



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc

For Griffon Fanciers

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.
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 dogs 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.