performance activities. Even if you bought your Griffon from an unregistered breeder, you can register them on the Associate Register with the ANKC . They just need to be neutered. You can join the ANKC of your state and you and your Griffon can have fun. Our club supports all Griffons in these activities





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## LIES the PUPPY FARMERS say:

THE LIE	THE TRUTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The first Chocolate/Blue etc in Australia</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The colour is unique or rare</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is not. It is a dilute gene that has always existed and was known about by early breeders in the 1800's</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is the same as the chocolate gene in Dachshund (or any other breed that carries chocolate.)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It is not. Different breeds have different genetics. What is safe in one breed is not safe in others</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Registered Breeders don't understand genetics. I have bred for different colours and I know what I am doing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It will open up or broaden the gene pool</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There are no health problems. My pups are all healthy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There are no health problems with the chocolate/liver colour only the blue. I am only breeding the chocolate/liver</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Yes the blue has more serious health problems in the first cross generation. <b>BUT</b> research is showing that when breeders deliberately double or triple up on the liver/chocolate gene the potential for health problems increase.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Breeders are just snobs or racist when they complain about the colours.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Some registered breeders have bred from chocolate dogs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>They are my dogs and I will breed what I want. My dogs are healthy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>My friend/son/ daughter etc has a chocolate /blue and it is healthy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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?</li></ul>

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



## Titles and Awards Gained

Congratulations to Rocky, **Ch Shigriff Sartorial Splendour**, who gained his championship for owner, Abbie Love. He is Abbies first Griffon and first show dog.

Congratulations to Ros and Dave Finch and Millie, **Neut Ch Rosndae Little Black Dress**, for her Neuter in Group at Camden



Congratulations to Boots, **Ch Balliol Octavia Owl**, who won Neuter in Group at Lake Macquarie ABKC show. Owned by Bernadette Bull



Congratulations to Morty, **Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey**, who won Open in Group at a muddy Stroud show. Owned by Jillian Mathieson



Congratulations to **Gr Ch A20 Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay**, owned by Kerry and Emily Bell on gaining his A20 title. The first Griffon in Australia to have gained this title. He also won BIS at the Toy Group show in Canberra and Runner Up in Group at St George Club show







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Congratulation to **Ch Lochtay Icepick Willie** on gaining his Championship title. Owned by Kerry and Emily Bell. He also won Puppy in Show at the Canberra Toy Show and also at both the Canberra Toy Group Shows

*Congratulations*



*Congratulations*

Congratulations to Zali, **Kango Princess Z**, on winning Baby Puppy in Show at The Flat Face Toy Club show. Owned by Marousa Polias



Congratulations to Ronald, **Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp**. Winning Intermediate in Group at Morisset Shows. Owned by Jasmine Dale

*Congratulations*

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



## Easter vacations

*Wiske went to the lake but*

*Poppy was still waiting.*







## Results from Other Countries

### The UK

It has been a busy time in The UK with Crufts followed by Some specialty shows

#### Crufts

Crufts was judged by Mr Stuart Plane.



*Best of Breed and Dog CC- Zilcan Monkey Business*

Griffon Bruxellois

Griffon Bruxellois - Judge: Mr S Plane

#### Dog Challenge Certificate

3698 - Zilcan Monkey Business (Mr M, Mrs C & Miss F Selby, Allen & Whithead)

#### Reserve Dog Challenge Certificate

3677 - Shevilan He Won't Miss His Shot Jww23 (Mrs E A Konycheva)

#### Bitch Challenge Certificate

3693 - Zilcan Blazinickers (Mr M & Miss C & Miss Fiona Selby & Allen & Whitehead)

#### Reserve Bitch Challenge Certificate

3647 - Am Ch Harpersband Poison (Mrs O Baranova)

#### Best Of Breed

3698 - Zilcan Monkey Business (Mr M, Mrs C & Miss F Selby, Allen & Whithead)

#### Best Puppy

3695 - Zilcan Parker (Mr M & Miss F & Mrs Mc & Mrs C Selby & Whitehead & Hannigan & Allen)

#### Best Veteran

3709 - Ch Harpersband Case in Point at Balthazar JW (Imp Rus) (Miss M Swinge)



*Some of the winning Dogs at Crufts*





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## Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association Championship Show

Held 30th March 2024 - Judge Espen Engh



**Best in Show and DCC-  
Ch Zilcan Monkey  
Business .**

**Reserve Best in Show  
Reserve DCC Donzeata  
Royal Agent**



**Best Opposite Sex and  
Bitch - Zilcan Blazinickers**

**Reserve Bitch CC - Beauborne  
Pussycat Doll**

**Best Puppy in Show - Zilcan Action  
Man**



**Best Veteran in Show Ch.  
Harpersband Case In  
Point at Balthazar JW**



**Thank you to Julia Spittle for the information**





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## USA

### American Brussels Griffon Association National Championship Show

Held on March 13. Judge- James Mitchell

**Best in Show- GCh Alvin Farms Red Sky Delight for Kenna**

## Westminster

May 13 Judge – Lee Grogan (Ireland)

#### BEST OF BREED COMPETITION RESULTS

##### 17 Best of Breed

GCHS CH Hilltop's Don'T Fence Me In

##### 22 Best of Opposite Sex

GCHG CH Seastar Diving For Dumplings

##### 9 Select Dog

GCH CH Sleepyhollow Wise Guy

##### 12 Select Bitch

GCH CH Alvin Farms Redsky Delight For Kenna

##### 18 Award of Merit

GCHB CH Alvinfarms N'Wildheart La Vie En Rouge

##### 8 Award of Merit

GCHS CH Calicops Sassafras Gonnakikurass



**Best of Breed -GCh Ch Hilltops Don't Fence Me In**



**Westminster winners when awarded**

Full video of judging can be seen on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSjlo4HyO1g>





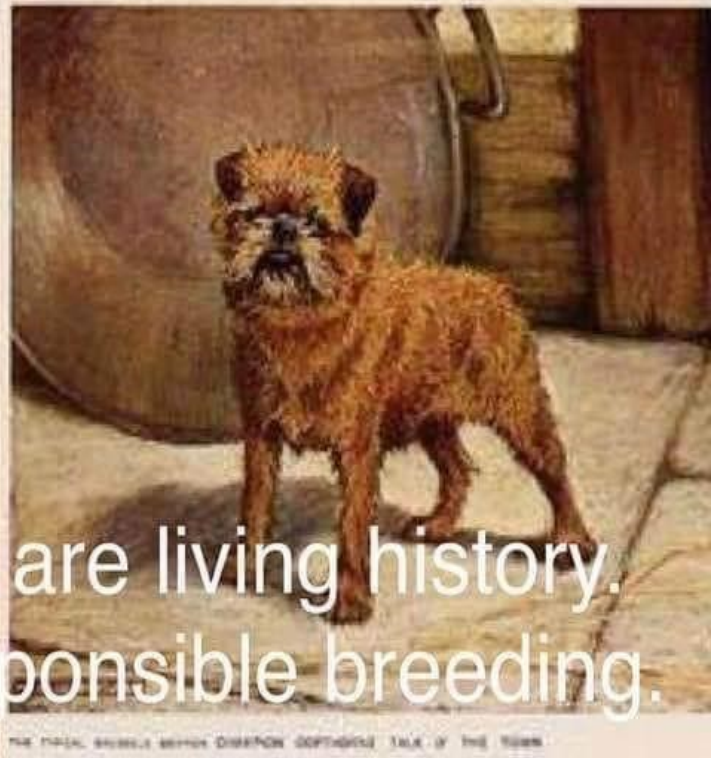
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## Virgin Australia to Allow Pets with Passengers

7th March 2024

# Virgin Australia Cargo Sales

Public Announcement: Virgin Australia "Pets on Planes" 7 March 2024

Dear Pet Transporter,

As you may have seen a Virgin Australia Airline public announcement regarding an intention to allow pets to travel with passengers in the aircraft cabin in certain circumstances.

This is an innovative proposal for the Australian aviation industry and as such it will take some effort to gain regulatory approvals before it can become a reality. As part of the feasibility exercise the Airline is seeking input from stakeholders, as such it would be appropriate for you to submit any concerns you may have to us for inclusion in the review.

Points to note:

- This is an Airline initiative.
- Regulatory approval is required (DOHA, Airports, and CASA to be consulted) before this can become a reality.
- Restricted to less than 8kg in total for pet and crate, with a passenger flying, limited sectors only and limited numbers per flight.
- Virgin Cargo's initial review indicates that under the old PAX AVI product pre COVID the total numbers per annum meeting the restricted weight criteria were 1,707.
- Should this initiative become a reality it is expected the Airline will promote it extensively and potentially stimulate additional interest in travelling with pets, over and above the restricted criteria suggested for this product.
- We anticipate many public updates over the next 12 months as this project meets various milestones.

If you have any concerns now or during the life of this project, please contact your account manager at Virgin Cargo or submit written feedback to our email with the subject heading "Pets on Planes Project" and we will ensure it reaches the project group for evaluation.

Virgin Cargo values you as customer and we regret any concerns or anxiety this announcement may have generated. We do believe that this initiative will, if ultimately successful benefit us all.

Your Sincerely

Craig Warren

Head Of Commercial, Virgin Cargo





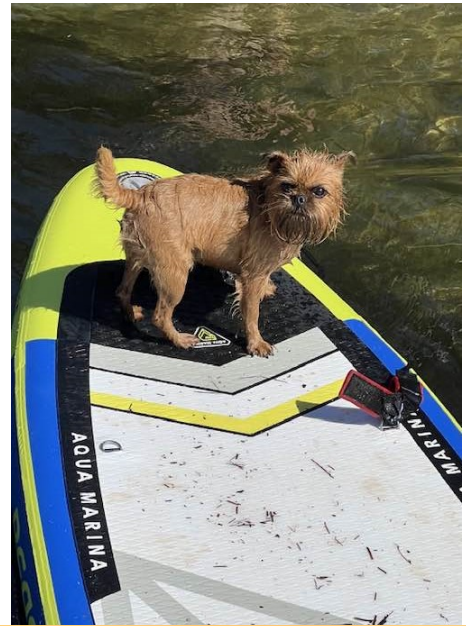
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## Enjoying the Last of the Warm Weather

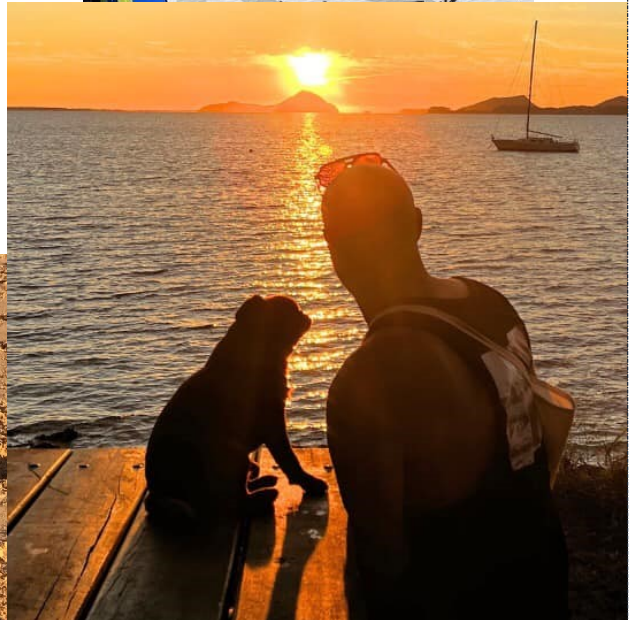
Autumn has been very warm for this time of the year and the Griffons and owners have been making the most of the warmer weather before the chill arrives



*Eddie and Freddie paddle boarding on the lake*

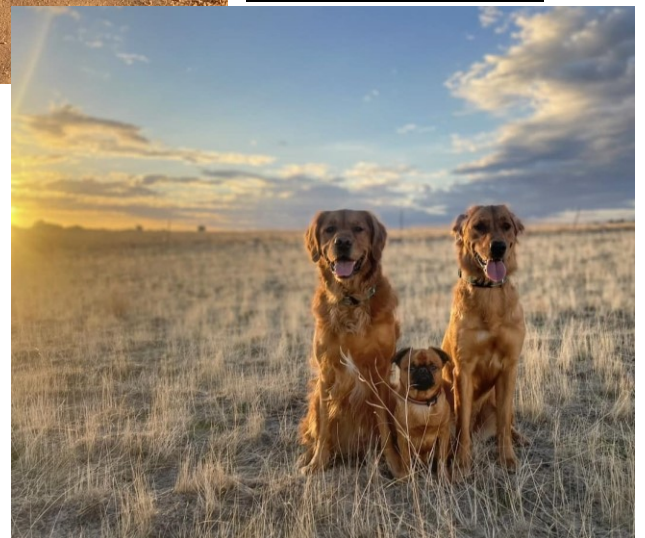


*Poppy and Remy, picnic in the Park*



*Hart and his Dad enjoying sunset by the water*

*The Tremeneere gang, relaxing by the pool*



*Tango and friends enjoying the countryside*





# 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.



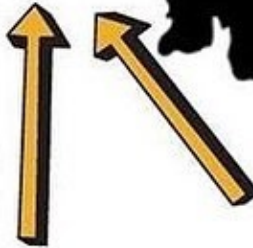
Large, wide open nostrils are far less likely to suffer from any breathing issues



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.



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

## Support Responsible Breeders





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## Griffon Health and Fitness Fun



*Peaches- when  
your mother won't  
buy you a  
swimming pool*

*Erik says healthy  
eating is important*

I think I gave Erik too much Kefir.

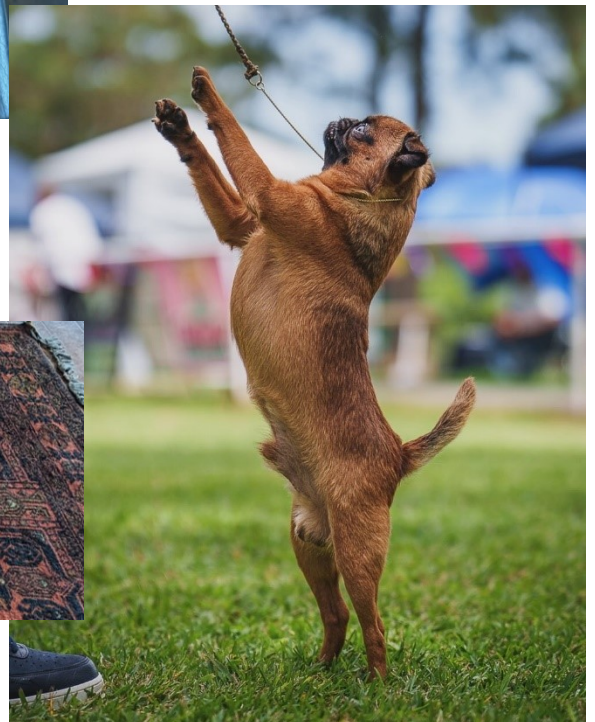


*Bowski and Griswold- working on  
flexibility*

*Bertie Botts- bend and stretch*



*Teddy and Banjo- Pilates and mat class*







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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**



***For further  
Information***

**Contact Sarah O Sullivan –  
0411742301**

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# The Griffon Buyer Register

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

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

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



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

If you are interested in getting a

Griffon please look at our register and complete the forms which can be downloaded there and we will do everything we can to help you get your new Griffon friend and companion

We are very pleased to say that we have so far assisted a number of members to get a new Griffon family member. If you have filled out a Griffon Buyer Form and would like to change or update your information please contact our Assistant Secretary: Sharyn Wood at [sharynwood54@gmail.com](mailto:sharynwood54@gmail.com)



## Please Note

*The following information is important*

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

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

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

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








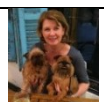















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## Breeder and Club Directory

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

The guidelines are as follows:

- Pre mating testing of prospective parents. Tests to be carried out if validated as a proven scientific screening method and if the evidence indicates that such testing is required in the breed due to scientific validated evidence that indicates a breed concern.  
DNA tests to be carried out if available and relevant. (Note: The only DNA tests available for 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.**