



## **The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc**

**For Griffon Fanciers**

### **Members Code of Conduct**

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 all members 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, back yard 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 Conduct

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

#### **Behaviour**

1. To treat all members with respect and courtesy at all times
2. To refrain from making public comments about other members that could be interpreted as offensive, bullying, belittling or insulting
3. To ensure that any disagreements are dealt with in a polite and civilized manner, especially in public when representing the club
4. To always remember that I am representing the club and the breed when out in public with my Griffon
5. To discuss and present the Griffon Bruxellois breed in an honest and positive manner to the general public.

6. To present my Griffons in a positive manner to the public at all times and on all formats and not present issues linked to poor breeding or health as desirable features or to deliberately present my dog as if it is a 'cartoon' character

#### **Care and Maintenance of Griffons**

7. To ensure that all dogs that I own are kept in a safe and secure environment where they are free from physical and psychological harm at all times
8. To ensure that any dogs that I breed, only go to a home where they will be loved, valued and kept safe and secure, to take whatever safeguards that I feel are necessary to achieve this.
9. To ensure that no dog I breed will be passed onto a 'puppy farmer' or someone who will indiscriminately breed from my dog without a concern for the welfare of the dog or the future of the breed.
10. To never allow my dog to be mated indiscriminately or to a dog of another breed
11. To respect my breeder's wishes if they do not want the dog to be bred from
12. To socialise and train my dogs so that they will be responsible and obedient members of society and present Griffons in a positive light to the public.
13. To always have my dog on a leash and under complete control when out in public
14. To provide adequate food, water, exercise and shelter for my dogs at all times.
15. To provide all necessary veterinary care and treatment and to ensure that all necessary protections are up to date.
16. To be completely honest with the breeder when purchasing a puppy from them and to truthfully state my intentions for the puppy.
17. To always contact the breeder first if at any time I am unable to keep the Griffon and give the breeder the opportunity to take the dog back, regardless of the dog's age.
18. If I am unable to contact the breeder I will work with the club to suitably rehome my Griffon if I am unable to keep it
19. To always keep in touch with the breeder so that they always know how my Griffon is going throughout the course of its life
20. To ensure that any Griffon I own never ends up in a pound or rescue organization.
21. To only buy a puppy from a reputable and registered breeder or from a rescue organisation.
22. To ensure that my dogs will never roam the streets and will be under effective control at all times.