



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



# The Phoenix



2025

## The Club Year in Review

A celebration of Griffons



## Your Club

### Patrons

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### Committee

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Luca Petroncini

Tiffany Barber Dale

Jillian Mathieson

Claire Parker OSullivan

Club Website: [www.griffonsnsw.com](http://www.griffonsnsw.com)

Club Face Book Page: Griffons NSW

### Show Committee

Michelle Parker Brien – Show Manager

Claire Parker O'Sullivan – Show Secretary

Sarah Peddie Mc Guirk – Trophy Manager

Matt O'Sullivan – Treasurer

Marousa Polias – Secretary

### Non Committee Positions

Rescue Officers- Jannelle Tremenheere (chair), Adam Tremenheere, Ashleigh Barber Dale, Jane Wistuba

### Honorary Life Member

Denis Montford

Jocelyn Croad

### Life Member – In Memorium

Kerri Taylor

Tom Couchman

### 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

## You Gotta Have friends





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## Editors Report

This issue looks at the incredibly busy year that the CGBC of NSW has had, with so many events and activities, showing just how proactive the club has.

As well as a highly successful double championship show, the club conducted their first Sprint trial in September, we had a stand at Dog Lovers in August, held Griffmas in July. Also in September, ran a BOAS testing day, participated in the point score shows, conducted a Judges Training scheme lecture and rescued three Griffons that were

surrendered to the club by the RSPCA, all along with the usual club support, advice and individual activities of members.

Individual club members have been achieving in multiple fields including SprintDog, Scent work, Endurance, Trick Dog, Rally Obedience, Agility and Obedience, showing just how versatile our little dogs are. I have tried to cover all the events and achievements of our Griffons, past and recent but apologise in advance if I have missed anyone. And of course, we celebrate the Griffons who did what they do best, as loving, loyal and devoted members of the family.



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

# 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



## Support Responsible Breeders

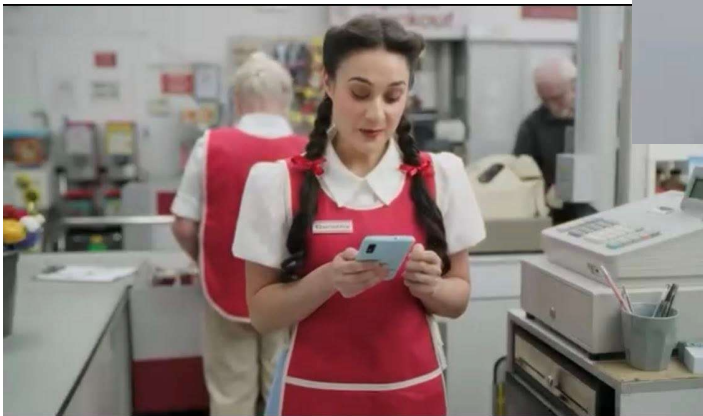




## Griffon Corner



Boris, owned by Lisa Heeley, also became a media star, with a star performance as Toto in a TV advertisement promoting an employment agency



Honorary club vet, Dr Beth Tillman, was also a media star when she featured in a TV News item warning owners of the dangers of paralysis ticks

## Griffons In the Media

Kevin Case's little boy, Javier made his debut appearance as an ambassador for Knose Pet Insurance at the Italian Festival in Leichhardt. He is one of many Griffons who have shown their star quality in the media



NBN Television Following ▾

Paralysis ticks are a persistent threat for pets - but a Port Stephens vet is raising the alert, over a rapid fire round of cases to start the warmer months. #NBNNews



## Vale Beth Canavan

As I was compiling this issue, I was advised of the very sad passing of one of the matriarchs of Griffons in Australia, Beth Canavan. Beth had been a long-time supporter of Griffons and worked tirelessly for The Griffon Bruxellois Club in Victoria, promoting the breed.

In her time, she filled every major position in the club as well as breeding Griffons under the Azande prefix. She promoted the black and tan Griffons as well as breeding reds, and many black and tan dogs will have an Azande dog in the background.

Her knowledge of pedigrees and past dogs made her

invaluable as an unofficial breed historian and she was always happy to share information.

Her last show dog was a red rough boy called Ch Azande Little Red Wagon and she won Best in Show with him at The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria under Sandie Meads

Beth had been battling ill health on and off for several years and her passing is a great loss to the breed in Australia

I share below the Vale written by Robin Simpson.

### Vale

It is with much sadness that the Club announces the passing of Beth Canavan (Elizabeth).

Beth was a long time member of the Club and served 32 years as its Secretary, then President and Committee member. She was also one of our Patrons, along with Denis Montfort.



I was fortunate to meet her when I was a teenager and she has been a wonderful friend and mentor over the years. When she was preparing for a litter I was tea maker and company. (I was also quite good at keeping puppies warm down my shirt if needed.)

Beth bred many Griffons under the Azande prefix that she shared with her daughter Jennifer. Her latest Champion is Azande Little Red Wagon, known to his friends as Baxter. Beth is survived by her children Jennifer, Len and Roger, their partners and families.



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## **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was held at CNCC Showground, Hillsborough on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026

The minutes are below

In Attendance: Michelle Parker-Brien, Matthew O'Sullivan, Claire Parker-O'Sullivan, Marousa Polias, Luca Petroncini, Terri Odell, Grant Odell, Jillian Mathison, Jasmine Baldwin, Tracy Klaak, Tiffany Barber-Dale

Apologies: Jannelle Tremenheere, Adam Tremenheere, Ashleigh Barber-Dale, Jane Wistuba, Sharyn Wood, Sarah Peddie-McGuirk, Victoria Mercer, Kerry Bell

Meeting commenced at 11am

President's Report tabled. Accepted: Marousa Polias; Seconded: Jillian Mathieson

Secretary's Report tabled. Accepted: Claire Parker-O'Sullivan; Seconded: Jasmine Baldwin

Treasurer's Report tabled. Accepted: Tracy Klaak; Seconded: Luca Petroncini

Show Secretary's Report tabled. Accepted: Tracy Klaak; Seconded: Matthew O'Sullivan

Rescue Coordinator's Report tabled. Accepted: Marousa Polias; Seconded: Jasmine Baldwin

Buyer Register Report tabled. 22 on the list at present. Accepted: Matthew O'Sullivan; Seconded: Claire Parker-O'Sullivan

President Michelle Parker-Brien re-elected.

All Committee positions for the new Financial Year approved via Nomination Form –

President Michelle Parker-Brien

Vice President Jasmine Baldwin

Secretary Marousa Polias

Treasurer Matthew O'Sullivan

Committee Member Jillian Mathieson

Committee Member Luca Petroncini

Committee Member Terri Odell

Committee Member Jannelle Tremenheere

Committee Member Tiffany Barber-Dale

### **Show and Trial Committee**

Manager Michelle Parker-Brien

Show and Trial Secretary Claire Parker-O'Sullivan

Trophy Manager Sarah Peddie-McGuirk

### **Rescue Officers**

Jannelle Tremenheere (Chair) Adam Tremenheere, Ashleigh Barber-Dale, Jane Wistuba

**Patrons-** Jocelyn Croad, John Shepherd

Appointment of Auditor: Rebecca Rafton

Meeting Closed: 11:16am

## **The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW 2025 Presidents Report**

2025 has been a busy year for the club with a number of firsts, thanks to our very pro active committee

### **Championship Show**

Our show in at Easter was highly successful with an entry of 40 dogs, an increase on 2024.

Our Judge for the Gold show was Lance Wright and for the Silver show, Myron Arthur





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It was a friendly show and we were pleased to welcome exhibitors and members watching, who enjoyed their first dog show.

### **SprintDog trial**

We ran our first SprintDog trial in 2025 which was a huge success. We partnered with the Newcastle Sprinters group of NABDTC whose help was invaluable and had a total of 22 Griffons competing along with 80 other breeds. A number of Griffons have now gained Sprint Dog titles

### **Point Score**

The club point score competition ran smoothly .

2025 saw the presentation of the Tom Couchman Memorial Point Score Trophy for the first time, to the 2024 winner

### **Promoting the breed**

The Dog Lovers Show was held in August and Victoria Mercer did a fabulous job pulling it all together with volunteers. However, we have concerns about ongoing support for Dog Lovers as they seem to be actively promoting puppy farmers

For Pet Owners

The club organised several informal Griffon gatherings, Griffmas in July and a Christmas party to cater for the pet owners. All were successful with 50 or more Griffons attending

### **Communication**

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 Committee group enables committee members to keep up to date and communicate effectively and has been invaluable in 2025.

### **Educating Puppy Buyers**

Demand for pups is slowly increasing but we are still concerned about a number of unregistered puppy farmers in NSW, some now deliberately breeding dilutes as rare.

Members of the club have been very proactive on the local Facebook groups educating potential buyers.

### **Griffon Buyer Register**

The Griffon Buyer Register continues to function smoothly in the hands of Marousa Polias, who has streamlined some of the processes. It not only provides valuable assistance to buyers but is instrumental in increasing club membership

### **Health**

Our club continues to support health research for Griffons. Thanks to Marousa and the members of the Health Committee, the club has recently posted a Breed survey which is a follow up of the Breed survey carried out in 2016. Once again this will provide a valuable insight into the health of the breed internationally and provide factual information.

The club also conducted our first RFG testing day, open to Griffons and other brachycephalic breeds. It was conducted by Dr Michelle Dalli at North Richmond vets





## The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

### **Membership**

Our membership has remained stable and we currently have over 170 members who are all Griffon owners or Griffon lovers.

### **Rescue**

The RSPCA surrendered 3 seized Griffons from a puppy farm to the club. In the past they have been reluctant to work with the club so we hope that this will be a positive step for future relations with them. The 3 boys were in dreadful condition but after several months in foster care are now ready for adoption

### **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 Marousa Polias, Treasurer, Matt O'Sullivan and the executive and committee members-

Jannelle Tremenheere, Claire Parker O'Sullivan, Terri Odell, Victoria Mercer, Adam Tremenheere, Sarah Peddie Mc Guirk, Jasmine Baldwin, Jillian Mathieson, Luca Petroncini and Ashleigh Barber Dale for their help and support in the past 12 months.

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

We have always been proud to call our club the friendly club and I feel that we are successfully maintaining this, even in the difficulties we are experiencing at the present time. Hopefully 2026 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 2026 will be bigger and better for all members.

Michelle Parker Brien (President) 2025

### **The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Secretary Report 2025**

A strong focus this year was building Membership. Retention of membership was high over the renewal period which was a great start. I created a weekly automated Facebook post in order to welcome new members to the group that includes links to join the Club and Buyer Register if not already joined.

We are currently at 200 members which is 39 more than when I wrote my Secretary Report last year. A great result!

We have successfully and positively maintained our engagement with our Membership by hosting meetups during the year and utilising Mailchimp for our communication during the year. Engagement on all platforms (Facebook, Mailchimp, Google My Business) remains consistent.

Thank you to the Breeder-Members who supported the Knose Pet Insurance initiative. So far we have raised \$1100.00 with some other Breeder-Members still being followed up.

It was a new and positive experience dealing with the RSPCA when the 3 rescue griffons were surrendered to them. I was able to act quickly to ensure the dogs came directly to us. I would like to sincerely thank Michelle Parker-Brien, Jannelle and Adam Tremenheere and Ash and Tiffany Barber-



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Dale for stepping in to foster and rehabilitate the rescue boys. I wish to reach out to the RSPCA and possibly the Animal Welfare League on a semi-regular basis with photos of our breed to advise we have a committed and caring Rescue Team if any dogs come into their care.

The Buyer Register is moving along slowly. Several registered parties go on to research adding family members via Dogz Online or their circumstances change so often they are no longer looking when the time comes to contact them which is WAY outside my control and influence! I cannot stress the importance of communication from Breeders. If Breeders do not inform me of puppies they have available, I am unable to assist with referrals. I work full-time and run 2 small businesses. As one person, it is unreasonable for breeders to expect that they will be contacted regularly to find out if they have anything available. I do not favour any particular Breeder/s and I perform my duties with care and respect.

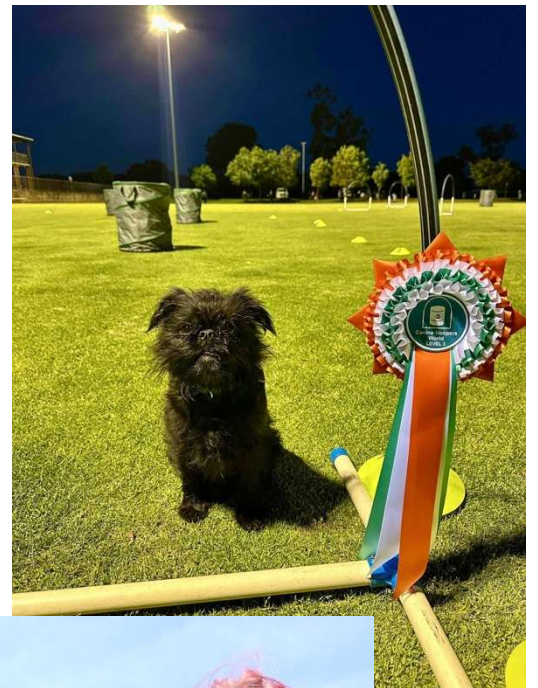
We need to focus on working together as best as we possibly can. It's very sad that some choose to intentionally hurt others' integrity. This is unacceptable and we need to enforce our Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics to set a precedent. Our Breed should be the main priority not money or pride or whatever else drives these behaviours.

I look forward to continuing to work in the best interests of the Club if I am voted in for next year. I am extremely committed to the role and my passion for the Griffon Bruxellois breed is burning bright.

Finally, I would like to thank our Treasurer Matt, for everything throughout the year and President, Michelle, for all her support and guidance. It is always a pleasure working so closely and I appreciate everything.

Marousa Polias 2024/2025 Secretary

### Griffons at Home and Play





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We look forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors alike, and will be providing our usual champagne buffet lunch for everyone. The show this year, will be held on the same weekend as the CNCC all breeds show and we will be in Ring 8, over the bridge. For those who want to also enter the All Breeds show, Griffons will be the first breed judged in the Toy ring and they will start earlier than our show



## 2026 Championship Shows

We have been lucky to contract two highly knowledgeable and respected Judges for our shows. Jocelyn Croad has had Griffons for over 60 years and is the leading breed expert in Australia. This will be final judging appointment before she retires and we are honoured that she has chosen our show. Because of my friendship with Jocelyn, I will not be exhibiting at the show she is judging

**Entries Close: 20 March 2026**

# THE COUNTRY GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF NSW

## DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

CNCC DOG COMPLEX, HILLSBOROUGH RD, HILLSBOROUGH

**SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026**

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

Property Classes - *Gold Show only*

**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 J Croad (QLD)

*Gold Show*

Mrs S Rickard (VIC)



**Order of Judging:** Alphabetical order

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

**DOGS NSW Representative:** Mr J Mathieson

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

**Catalogues:** Included with entry

### PRIZES:

**General Specials:** Trophy & Sash,

**Special Classes:** Trophy & Sash



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### Donations to the Club Shows

Please contact our show secretary, Claire Parker-O'Sullivan at [cparkerosullivan@gmail.com](mailto:cparkerosullivan@gmail.com) if you would like to donate to our show please indicate the trophy if you have a preference, and the amount you would like to donate.

The club bank details are *The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW. BSB - 012-559 (ANZ)*  
*Acc.No- 3890-43729* Write trophy and your name as reference

#### Gold Show

TROPHY	VALUE	RIBBON	VALUE
Best in Show	\$80.00	Best in Show	\$18.00
Runner Up Best in Show	\$55.00	Runner Up Best in Show	\$15.00
Opposite in Show	\$20.00	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	\$30.00	Baby in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Baby in Show	\$20.00	Opposite Baby in Show	\$7.00
Minor in Show	\$30.00	Minor In Show	\$9.00
Opposite Minor in Show	\$20.00	Opposite Minor in Show	\$7.00
Puppy in Show	\$30.00	Puppy in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Puppy in Show	\$20.00	Opposite Puppy in Show	\$7.00
Junior in Show	\$30.00	Junior in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Junior in Show	\$20.00	Opposite Junior in Show	\$7.00
Intermediate in Show	\$30.00	Intermediate in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Intermediate in Show*	\$20.00	Opposite Intermediate in Show	\$7.00
Bred by Exhibitor in Show	\$30.00	Opposite Bred By Exhibitor in Show	\$15.00
Aust Bred in Show	\$30.00	Aust Bred in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$20.00	Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$7.00
Open in Show	\$30.00	Open in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Open in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Open in Show	\$7.00
Veteran in Show	\$30.00	Veteran in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Veteran in Show	\$20.00	Opposite Veteran in Show	\$7.00
Neuter in Show	\$30.00	Neuter in Show	\$9.00
Runner Up Neuter in Show	\$20.00	Runner Up Neuter in Show	\$7.00
Parade of Golden Oldies	\$10.00	Parent and Offspring	\$10.00
Best Smooth Head	\$10.00	Best Topline and Tail Set	\$10.00
Best Rough Head	\$10.00	Best Breeders Team	\$10.00
Best smooth coat	\$10.00	Best Brace	\$10.00
Best Rough Coat	\$10.00		
Best Gaited	\$10.00		

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Veteran in Show	\$30.00	Veteran in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Veteran in Show	\$20.00	Opposite Veteran in Show	\$7.00
Neuter in Show	\$30.00	Neuter in Show	\$9.00
Runner Up Neuter in Show	\$20.00	Runner Up Neuter in Show	\$7.00







## Club first RFG Testing Day

In September 2025, the club ran an RFG test day to test for BOAS in dogs. This day was conducted by Dr Michelle Dalli from North Richmond vet, who is trained in the RFG test method that was developed by Dr Jane Ladlow of Cambridge University. Dr Ladlow is the world's leading specialist in BOAS. Sadly, there are insufficient vets in Australia who have been trained to carry out this test and we were very grateful to Dr Dalli for giving up her time

### *Doing the test*

RFG stands for Respiratory Function Grading and is designed to test a dog's efficiency in breathing, both standing and after exercise. It is a non-invasive method of testing to ascertain if a dog is affected.

BOAS stands for Brachycephalic Obstructive Airways

Syndrome and is a condition that can manifest in a variety of ways- narrow nostrils (stenotic nares), elongated soft palate, narrow trachea, large laryngeal sacculi. A dog with BOAS has difficulty breathing and is often tired, feels the heat, snores a lot, regurgitates food, has to sleep sitting upright etc. They require surgery in order to have a long and healthy life

Because some brachycephalic breeds like Pugs, French Bulldogs and British Bulldogs have been bred in large quantities by greedy puppy farmers who don't care about health, the incidents of BOAS have reached huge proportions.

However, well bred dogs from responsible breeders don't have these problems. This is why the club supports this testing.

*Dr Dalli and some of the Griffons*



The RFG test consists of a check, by a vet on heart and breathing when the dog is calm and stationary. The dog is then exercised at a steady trot for 3 minutes and the dog is checked again.

Our club had 12 dogs participating, 9 Griffons, 1 Affenpinscher, 2 King Charles Spaniels. I am pleased to say that 8/9 Griffons were graded 0. The other was a known case.

Thank you to our secretary, Marousa, who organised the test day and to Dr Dalli for making it possible. Dr Dalli is also a Griffon owner and we were able to get a photo with her Griffons and some of the Griffons tested

We will hold another RFG day later in this year.



## **The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc Australia 2024 Health Survey**

The survey was conducted over a 4-month period from 23rd October 2024 until 22nd February 2025. The survey was sent out to our Club database, was distributed to other Clubs to send out to their database, linked on our Instagram and Facebook profiles and was promoted on as many legitimate Griffon Bruxellois-related groups as possible on Facebook. Some Facebook groups elected not to publish the survey which was unfortunate because we wanted it to reach as many current and former owners are possible.

The survey was anonymous and was conducted by Survey Planet. The settings allowed the survey to be completed once only by respondents.

Following the ban of breeding of brachycephalic breeds in The Netherlands and with numerous groups supporting such trends, the purpose of the survey was to collect data to gain an understanding of the overall health of the breed globally, compare the findings to past survey/s and as a Breed Club, assess whether any major issues need addressing. Our priority as a Club is to campaign for the preservation of the Breed and therefore breed health knowledge is of great importance.

This survey was designed to offer a snapshot highlighting the health of the breed. The survey has collected results from a specific period of time and indicates health issues impacting Griffons during this time as outlined by Owners and Breeders. Results will be made available to Breeders, Owners and Clubs. This survey is not intended to provide specific medical details, provide details of testing or treatment, identify countries, Breeders, Owners, researchers, veterinarians recommend future treatment, research or direction.

The survey consisted of 19 mandatory questions some of which required either entry of specific information or multiple choice options and 2 additional optional questions at the end of the survey that allowed free comments to be submitted.

We note that the survey did not distinguish between Owners and Breeders and it is possible that the results could be duplicated for an individual dog if both the new Owner of the dog and the Breeder reported on a particular condition. Duplication such as this is unavoidable but needs to be taken into consideration when assessing the results.

The survey:

- was completed 238 times and covers a total of 4561 dogs - 1782 owned and 2779 bred.
- saw the lowest number recorded from a single respondent as 0
- saw the highest number from a single respondent as 300.

The most common issue identified was Umbilical Hernia with 8.59% of dogs impacted and the second most common issue was Patella Luxation with 8.53% of dogs impacted by this issue. The most common issue identified by respondents related to breeding was Cleft Palate where 8.31% of dogs were impacted by this issue.

This survey itself will deliberately draw no conclusions - that is up to the individual breeders and clubs. A full break down of all responses – untouched and unadulterated can be seen on the following pages and here:

<https://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/uploads/documents/Health-Survey-Final-Report.pdf>

At the end of the survey is a summary of findings based on the data and compared to the previous survey



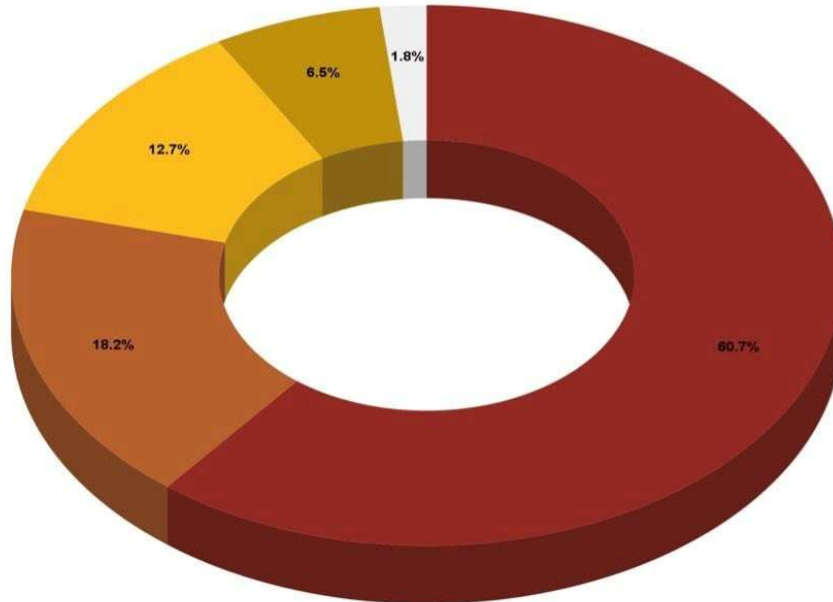


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2024 Health Survey



What is your involvement with the breed?

- Pet Owner
- Breeder/Exhibitor/Dog Sports
- Pet Owner/Exhibitor/Dog Sports
- Breeder
- Other: Ex-Breeder

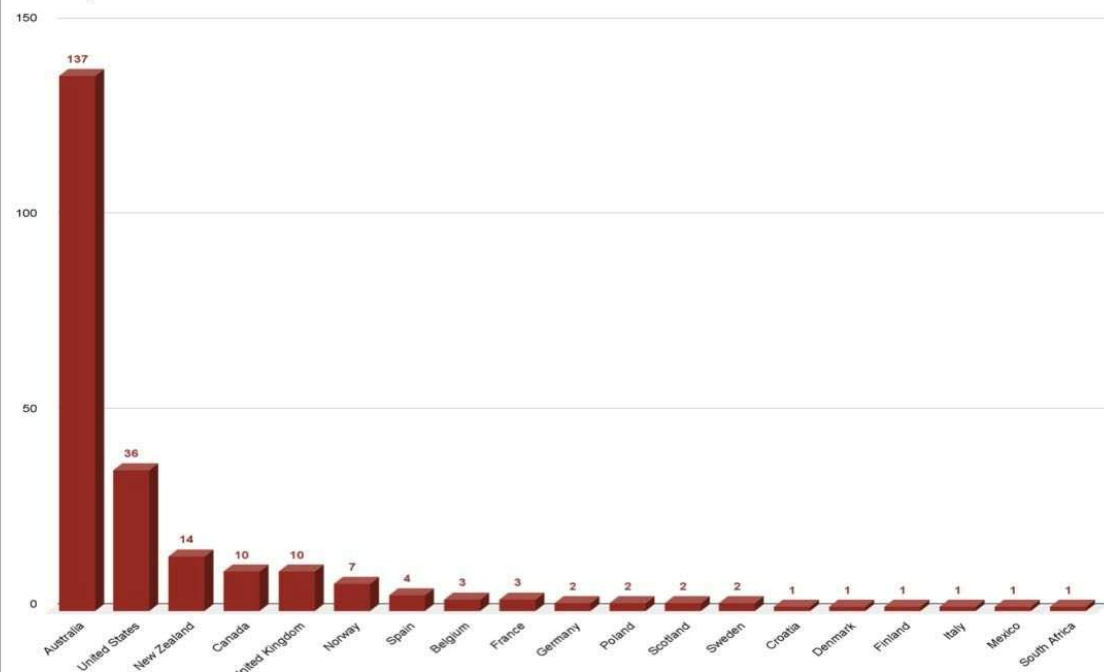


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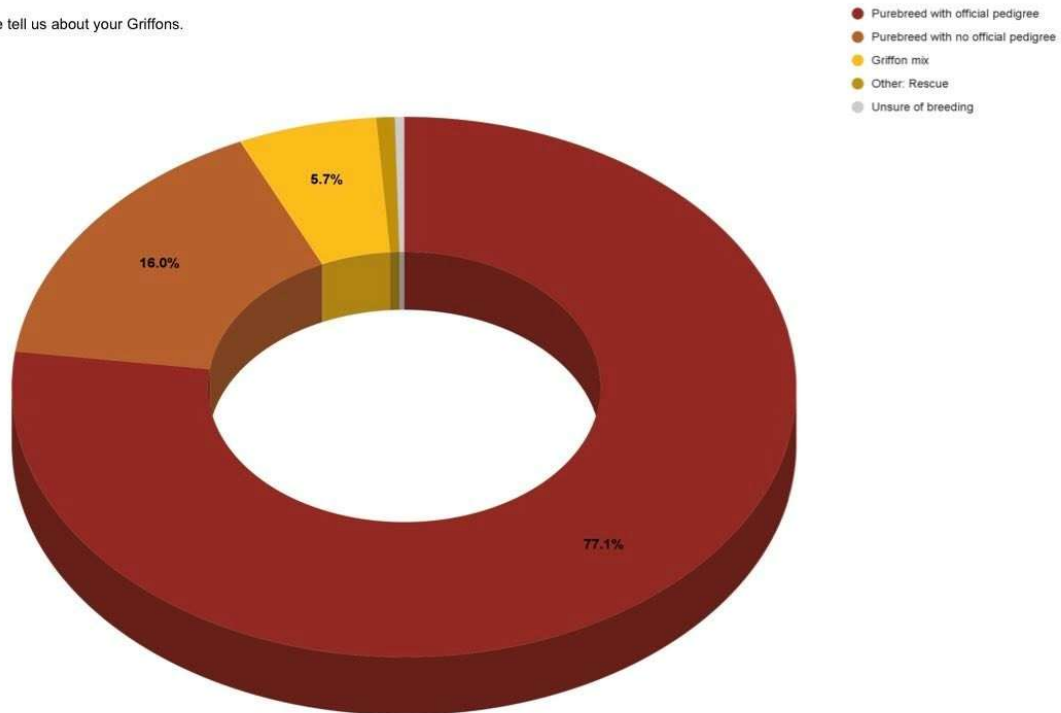
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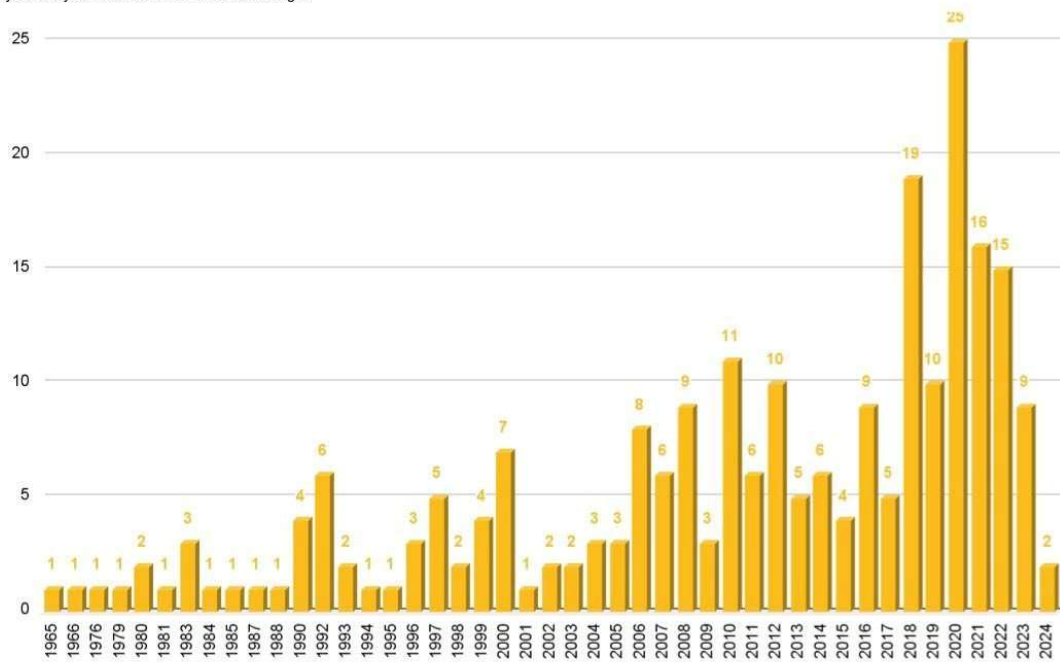


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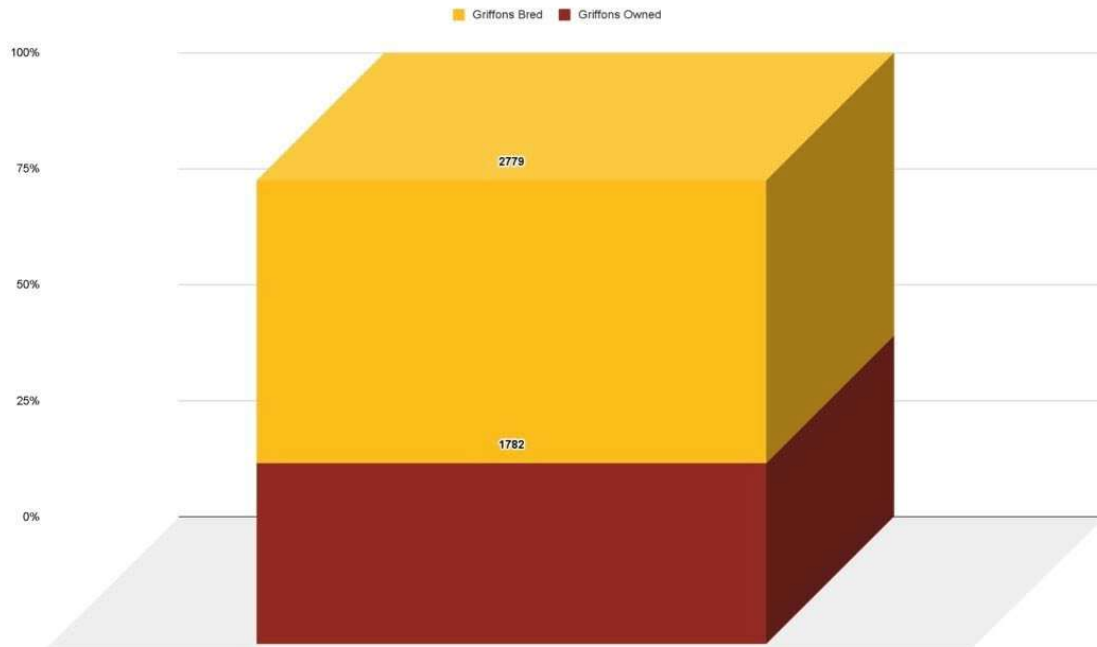


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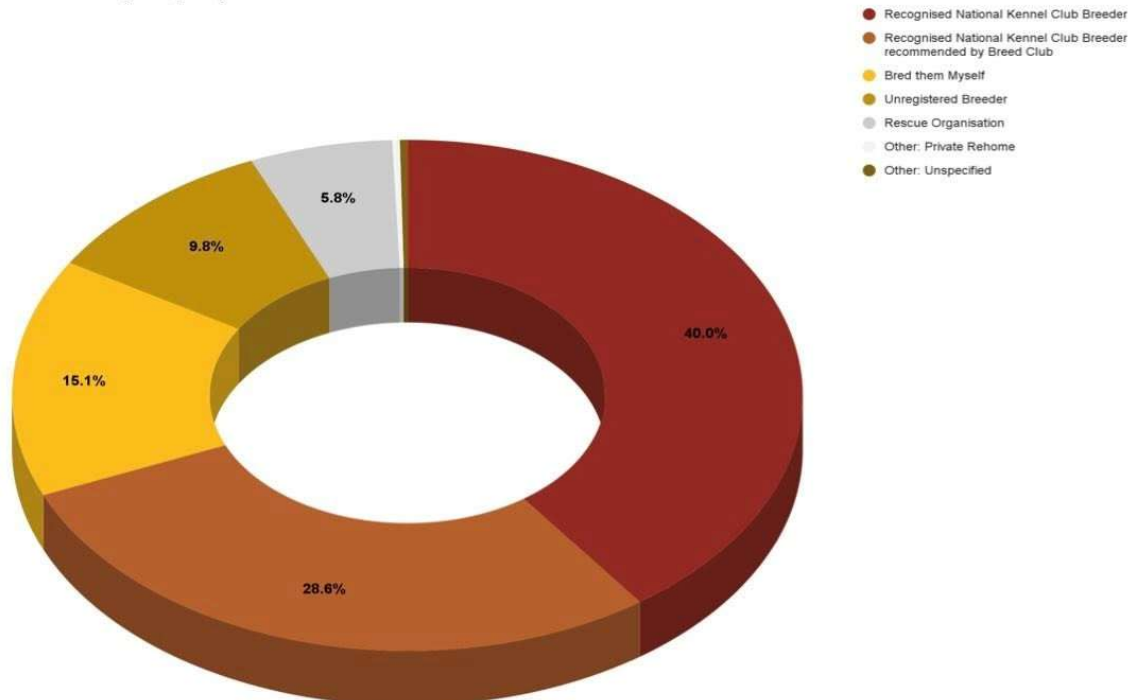
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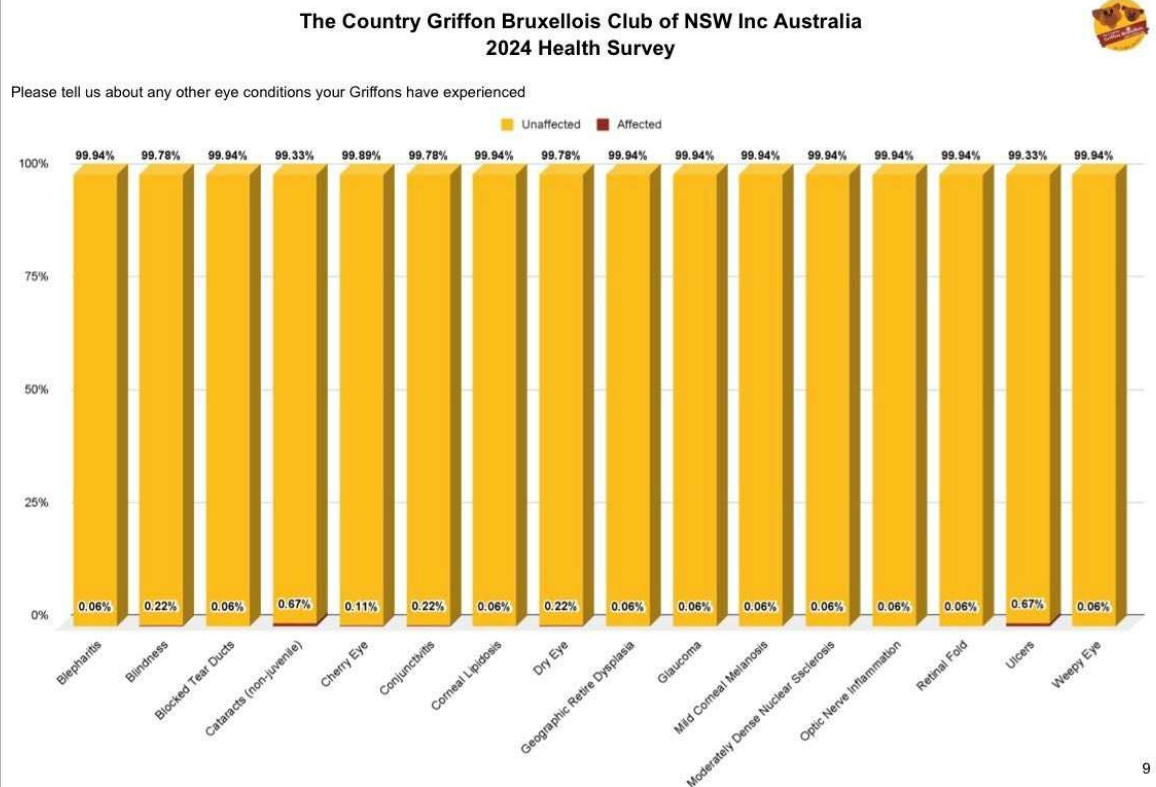
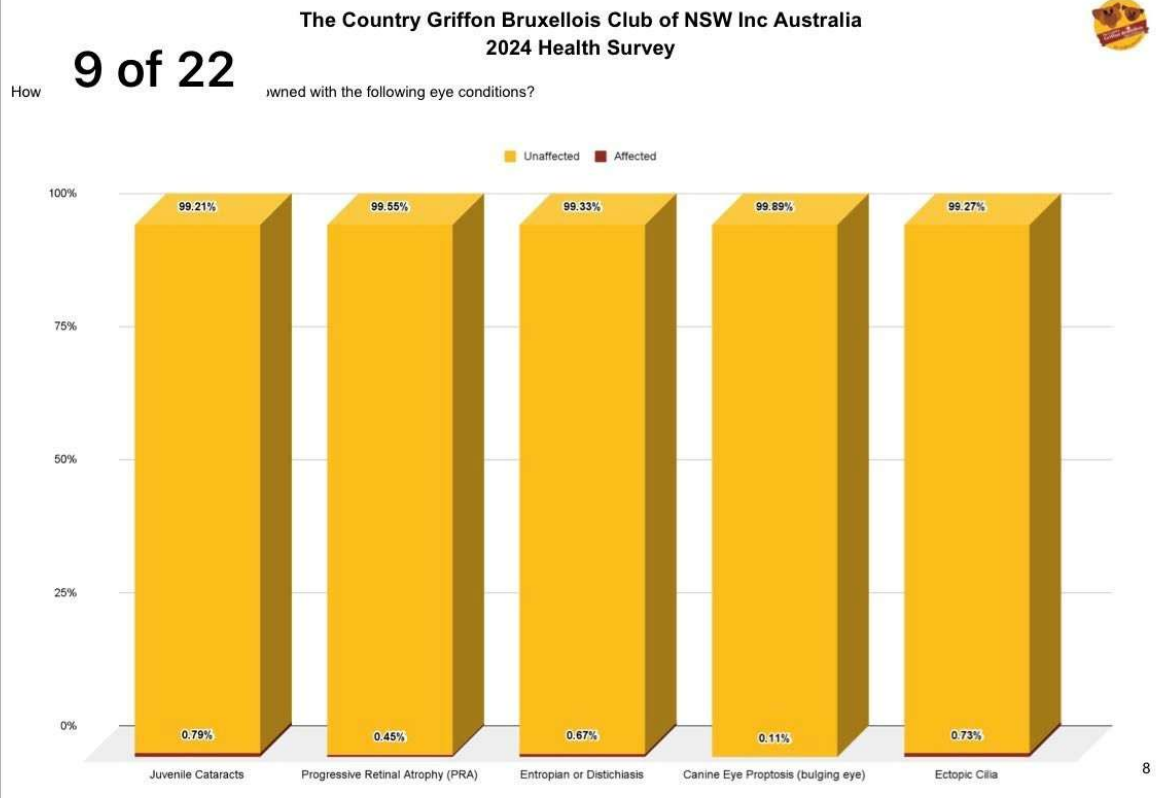


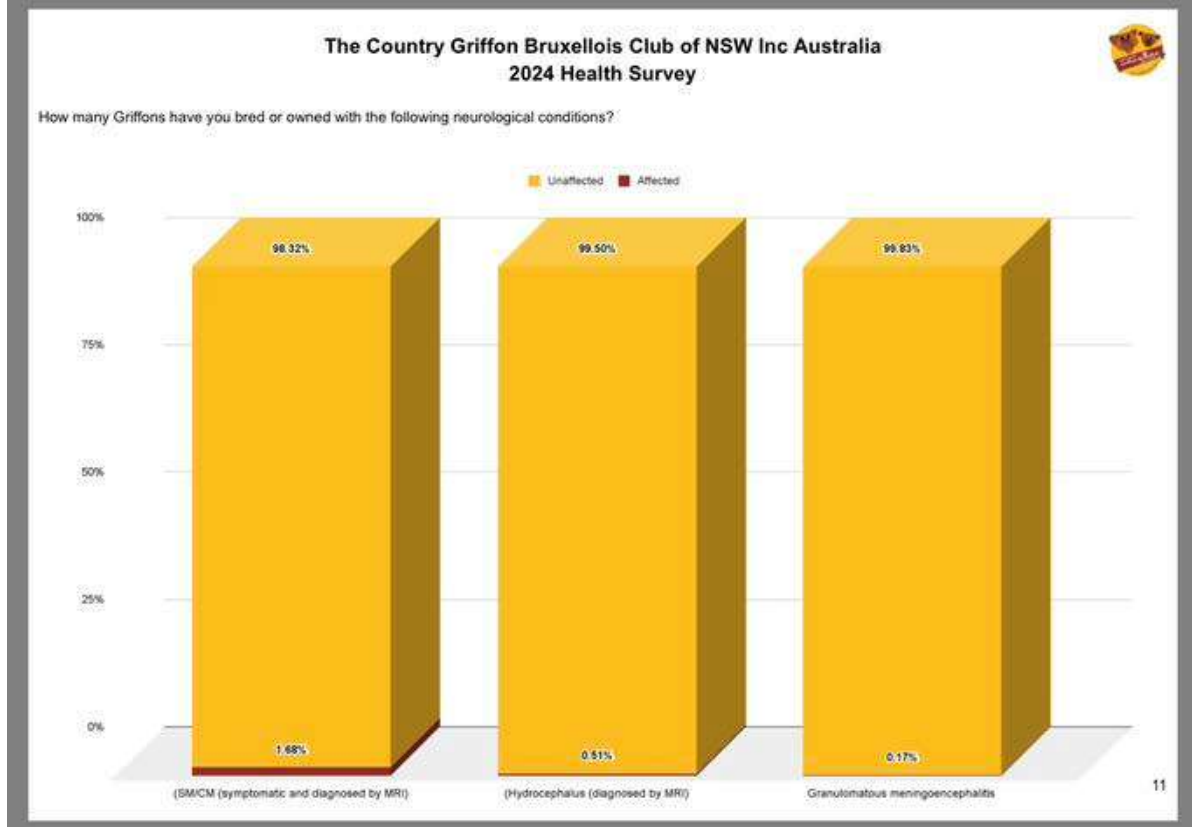
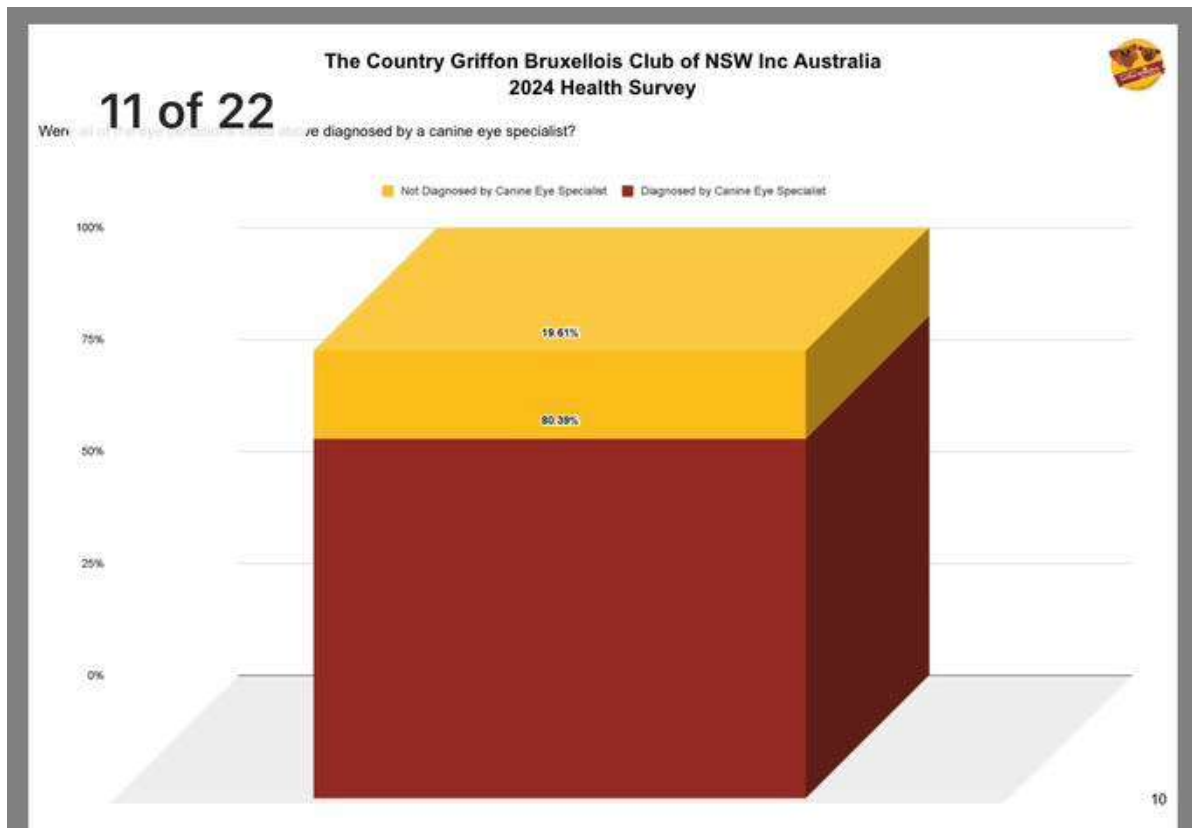
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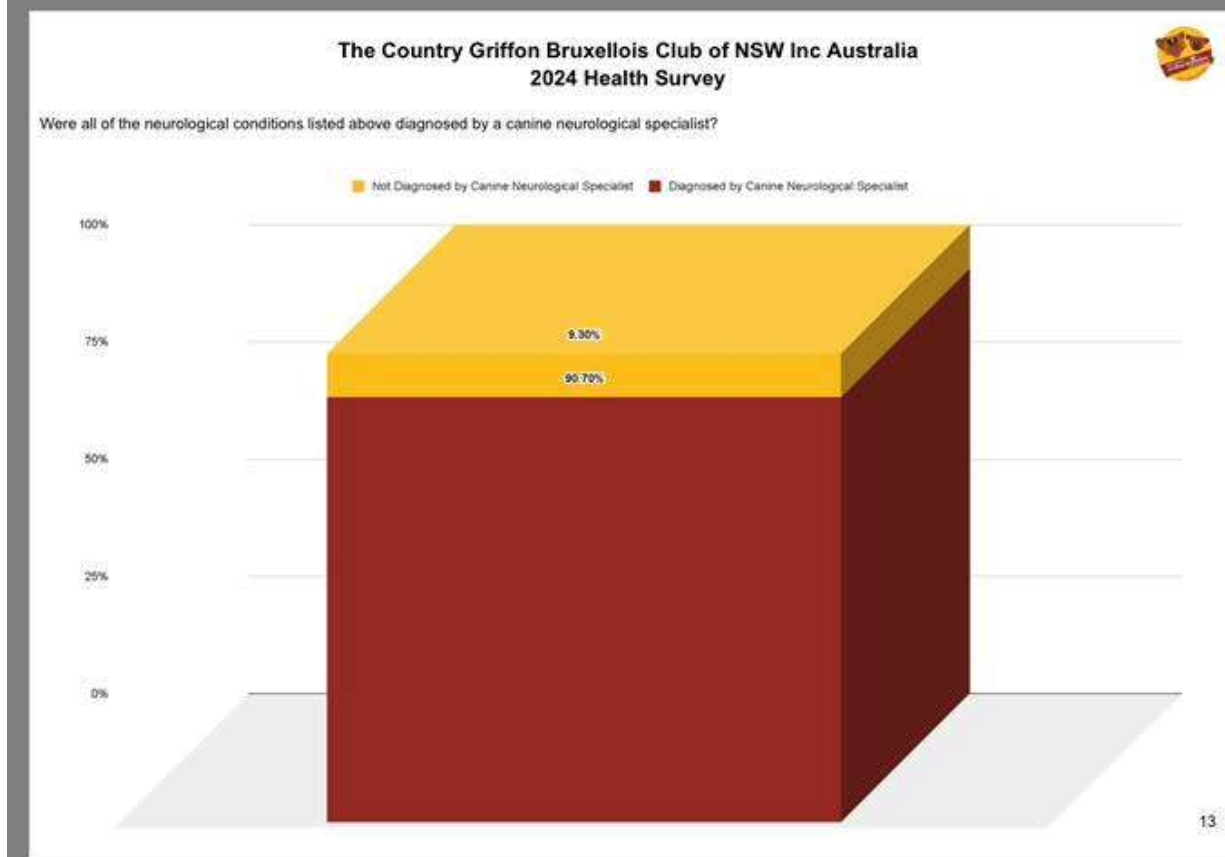
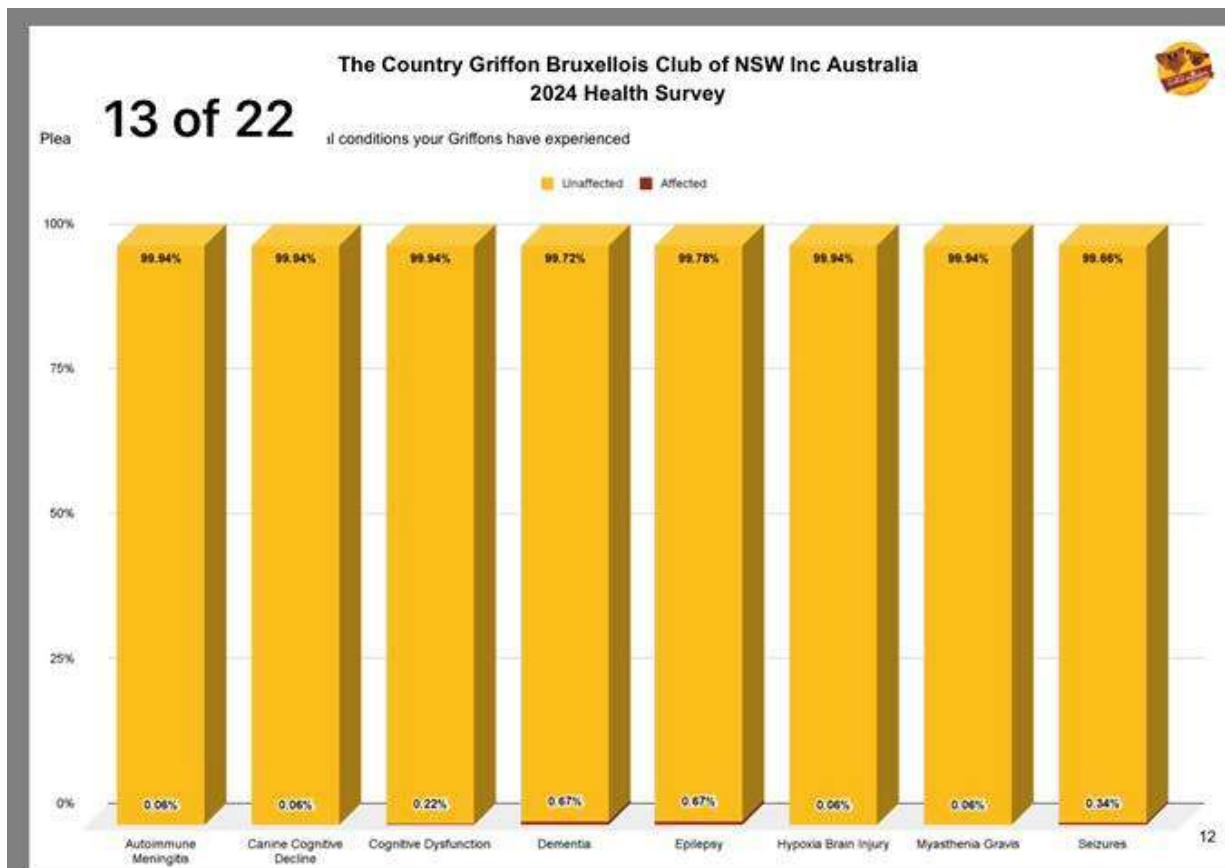


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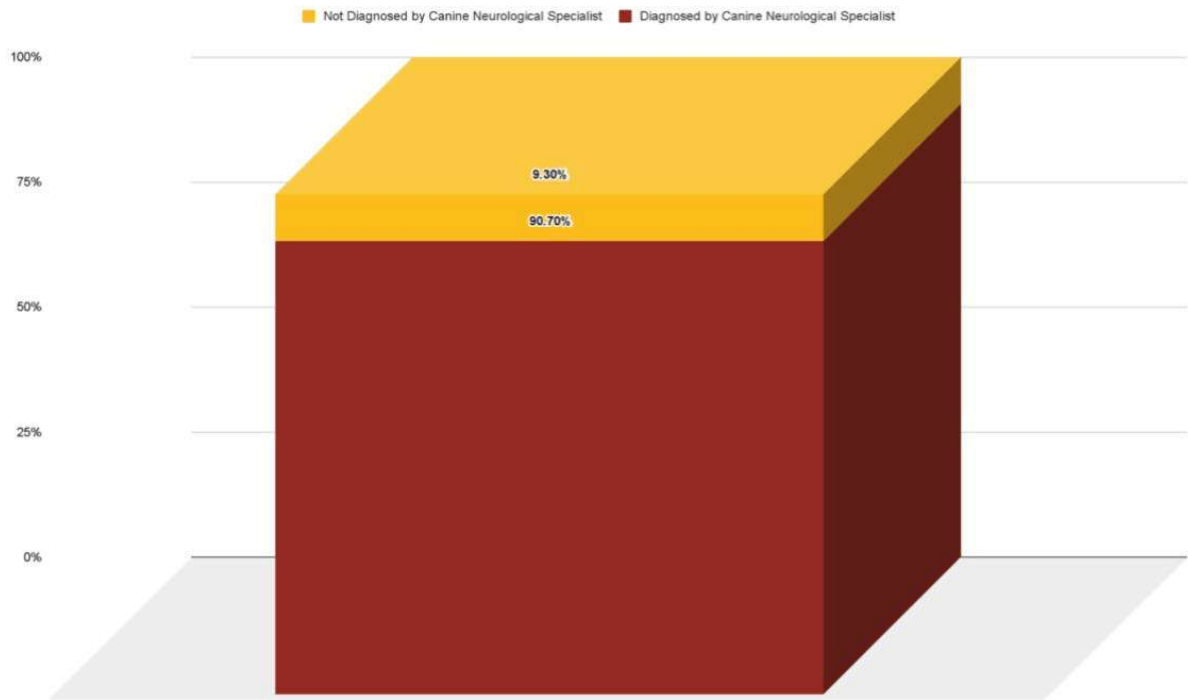


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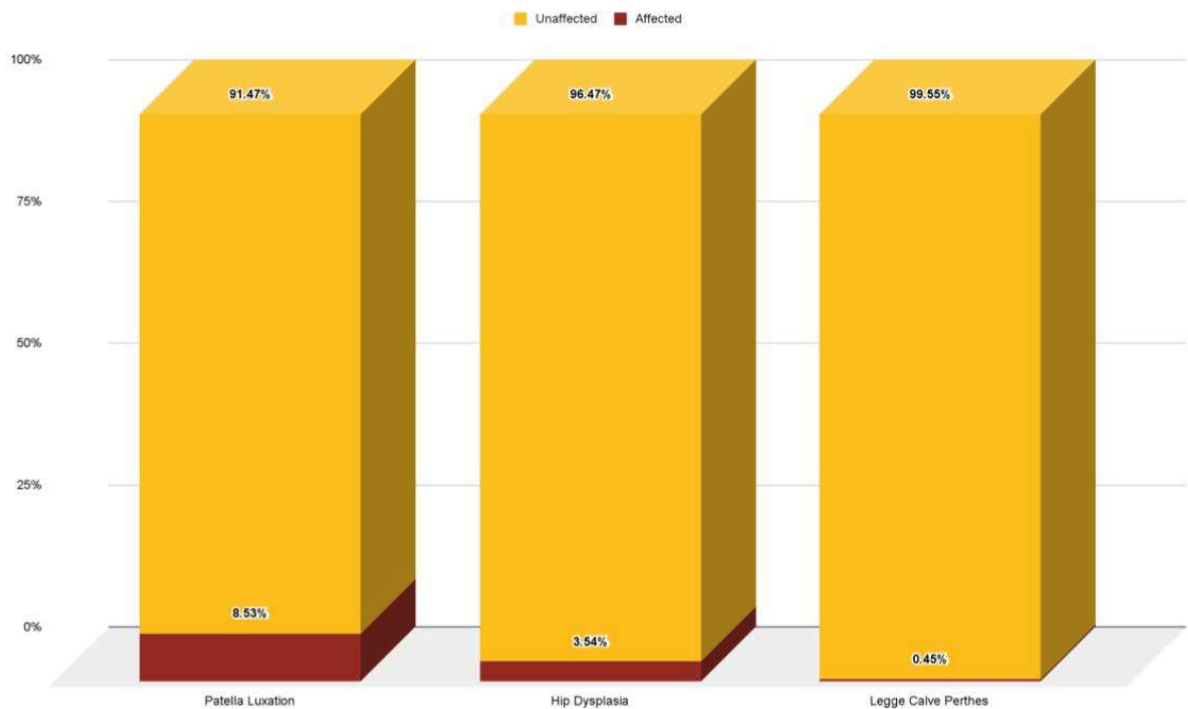


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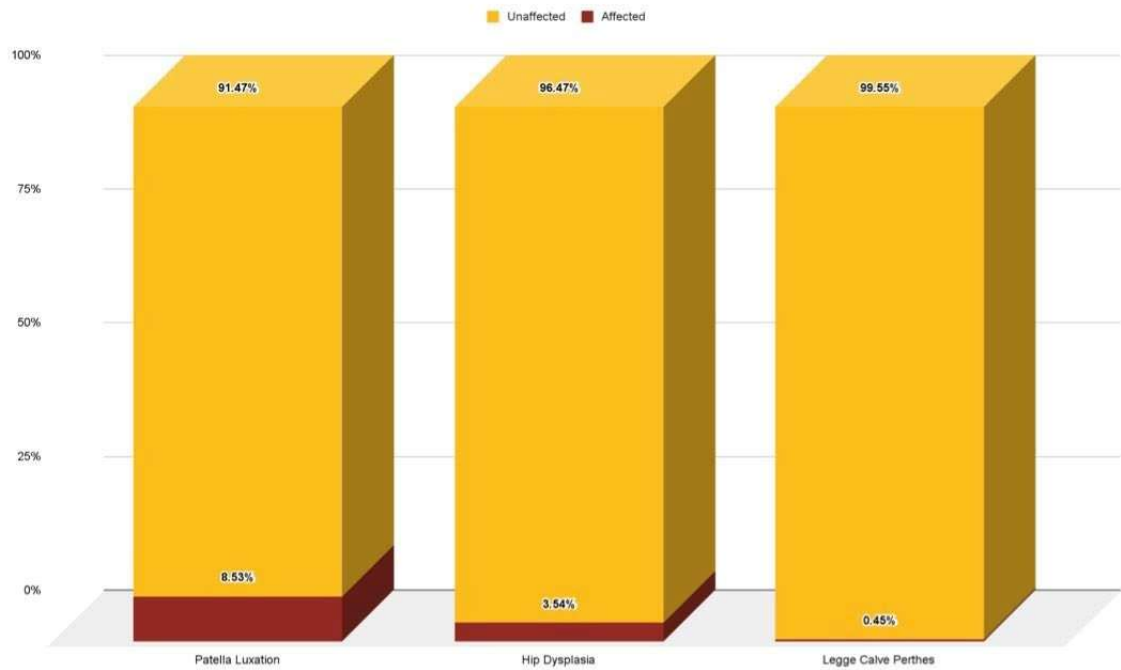


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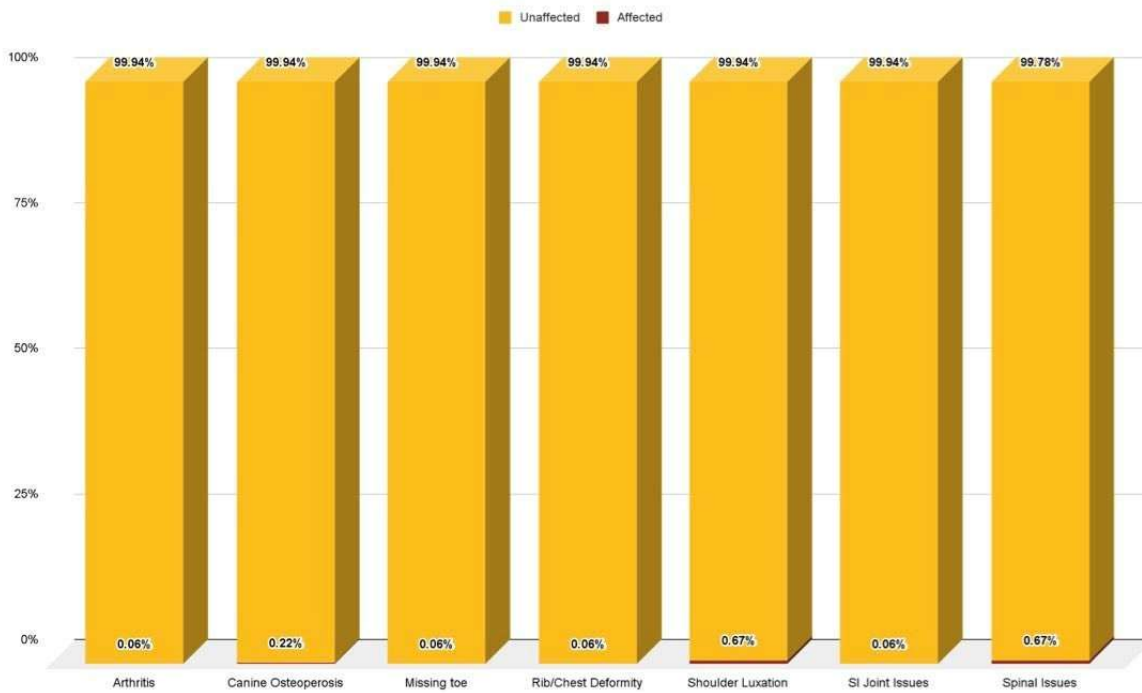


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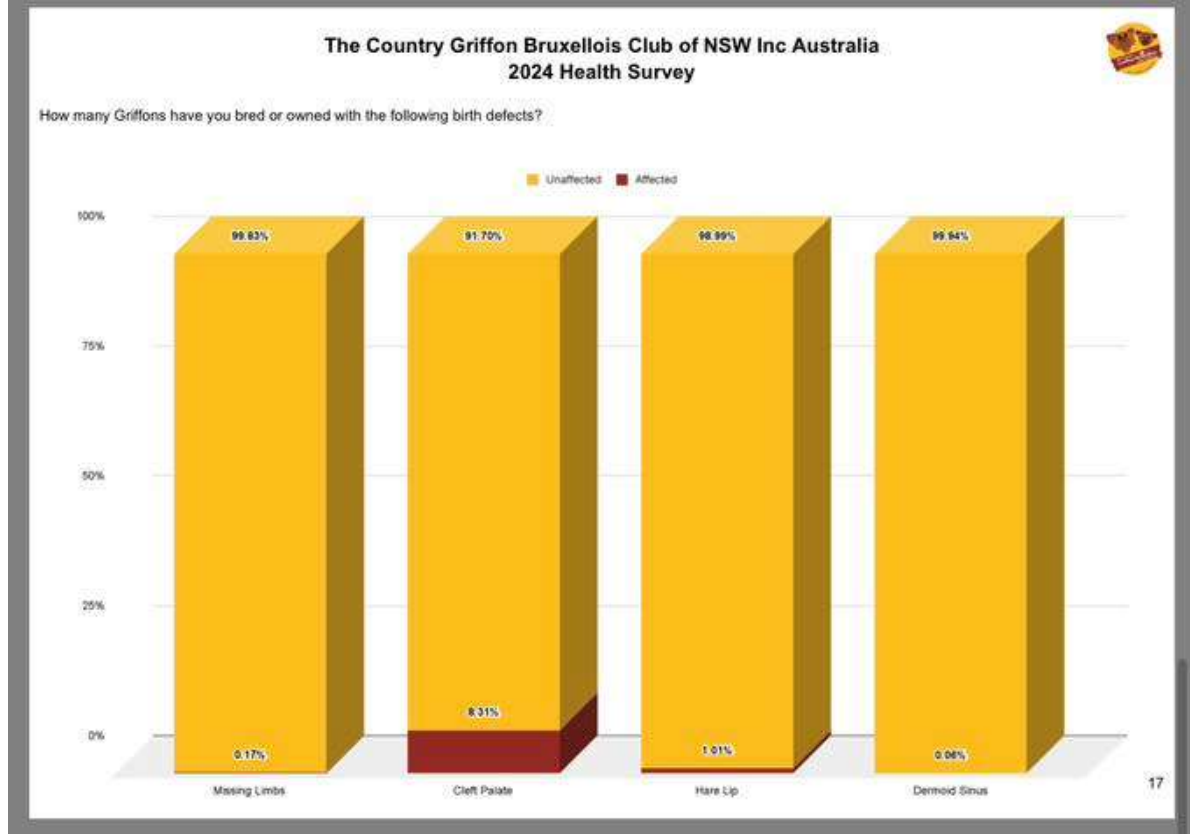
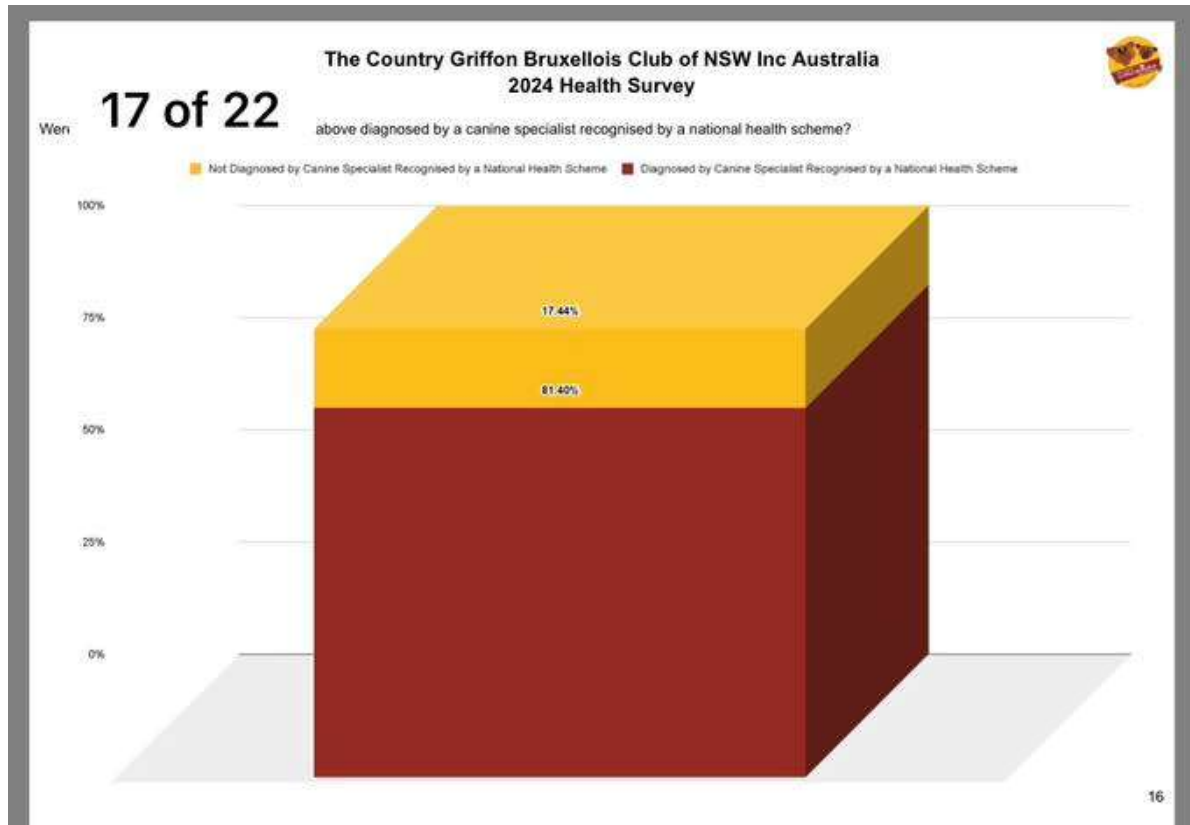
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Please tell us about any other structural conditions your Griffons have experienced



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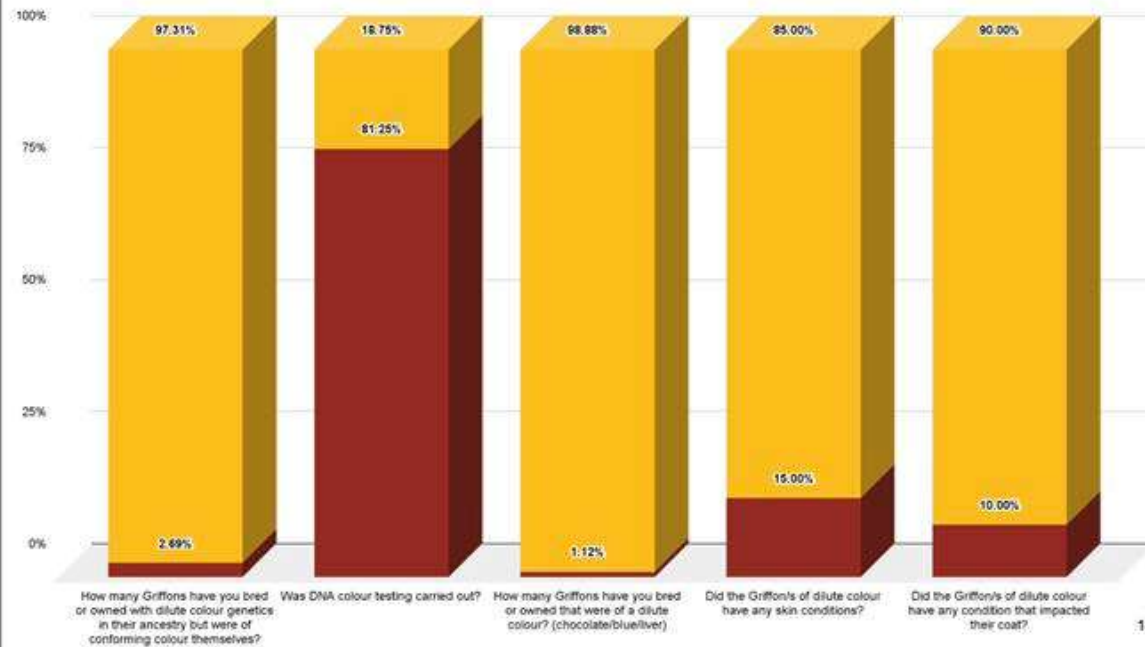
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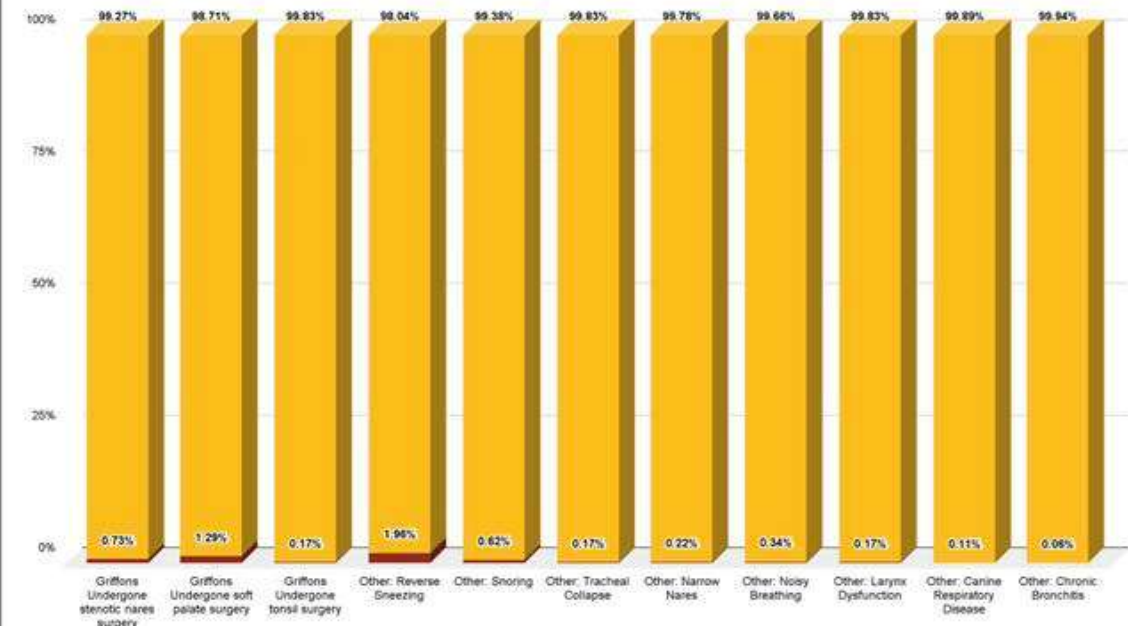
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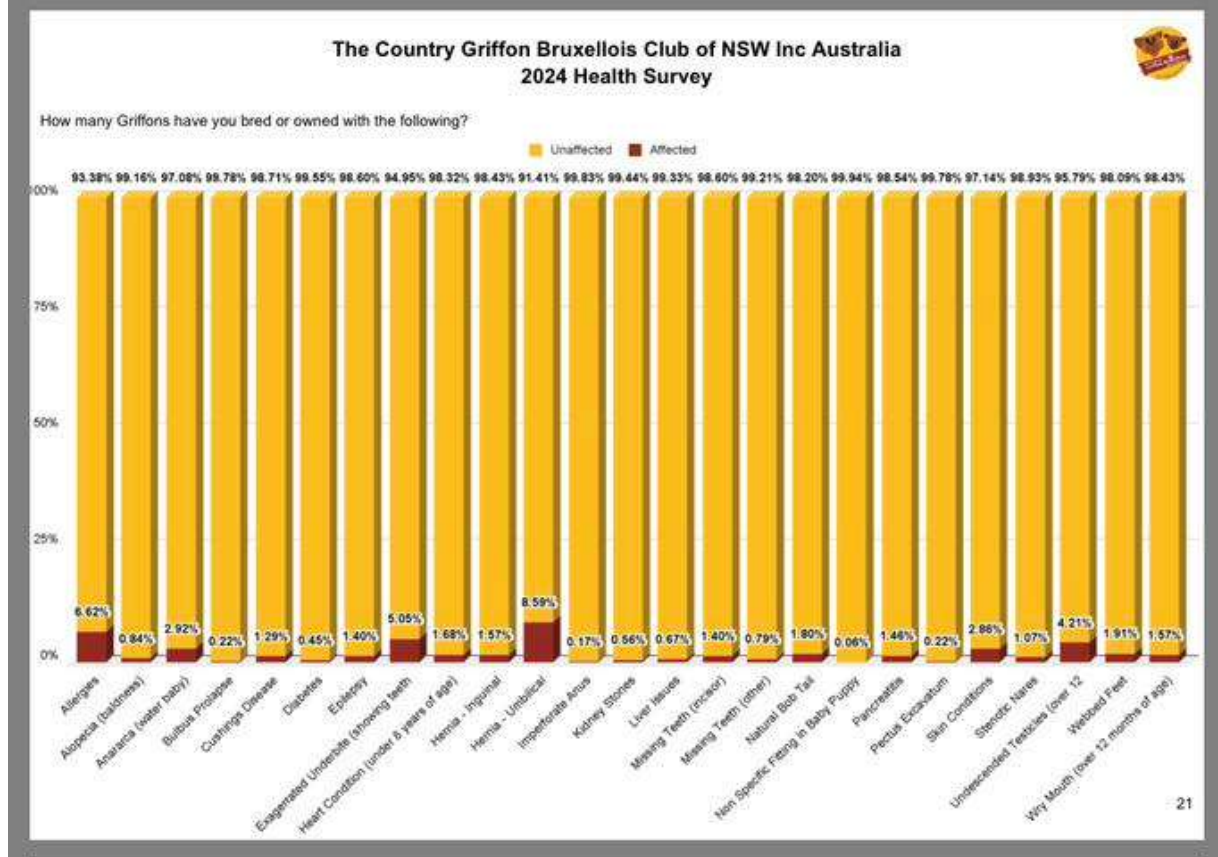
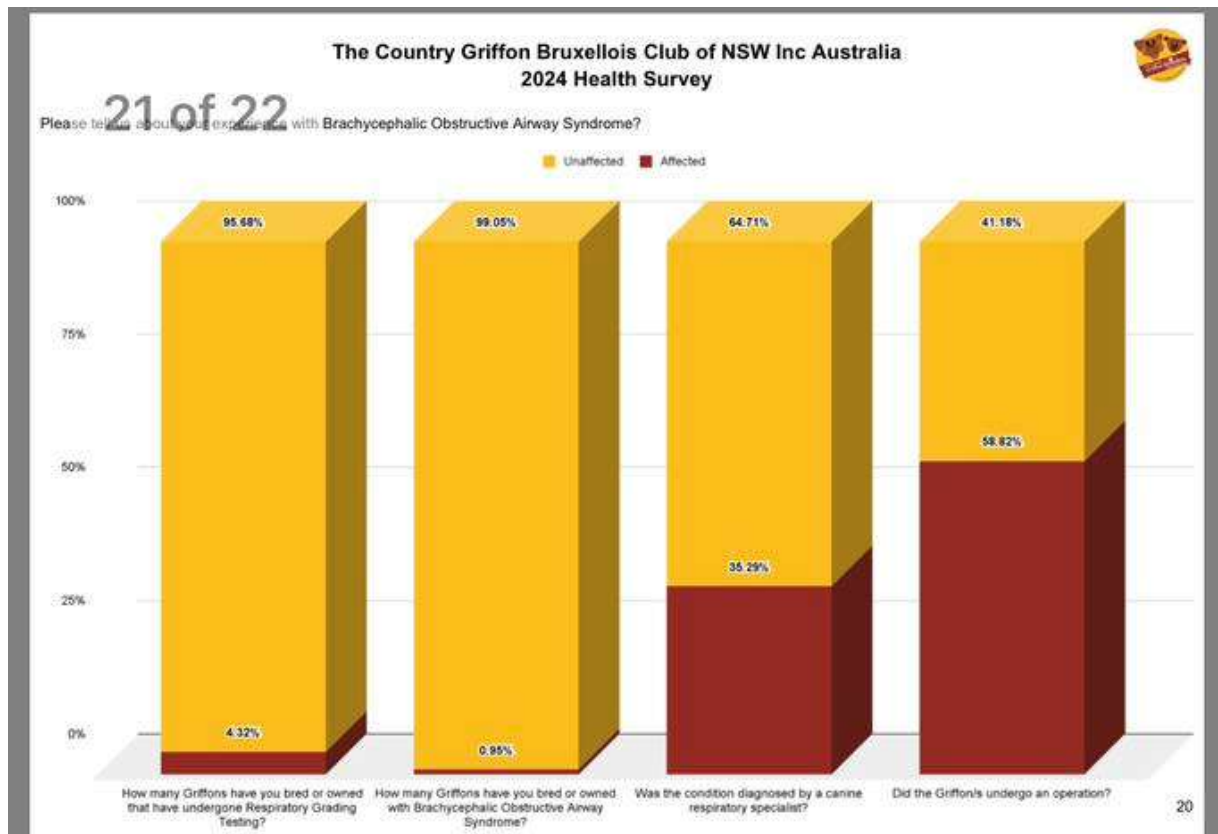
Please tell us about any breathing related issues your Griffons have experienced?

Unaffected Affected



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Please list any other health issues (not covered in previous questions) you have experienced with any Griffons you have bred or owned

Acid reflux	IVDD
Addison's Disease	Juvenile Cellulitis
Allergies: Cooked chicken, Bees, Mould, Dust Mites, Protein, Meloxicam	Kidney Issues
Anal Gland issues	Liver Issues
Anxiety	Lymphoma
Arthritis	Mast Cell Tumour
Bladder Stones	Melanoma
Blood Disorder	Misshapen Kidneys
Cancer: Stomach, Testicular, Prostate, Blood, Ovarian, Breast	Myasthenia Gravis
Canine Atopic Dermatitis	Nervous Breakdown
Cognitive Heart Failure	Nose Ketosis
Demadetic Mange	Oesophagitis
Dental Disease	Pancreatitis
Enlarged Prostate	Precursor-Targeted Immune-Meditated Anemia
Extra Front Teeth	Protein Losing Enteropathy
Gallbladder Mucocele	Pyometra
Gastroschisis	Sensitive Stomach
Haemorrhagic Gastroenteritis	Soft Tissue Sarcoma
Heart Murmur	Underdeveloped in Size
Hemangiosarcoma	Underdeveloped Tail Vertebrae Loose in the Skin
Idiopathic Itchiness	Urinary Tract Issues
Idiopathic Polirradiculoneuritis	Vestibular Disease
Immature Digestive System	Warty Growths
Inflammatory Bowel Didease	Yeast Infections

The above issues were identified in single figures, often only one or two dogs

### Summary

#### Participants

The majority of participants were pet owners (60.7%), followed by breeder/exhibitors (18.2%). The pet owners have no vested interest in presenting false statistics so we can assume that the results are accurate. If there was a bias, it would be skewed towards increasing issues rather than reducing them as a breeder could identify a condition and the pet owner who bought the dog, may identify the same condition, therefore doubling the incident report

The majority of respondents were Australian but a total of 19 countries participated.

The majority of respondents had been involved with Griffons for 5 years with the longest breed involvement 60 years. Collectively there were decades of Griffon owning experience in the survey

#### The Dogs

The majority of Griffons surveyed were pedigree dogs registered with the recognised Kennel authority (77.1%). 16% were purebred but from unregistered breeders and the remaining majority were either mixed Griffon breed or rescue. (15.1%)

15.1% were bred by the owner, 68.6% were purchased from a recognised National Kennel Club breeder, 28.6% from breeders recommended by the breed club

#### The Conditions

1. **Eye-** 21 eye conditions were surveyed. Each condition was surveyed at less than 1%. 80.39% were diagnosed by a canine eye specialist



2. **Neurological-** 1.68% of Griffons were diagnosed with SM/CM by MRI and were symptomatic. Of the 11 neurological conditions listed, the most common were epilepsy and dementia with 0.67% for each. 90.7% of these conditions were diagnosed by a neurological specialist
3. **Structural Conditions-** the most common structural problem was patella luxation (8.53%), followed by hip dysplasia(3.54%). 8 further structural conditions were listed and all were below 1%.  
81.40% of structural conditions were diagnosed by a canine specialist, recognised by a national health scheme
4. **Birth Defects** –the most common birth defect was cleft palate (8.31%), and hare lip (1.01%) making a combined total of 9.32%. Additionally, 2.92% of puppies were anasarca babies, and 8.59% had umbilical hernias and 4.21% had undescended testicles over 12 months.
5. **Colour-** 2.69% of Griffons were affected by dilute colour genetics, 81.25% of these dogs were DNA tested by breeders. 15% of Griffons with a dilute coat colour had skin conditions, and 10% of the Griffons with dilute colour had other health conditions
6. **Breathing-** 0.95% of Griffons had Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome, 35.29% were diagnosed by a canine respiratory specialist and 58.82% underwent surgery.
7. **Other conditions identified by owners-** the most common, not previously mentioned, were allergies (6.62%) and exaggerated underbite (5.05%).

#### ***Comparison with the Results of the 2016 Health Survey***

In 2016, the Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW, conducted their first international survey of Griffons.

The survey ran for one month from February to March 2016 and received 457 responses from individuals. These responses referred to over 9,000 Griffons making it the largest survey on the breed ever undertaken and arguably providing the most accurate assessment of the health of the breed in its entire history.

<https://www.griffonns.com/2016-international-griffon-health-survey.asp>

This survey showed the following results as the main health concerns of Griffons;

- Slipping Patellas – 224
- Cleft Palate/ Hair Lip -193
- Undescended testicles -127
- Cataracts - 104
- Inguinal Hernia – 94

The 2025 health survey showed very little change. Slipping patella still remains as the major structural issue but does not appear to have increased, cleft palate/hair lips are still the most common form of birth defect along with small numbers of undescended testicles. All eye issues were in the lowest percentage, all below 1% so it appears that the incidents with cataracts have decreased. Inguinal hernias appear to have decreased with only 1.57% of dogs presenting them.

#### ***Conclusions***

Overall, this snapshot survey shows that the Griffon Bruxellois breed appears to be in a very healthy position. The previous most commonly identified conditions have not increased and in some cases have diminished as a concern in the breed. These more common conditions are not among the serious or life threatening conditions seen in other breeds.

There have been many comments made over a decades, linking Griffons to high incidences of SM/CM. While no one disputes the seriousness of this condition, it is heartening to note that only 1.68% of Griffons on the survey were identified with this condition.

BOAS and breathing conditions were not a concern when the first survey was conducted. The current survey, identified less than 1% of Griffons with BOAS.

It is of interest and significance that the majority of Griffons were bred by reputable and recognised breeders. 77% of the Griffons in the survey were pedigree Griffons from a recognised breeder, 68.6% identified the breeder as a breeder in a recognised national Kennel Club.





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The stability and overall health of the breed is probably due to this factor more than anything else. The people breeding Griffons are primarily people dedicated to the breed, who are aware of health issues and actively try to breed healthy dogs. The puppy farmers who breed for gimmicks like unrecognised coat colours are a minority and only supply a small percent of the market. The survey showed that the dogs with the dilute, unrecognised coat colours had a greater incident of skin problems. These are the dogs most likely to come from commercial unrecognised breeders. Anecdotaly, Griffon Breed clubs around the world, are proactive in trying to educate the public about responsible breeding and encourage people to buy their Griffon from reputable breeders. The survey showed that 72.7% of respondents were pet owners (12.7% pet owners who competed in exhibition or performance sports). Only 6.5% of respondents were breeders, so it is clear that the pet owners and Griffon purchasers are benefiting from the responsible breeding practices of the majority of the breeders.

In the long term, if we wish to keep the breed healthy, it is essential that it is not undermined by puppy farmers and commercial irresponsible breeders who will drag it down the path of French Bulldogs, Pugs and British Bulldogs.

It is also essential that the overall, long standing health of Griffons as a breed is not misinterpreted and included in a generalised criticism of all Brachycephalic breeds.

This can only be done if the responsible Kennel club registered breeders are encouraged, and the general public continue to be intelligent enough to only buy from reputable, recognised national Kennel club. To conclude with images of happy, healthy Griffons living their best lives

### ***Scent work***



### ***Sprinting***



### ***Agility***



*Brett Sandells*





## Rescue Griffons

2025 saw the RSPCA reach out for the first time and offer to surrender some Griffons to the club. We were told that they had seized 40 dogs from a mass breeder who was breeding for sale in a pet shop. The pet shop closed and the puppy farmer had the dogs in appalling conditions. Most of the dogs were apparently Oodle crosses but they also found the Griffons. We were not told very much due to potential prosecution, but it seems that there was a female Griffon and 3 male Griffons. The female needed both eyes removed due to chronic dry eye and the 3 boys were aged 2, 5 and 7 years, all in emaciated condition. The boys were surrendered from the Rutherford pound and three club members fostered one of each of them. The RSPCA apparently seized them at the end of May and we collected them in July.

All 3 were still in skeletal conditions, with spine and ribs protruding and dry brittle coat and dry flakey skin, a typical side effect of malnutrition.

The oldest boy, Loki, a black rough, was in the worst condition and he was fostered by our rescue officer, Jannelle Tremenheere.

### *Loki on arrival*

The red rough boy was fostered by Ashleigh and Tiffany Barber Dale and he was named Travis Barker

### *Travis on arrival*

The youngest was fostered by Michelle Parker Brien and was named Tickle.

### *Tickle*

It took 5 months of care- quality food, grooming to remove dead coat and improve skin, gentle outings to socialise and build confidence, training to teach them how to live as part of a family. Like all Griffons they were very affectionate

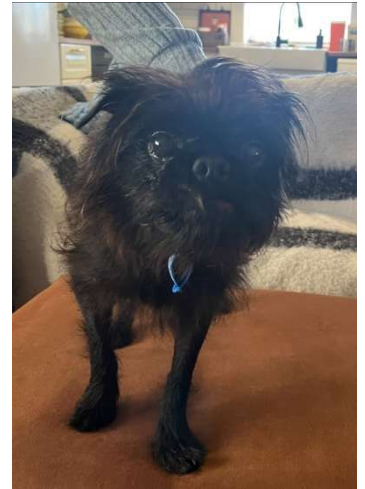
and eager to please. A final vet check, showed huge improvements and many of the health conditions that had been identified by the RSPCA, had disappeared with quality care and exercise. By December they were ready for new home.

Loki had ongoing medical conditions due to so many years of neglect so due to his age, Jannelle decided to give him a permanent home. He has settled very happily with his new family

### *Loki and family, relaxed and happy*

Travis was adopted by Sarah West and her family and now has a new brother and sister Griffon

### *Travis and family*







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*Tickle, now renamed Gus, now lives with Sharyn Wood and has 3 new brothers.*

*Gus and family, celebrating his first proper Christmas*



All three boys now have a happy ending to their neglected lives.

We had a lot of interest in adopting Tickle and Travis, not so much for Loki. There were many wonderful people interested, but we selected the homes which we felt were the best fit for the boys and their unique needs. It has worked out very well and they now have their Cinderella ending.

We hope that the RSPCA will work with us again in the future and the club will rescue or assist with rehoming of any Griffon in need.

Hopefully there will not be many Griffons in need of rescue as it will mean that more people are breeding them irresponsibly

If the need should arise again in the future and you feel that you would be interested in fostering a Griffon in rescue, please let the secretary, Marousa Polias know, so we can put your name on a foster carer list







## Griffons excel at Inaugural Club SprintDog Trial

September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

The Country Griffon Club held the first ever Griffon Sprint Dog Trial in Australia .

What a fantastic day at the Inaugural Sprint Dog Trial for The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW.

The weather was perfect for running and 104 dogs ran, including 22 Griffons. It was great to see so much support from Griffon owners.

Our thanks must go to everyone from NABDTC Sprint Dog team who helped us run the trial. We could not have done it without them and their invaluable support, advice and expertise

It was fabulous to meet Jannelle Willoughby and Stan who travelled all the way from Albury and Natasha Davies with the speedy little Tilly who came up from Canberra.

The Griffons were outstanding, especially considering that some had never run before. All the Griffons except one qualified



Six Griffons gained titles and three got their second title-Sprint Dog and three got their first title- Novice Sprint Dog

New Sprint Dog Titles  
Stan- Ch Shigriff Stan the Man ET SPRD **Stan**

- Boots- Ch/ Neut Ch Balliol Octavia Owl NSPRD

- Boris NSPRD TKS

New Novice Sprint Dog Titles

- Ronald- Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp

- DeeDee/ Paris All Dolled Up

- Tilly- Gr Ch

Balliol Tilly Tonks at Raweke

As well, Lochtay Tilly Devine RN, SPRD,TKS, owned by Natasha Davies won the judges special award.

Since that first trial, Griffons have gone on to gain more Sprint titles and prove that they really are speedy little dogs.

Other Griffons who gained additional Sprint Dog titles in 2025 are:

- Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum NSPRD
- Ch Frenchgriff Bertie Beetle NSPRD
- Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler NSPRD
- Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey NSPRD SWN
- Ch Balliol Queenie Quickspell NSPRD
- Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke NSPRD







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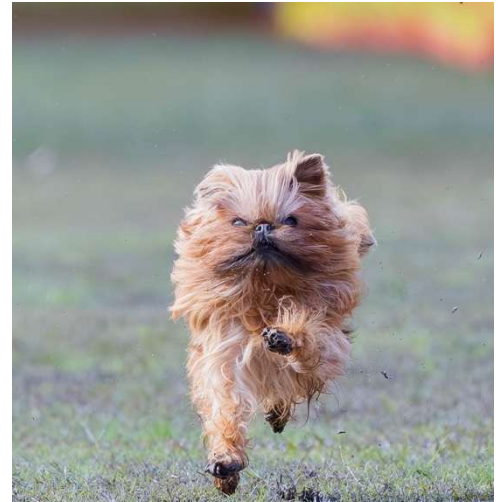


- Ch Balliol Nymphodora Nox SPRD
- Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp SPRD
- Ch Balliol Octavia Owl- SPRD M
- Boris SPRD A, TK S
- Lochtay Tilly Devine -SPRDA ,JD, RN, SWN, TK N
- Ch Shigriff Sounds Like a Plan ET SPRD
- Ch Nimblegriff Tell it Like it Is NSPRD
- Ch Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees SWA, SPRD
- Paris All Doll'd Up SPRD
- Ch Nimblegriff Made Ya Look N SPRD

The club has now gained approval from Dogs NSW to conduct two SprintDog Trials in 2026.

They will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026. Each trial will be run back to back with a NABDTC Sprint trial so entrants will be able to have two trials.

The entry will be by ballot but Griffons will get priority in the club trials







## First Endurance title for a Griffon



Another exciting first for Griffons in Australia was celebrated when Ch Shigriff Sounds Like a Plan, owned and trained by Jannelle Willoughby and bred by Caroline Elder and Michelle Gurney, gained his Endurance title.

To gain an endurance title a dog has to run 20 kilometres within a certain time. There are vet checks at 8 km, 6km and 6 km. If a vet thinks that the dog is stressed then the dog is not allowed to continue. As can be imagined, the dogs that usually achieve this title are the larger endurance breeds and 20 km is a very long way for a small dog with short little legs. The video showed Stan, completing his run, tail wagging and barely puffing. A tribute to his breeders and to Janelle for training and conditioning him so well







## Scent Work

Scent work consists of a dog having to find a hidden scent in a variety of locations; interiors, various shaped containers, exteriors, vehicles. The dog must find the scent within a set time and as the dog progresses there is more than one scent to be found. The tests mimic the work done by drug dogs, customs dogs etc- any dog that is used to scent specific items in

the military or security fields. The scents can be ground

level or they can be positioned several feet above the ground which makes it a little more difficult for the small size and shorter legs of the Griffons.

The weather conditions and the wind conditions have a big impact on the way the scent can move and the dogs need the skills to locate the source of the odour

Kelly Pilgrim Byrne, in Western Australia was one of the first people in Australia to compete in scent work with a Griffon and she continued her success in 2025.

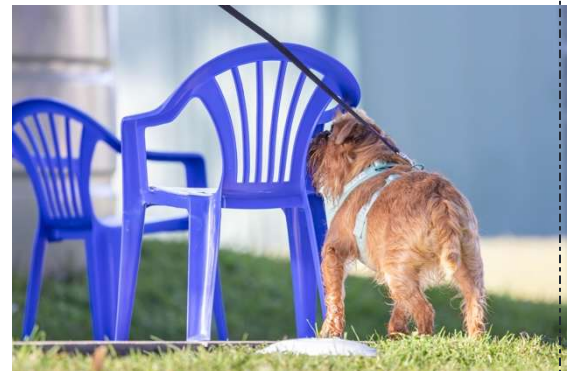
Sid, her first Griffon now has his advance scent title and can be known as

- Conamoore Sidney Swain SWA.
- Other Griffons who have gained scentwork titles are
- Floss SWN
  - Ch Nevafollo

Fizzing Whizzbees SWA, SPRD

- Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey NSPRD SWN
- Armorgriff Highway Star SWN
- Evee SWA
- Lochtay Tilly Devine JD, RN, SPRD A, SWN, TKN
- Pendleview Adventuring Again ADX, JDM, JDO, CCD, CD, FS.S, RM, SWN, TLI

Scent work is another field where Griffons have excelled beyond conventional expectations







## Griffons achieving in Performance Sports

In addition to Sprint dog and Scent work, Griffons and their owners have also participated in a variety of other activities: Tricks, Agility, Hoopers, Rally Obedience, Dancing.

### Tricks



Tricks is a fun activity where the dog does a number of set tricks. It begins with Tricks Starters and progresses to more difficult tricks and an increased number. Because Griffons are such agile little dogs and so eager to please, they love tricks.

Some Griffons who achieved Tricks titles are :

- Ch Nagpuni Secret Agent RN TKN
- Boris SPRD A, TK S
- Lochtay Tilly Devine JD, RN, SPRD A, SWN, TKN
- Pendleview Adventuring Again ADX, JDM, JDO, CCD, CD, FS.S, RM, SWN, TLI



### Agility

Agility is a fast action packed sport, where a dog has to jump, weave or scramble over a variety of jumps, tunnels, posts, A frames, see saws and walkways, as fast as possible. It requires fitness from both handler and dog and excellent off lead control and communication between the handler and the dog.

There are some Griffons who are now



commencing in the sport and have started to gain the necessary qualifications but the real stars are Ch Nagpuni Mr Bigg JDX who is not only competing at Excellence level but has taken on the big dogs and beaten them, and Pendleview Adventuring Again ADX, JDM, JDO, CCD, CD, FS.S, RM, SWN, TLI



### Hoopers

Hoopers is a new sport that is only recognised in Western Australia at the moment. It is similar to agility with the dog completing an obstacle course in as fast a time as possible but it does not have jumps. Instead, the dogs are required to run through a number of hoops and tunnels and run around obstacles. Like Agility, it requires good off lead communication with the dog but it is not as physically demanding.





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Kelly Pilgrim Byrne has two Griffons competing in Hoopers.  
Amorgrif Highway Star SWN has her Beginners Title and  
Conamoore Sidney Swain Hoopers level 5  
SWA has his level 3 Hoopers



### Rally Obedience

Rally obedience requires both on and off lead obedience while the dog and handler complete a sequence of exercises in a rally course with the dog mainly in the heel position alongside the handler.

Griffons with Rally titles include

- Ch Nagpuni Secret Agent TKN RN
- Ch Nagpuni In the Midnight Hour RE TKS
- Ch Nagpuni Love is a Game RN
- Pendleview Adventuring Again ADX, JDM, JDO, CCD, CD, FS.S, RM, SWN, TLI

- Lochtay Tilly Devine JD, RN, SPRD A, SWN, TKN

### Dancing with Dogs



- To my knowledge, we have only one Griffon with a dancing title. Natasha Davies and her dog Dixon, Pendleview Adventuring Again ADX, JDM, JDO, CCD, CD, FS.S, RM, SWN, TLI, is the only Griffon to have his Freestyle Starters title, dancing to the Bee Gees. A fabulous achievement and a sport that I hope more Griffons owners will take up.



### Battle of the States Sprint Competition

And finally, as we are celebrating Griffon achievements: while SprintDog is a non competitive sport, there was a fun interstate competition, among clubs and breeds. The NSW state winner was our Griffon Club!!! With our speedy, healthy, fit little Griffons. Well done everyone.



## Battle of the States - Australian 100m Sprint Competition

19h •

Full Rankings for The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW (plus 2 ring ins LOL). It's really nice to see you guys participating and we hope to see you again next year!

Rank	Dogs Registered Name	Call Name	Owner	Category	Fastest Time	Club/State
1	Kirinbell Sugar Candy Kisses	Lollipop	Mrs L Heeley	Brittany	8.67	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
2	Kirinbell Chase N The Dragon	Jem	Ms M R Webster	Brittany	8.76	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
3	Lochtay Tilly Devine	Tilly	Mrs N Davies	Griffon Bruxellois	11.75	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
4	Boris	Boris	Mrs L Heeley	Griffon Bruxellois Veteran	11.81	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
5	Balliol Octavia Owl	Boots	Mrs M Parker-Brien & Miss B Bull	Griffon Bruxellois	11.88	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
6	Frenchgriff Bertie Beetle	Bertie	Mrs K Pound	Griffon Bruxellois	12.09	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
7	Paris All Dolled Up	Dee Dee	Mrs J Mathieson	Griffon Bruxellois	12.55	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
8	Balliol Queenie Quickspell	Queenie	Mrs M Parker-Brien	Griffon Bruxellois	13.36	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
9	Balliol Nymphodora Nox	Nymphodora Nox	Mrs M Parker-Brien	Griffon Bruxellois	13.50	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
10	Shagriff Sounds Like A Plan	Stan	Mrs J Willoughby	Griffon Bruxellois	13.52	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
11	Balliol Tilly Tonks Ofzaveke	Tilly	Mrs M Parker-Brien	Griffon Bruxellois Veteran	13.64	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
12	Nevafolio Fizzing Whizzbees	Roy	Mrs J Mathieson & Ms A Barber	Griffon Bruxellois	13.73	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
13	Krusayd Kiss Me On Wednesday	Kiss Me On Wednesday	Mr G Egan	Griffon Bruxellois	14.53	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
14	Krusayd Griffon Don Diego	Zorro	Mrs M Polias	Griffon Bruxellois	15.06	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
15	Balliol Quentin Quisp	Ronald	Mrs M Parker-Brien & Mrs J Baldwin	Griffon Bruxellois	15.43	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
16	Nagpuni Ginger Spice	Ginger	Mrs T Odell	Griffon Bruxellois Veteran	16.66	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
17	Balliol Norberta Niffler	Norberta Niffler	Mrs C Parker O'Sullivan	Griffon Bruxellois	18.74	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
18	Nagpuni Viewx Curree	Evee	Mrs T Odell	Griffon Bruxellois	19.80	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
19	Kango Lady Ma Donna	Zsa Zsa	Mrs M Polias	Griffon Bruxellois	21.58	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
20	Balliol Captain Krum	Beele	Mrs C Parker O'Sullivan	Griffon Bruxellois Veteran	23.45	The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

5. New South Wales - 6 category winners. Well done to you NSW people who gave it a go. And it was THE best seeing a club from NSW, The Country Griffon Bruxellios Club, joining in the fun. I hope you had a great time and congratulations on your wins.





## Club Point Score

2025 saw the club point score run over 9 shows throughout the year. There were a total of 22 Griffons competing.

The 2025 winner was Ch Nagpuni Smooth Operator,



owned and bred by Terri and Grant Odell. He was also the Puppy winner. On his way to his victory, he won a number of Class in Groups

The winner of the Neuter competition was Neuter Gr Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna, owned by Marousa Polias



Other top 5 place getters were

2<sup>nd</sup> Gr Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke NSPRD

3<sup>rd</sup> Ch Kruyard Griffon Don Diego

4<sup>th</sup> Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp SPRD

5<sup>th</sup> Gr Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice

Point Score Shows for 2026

April 2<sup>nd</sup>–April 12<sup>th</sup> 2026– Sydney Royal

Championship Show date – 28/03/2026

Griffon Judging Sydney Royal – Monday 6<sup>h</sup> April 2026.  
22/09/2026

SprintDog Trial Dates- 10/07/2026. &

01/02/2026 Wollongong ABDC AM show Woonona Southern	08/03/26 Lake Macquarie All Breeds Hillsborough  Hunter	24/05/2026 Kuringai KC Castle Hill  Sydney	13/06/2026 Dogs NSW Events Committee Orchard Hills  Sydney	25/07/2026 Newcastle & Mereweather CC Hillsborough  Hunter	27/9/2026 Hills Dog Club Castle Hill  Sydney	18/10/2026 Stn Highlands KC Berrima  Southern	29/11/2026 Gosford Shire KC Hillsborough Hunter
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### 1. Wollongong ABDC 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

The first point score had an entry of 7 Griffons for judge Shane Thomas. The BOB and Runner Up Best in Group was Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp SPRD – Jasmine Baldwin.

Other Results:

Runner Up BOB BCC – Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey

Reserve BCC- Ch Balliol Nymphodora Nox NSPRD

Puppy - Kruyard Klaim to Fame

Next Point score will be in the Hunter at Lake Macquarie All breeds with an international panel. Entries on Show Manager





# 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.



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### Dog Lovers

Once again, the club had a highly successful breed stand



at the Dog Lovers show. There was, as usual, a lot of interest in the Griffons and thanks go to everyone involved in running the stand. Special thanks to Victoria Mercer who organised it, to Terri and Grant Odell, who set up the stand the day before, the Floods, who dismantled, and to all the volunteers who helped on the stand and talk about our great little Griffons.

Despite the success, 2026 will see the club take a break from Dog Lovers.

The meeting decided that it will be reassessed for 2027. There were many reasons for this.

One the huge amount of time and effort required to organise the stand and the difficulties in getting volunteers with everyone's busy lives.

Also, members expressed concerns in the very commercial direction that Dog Lovers has headed over the 10 or more years since it commenced. Initially it was promoting responsible dog breeders and dog ownership. Now it seems to be more concerned with making a profit. Large scale puppy farmers are now able to buy breed stands and promote their dogs as a 'breed'. The enormous puppy farm, Tamaruke, in the Hunter Valley, has had a breed stand for several years, deliberately misleading the public by telling them that their oodle crossbreeds are a recognised breed. 2025 saw an increasing number of these stands and the location, not far from the genuine breed stands, made it very difficult for members of the public to differentiate. Our club members were not happy to support this trend of deception by omission. Our club has participated in Dog Lovers every year since its inception so we will evaluate further involvement for 2027.







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## Griffmas In July

2025 saw the first Griffmas in July event for the club. Club member, Lisa Heeley, generously allowed us to use her doggy daycare centre, The Hound Lounge, in Sydney as the venue. Lisa and her 3 Griffons, Boris, Floss and Gus were on hand to greet arrivals. There was a Santa chair so that everyone could get into the Griffmas spirit



It was a popular event with over 52 Griffons during the course of the day

The club had a raffle of Griffon goodies that was generously donated by Claire Parker O'Sullivan from Pets on the Park. The lucky winner was Lori Anderson.

*Some images from the day*







## The Christmas Griffmas Party

The club Christmas Griffmas was held on 14th December at Castle Hills Showground. This venue worked well in the heat as it provided a fully covered area and most activities were concluded before the heat built up in the afternoon. Thanks go to Marousa Polias for organising the party and to all her merry helpers who assisted in the games and activities. Thanks also to Kevin Case who provided the fantastic backdrop for photos.

We had a great attendance with over 50 people and Griffons. Knose donated mementos for the games and

Jillian Mathieson donated a first prize for the raffle and Jane Wistuba donated homemade Christmas shortbread for second prize

The raffle was drawn and first prize was won by Edwina Maidment and second prize by Jasmine Baldwin

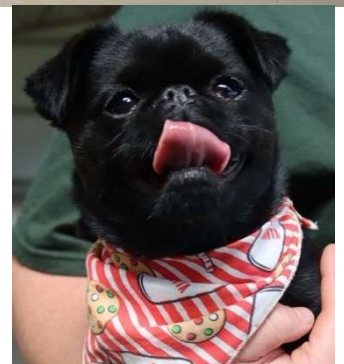
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize



1<sup>st</sup> prize



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## DOG PAPERS WHATS THE DIFFERENCE?



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**The Australian National Kennel Council Ltd (ANKC) is the ONLY internationally recognised registry in Australia able to issue certified pedigrees for purebred dogs.**

All ANKC breeders must abide by the Code of Ethics outlined on the ANKC website.

The ANKC issues two types of registration papers, main and limited (pictured above), and each puppy brought from an ANKC breeder will come with its own pedigree. ANKC Certified Pedigrees are also the **only recognised pedigrees** with the state government and local councils.

All other councils such as the MDBA, ABR, Australian Canine Registry, ICBS etc are NOT affiliated with the ANKC and **CANNOT** issue Certified Pedigrees.

**If you wish to confirm that a breeder is registered, contact your ANKC state body from the organisations listed below.**



orange(limited registration).

If you are uncertain, ask for the kennel prefix, this can be checked with the ANKC database or contact the our club and we will advise you for free. Some puppy farmer breeders are with a variety of commercial registrations. These are not valid registration systems. They have no checks, all the members have to do is pay money. The ANKC and members states are the only ones internationally recognised.

Never send any money until you are certain. Never send money on a litter that hasn't been born. If a breeder rushes you to pay in case you miss out – run don't walk away.

**Don't let the puppy farmers fool y**

## Don't Be Scammed

A timely warning about scammers and puppy farmers. The club has been advised of unregistered and unregulated puppy farmers advertising pups as pedigree and registered. Anyone can make up a pedigree but it is not necessarily a true pedigree- it could be fictional. The only genuine pedigrees are those issued by the ANKC. They are either blue(main registration) or







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## The 2025 Championship Show

The 2025 shows were a huge success with an entry of 40 plus well supported property classes. This is the largest Griffon entry seen in NSW since Covid lock downs. The two judges, Myron Arthur and Lance Wright were highly experienced Toy judges, both having exhibited Toy breeds for many years and in the case of Lance Wright, an experienced exhibitor of Griffons. The shows opened, as per tradition with a parade of Golden Oldies, celebrating our wonderful older Griffons, ranging in age from 10 to 15 years.



### The Silver Show



The Silver show was the first show and was judged by Mr Myron Arthur. His winner was the young smooth dog, Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp, bred by Michelle Parker Brien and owned by Jasmine Baldwin and Michelle Parker Brien. At this show he was handled by Claire Parker O Sullivan as Jasmine was on her honeymoon.

Reserve in Show was the smooth red bitch, Ch Nagpuni

Ginger Spice, owned, bred and handled by Terri O Dell.

Neuter in Show was Nevaending Golden Chanterelle, owned, bred and handled by Jannelle Tremeneheere



### The Gold Show

The Gold Show was judged by Mr Lance Wright from Queensland and he again found Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp as his Best in Show winner.

Reserve in Show was the smooth red bitch, Ch Balliol Nymphodora Nox, owned, bred and handled by Michelle Parker

Brien.

Neuter in Show was was Ch/ Neuter Ch Balliol Octavia Owl, owned and handled by Bernadette Bull







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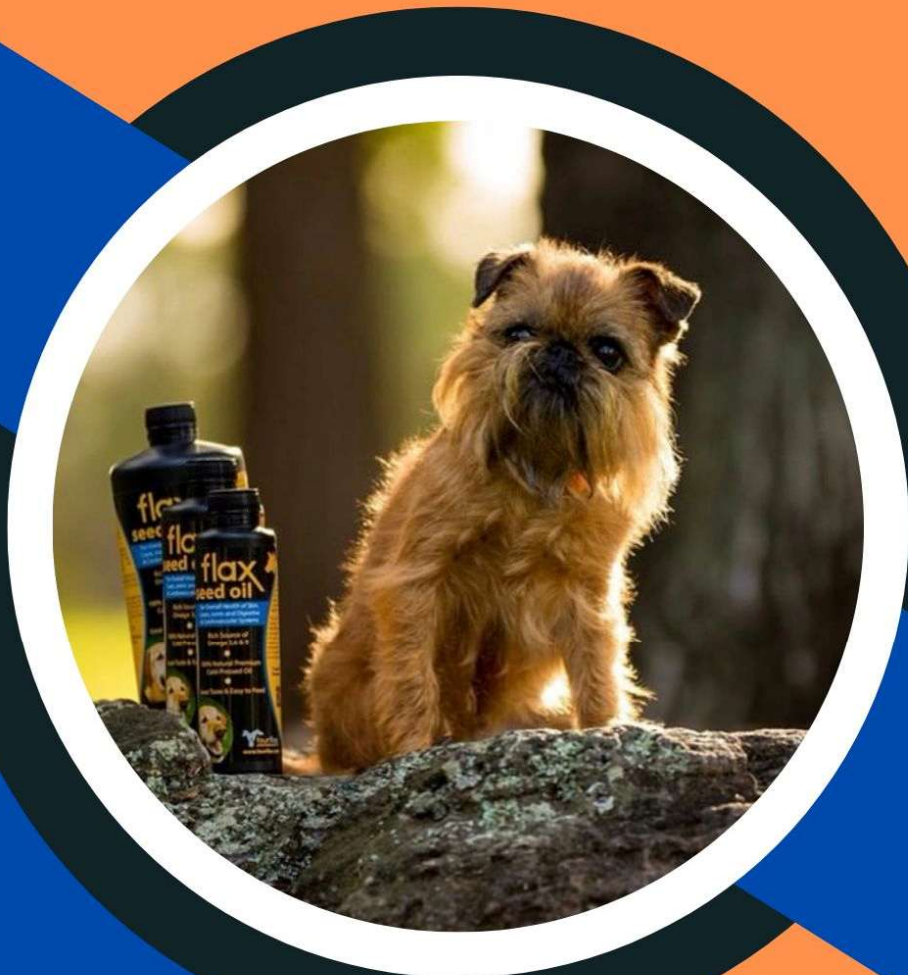
## LIES the PUPPY FARMERS say:

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>

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## **The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc Code of Ethics for Breeders**

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW is an affiliate of Dogs NSW, the NSW body of the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) The club expects any members who breed Griffons to abide by the ANKC code of ethics.

This means:

- Any club member who breeds Griffons **MUST** be a member of the ANKC body of their state and must have an approved ANKC breeder's prefix of their home state. Any bitch they breed from **MUST** be on ANKC Main registration.
- Any member of the club who has an entire male must not breed that male unless it is on ANKC Main registration and is bred only to a bitch on ANKC Main registration, owned by a person who is a member of the state body of the ANKC and has an ANKC breeders prefix.
- The club does not accept or condone unregistered breeders, cross breeders, backyard breeders or puppy farmers.
- In addition to abiding by the ANKC Code of Ethics for breeders, the club also expects its members, who are breeding Griffons to abide by the following club Code of Ethics

As a breeder member of The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc, I agree to the following:

### **Aims as a Breeder**

1. I shall only breed with the intention of maintaining or improving the quality, the standard of the breed and the health, welfare and soundness of the dogs.
2. I shall strive to eliminate hereditary conditions and diseases within the breed.
3. I shall strive to ensure that any dog I breed is 'fit for function' and the health and physical well being of the dogs shall be of prime importance.
4. I shall take all reasonable efforts to ensure that dogs I breed do not suffer from any disorder which impedes their breathing, sight, ability to move freely or their physical well-being.
5. I will ensure that I am familiar with the breed standard and always try to breed Griffons that are quality specimens that meet the breed standard.
6. I will not deliberately or knowingly breed dogs that are not within the breed standard, including non-recognised colours.
7. I will always aim to breed the best possible dog I can in order to better the breed and maintain the high quality in the breed.

### **Actions as a Breeder**

8. I shall undertake all health testing that I consider necessary (in consultation with my veterinary surgeon) prior to breeding.
9. I shall have all puppies checked thoroughly by a vet prior to sale and I will ensure that they receive all necessary vaccinations.
10. I will not allow any puppy I have bred to go to their new home until they have reached at least 10 weeks of age.
11. I will ensure that any pups I have bred are well-socialised and fed appropriate nutrition so that they are strong, well grown and healthy when they go to their new homes.
12. I shall not breed from a bitch under 18 months of age and I will not breed from a bitch more than twice in 24 months.
13. I shall not permit my dog to be mated to a dog of another breed.





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14. I will not sell my dogs to commercial wholesalers, retail pet dealers or puppy farmers who engage in indiscriminate breeding practices.
15. I will not sell any puppy I have bred to people who engage in unethical practices when breeding dogs.
16. I will not get my dogs desexed at an early age. I will recommend that no dog is desexed before 6 months of age and preferably 12 months to give the pup the optimum chance for healthy growth and development
17. I will provide ongoing support for any puppy buyer for the term of the dog's life.
18. I shall represent my breed honestly when discussing health issues without exaggeration.
19. When buying or selling dogs I shall indicate my intentions with honesty and integrity and I will be honest with buyers regarding the dog's health status and veterinary reports.
20. I will not take deposits on puppies from potential buyers until live puppies are born and thriving. In a world where scamming techniques are constantly evolving and becoming more sophisticated, the Club wishes to protect all referred puppy buyers. Breeders who take deposits on puppies prior to the puppy being conceived or born will automatically be removed from being listed as ethical breeders of the club.
21. I will not participate in 'dealing' (i.e. selling dogs bred by other people and passing them off as my own breeding)
22. I will always accept back any dog I have bred, if the owners are unable to keep it, regardless of age.
23. I will ensure that no dog I have bred will end up in the pound.
24. I will work with the club to ensure suitable rehoming of any dogs I have bred.
25. I will at all times act in the best interests of the breed and of the individual dog.



### Griffons family Fun

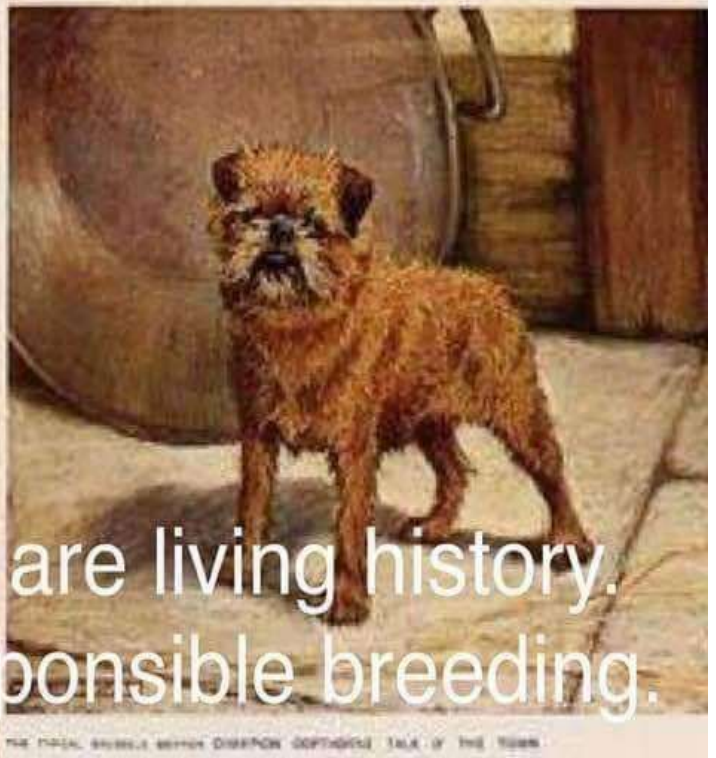






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## Griffons throughout the year- celebrating their versatility



In summary, this edition has been a celebration of Griffons in all the various activities that Griffons have done; show dogs, performance sports dogs, couch dogs, office helpers, shopping assistants and loving, loyal and devoted family members. They may be little, but they have a lot of personality







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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 Secretary at [cgbcnsw@gmail.com](mailto:cgbcnsw@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.





## The CGBC of NSW Breeder and Club Directory

**Breeder Prefix: Balliol**

Contact: Michelle Parker Brien

Email: mbrienparker@yahoo.com

Location: NSW, Australia

Occasionally breeding quality Griffon Bruxellois that meet the ANKC breed standard and excel in the show ring and sports. Multi Royal and specialty winners

**Breeder Prefix: Beaufox**

Contact: Jane Wistuba

Email: beaufoxk@bigpond.com

Location: NSW, Australia

A small kennel specialising in Petite Brabacons. Established approximately 14 years, not breeding at present. My foundation Dog was the late Ch Raweke Apple Cider, rough and my foundation Bitch was the late Paris Starry Starry Night (imp NZ), smooth, gaining both Champion and Neuter Champion Titles. I have successfully bred 5 Griffons to gain their Australian Champion Titles. I breed to strict guidelines and only when I have the need to improve my lines. I DO NOT BREED FOR MONETARY GAINS.

**Breeder Prefix: Bokson**

Contact: Sue and Brian McKie

Contact Number: +61407070051

Email: bokson@bigpond.net.au

Location: WA, Australia

We have been breeding and exhibiting Griffons for 20 plus years. We have enjoyed all the time we have spent with this delightful breed. We breed to improve the quality of the breed wherever possible and strive to provide happy healthy fun loving pets to those people looking for their forever companion. All our puppies are raised in the house with lots of interaction from visitors and family which sets them up for their transition into their new homes.

**Breeder Prefix: Frenchgriff**

Contact: Victoria Mercer

Email: victoriamercer56@gmail.com

Location: NSW, Australia

I am a small hobby breeder of the beautiful breed. My dogs are valued members of my family and are all house dogs, not kept or raised in kennels. They are well socialised, happy and healthy dogs. I show my dogs when time and distance permits.

**Breeder Prefix: Krusayd**

Contact: Greg Egan

Contact Number: +614422755421

Email: mythical@tsn.cc

Website: [click here](#)

Location: NSW, Australia

Krusayd breed beautiful happy Griffons who we believe represent the breed, healthy and loving.





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**Breeder Prefix: Lochtay**

Contact: Kerry Bell

Contact Number: +61412998663

Email: lochtay@bigpond.net.au

Website: [click here](#)

Location: NSW, Australia

A small but very successful kennel of true to type griffons from European lines

**Breeder Prefix: Nagpuni**

Contact: Terri Odell

Contact Number: +61411441707

Email: odd@optusnet.com.au

Website: [click here](#)

Location: NSW, Australia

We have been showing, breeding & trialling Griffons for 25 years & always trying to improve & excel at whatever we do.

**Breeder Prefix: Nevafollo**

Contact: Ashleigh Barber

Email: nevafollo@hotmail.com

Location: NSW, Australia

Owner, exhibitor and breeder of quality griffons with a preference for smooths.

**Breeder Prefix: Nevaending**

Contact: Jannelle Tremenhare

Email: nevaending@hotmail.com

Location: NSW, Australia

We are a small kennel located in the Hunter Valley who breed to the standard as set by the ANKC, our Griffons are bred to a high standard ensuring healthy typey dogs ensuring the preservation of this wonderful breed.

**Breeder Prefix: Paris**

Contact: Sandie Meads

Email: sandfeaver@hotmail.com

Location: New Zealand

We are a small kennel aiming to breed happy and healthy Griffons.

**Breeder Prefix: Raweke**

Contact: Jocelyn Croad and Shane Thomas

Email: raweke@bigpond.com

Location: QLD, Australia



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### **Breeder Prefix: Rosndae**

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Location: NSW, Australia

We have been a respectable and ethical breeder of Griffons for 45 years with many champions to our name.

### **Breeder Prefix: Tiggindor**

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Location: QLD, Australia

Tiggindor kennels believes strongly in good health in my dogs, it is of the utmost importance and I am very dedicated to breed to the standard without compromising soundness or temperament. What I do breed is sound Griffon Bruxellois, brought up in a loving environment. My dogs are my world, they run the house and are well socialised. I love educating people about the breed and will give anyone who is genuine all the time they need to understand this breed. Tiggindor Kennels do not believe in breeding for the market, hence why I rarely have litters for sale.

### **Breeder Prefix: Tiroroa**

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Location: New Zealand

A small kennel of Griffon Bruxellois in the south of the South Island, NZ. I first became involved in Griffons in 1973 and was mentored by Mrs Mollie Grocott of Moerangi kennels. I have had mostly smooths for the past few years and they have held their own in good competition. Lovely happy square little dogs with lovely top lines and happy dispositions.

## **Official Griffon Bruxellois Clubs**

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc

Contact: Secretary

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Website: [click here](#)

Facebook Page: [The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW](#)

Facebook Group: [Griffons NSW](#)

Instagram: [@griffonsnsw](#)

The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria

President: Colleen De Haan

Secretary: Robin Simpson

Website: [click here](#)

Facebook Group: [Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria](#)

The Griffon Bruxellois Club of New Zealand

President – Chris Graham

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

The guidelines are as follows:

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

### Explanation of Terms for Breeders Scheme

Pre mating testing of prospective parents.

Note: Disease testing means:

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





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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.

**BOAS** In a limited number of cases we are aware that Griffons have been born with BOAS. We recommend RFG testing and 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.

We support:

- 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



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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.**