

THE PHOENIX

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



Autumn/Winter 2026



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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



Club Website: www.griffonsnsw.com

Club Face Book Page: Griffons NSW

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Editor's Report:

Welcome everyone to another edition of The Phoenix.

It's been a wonderful few months for our club, with plenty of opportunities to get together and celebrate our Griffons. From our Sydney club meet-up and the Dogs on Show event to our SprintDog™ trial and Griffmas in July, it has been fantastic to see members enjoying a variety of activities with their dogs and sharing their passion for the breed.

One of the things I love most about our club is the strong sense of community. Whether we're catching up at events, cheering on achievements, or simply sharing photos and stories, it's the people and their Griffons that make this club so special.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition. Please keep sending through your photos, results, stories, and Griffon moments for future newsletters—we love seeing what our members and their dogs have been up to.

I hope you enjoy this edition of The Phoenix.

Warm regards,
Jasmine Baldwin

WHAT DOES OUR CLUB DO? SHOWING ISN'T EVEN HALF OF IT!



EDUCATE

The general public about the pros & cons of Griffons, and how to find a responsible breeder



PROMOTE

The health and protection of the breed and responsible breeding and purchasing practices.



ASSIST

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



RESCUE

Griffons in need whom often require extensive veterinary and rehabilitation work.

<https://www.griffonnsw.com>

Notification of General Meeting

Dear Members of the Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc,

The next General Meeting will take place on the 4th of August 2026 via online link at 7:30 pm.

The link to join will be sent out via email closer to the date. If you don't the link by 48 hours prior, check your SPAM and if there is still no email, please reply to this email.

If you have any questions, please contact the Club Secretary via email:
cgbcnsw@gmail.com





The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

Notification of General Meeting

4th August 2026, via online link - 7:30 pm

AGENDA

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Treasurer Report

Secretary

Minutes of Previous meeting

Outgoing Correspondence:

Incoming Correspondence:

Business Arising

New members: to be voted on

Griffon Buyer Register Report

SHOW AND TRIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Report on 2026 July SprintDog

DOGS NSW levy increase and action

2026 September SprintDog Trial

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss possible online General Meetings

EVENTS

Griffmas in July in the Country report and expenses

Next casual Sydney catchup

OTHER

AGM Date

Any Other Business

Meeting Close

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW SprintDog™ Trial

What a fantastic day we had at our recent SprintDog trial, with an incredible 30 Griffons entered and 28 taking to the track. It was wonderful to see so many Griffons enjoying the sport, from first-timers to experienced competitors chasing qualifications and titles.

A special highlight of the day was having both of our SprintDog Champions in attendance. Boots, who already held her SprintDog Champion title, was there to show everyone how it's done, while Boris achieved his SprintDog Champion title on the day—a fantastic milestone and one that everyone was thrilled to celebrate.

The atmosphere throughout the day was relaxed, supportive and full of encouragement. There were plenty of cheers from the sidelines as dogs gave it their all, with some showing impressive speed and others simply having the time of their lives. SprintDog continues to be a wonderful way to showcase the natural enthusiasm of our breed while bringing our Griffon community together.

Congratulations to everyone who qualified, gained new titles, achieved personal bests, or stepped onto the track for the very first time. Every run is an achievement, and it was fantastic to see so many happy dogs and proud handlers.



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success. Special thanks to our judge Tracy Geary; our lure drivers Jillian and John Mathieson; our Sprint Marshals Lisa Waters and Alison Minett; our Dogs NSW representative Matthew Hugo; Photography by Sharnee for capturing so many wonderful moments throughout the day; and Flying Change for doing a fantastic job filming the event and capturing all the action.

Thank you also to our hardworking club members who volunteered throughout the day: Michelle Parker Brien, Claire Parker O'Sullivan, Bernadette Bull, Marousa Polias, Tiffany Barber-Dale, Ashleigh Barber-Dale, Janelle Willoughby, Tracy Klaack, and Jasmine Baldwin.

A very special thank you goes to Mary Webster, Lisa Heeley, and Jane Fisher for all of their help in the lead-up to the trial and on the day itself. Your support behind the scenes was invaluable.

A big thank you also to Rebekah and Tracy Geary for the amazing canteen food that kept everyone well fed throughout the day.

Finally, thank you to Wayne Garner for the use of his lure machine. Your generosity and support helped make the event possible.

Thank you to everyone who entered, volunteered, and supported the trial. We look forward to seeing you all back trackside at our next SprintDog event in September!



Our two Griffon Sprintdog Champions, Boots and Boris



Boris



Roy



Dee Dee



Zorro



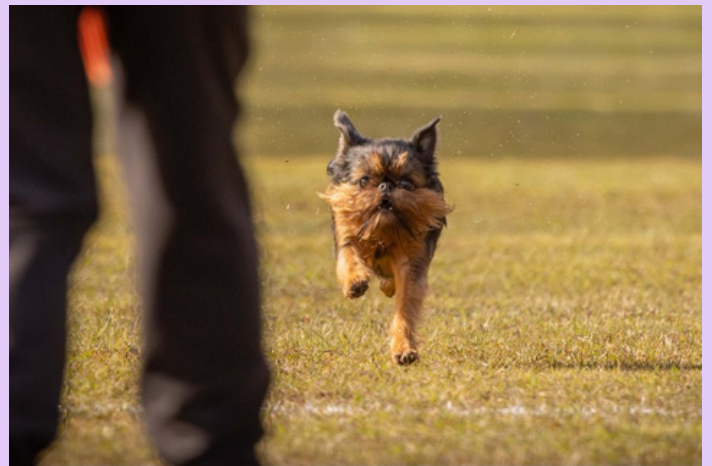
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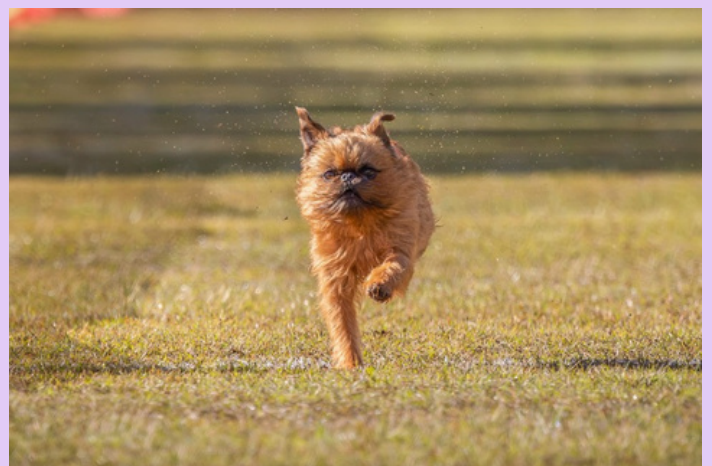
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Frankie



Missy



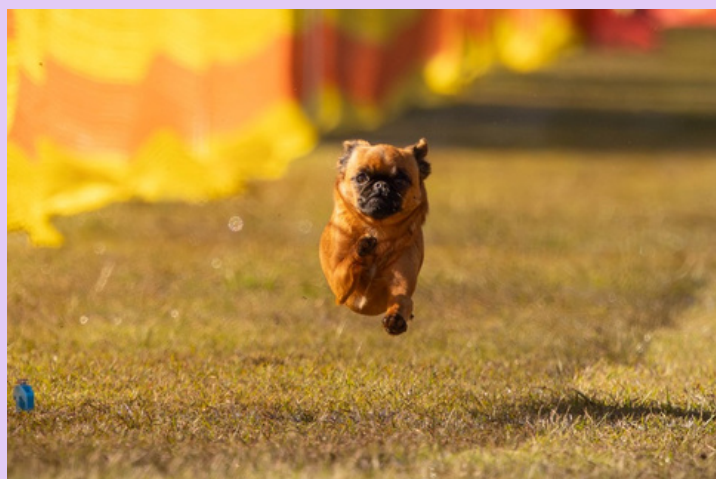
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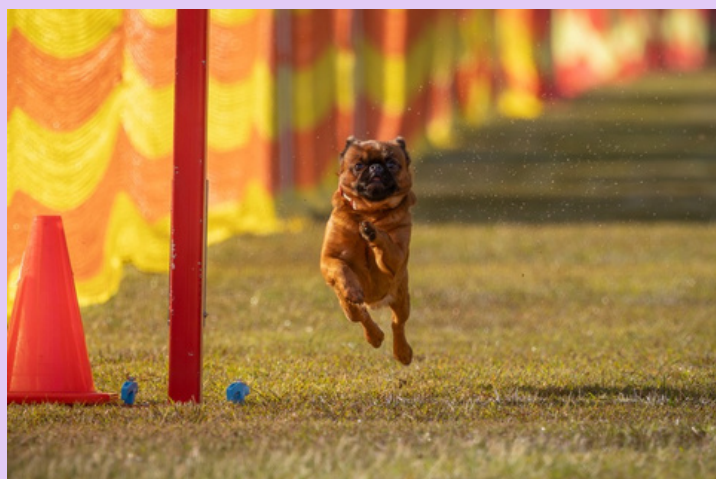
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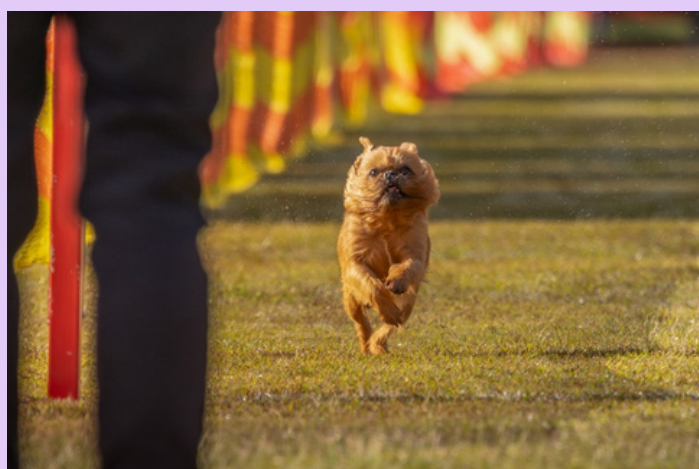
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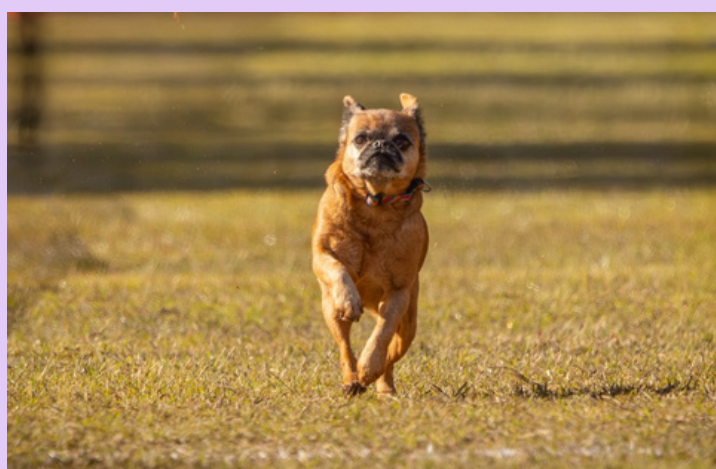
Queenie



Ronald



Morty



Norberta



Zsa Zsa



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW SprintDog™ Trial

TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

CNCC SHOWGROUND - 80 HILLSBOROUGH RD, HILLSBOROUGH, (NEWCASTLE)

DISTANCE: 100M

OPEN TO ALL BREEDS!

ONLINE ENTRIES: VIA SHOWMANAGER.COM.AU

THE SECRETARY: PO BOX 5095, DORA

CREEK NSW 2264

ENQUIRIES/EXTREME WEATHER

CPARKEROSULLIVAN@GMAIL.COM

OFFICIALS

JUDGE: TRACY GEARY

LURE DRIVERS: JOHN & JILLIAN MATHIESON

DOGS NSW REPRESENTATIVE: MATTHEW HUGO

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PO BOX 5095

DORA CREEK NSW 2264

PRIZES

ALL QUALIFIERS:

- ◆ CERTIFICATE & RIBBON
- ◆ TITLES GAINED: SASH

ENTRIES CLOSE 4TH OF SEPTEMBER

MAXIMUM 2 ENTRIES PER HOUSEHOLD.
UNLIMITED GRIFFON ENTRIES FOR CLUB
MEMBERS.

CAPPED TO 130 ENTRIES

EVENT DETAILS

- ◆ CHECK IN & MEASURING: 8:00-8:30AM
- ◆ COMPETITOR BRIEFING: 8:30-8:45 AM
- ◆ STEWARDS BRIEFING: 8:45 - 9:00 AM
- ◆ TRIAL COMMENCE AT 9:00 AM

ENTRY FEES:

- ◆ MEMBERS: \$20 PER ENTRY
- ◆ NON-MEMBERS: \$25 PER ENTRY

CATALOGUE: AVAILABLE ON
NEWCASTLE CANINE SPRINTERS
PAGE, AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR

HANDLER REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ EXHIBITORS MUST ARRANGE THEIR OWN HANDLERS
- ◆ RELEASER & CATCHER MUST:
 - BE NOMINATED AT ENTRY
 - BE FINANCIAL MEMBERS OF DOGS NSW
 - BE OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE
- ◆ TWO LEADS REQUIRED PER DOG

MEASURING

EXHIBITORS MUST BRING THEIR
DOG'S HEIGHT CARD
DOG'S WITHOUT A CARD WILL BE
MEASURED AT CHECK-IN
PLEASE COMPLETE HEIGHT CARD
PRIOR TO MEASURING
BLANK HEIGHT CARDS AVAILABLE
ON THE DAY

RUNS

- ◆ ALL ELIGIBLE DOGS MAY ATTEMPT RUN 1
- ◆ ONLY DOGS THAT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE RUN 1 (WITHOUT BEING EXCUSED OR DISQUALIFIED) MAY ATTEMPT RUN 2

THIS TRIAL IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE RULES & REGULATIONS OF DOGS NSW.
EXHIBITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE RULES

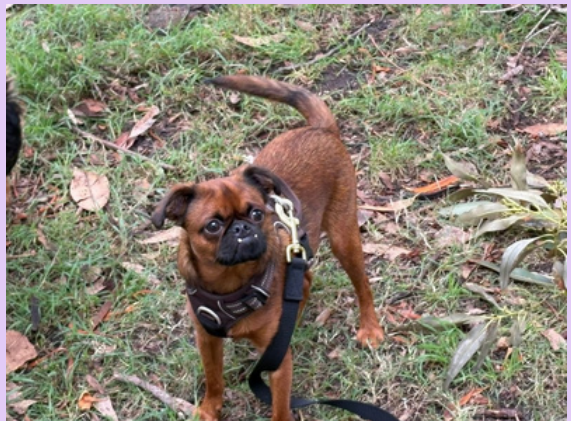


Griffon Meet Up – Sydney

Our Griffon Meet-Up at Centennial Park on 17 May was a wonderful day of friendship, fun, and plenty of Griffon mischief.

The photos beautifully capture the joy of seeing Griffons of all ages and colours exploring the park, playing amongst the autumn leaves, and enjoying time with both familiar and new friends. From energetic zoomies to quiet moments with their families, it was clear that everyone had a fantastic time.

A sincere thank you to Kay Pound and Marcelle Robbins for sharing these gorgeous photographs and helping preserve the memories of a lovely day spent celebrating our wonderful breed.





Point Score Shows

Point Score Update – After Five Shows

Following the completion of five shows, we are pleased to share the current standings in our club point score:

Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp SPRD.A – 58 points
Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey SPRD – 22 points
Ch Balliol Nymphadora Nox NSPRD – 15 points
Ch Nevafollo Fizzing Whizbees SWN SPRD – 15 points
Krusayd Klaim to Fame – 12 points



Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp SPRD.A



Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey SPRD

Latest Results – Hunter International Dog Show – 25th July

At the recent show held on 25 July, the following results contributed to the current point score:

Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp SPRD.A – Best of Breed & Dog Challenge
Ch Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees SPRD SWA – Reserve Dog Challenge
Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey SPRD – Bitch Challenge & Runner Up Best of Breed
Ch Balliol Nymphadora Nox SPRD.A – Reserve Bitch Challenge
Gr Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke SPRD – Neuter in Group

Additional Notes

Leading Puppy: Krusayd Klaim To Fame – 12 points
Neuter Competition: Gr Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke SPRD – 15 points

A strong start to the year, with several dogs already making an impact on the point score. We look forward to seeing how the standings develop over the coming shows.



Point Score Shows

Date	Show	Location	Region
1 Feb 2026	Wollongong ABDC AM Show	Woonona	Southern
8 Mar 2026	Lake Macquarie All Breeds	Hillsborough	Hunter
24 May 2026	Kuringai KC	Castle Hill	Sydney
13 Jun 2026	Dogs NSW Events Committee	Orchard Hills	Sydney
25 Jul 2026	Newcastle & Merewether CC	Hillsborough	Hunter
27 Sep 2026	Hills Dog Club	Castle Hill	Sydney
18 Oct 2026	Stn Highlands KC	Berrima	Southern
29 Nov 2026	Gosford Shire KC	Hillsborough	Hunter

Our next Point Score Show will be held in conjunction with the Hills Dog Club Shows at Castle Hill on 27 September

Dogs On Show

What a fantastic day we had at Dogs on Show! The event was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our beloved Griffons and connect with members of the public who were eager to learn more about this charming breed.

Throughout the day, our stand was busy with visitors stopping by to meet the Griffons, ask questions, and enjoy plenty of cuddles with our little characters. It was incredibly rewarding to see so much interest in the breed and to share our passion with both experienced dog enthusiasts and those discovering Griffons for the very first time.

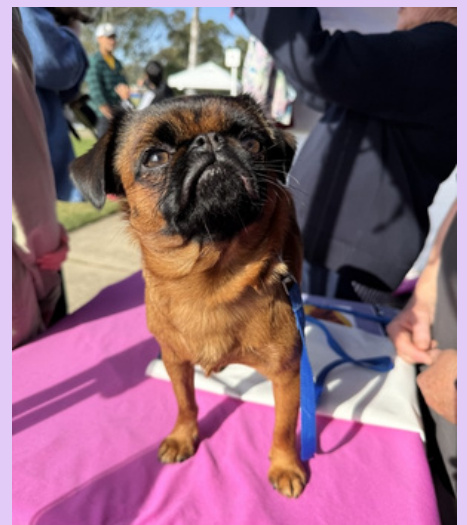
Our Griffons also proudly took part in the Breed Pageant, giving spectators another chance to see the breed in action and learn more about their unique characteristics, temperament, and history. It was wonderful to represent the breed and share what makes Griffons such special companions.

A sincere congratulations to all exhibitors and award winners on their achievements. We would also like to extend our thanks to the judges, stewards, volunteers, and spectators whose dedication and support helped make the event such a success.

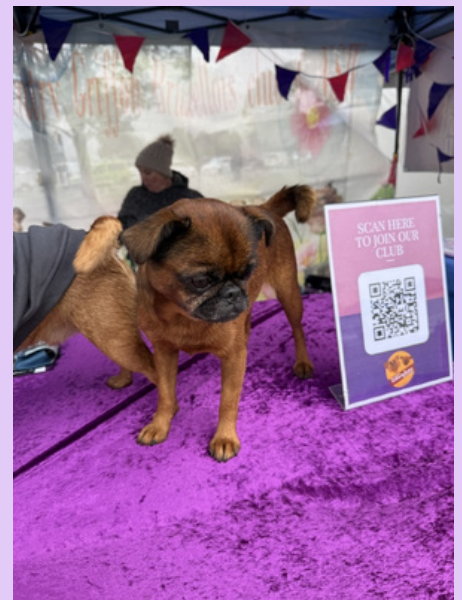
A special thank you must go to Michelle Parker-Brien, Jillian Mathieson, Roslyn and David Finch, Tracy Klaack, and Jasmine Baldwin, who generously volunteered their time throughout the day to man our stand, answer questions, and help introduce the Griffon breeds to the public. Their enthusiasm and commitment played a significant role in making the day both enjoyable and informative for visitors.

Events like these provide a valuable opportunity to promote purebred dogs, educate the community, and celebrate the special bond between dogs and their owners. We are grateful to everyone who visited us and contributed to such a positive and welcoming atmosphere throughout the day.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing everyone again at the next Dogs on Show event!



Dogs On Show Photos



Dogs On Show – Pagaent of Breeds



Boris SprintDog™ Champ

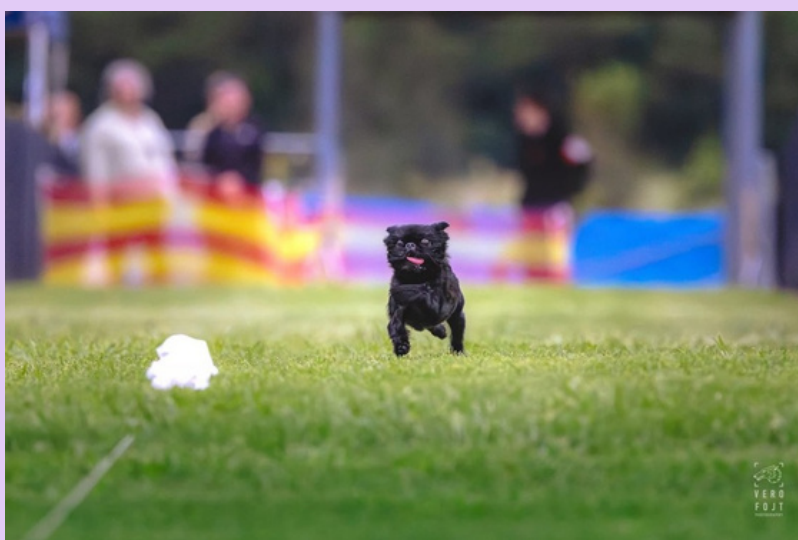


Congratulations to Lisa Heeley and Boris on Boris achieving his SprintDog Champion (SPRD.Ch) title – a fantastic milestone and a testament to his versatility and enthusiasm.

Boris is a true all-rounder. Along with his new SprintDog Champion title, he has earned titles in Scent Work, Nose Work and Tricks, as well as Agility Jumping qualifications. Impressively, he fits all of this around a busy career appearing in television commercials and TV shows.

While Boris has an impressive list of achievements, those who know him best will tell you his greatest motivation is popcorn chicken! Rumour has it he isn't really chasing the lure—he's simply racing to the finish line as fast as his little "Spidey" legs will carry him to collect his favourite reward.

Congratulations to Lisa and Boris on this outstanding achievement. Boris continues to prove that Griffons are capable of excelling across a wide range of canine sports while still stealing hearts both on and off the screen.





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Griffmas in July

On Saturday, 4 July, members of the Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW came together to celebrate Griffmas in the Country.

Hosted on the beautiful property of Claire Parker O'Sullivan and Matt O'Sullivan, the day was a wonderful opportunity for members and their Griffons to enjoy a relaxed Christmas in July gathering. Everyone enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch, plenty of festive treats, and the chance to catch up with friends while making some new ones.

The large fenced paddock provided the perfect place for the Griffons to run, play, and socialise, while members spent the afternoon sharing stories, laughter, and enjoying the beautiful country surroundings.

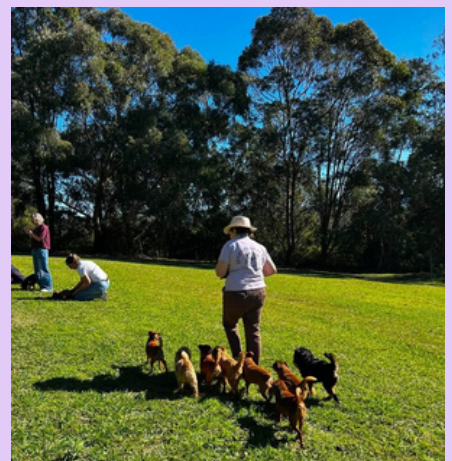
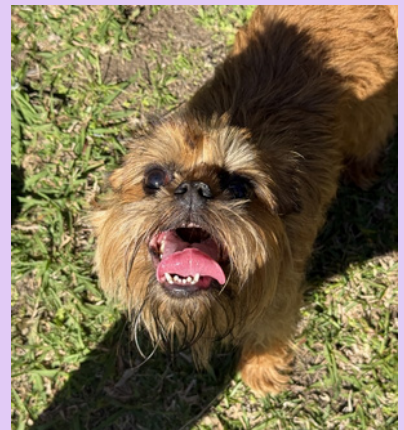
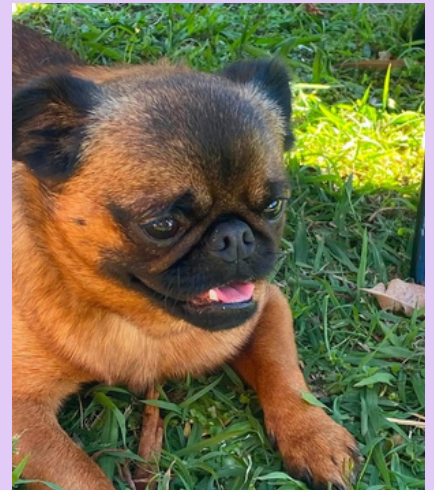
A sincere thank you to Claire and Matt for so generously opening their property to the club and making the day possible.

We hope everyone had a fantastic day and look forward to seeing you all at our next club event.



Griffmas In July Photos





Hunter International Dog Show & Family Fun Day



The Hunter International Dog Show & Family Fun Day was a fantastic success, and congratulations must go to the entire committee, volunteers and everyone involved in bringing such a wonderful weekend together.

The atmosphere throughout the event was outstanding, with Saturday in particular having one of the most positive and welcoming vibes seen at a dog show in a long time. It was wonderful to see exhibitors, officials and spectators all enjoying themselves in such a friendly environment.

The strong crowds across the weekend were a testament to the effort put into publicising the show, and it was fantastic to see so many families coming through the gates. The Breed Stand Treasure Hunt for the kids was an absolute winner, keeping children engaged while encouraging them and their parents to visit the various breed stands. It was obvious that families weren't just having fun—they were also learning about the many wonderful dog breeds represented.

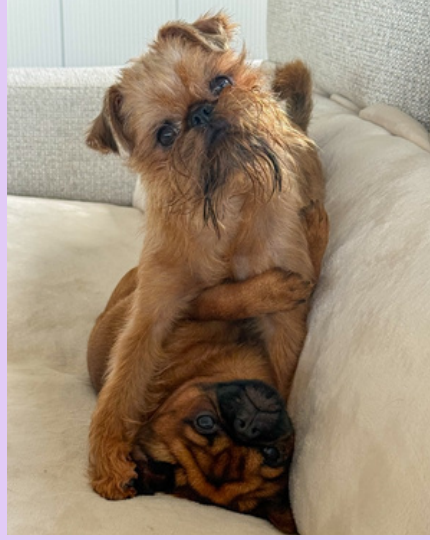
Our club was delighted to be involved with a breed stand, and we're proud to have played a small part in helping introduce the Griffon Bruxellois to so many members of the public. It was a pleasure to meet so many interested visitors, answer questions, and share our passion for this wonderful breed.

Congratulations once again to everyone who contributed to making the Hunter International Dog Show & Family Fun Day such a memorable and successful event. We look forward to seeing it continue to grow in the years to come.

Hunter International Show Photos



Griffons at Home & Play



Celebrating Success:



Congratulations to Dee Dee on earning her Novice Scent Work Title, and to Gus and Ronald on each gaining two more qualifying passes towards their Novice titles. A fantastic effort by all our Griffons at the recent Cessnock Scent Work trial—well done to everyone involved!



Congratulations to Boujee (CH Swedndreams Genesis at Lochtay N.SPRD) on her impressive Runner Up Best Exhibit in Toy Group at the Dogs NSW Library and Archives Championship Show under Tracey Coyle (VIC). A fantastic achievement—well done to everyone involved in Boujee's success!



Congratulations to Moe and handler Kelly Pilgrim-Byrne on a fantastic start to the State Scent Work Trial. Moe successfully stepped up to the Advanced class, qualifying in both Advanced Containers and Advanced Interiors, and was also awarded the Judge's Award for his joyful searching. A wonderful achievement—well done!



Congratulations to Tracy Klaack and Gus on achieving Gus's Novice Scent Work (SWN) title at the recent Cessnock Scent Work Trials. This is a fantastic milestone and reflects the dedication and teamwork that has gone into their training. It's wonderful to see another Griffon achieving success in Scent Work. Congratulations to Tracy and Gus on this well-deserved title!



Congratulations to Terri, Hughie and Ginger on a fantastic weekend at the 4Ps SprintDog Trial. Both Hughie and Ginger gained qualifying runs, with Hughie also earning his SprintDog (SPRD) title.

The following day, Hughie continued his success by qualifying in Advanced Interiors at the Dobermann Club Scent Work Trial.



Congratulations to Marousa Polias and NEUT. GRAND CH. KANGO LADY MA DONNA (Zsa Zsa) achieving her Novice SprintDog (NSPRD) title.



Congratulations to Kerry Bell and Booker (A20 Ch C.I.B Supreme Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay SPRD) achieving his SprintDog (SPRD) title.



Congratulations to Janelle Willoughby and Stan (CH Shigriff Sounds Like a Plan ET SPRD.A) achieving his SprintDog Advanced (SPRD.A) title



Congratulations to Janelle Willoughby and Wilma (CH Clmbu Divine Intervention NSPRD) achieving her Novice SprintDog (NSPRD) title.



Congratulations to Janelle Willoughby and Scruffles (Shigriff Song NSPRD) achieving her Novice SprintDog (NSPRD) title.



Congratulations to Michelle Parker Brien with both Tilly (Gr Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks) and Madge (Ch Knightbridge The Bearded Lady at Balliol), an Affenpinscher, earning their SprintDog (SPRD) titles. Their achievements are another great example of how these small companion breeds can excel in dog sports while showcasing their athleticism.



Congratulations to Michelle Parker Brien and Pomona on a successful debut in Scent Work. Competing at her very first trial, Pomona qualified in the Vehicles element, an excellent result for a newcomer to the sport.



Congratulations to Michelle Parker Brien and Dorothy (Ch Balliol Nymphodora Nox SPRD.A) achieving her SprintDog Advanced (SPRD.A) title.



Congratulations to Michelle Parker Brien and Minerva (Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey SPRD) achieving her SprintDog (SPRD) title.



Congratulations to Tracy Klaack and CH. TROUBADOUR ARGUS FILCH SPRD.A SWN (Gus), and to Jasmine Baldwin and CH. Balliol Quentin Quisp SPRD.A (Ronal) on both dogs achieving their SprintDog Advanced (SPRD.A) titles.



Congratulations to Lisa Heeley and Boris on an outstanding debut at the Advanced Interiors. Boris came away with two qualifying passes and an impressive 2nd place in Advanced Exteriors. Another fantastic result for this talented little all-rounder, who continues to shine across multiple dog sports.

Congratulations to Lisa and Boris on another wonderful achievement!



Congratulations to Janelle Willoughby and Frankie (CH Shigriff Say Hey Frankie ET) on achieving her Endurance Test (ET) title. Frankie is now only the second Griffon to earn an Endurance title and the first female Griffon to achieve this milestone. A fantastic achievement that highlights the athleticism and versatility of the breed. Congratulations to Janelle and Frankie on this outstanding milestone!



Congratulations to Michelle Parker Brien and Grand Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke SPRD on being awarded Best Neuter in Group at the Hunter International Shows.

Paws in the Park

It was wonderful to see two of our valued club members, Ros and Dave Finch, featured in Camden Council's Paws in the Park coverage, proudly representing our breed alongside their Griffons.

Held at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park, the popular community event brought together hundreds of dog lovers for a fun-filled day celebrating responsible pet ownership. Visitors enjoyed a scenic dog walk, live demonstrations, market stalls and plenty of family-friendly activities.

Events like these are a fantastic opportunity to introduce the public to the Griffon Bruxellois, meet fellow dog enthusiasts and share the joy of our wonderful breed. Congratulations to Ros and Dave on having their lovely Griffons showcased in the council's publication. It's always great to see our club members out promoting Griffons in the community.



Griffon Club Merch

We now have The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Merchandise
Totes, mugs and keyrings, perfect for shows, coffee runs, or every day
Griffon Pride

Club Merch now available:

Tote Bags - \$10

Mugs - \$15

Keyrings - \$10

Shirts - \$68

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Health

Study reveals the true risks of anaesthesia in dogs

A VetCompass study, led by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) and the University of Manchester, has revealed a relatively low risk of death from sedation and general anaesthetics for dogs in the UK. The research was carried out with the aim of generating up-to-date information to help improve shared decision-making between veterinary professionals and owners. What is probably more surprising is the feedback obtained from Brachy Breeds. It has always been believed that the Bulldog has a higher risk of death under anaesthetic but the research has actually shown the opposite.

The team also investigated whether flat-faced 'brachycephalic' breeds were associated with higher risk. Surprisingly, longer-nosed 'dolichocephalic' breeds showed four times the odds of sedative/anaesthetic-related death compared with medium-length nose dogs, whereas no additional risk was seen in flat faced breeds.

Some of the key factors associated with increased risk of sedation and anaesthetic-related death in this new study included:

- Older age
- Poorer overall health
- More urgent surgeries
- Certain breeds such as Rottweilers and West Highland White Terriers compared with mixed breeds.

To read the full report see: <https://www.rvc.ac.uk/.../study-reveals-the-true-risks-of...>

Dr Dan O'Neill, Associate Professor in Companion Animal Epidemiology at the RVC and co-author of the paper, said:

"Waving a tearful goodbye to your beloved dog as they are admitted for an anaesthetic at your veterinary surgery can be one of the scariest moments of many dog-owner's lives. This VetCompass study can help owners deal with these fears by understanding the real anaesthetic risk is not that high: 14 deaths in every 10,000 dogs. Decision-making based on the known can now replace fear of the unknown."

Dr Stephanie Shoop-Worrall, Research Fellow in Epidemiology and Data Science at the University of Manchester and lead author of the paper, said:

“VetCompass is an invaluable resource that has allowed the study of anaesthetic risks from dogs across the UK. These results can help reassure owners of the relative safety of sedation and anaesthesia in dogs, which is only getting safer over time, and can also prompt practice changes for veterinary surgeons to decrease risks further.”

Professor Dave Brodbelt, Professor of Evidence based Veterinary Medicine at the RVC and co-author of the paper, said:

“This is a timely study that updates the current estimates of anaesthetic risk in the UK. Going forward, the use of electronic patient records from resources such as VetCompass provide an excellent opportunity to monitor this infrequent but important complication seen in veterinary practice.”



Griffon Breed Standards – The Head

The Griffon's head is one of the breed's most distinctive features and is often described as a circle on a square. It should be large in proportion to the body, rounded without being domed, and have a broad skull between the ears. Excessive doming narrows the skull and is considered incorrect.

The nose should always be black with large, open nostrils, and the stop should be very pronounced. In an adult Griffon, the nose sits almost level with the eyes, creating a profile where an almost straight line can be drawn from the forehead to the chin.

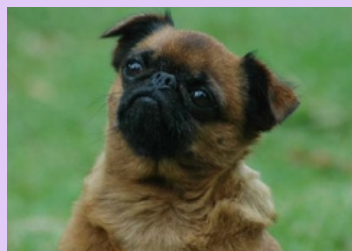
The muzzle should be relatively short and broad, with neat lips and a well-defined chin. Rough-coated Griffons should have coarse facial furnishings, including the characteristic beard.

A Note for Judges and Exhibitors

Griffons are a slow-maturing breed, with the head often not reaching full development until 3–4 years of age. Young dogs naturally have smaller heads, a lower-set nose, and less obvious turn-up, so age and maturity should always be considered when assessing the breed.

Breed Standard Summary:

Head fairly large in proportion to the body, rounded but never domed, moderately broad between the ears. Nose black with large, open nostrils and a pronounced stop. Muzzle short and broad with neat lips, a good turn-up, and a prominent chin. Rough-coated Griffons should display the characteristic beard.



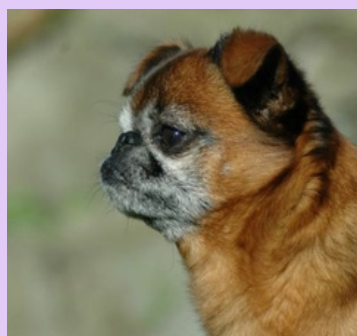
Correct rounded head with width between the ears – smooth bitch.



Correct head and ear set on a rough male.



Good head on a 4-month-old Griffon. Note the large open nostrils. The nose placement will go up higher as the pup matures



Correct profile showing the lay-back of the nose and the line from forehead to chin. Note the correct turn-up and prominent chin.



Young 6-month-old smooth showing 'flying ears'. This is normal – when the head broadens and teething finishes, the ears will sit correctly.

Overseas Show News

Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association Championship Show – 3 May 2026

Judge – Julia Hierner (Hierners) Sweden

Best in Show & Bitch Challenge: **Ch Beauborne Pussy Cat Doll** (Maria Hughes)
Reserve in Show & Reserve Bitch Challenge: **Fennymore Drama Puss** (Mary-Ann Mercer)
Best Opposite in Show & Dog Challenge: **Stormjac Spocktacular Nite** (Jane Conway)
Reserve Dog Challenge: **Osthaen A Kind of Magic** (Pauline & Gordon Mackay)
Best Puppy in Show: **Tzarvonn Late Night Party** (Yvonne Donnellan & Kim Roberts)
Best Opposite Puppy in Show: **Beauborne What's on at Tremaloy** (Tracey Hershaw)
Best Veteran in Show: **Ch Cobblehill Gucci at Beauborne** (Maria Hughes)
Best Baby Puppy in Show: **Balthazar Fernando at Fennymore** (Mary-Ann Mercer)





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Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Directory

Breeder Prefix: Balliol

Contact: Michelle Parker Brien

Email: mbrienparker@yahoo.com

Location: NSW, Australia

Description: Occasionally breeding quality Griffon Bruxellois that meet the ANKC breed standard

Breeder Prefix: Bokson

Contact: Sue and Brian McKie

Contact Number: +61407070051

Email: bokson@bigpond.net.au

Location: WA, Australia

Description: 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: Cityjack

Contact: Gen Hong

Contact Number: +61431995369

Location: NSW, Australia

Description: I am located in Sydney and have been breeding Griffons for a few years from European imported lines. I breed red, black and black & tan in smooth coats and rough coats.

Breeder Prefix: Frenchgriff

Contact: Victoria Mercer

Email: victoriamercer56@gmail.com

Location: NSW, Australia

Description: 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: Kruayd

Contact: Greg Egan

Contact Number: +614422755421

Email: mythical@tsn.cc

Location: NSW, Australia

Description: Kruayd breed beautiful happy Griffons who we believe represent the breed, healthy and loving.

Breeder Prefix: Lochtay

Contact: Kerry Bell

Contact Number: +61412998663

Email: lochtay@bigpond.net.au

Location: NSW, Australia

Description: 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

Location: NSW, Australia

Description: We have been showing, breeding & trialing 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

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

Breeder Prefix: Nevaending

Contact: Jannelle Tremenheere

Email: nevaending@hotmail.com

Location: NSW, Australia

Description: 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: Nimblegriff Griffons

Contact: Kelly Pilgrim-Byrne

Contact Number: +0400091742

Email: kelly@7to1photography.com.au

Location: WA, Australia

Description: We have been privileged to share our lives with Griffons for over 30 years.

Breeder Prefix: Paris

Contact: Sandie Meads

Email: sandfeaver@hotmail.com

Location: New Zealand

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

Breeder Prefix: Primogriff

Contact: Samantha Brown

Contact Number: +61417171813

Email: primogriff@outlook.com

Location: SA, Australia

Description: We are a small South Australian family run kennel of smooth griffons. Our dogs are all part of the family and live inside. Our puppies are born and raised inside as part of the family. All of our breeding dogs are DNA tested for genetic faults. All puppies are vet checked before leaving us. We occasionally have happy healthy pet and show quality puppies available to approved homes.

Breeder Prefix: Raweke

Contact: Jocelyn Croad and Shane Thomas

Email: raweke@bigpond.com

Location: QLD, Australia

Breeder Prefix: Rosndae

Contact: Roslyn and David Finch

Contact Number: +61418418449

Email: rosndae@bigpond.com

Location: NSW, Australia

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

Breeder Prefix: Shigriff

Contact: Caroline Elder

Email: shigriff@gmail.com

Location: SA, Australia

Description: Based in SA & NSW, we have been showing and breeding ANKC dogs since 1980 and became involved in Griffons in 1998. Here at Shigriff, we endeavour to produce and exhibit Griffon Bruxellois that are the quintessence of the breed standard which is evidenced by our Griffon Specialty and Royal Show success spanning over twenty years. If you're looking for a Griffon that will be a correct representative of the breed and not some caricature, we welcome your enquiry. Show puppies are sometimes available and we openly mentor new exhibitors.

Breeder Prefix: Tiggindor

Contact: Lysanda Hooper

Email: tiggindor@gmail.com

Location: QLD, Australia

Description: 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

Contact: Jocelyn Walker

Contact Number: +64274737530

Email: joss@xtra.co.nz

Location: New Zealand

Description: 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

The Things Puppy Farmers Say

What Puppy Farmers Say	The Reality
✓ The colour is unique or rare.	✗ It's not . It's a dilute gene that has always existed.
✓ It will open up or broaden the gene pool.	✗ It won't . It's a dilute version of a gene that already exists and carries more potential health problems. It won't contribute anything positive to the gene pool.
✓ There are no health problems. My pups are all healthy.	✗ The skin issues dogs with dilute genes show up later. They often don't occur until they are 3 years old and steadily get worse — The earlier they show up the worse they will be.
✓ There are no health problems with the chocolate/blue colour. I am only breeding chocolate/liver.	✗ Yes, the blue has worse health problems in the first cross generation. BREEDERS who experiment with colour dilute genes in the long term, the negative health risks increase. See next slide.
✓ Breeders are just snobs when they complain about the colours.	✗ Breeders who love dogs care about the long-term welfare of all dogs. There is nothing snobbish about wanting to avoid suffering.
✓ Some registered breeders have bred from chocolate dogs.	✗ On very rare occasions, a breeder may have bred a chocolate dog, but it has been a first cross only based off solid genetic testing to ensure DNA tested & off breeding that that.
✓ They are my dogs and I will breed what I want. My dogs are healthy.	✗ Dilute colour genetics are complex. Puppy farmers choose to ignore the complexity of genetics & breed for colour. They will onk fit.
✓ My friend/son/daughter etc has a chocolate/blue and it is healthy.	✗ Sometimes, you may be lucky and get a dog without skin problems. But you never know in advance? 🐾

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