

# The Phoenix





Cover scenes from the Championship shows

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#### The aims of the club are:

To promote the Griffon Bruxellois and Petit Brabancon breed.

To highlight the versatility of the breed as a loving and loyal pet, and a show and performance dog

To promote good sportsmanship and good fellowship among members at all times

To show respect and courtesy to all members in an atmosphere free of bullying and intimidation

To support responsible and ethical breeding practices of Griffons

To provide advice and support for Griffon owners

To support and recommend testing of health issues relevant to Griffons based on genuine scientific research, both local and international.

To provide a rescue service for Griffons

To promote friendship and social activities among all Griffon owners
To educate Griffon owners about grooming, training and responsible ownership
To work in partnership with other responsible Griffon Bruxellois Clubs of Australia

and internationally for the betterment of the breed

## Some Griffons from the past

Pups from the 1930's

The famous Copthorne Griffons, of Lady Handley Spicer, who founded her kennel in 1901.



Mrs Parker Rhodes of the famous Partridge Hill Kennels in the 1920s- 1930s





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#### **Editors Report**

This issue has a full report on the Griffon Championship shows and Sydney Royal as well as news from the UK. Once again Griffons are punching above their weight in dog sports with a report on the inaugural NSW Sprint trial plus a celebration of achievements of Griffons in Agility and Scent Work as well as conformation.

We are also repeating an article from several years ago about what makes an ethical breeder and what responsible

puppy buyers should look for.

In addition, we have a preliminary report on the recent international Griffon health survey that was recently conducted by the club, which will be of interest to all breeders who strive to improve their





Squirrel looking disgruntled

Enjoying the sunshine with a lovely backgroud





## **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.

## **PROMOTE**

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

## **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





**Support Responsible Breeders** 







### **Griffon Corner**

Griffons have been in the media of late.

On The Wellness Show on Ch 7, there is a Griffon called Penelope who seems to sleep through a lot of the

filmingobviously not impressed by fame

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In the final week of the election campaign, Anthony Albanese was photographed holding a Griffon. As they won by a landslide, maybe all the politicians will want a lucky Griffon to help them with their campaigns



In a promo for Sleapy's Foundation, a group that assists people with cancer, two little Griffons, Archie and Elvis, assisted Carly Brown with the office management

And finally Sydney Dog Photography were made a

finalist of the local business awards and Javier the Griffon helped Kevin





## 2025 Double Championship Shows

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 and it is great to see the numbers climbing once again. It was an opportunity to welcome new exhibitors and catch up with old friends.



Like all events, these shows are like a swan swimming- smooth on the surface and paddling madly under the water. Organisation starts 12 months ahead and involves a team of people who assist the Show Manager in bringing it all together - Show Secretary: Claire Parker OSullivan, Secretary: Marousa Polias, Trophy Secretary: Sarah Peddie McGuirk, Treasurer and caterer: Matthew O' Sullivan.

Thanks also go to Caroline Elder, and Claire Parker O' Sullivan who helped set up the rings, the day before the show, Ashleigh Barber Dale who took the photos that you see in this issue, Jillian Mathieson who made the ceramic trophies and the ceramic key rings and necklaces that were a gift to all exhibitors, David O'Sullivan, Jim Brien and Terri Odell , who helped take the rings down and pack up all the banners and flags and the inevitable clean up after the show. Thanks also to Jane Fisher from the CNCC who provided food for the judges and kept the canteen open all day. The club was fortunate in having very supportive members who sponsored the classes and we were also fortunate in having a number of other sponsors.

The two major sponsors were Ruby Rubarb and Pets on The Park who not only provided a large number of the prizes but also donated the raffle prizes.

Other supporting sponsors were Bravecto, Tamburlaine wines, Taste of the Wild, Knose Pet Insurance and For Beautiful Eyes

The two judges, Myron Arthur and Lance Wright are highly experienced Toy judges, both having exhibited Toy breeds for many years and in the case of Lance Wright, an experienced exhibitor of Griffons. They went over the dogs in a gentle and knowledgeable way, showing a full understanding of the requirements of judging brachycephalic breeds.

#### The Silver Show

The Silver show was the first show and was judged by Mr Myron Arthur, a highly experienced judge and Toy exhibitor.

It opened as per tradition with a parade of Golden Oldies, celebrating our wonderful older Griffons, each one introduced with a description.





#### **Golden Oldies**

The Golden Oldies together

The Golden Oldie were;

#### Grand Ch Balliol Gellert Grindlewald 14.5 years (Dumbledore)

Dumbledore has had an illustrious show career winning multiple Royal Challenges specialty show Challenges and Best in Group awards. He had a 'look at me' attitude and often barked at the crowds as he gaited around the ring Now at 14.5 years he has retired and is top dog at home and spends his time playing in the garden and relaxing on the

deck.

#### Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris – 13 years (Neville)

Neville's illustrious show career speaks for itself. He is the first and only Supreme champion smooth coat Griffon in Australia. He retired with a Royal BOB at 10 years of age. Now he rules the house and the family, often going to work with his owners to keep them on track

#### Ch/Neuter Ch Balliol Fezzywig Fever 15 years (Ludwig)

Ludwig had a promising show career until an injury lead to early neutering surgery. He had a successful Neuter career winning multiple Neuter in Group and Neuter in Show awards.

Always a gentleman, Ludwig is the quiet achiever. He is a cuddly boy who loves to sleep in the sun.

#### Grand Ch Balliol Gertie Giggles 14.5 years (Gertie)

Like her brother, Dumbledore, Gertie has had an outstanding show career, in limited showing. Winning Royal Challenges, Royal Best of Breed awards and specialty show Challenges. She has her favourite bed in the house and does not share

#### Ch Sibermoon Ms Banks Too U 12.5 years (Sprout)

Sprout was never a fan of shows but managed to get her Championship before retiring. She has been an outstanding mother, with 2 litters, and is now a proud grand mother and great grandmother. She enjoys playing with her family and watching TV and eating.

## Neuter Ch Bonzabull Squirrel Nutkin- 12.5 years (Squirrel)

Squirrel is a lady, she likes to sit at the table and sleep on soft lounges. She is very placid and tolerant and is Jemima's best friend and likes it when they go for walks together. She enjoyed showing but now enjoys being a lady of leisure

even more, presiding over the two boys



Wizz does not believe in aging gracefully and still thinks he is a youngster. He loves chasing birds and lizards and pretending he is the boss (the girls think differently). He loves to sleep on his back, belly up, on a lap



The two youngest exhibitors, Jemima and Sadie, escorting Squirrel in Golden



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## Best in Show was Ch Balliol

**Quentin Quisp,** owned by Jasmine Baldwin and Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Claire Parker O'Sullivan while Jasmine enjoyed her honeymoon in Japan. Also, Dog CC and Intermediate in Show



## Reserve in Show was Ch Nagpuni

**Ginger Spice**, owned and handled by Terri Odell. Also, Best Bred by Exhibitor, Best Opposite in Show and Bitch CC







Reserve Bitch CC was Balliol Queenie Quickspellowned by Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Claire Parker O'Sullivan. Also, Best Opposite Intermediate





Baby in Show was Shigriff Said No One Ever, owned by Caroline Elder and Michele Gurney and handled by Caroline

Opposite Baby in Show was Shigriff Seal the Deal, owned by Caroline Elder and Michele Gurney and







Puppy in Show was Shigriff Step out in Style, owned by Caroline Elder and Michele Gurney and handled by Caroline

Junior in Show was Krusayd Kiss Me on Wednesday, bred by Greg Egan and handled by Tiffany Barber Dale



Opposite Junior in Show was Krusayd Know your Worth, owned and handled by Greg Egan



**Australian Bred in** Show was Balliol Nymphodora Nox, owned and handled by Michelle Parker Brien







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



Open in Show was Ch Majomarc Donatella del Norte, owned by Naomi Lawrence and handled by Caroline Elder



Nicholas de Nimsey SWN owned by

Jillian Mathieson and Michelle Parker

Best Veteran in Show was Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum, owned and handled by Claire Parker O'Sullivan



Best Opposite
Veteran in Show
was Ch Nagpuni
Shaken Not
Stirred, owned by
Terri Odell and
handled by Grant
Odell



Best Neuter
in Show was Nevaending Golden
Chanterelle, owned and handled by
Jannelle Tremenheere

Runner Up Neuter in Show was Nevafollo the Dark Lord, owned by Ashleigh and Tiffany Barber Dale and handled by Tiffany





#### The Gold Show

The Gold Show was judged by Mr Lance Wright from Queensland. Lance has extensive experience as a judge and breeder, but also had experience as a handler of Griffons.



#### **Best in Show** was **Ch Balliol Quentin**

**Quisp,** owned by Jasmine Baldwin and Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Claire Parker O'Sullivan while Jasmine enjoyed her honeymoon in Japan. Also, Dog CC and Intermediate in Show.



## Reserve in Show was Balliol Nymphodora

**Nox**, owned and handled by Michelle Parker Brien. She was returned to her breeder at the end of last year and has only been shown a few times over the last couple of months. Also Best Australian Bred and Best Opposite in Show



**Baby in Show** was **Shigriff Seal the Deal,** owned by Caroline Elder and Michele Gurney and handled by Caroline

Opposite Baby in Show was Krusayd Kristian Dior, owned and handled by Greg Egan





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**Minor in Show** was **Nagpuni Smooth Operator**, owned and handled by Terri Odell

Puppy in Show was Shigriff Step out in Style, owned by Michele Gurney and Caroline Elder, handled by Caroline





Junior in Show was Krusayd Know your Worth, owned and handled by Greg Egan

Opposite Junior was Krusayd Kiss Me on Wednesday, bred by Greg Egan and handled by Tiffany Barber Dale



Opposite Intermediate was Balliol Queenie Quickspell,

owned by Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Claire Parker OSullivan



was **Ch Shigriff Sam I Am,** owned by Michele Gurney and Caroline Elder, handled by Caroline



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Best Open was Ch

Majomarc Donatella del Norte, owned by Naomi Lawrence and handled by **Best Bred by Exhibitor** was **Ch Balliol Poppy Pomprey**, owned and handled by Michelle Parker Brien

Best Opposite Bred by Exhibitor was Ch Nevaending Sinners and Saints, owned and handled by Jannelle Tremenheere



**Opposite Open** was **Ch Majomac Firefly Kazari,** owned by Naomi Lawrence and handled by Caroline Elder



Best Veteran was Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum, owned and handled by Claire Parker OSullivan



Opposite Veteran was Ch Nagpuni Shaken Not Stirred, owned and handled by Terri Odell



**Best Neuter** was Ch/ Neuter Ch Balliol Octavia Owl, owned and handled by Bernadette Bull

Runner Up Neuter was Nevafollo the Dark Lord, owned by Ashleigh and Tiffany Barber Dale and handled by Tiffany





#### Raffle

Our fabulous raffle was drawn at the shows

The winner of 1st Prize was Roslyn Finch



2nd prize went to Kevin Case



3rd prize went to Tracey Klaak

Thank you to our very generous sponsors, Ruby

Rhubarb, Pets on The Park, Beautiful Eyes and Jillian Mathieson for donating such fabulous prizes and to Claire Parker O'Sullivan, Matthew O'Sullivan and Sarah Petty McGuirk for setting everything up and selling

the tickets.



Baby Puppy dogs



Junior dogs



Neville at 13 years, still showing the youngsters how it

is done. The winners included his sons and daughters and his granddaughter.





#### **Sydney Royal**

Griffon Judging at Sydney Royal, took place a few days after the club shows. This year for the first time, the organisers held an FCI show in conjunction with the Royal. This meant that the Royal show proper, was judged in the morning and the FCI show was judged in the afternoon. There was an entry of 18 Griffons for the Royal and an entry of 7 Griffons for the FCI show.

The Royal was scheduled to be judged by Ernesto Lara, a Mexican citizen who lives in America and has had extensive experience as a professional handler, handling Toys, including winning Best in Show at Westminster with an Affenpinscher. Unfortunately, three days before the Royal

commenced, he was forced to withdraw, I believe, due to the Trump administration treatment of non-American citizens entering the country. To replace him at short notice, the Royal contracted a Korean judge, Mr Jae Yong Kim, who is a professional groomer and breeder of Dobermanns.

The judge for Griffons for the FCI show was Mr Svante Fisk from Sweden, a breeder of Bernese Mountain Dogs.

Despite their different backgrounds, they both found the same dogs as their winners.



**Sydney Royal** 

Best of Breed and Bitch CC was Ch Majomarc
Donatella del Norte, owned by Naomi
Lawrence and handled by Caroline Elder.
She was also Best of Breed at the FCI show in
the afternoon

Runner Up Best of Breed and Dog CC was Sup

Ch A2O Ch Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay owned and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell. Also Runner Up Best of Breed in the FCI show

Reserve Dog CC at both the Royal and the FCI show was Ch Majomarc Firefly Kazari, owned by Naomi Lawrence and handled by CarolineElder



Reserve Bitch CC at Sydney Royal was Krusayd Kiss a Mystical Raven,

owned by Greg Egan and Jannelle Tremenheere and handled by Jannelle. The only smooth to go through.

There was no Reserve Bitch CC at the FCI show as only one bitch was exhibited

Full results from both shows can be seen on the following pages





#### **Sydney Royal Results**

#### **GRIFFON BRUXELLOIS**

#### CLASS: 3 - Griffon Bruxellois - Puppy Male

Breed - 1 125 MRS T ODELL GLENHAVEN NSW 2156 NAGPUNI SMOOTH OPERATOR (2100620924)

#### CLASS: 5 - Griffon Bruxellois - Intermediate Male

Breed - 1 127 MISS J DALE & MRS M PARKER-BRIEN METFORD NSW 2323 CH. BALLIOL QUENTIN QUISP (2100589071)

Breed - 2 126 MR R J BELL & MRS K BELL GOULBURN NSW 2580 CH. C.I.B.-J LOCHTAY ICE PICK WILLIE (2100601880)

#### CLASS: 10 - Griffon Bruxellois - Australian Bred Male

Breed - 1 128 MS C ELDER & MS M GURNEY GLYNDE SA 5070 CH. SHIGRIFF SAM I AM (5100098147)

Breed - 2 129 MRS V E MERCER FOERST REEFS NSW 2798 CH. FRENCHGRIFF FOLLOW THE SUN (2100565007)

#### CLASS: 11 - Griffon Bruxellois - Open Male

Breed - 1 130 MRS K BELL & MRS K L OLSSON GOULBURN NSW 2580 A20 CH SUP.CH. SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY (4100369726)

Breed - 2 131 MS N LAWRENCE GRAFTON NSW 2460 CH. MAJOMARC FIREFLI KAZARI (4100360255)

#### CLASS: S100 - Griffon Bruxellois - Male - Challenge

Challenge - Winner 130 MRS K BELL & MRS K L OLSSON GOULBURN NSW 2580

A2O CH SUP.CH. SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY

(4100369726)

#### CLASS: S101 - Griffon Bruxellois - Male - Reserve Challenge

Challenge - Reserve 131 MS N LAWRENCE GRAFTON NSW 2460

CH. MAJOMARC FIREFLI KAZARI (4100360255)

#### CLASS: 3A - Griffon Bruxellois - Puppy Female

Breed - 1 133 MS C ELDER & MS M GURNEY GLYNDE SA 5070 SHIGRIFF STEP OUT WITH STYLE (5100145535)

#### CLASS: 4A - Griffon Bruxellois - Junior Female

Breed - 1 136 MR G W EGAN & MRS J A TREMENHEERE WESTON NSW 2326 KRUSAYD KISS A MYSTICAL RAVEN (2100613500)

Breed - 2 135 MR G W EGAN METFORD NSW 2323 KRUSAYD KISS ME ON WEDNESDAY (2100612484)

Breed - 3 137 MRS V E MERCER FOERST REEFS NSW 2798 FRENCHGRIFF PUMPKIN PIE (2100610332)

#### CLASS: 10A - Griffon Bruxellois - Australian Bred Female

Breed - 1 138 MRS M PARKER-BRIEN CHARLESTOWN NSW 2290 BALLIOL NYMPHODORA NOX (2100521176)

#### CLASS: 11A - Griffon Bruxellois - Open Female

Breed - 1 139 MS N LAWRENCE GRAFTON NSW 2460

CH. MAJOMARC DONATELLA DEL NORTE (4100350331)

Breed - 2 141 MRS C PARKER O'SULLIVAN ERARING NSW 2265 CH. BALLIOL NORBERTA NIFFLER (2100521177)

Breed - 3 140 MRS T ODELL GLENHAVEN NSW 2156 CH. NAGPUNI GINGER SPICE (2100512135)



#### CLASS: S102 - Griffon Bruxellois - Female - Challenge

Challenge - Winner

139 MS N LAWRENCE GRAFTON NSW 2460 CH. MAJOMARC DONATELLA DEL NORTE (4100350331)

#### CLASS: S103 - Griffon Bruxellois - Female - Reserve Challenge

Challenge - Reserve

 $^{136}$  MR G W EGAN & MRS J A TREMENHEERE WESTON NSW 23: KRUSAYD KISS A MYSTICAL RAVEN (2100613500)

#### CLASS: S104 - Griffon Bruxellois - Best of Breed

Best of Breed - Winner

139 MS N LAWRENCE GRAFTON NSW 2460 CH. MAJOMARC DONATELLA DEL NORTE (4100350331)

#### CLASS: S105 - Griffon Bruxellois - Runnerup Best of Breed

Best of Breed - Runner up

130 MRS K BELL & MRS K L OLSSON GOULBURN NSW 2580 A20 CH SUP.CH. SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY (4100369726)

#### CLASS: S107 - Griffon Bruxellois - Best Puppy of Breed

Best Puppy of Breed - Winner

133 MS C ELDER & MS M GURNEY GLYNDE SA 5070 SHIGRIFF STEP OUT WITH STYLE (5100145535)

#### **FCI** results

#### **Griffon Bruxellois**

Schedule

#### Judged by Mr Svante Frisk (Sweden)

#### 7 entries

#### 12 Veteran 8 years+ Dog

1470 Ms M Gurney & Ms C Elder

CH. SHIGRIFF SAM I AM 5100098147 07/01/2017

S: Shigriff Sharp Dressed Man

D: Shigriff Say My Name

#### 21 Champion Only Dog

Mrs K Bell & Mrs K Olsson

CH. SUPREME CH. A2O CH

SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY F 4100369726 20/03/2022

S: Ch. Star Griff Northern Lights (Imp Ukr)

D: Notorious Fuel To Fire (Imp Swe)

1472 Mr R J & Mrs K Bell

CH. FCI-CACIB-J LOCHTAY ICE PICK

Е WILLIE

2100601880 07/05/2023 S: Supreme Ch. A2O Ch Swedndreams Firefox At Lochtay D: Grand. Ch. C.i.b. Tzani Giggle Mcdimples 1473 Ms N Lawrence

CH. MAJOMARC FIREFLI KAZARI

4100360255 18/06/2021

S: Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man (Imp

Esp)

D: Spanriever Copperplate

1474 Miss M Polias

CH. KRUSAYD GRIFFON DON DIEGO

2100558931 30/01/2021

S: Ch. Shigriff Spanner In The Works

D: Roxbud Mookiee

#### Dog Challenge

1471 Mrs K Bell & Mrs K Olsson

Pts: CH. SUPREME CH. A20 CH

SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY 4100369726 20/03/2022

S: Ch. Star Griff Northern Lights (Imp Ukr)

D: Notorious Fuel To Fire (Imp Swe)

#### Reserve Dog

1473 Ms N Lawrence

CH. MAJOMARC FIREFLI KAZARI

4100360255 18/06/2021

S: Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man (Imp

D: Spanriever Copperplate

#### Dog CACIB

1471 Mrs K Bell & Mrs K Olsson

CH. SUPREME CH. A2O CH SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY

4100369726 20/03/2022

S: Ch. Star Griff Northern Lights (Imp Ukr)

D: Notorious Fuel To Fire (Imp Swe)

#### Reserve Dog CACIB

1473 Ms N Lawrence

CH. MAJOMARC FIREFLI KAZARI

4100360255 18/06/2021

S: Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man (Imp

D: Spanriever Copperplate

#### 3A Puppy Bitch

1475 Miss M Polias

KANGO MISS FIRE CRACKER

2100620865 17/09/2024

S: Kango Sisu Maverick Prince

D: Ozzgriff A Pint Of Special

#### **Best Of Breed**

1476 Ms N Lawrence

Pts: CH. MAJOMARC DONATELLA DEL NORTE

4100350331 26/10/2020

S: Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte Rasta Man (Imp

Esp)

D: Ch. Los Chatos Del Norte All Of Me (Imp

#### Runner Up Best Of Breed

1471 Mrs K Bell & Mrs K Olsson

CH. SUPREME CH. A2O CH

SWEDNDREAMS FIREFOX AT LOCHTAY

4100369726 20/03/2022

S: Ch. Star Griff Northern Lights (Imp Ukr)

D: Notorious Fuel To Fire (Imp Swe)



#### Sprint Dog- Griffons excel at Inaugural NSW Trial

This is one of the fastest growing dog sports and is fun for all breeds.

The dogs chase a lure over 100 metres and are timed. They get two runs, providing they qualify in the first run, and successful dogs are given an average time over the two runs. The time is converted into points and dogs need to get 100 points for a Novice title and can then go on to get more advanced titles

It has been around in the USA for some time and is known as Fast Cat, over 100 yards, so a slightly shorter run. In Australia, the sport started in Queensland, then was taken up by the ACT and now NSW has just held the inaugural state trial.

The sport is so popular that entries are either on a first come first serve basis, or are balloted after all entries are received.

Natasha Davies has a Griffon bred by Kerry and Emily Bell, Lochtay Tilly Devine TK.S N.SPRD, and she has been trialling her in the ACT. At the Dogs ACT Sprint Dog Trial, she gained her final qualification making her the first Griffon Bruxellois in Australia to gain a sprint dog title. Congratulations

#### Lochtay Tilly Devine TK.S. N Sprint

In NSW the Inaugural Sprint Dog trial was held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, at Hillsborough, conducted by Newcastle all Breeds Dog Training Club. The sport requires quite a number of stewards and



The Sprint Griffons

At the trial, there were six Griffons (the highest breed entry on the day) and five of them qualified. One, Dee Dee decided that she didn't know where her catcher was so didn't bother to run.

Lisa Heeley's Boris, gained his second Qualification and all the others debuted at this trial.

Boris

They ranged in age from almost 10 years, Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum (Claire Parker OSullivan) to 2 years and included Balliol Nymphodora Nox and Balliol Queenie



volunteers and one of the most important jobs is that of lure driver. Club member, Jillian Mathieson and her father, John, have been training to be lure drivers and have been instrumental in helping organising the first NSW trial, along with Lisa Heeley.





Quickspell (Michelle Parker Brien), Ch/ Neut Ch Balliol Octavia Owl (Bernadette Bull) and Paris All Dolled Up (Trent Swords and Jillian Mathieson)



Balliol Queenie Quickspell (Queenie)







Ch/ Neuter Ch Balliol Octavia Owl (Boots)



Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum (Beedle)





## **Griffons having Fun**



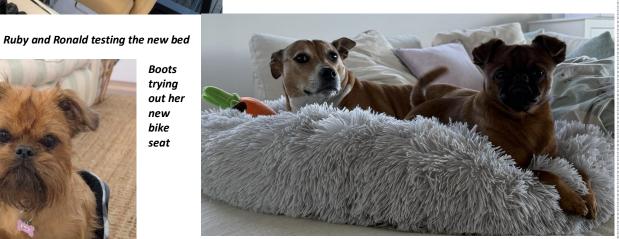
All aboard with Captain Eddie and First Mate Freddie



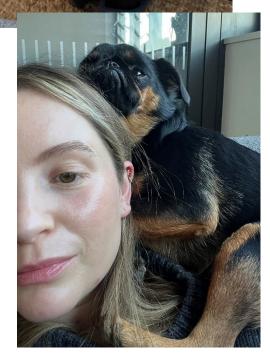
Esme and Georgie are excited about their playdate



Boots trying out her new bike seat



Tiggy puts herself to bed



Is it a Griffon or a parrot?





#### **UK Report**



#### **Crufts**

The Griffon entry at Crufts was 73 for judge Michelle Swinge (Balthazar Griffons) and she chose as her Best of Breed, a Polish bred dog, Ch Kinder Surprise Rimarosa Vonici, owned by Yvonne Donellan. (Official Crufts photo from Royal Kennel Club) Results below

#### Griffon Bruxellois - Judge: Miss M Swinge

#### **Dog Challenge Certificate**

8538 - Ch Kinder Surprise Rimarosa Vonici (Imp Pol) (Mrs Y J & Mrs K T Donnellan & Roberts)

#### **Reserve Dog Challenge Certificate**

8562 - Hierners Vidocq at Fennymore (imp) (Mrs M A Mercer)

#### **Bitch Challenge Certificate**

8575 - Ch Zilcan Blazinickers (Mr M & Miss C & Miss Fiona Selby & Allen & Whitehead)

#### **Reserve Bitch Challenge Certificate**

8565 - Ch/swe Ch Admiravel Power Dress Nord Jw-19 Nord W-19 (Miss N Omre)

#### **Best Of Breed**

8538 - Ch Kinder Surprise Rimarosa Vonici (Imp Pol) (Mrs Y J & Mrs K T Donnellan & Roberts)



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#### **Best Puppy**

8579 - Zilcan Sunbeam TAF (Mr M, Mrs C & Miss F Selby, Allen & Whithead)

#### **Best Veteran**

8531 - Dk/nor Ch I'm Your Man Unlimited (Ms A Krog)



## **Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association Championship Show**

The show was held on 4th May 2025 and judged by the well- known Griffon breeder, Mr Howard Ogden (Beauview Griffons)



Best in Show and Dog CC was Ch. Zilcan Monkey Business - Bred by Mark Selby & David Roberts -Owned by Mark, Claire Allen & Fiona Whitehead.

Runner Up Best in Show and Res Dog CC - Ch. Kinder Surprise Rimarosa Vonici (Imp Pol) - Bred by J. Radczukb - owned by Yvonne Donnellan & Kim Roberts





Baby Puppy Dog & Best Opposite Puppy - Marquant New Order - Bred by Ffion Price - Owned by Ffion & Laura Burns.

Best Veteran in Show - Dk/ Nor I'm Your Man Unlimited -Bred & Owned by Astrid Krog. (photo not available)

Best Opposite Sex and Bitch CC - Zilcan Bubblelicious -Bred by Mark Selby & David Roberts - Owned by Yvonne Donnellan & Kim Roberts.





Reserve Bitch CC - Osthaen I'm Your Fantasy - Bred & Owned by Pauline & Gordon Mackay

Best Puppy in Show Zilcan Glitzy Gloria - Bred by Mark & David - Owned by Mark, Claire Allen & Fiona Whitehead.





Best Baby Puppy in Show -Admiravel Feeling Bullish (Dog) -Bred & Owned by Nathalie Omre.

Best BabyPuppy Bitch - Hipster Xenna Avec Cilleine (Imp Bel) - Bred by Julie Alcantara & Owned by Steph Chapman.

Thanks go to Julia Spittle who provided the

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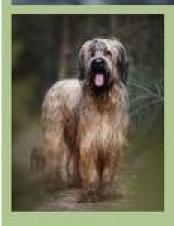








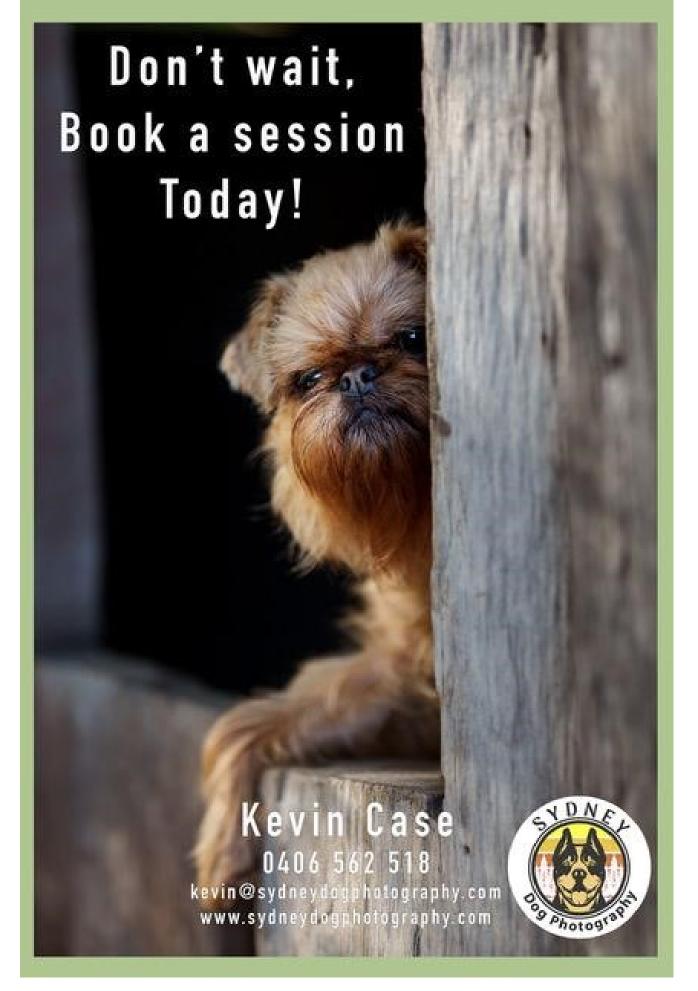




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## 2025 Point Score

The following shows have been selected as point score shows, based on previous support and entry sizes. Locations have been selected based on previous support and the shows have been arranged with a month between shows, omitting the hottest months, where possible.

The shows have been selected before judges have been advised so the point score is as fair as possible for all exhibitors

01/02/2025 Wollongong ABDC AM show Wonoona Southern

08/03/25 **Lake District Canine Club** Hillsborough Hunter

25/04/2025 County of Cumberland **Orchard Hills** Sydney

31/05/25 Newcastle and **Nthn Districts** AM show Hunter

21/06/25 Nor West Dog Club **AM Show** Castle Hill Sydney

19/07/25 Nth of the Harbour AM show **Orchard Hills** Sydney

28/9/2024 Nor West **Canine Club** Castle Hill Sydney

18/10/2024 Sthn **Highlands KC** Berrima

Southern

Maitland & Kurri Hillsborough Hunter

09/11/25

There have been two point score shows since the last edition.

#### Lake District Canine Club 8th March

There was an entry of 8 Griffons, judged by Mrs N Chua from Singapore

> Best of Breed and Dog CC was Ch Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees, - Jillian Mathieson



Runner up Best of **Breed and Bitch CC** was Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler-Claire Parker

> Reserve Dog CC was Ch **Balliol** Quentin Quisp-Jasmine Baldwin

**OSullivan** 



Reserve Bitch CC was Ch Balliol Poppy Pomphrey- Michelle Parker Brien



#### **County of Cumberland Show 25<sup>th</sup> April**

There was an entry of 16 for judge Mrs P Middleton from New Zealand. She is an experienced

Griffon breeder of Upmarket Griffons and she showed her appreciation of the entry. It was a big Toy group of 137 entries

Reserve Best in Group, Best of Breed and Dog CC was Ch Krusayd Griffon Don Diego – Marousa Polias



Runner up Best of Breed and Bitch CC was Gr Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke- Michelle Parker Brien

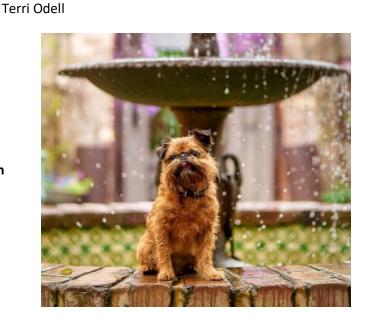


Reserve Bitch CC was Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice -

Reserve Dog CC was Ch FCI J Lochtay Icepick
Willie- Kerry and Emily Bell



**Neuter Best of Breed and Bitch CC** was **Neut Gr Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna**- Marousa Polias





#### The results after the first three shows are:

1.	Ch Krusayd Griffon Don Diabo	28
2.	Nagpuni Smooth Operator	18(also best puppy)
3.	Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice	15
4.	Ch Nevafollo Fizzing Whizzbees	10
5.	Gr Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke	10
6.	Neut Gr Ch Kangp Lady Ma Donna	10(also best Neuter)
7.	Ch Balliol Norberta Niffler	9
8.	Balliol Nymphodora Nox	8
9.	Ch Frenchgriff Bertie Beetle	7
10	Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp	7
11	Ch FCI J Lochtay Icepick Willie	5

The next point score show will be Newcastle and Northern Districts Saturday AM show on 31st May Entries on Show Manager.

There will also be a General Meeting. Agendas have been emailed to members

#### Sketch from the 1920s by Bouret, showing a feisty smooth Griffon defending his owner

#### Entries Close: 28 May 2025 at 9.30am

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY 30 and 31 MAY 2025 Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 818 (dogs 8 bitches)

	NTABKC	N&ND KC			
	Friday	Friday		Saturday	
		PM	AM	PM Group Show	
Ms J Pitchowski (Qtd)	6-12 Sweepstakes Toys	Gundogs	3-6 Sweepstakes Utility	-	
Mrs C Rafton (NSW)	Terriers	Utility	Toys	Non Sporting	
Mrs L Ryan (NSW)	Gundogs	3-6 Sweepstakes Hounds	Working Dogs	Utility	
Mrs N Attridge (Qld)	3-6 Sweepstakes Hounds	Working Dogs	6-12 Sweepstakes Non Sporting	Toys	
Mr J Attridge (Qld)	Working Dogs	Terriers	Hounds General Specials	Gundogs	
Mr L Wright (Qld)	Utility General Specials	6-12 Sweepstakes Non Sporting	Terriers	Hounds	
Mrs M Shelbach (Qld)	Non-Sporting	Toys General Specials	Gundogs	Terriers	
Mrs L Adams (Vic)	-	170		Working Dogs	

\*4 ALL BREED CHAMPIONSHIP AND 5 SPECIALTY SHOWS IN ONE WEEKEND\*















Boris owned by Lisa Heeley, gained his second Agility pass at Wollongong



Booker - CH. Supreme CH. A2O CH Swedndreams Firefox at Lochtay gained his FCI C.I.B title at Cootamundra



Kenzie- Armorgriff Highway Star gained her Novice Scent work title and her second pass in Novice Hoopers

Ronald- Ch Balliol Quentin Quisp was Group 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hillsborough Internationals, plus 3 more Intermediate in Group awards



At Hills Dog Club scent work trial,, Morty – Ch Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey qualified in three from three advanced searches

Boots- Gr Ch Tzani Giggles Mc Dimple gained her A20 title at the Cootamundra

the Coo





Moe- Ch Nimblegriff Tell it Like it Is not only gained his Championship title but also gained 3 Novice Scent work qualifications







Hughie- Nagpuni Smooth Operator has been on a roll winning 5 Baby in Group awards, 2 Minor in Group awards and 4 Minor in Show awards



Postcard featuring a Griffon from the 1920s



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"You need a shave, sir."





## Support Responsible Breeders Don't make puppy farmers rich

#### LIES the PUPPY FARMERS say:

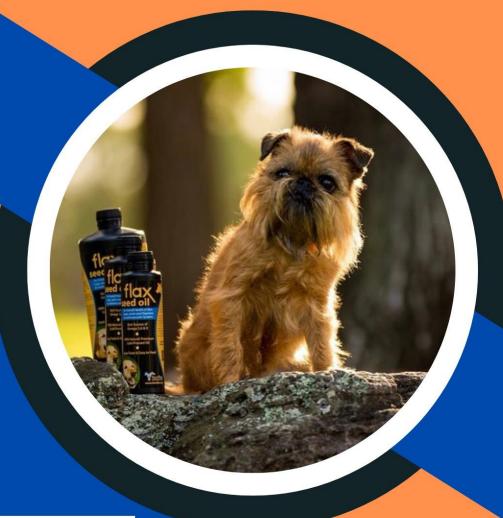
THE LIE	THE TRUTH
The first Chocolate/Blue etc in Australia	It is not. They have always been here and breeders have produced them. The ethical breeders have pet homed them and desexed them so that health problems were not produced
The colour is unique or rare	<ul> <li>It is not. It is a dilute gene that has always existed and was known about by early breeders in the 1800's</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>It is the same as the chocolate gene in Dachshund (or any other breed that carries chocolate.)</li> </ul>	It is not. Different breeds have different genetics. What is safe in one breed is not safe in others
<ul> <li>Registered Breeders don't understand genetics. I have bred for different colours and I know what I am doing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ANKC registered breeders understand genetics very well.</li> <li>Many of them get full panel DNA testing on their dogs to make sure that they avoid the dilute genes.</li> </ul>
It will open up or broaden the gene pool	<ul> <li>It won't.</li> <li>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>
There are no health problems. My pups are all healthy	<ul> <li>The skin issues rarely show up in pups.</li> <li>Often, they don't occur until the dog is 3 years old and then steadily worsen.</li> <li>The earlier they do show up the worse they will be</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>There are no health problems with the chocolate/liver colour only the blue. I am only breeding the chocolate/liver</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Yes the blue has more serious health problems in the first cross generation.</li> <li>BUT 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> <li>Breeders are just snobs or racist when they complain about the colours.</li> </ul>	<ul> <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>
Some registered breeders have bred from chocolate dogs	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.
They are my dogs and I will breed what I want. My dogs are healthy	<ul> <li>The inheritance of colour is complex.</li> <li>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> <li>My friend/son/ daughter etc has a chocolate /blue and it is healthy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sometimes, you may be lucky and get a dog without skin problems. But you never know in advance.</li> <li>Is it a risk you are prepared to take?</li> </ul>

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#### Why Buy from an Ethical Breeder

#### A Good Start to Life

When you buy your Griffon from an ethical and reputable breeder you will purchase a healthy well-bred pup from a breeder who has taken time to plan and prepare

These are the things that the breeder will have done to ensure healthy pups:

- Carefully planned the litter well in advance, studying pedigrees to ensure that the pups will have the best possible combination of healthy bloodlines
- Used the best possible stud dog- sometimes their own but sometimes they will have sent the bitch to a dog interstate to the best dog. Sometimes dogs will even be imported from other countries
- Had full health checks of the mother before breeding to ensure heart, eyes, breathing, patellas etc are all good.
- Discussed the health checks that the stud dog has had – if not owned by the breeder
- the bitch will be fully vaccinated well before mating
- Fed the bitch the best possible food for a pregnant dog throughout her pregnancy and had regular vet checks.
- In most cases the bitch will not travel while pregnant but will remain safely at home so she is not exposed to any outside virus and possible infections



- The breeder will not have a lot of litters at the same time (maybe 2 at the most if that) this will ensure that they can give full care and attention to the pups and mother
- The breeder will usually only breed 1 or 2 litters a vear
- The bitch will whelp in the house- not in a kennel and the breeder will give her 24/7 care for the first 3 weeks at least
- The pups will stay with the mother for as long as possible and the breeder will not sell them before 10 weeks of age- this allows the mother to teach them how to play and interact with other dogs so that when they go to a new home they will adapt and adjust

more easily

- The breeder will give them a variety of experiences- they will not just be kept in a crate or cage but will be able to run and play on grass so that they learn how to be clean and this makes housetraining easier.
  - They will be able to get out into sunshine and fresh air on a regular basis to help healthy growth.
- They will NOT be desexed. No reputable breeder will sell a baby that has been desexed
  under 10 weeks of age. This is a form of cruelty and it not only places tremendous stress on
  a tiny baby it will affect their growth and development. Pups that have undergone extreme
  immature desexing do not grow properly, they usually remain smaller and weedy, they do



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not develop suitable bone and there is increasing evidence to show that the bones are thinner and more likely to break as an adult. A reputable breeder will ask you to keep you dog entire until at least 6 months – ideally 12 months

- The pup will usually be sold with a health guarantee
- An ethical breeder will give you follow- up support for the entire life of the dog- they will be there to always advise you and they will always take the dog back if at any time you are no longer able to keep it.
- With a good breeder they do not forget the dog the minute it has left their hands for a new home



 An ethical breeder may sometimes rehome an ex show dog but they will take great care to place it in the perfect home



#### But I only want a Pet- I don't want a show dog

This is a comment that breeders often hear from puppy buyers.

The fact is that all good breeders always breed dogs that are pets. The most important priority a breeder has when they breed a dog is that it will be a loved and well cared for pet dog in a wonderful

family



Some of them also become show dogs as well but just because they are a show dog

does not mean that they are not a pet first.



Neville and friends – just being pets and getting dirty

The show dogs belonging to all the breeders in our club are all pets - after a day at a show they go home and sit in the lounge to watch TV with the family, they often sleep on beds and when not at shows they live the life of a well loved pet.



It is very hard to breed a high quality show dog and in every litter there will be dogs that for whatever reason are not show dogs- it could be the size of their ears, the fact they don't like to show- any number of minor things that the average person would not even notice.



I often tell people that the difference between a show dog and a well bred non show dog is like the difference between Elle Mc

Pherson and her sister Mimi- both are very nice but only one became a super model – that does not mean that there was anything wrong with Mimi- just that she did not meet the criteria for a super model and it is the same with show quality dogs

• While a well- bred non show Griffon still looks like an attractive Griffon- a poorly bred Griffon may be smaller or

much larger, weedier or very heavy, have a strange mouth, have a variety of health issues or some don't even look like Griffons.



#### Are there poor quality breeders in Australia?

Sadly, there has been an increase in the number of people who are only breeding



Griffons for money in Australia and New Zealand
•Commercial breeders do not care about the breed, they do not plan breeding carefully and they do not take any responsibility for any pups after they have sold them. They only care about making a profit

Some examples of poorly bred Griffons- bulging eyes, fine weedy bone, crooked mouths, tongue protruding, roached back etc.

They may look cute to people who do not know any better but to an experienced person they look like potential health issues-eye problems and eating difficulties and potential vet bills

Sadly, buyers who do not have an experienced eye think these dogs with their health issues are cute and don't realise that by purchasing the pups, not only will they have a life of potential vet expenses but they are also encouraging unethical breeding to continue by putting money in the pocket of the poor breeders

# How can I recognise a Poor Quality Breeder?

- They often breed the 'rarer' colours because that is where the novelty is and and may charge more for a so called rare colour
- They often have impressive web sites and they are more interested in getting your money than making sure you are the right home.





- They say things like 'no tyre kickers' or 'no time wasters' because they can't be bothered spending the time to discuss the pups with you.
- They try to pressure you into paying a deposit by saying that it will guarantee you a
  puppy or they have other buyers waiting
- They sometimes carry out extremely immature spaying/ neutering of tiny puppies of about 6 weeks of age. They claim to do this as a welfare issue but no one who genuinely loves their puppies would subject a tiny 6-8 week old pup of under 1 kg in weight to the stress of major surgery
- They sometimes have multiple breeds usually the ones that are fashionable at the time
- They either do not show their dogs or rarely show them. They will tell you it is because
  - of the nastiness at dog shows but in actual fact it is because they know their dogs are of such poor quality that they would not win at a dog show.
- They are not members of either of the 2
   Griffon breed clubs in Australia or the Griffon
   Bruxellois club in New Zealand because the
   clubs are aware of their unethical breeding
   practices and will not allow them to join.
   Both clubs have codes of Ethics and Conduct
   which all members should abide by. These
   codes act as a guarantee to puppy buyers.





- Commercial breeders frequently charge more for their pups than an ethical breeder and often charge far more for a puppy on Main register than on Limited register.
- If they are ANKC breeders, they sometimes charge for registration papers. It is obligatory for any ANKC breeder to register ALL pups- registration costs about \$30 for Main register and Limited register. One dubious breeder has been known to charge an extra \$1000 for registration papers and another charges \$700 extra for pups on Main register.
- They often sell or buy pregnant bitches and have been known to sell or ship them on consignment in large batches 2-3 to a crate with no care for the welfare of the poor dogs
- They almost always have pups available because they breed in volume. Ethical breeders do not breed very often.
- They usually get rid of their bitches as soon as they are too old to breed from and they will have 5-6 litters from a bitch.
- They can be members of non-genuine commercial registrations and give fake pedigrees or no pedigrees. Some even cross breed and lie to buyers
- They are often backyard breeders who have two pet dogs in the back yard and because
  they are irresponsible they breed them with no health tests or knowledge of even the
  pedigree. Or pretend it was an accident. Some breed two different breeds and sell as
  pure Griffons so they can get more money.
- They don't provide a pedigree They want secrecy about the parentage and don't want buyers to say where they got the pup from



Three generations of well bred Griffons from an ethical breeder-Grandmother, Mother and Grandson. Ethical breeders value their dogs and do not discard them when they have exhausted them from breeding

# How Do We Know about these Poor Quality Breeders?

We know about these people because as a club we are frequently contacted

by distraught owners of Griffons which they have purchased, at great expense, from a commercial breeder. These people have had issues arise with the Griffon and they have had no support from the breeder and in many cases the breeder has not answered emails or messages or has made excuses or told them it was their own fault.

The people who have contacted us have reported the following issues:

- Slipping patellas requiring expensive surgery
- Open fontenelles (at least two have been reported both from the same breeder)
- Seizures
- Undersized/ underweight and/or with weak bone (at least 3 examples)
- Kennel cough and respiratory tract infections
- Difficulty in house training
- Screaming for no apparent reason or when touched
- Death within two weeks of arrival
- Eye infections
- Stomach issues/gastric
- Poor coat- dull dry and sparse, dry flakey skin
- Scared of people or scared to be in the house
- Scared of children- screaming or shivering in fear
- Unable to interact with people- sit in corner or hide all the time
- Diagnosed with serious health conditions like SM/CM or hip dysplasia within the first 18 months



#### Buyer beware!!

We understand that Griffons are not always easy to get and there is sometimes a lengthy wait for them but sometimes impatience can be expensive and in the long run it is better to wait until a well- bred dog is available.

Always make sure the breeder is a member of at least one of the 3 clubs and if you have any doubts — contact the club and we can advise as to whether the





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breeder is a club member or a reputable breeder or not. The Griffon world is very small and most breeders know each other.

Never hand over any money until you have either seen the dogs or contacted the clubs for advice.

#### Features to look for in Healthy Well bred pups



- Dark sparkling eyes
- Strong sturdy bone
- Straight legs
- Glossy coat
- Firm well covered body- (not pot bellied which is a sign of worms)
- Cannot feel ribs or backbone or hips
- Open round nostrils
- Happy and playful behaviour
- Clean nose with no discharge
- Level strong back not roached
- Clean ears with no dirt inside them

• Clean healthy coat with no dryness, brittleness or flaky skin



Strong, sturdy, healthy pups will not cost any more if bought from a reputable and responsible breeder













## 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

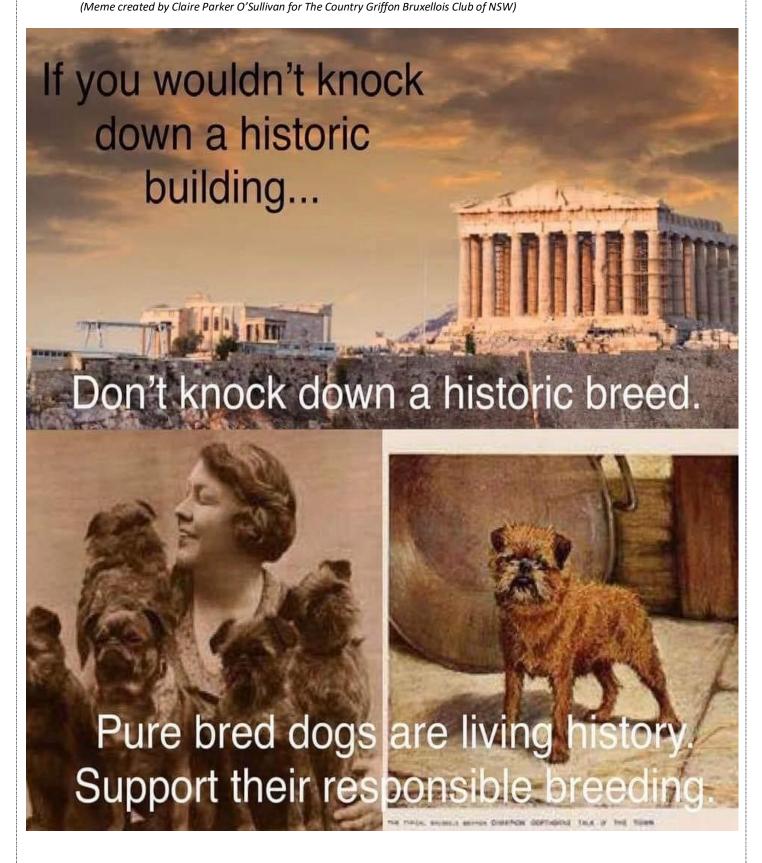
- 8. I shall undertake all health testing that I consider necessary (in consultation with my veterinary surgeon) prior to breeding.
- 9. I shall have all puppies checked thoroughly by a vet prior to sale and I will ensure that they receive all necessary vaccinations.
- 10. I will not allow any puppy 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.



- Care admin
- 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 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.









# 2024-2025 Health Survey- Preliminary Report

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.

The groups that permitted the posting were:

- 1. Brachycephalic Breed Advocates (USA)
- 2. Northern Griffon Bruxellois Club (UK)
- 3. Griffons WA (Australian)
- 4. Lovers of Responsibly Bred Brussels Griffon (USA)
- 5. The Griffon Club (UK)
- 6. The Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association (UK)
- 7. The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Scotland
- 8. Canadian Brussels Griffon Club
- 9. Griffons World (Russian)
- 10. SM/CM Research (UK)
- 11. UK Griffons-Rough and Smooth
- 12. The Griffons Bruxellois Club of Victoria
- 13. The Griffon Bruxellois Club of New Zealand
- 14. The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
- 15. The American Brussels Griffon Club
- 16. Royal Club of Griffons Brabants Papillons and Phalenes (Belgium)
- 17. The Swedish Griffon Club
- 18. The National Brussels Griffon Club (USA)
- 19. The Finnish Griffon Club
- 20. The Brussels Griffon List (USA)
- 21. The Griffon Lovers Group (USA)

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. It was particularly disappointing that a group that calls themselves the Griffon Health Group, refused to share this survey.

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. These results will be compared with a similar Health survey undertaken by our club in 2016. Theis will give us an idea of the progress of the breed over the past 9 years.

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 or 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. If anything, the duplication would repeat the health issue, rather than minimise it



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Australia invites you to participate in our 2024 global health survey

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us: cgbcnsw@gmail.com



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

#### 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 issues. The most common issue identified by respondents related to breeding was Cleft Palate where 8.31% of dogs were impacted by this issue.

The 2016 survey also found that slipping patellas and cleft palates were the most common issues More detailed information will be published on the club website once all the data has been extrapolated

We thank everyone who participated in this survey.

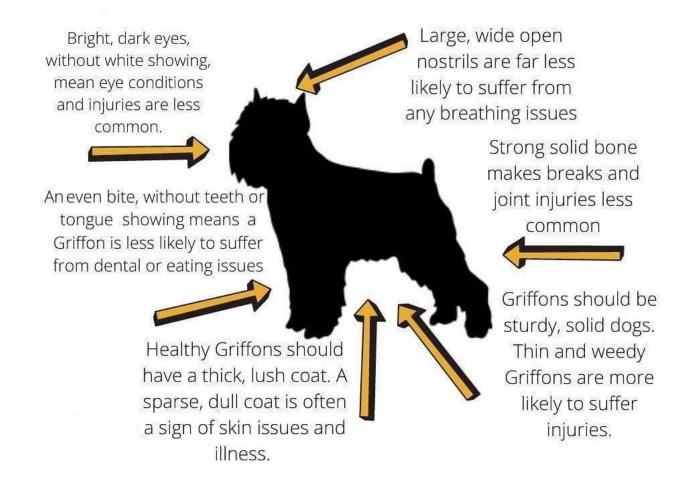


A dog show, judging Griffons in 1913. Despite the different grooming, the dogs are very similar to the modern Griffon. Such consistency over the century is a tribute to the quality breeders over the decades who have bred healthy dogs to the breed standard



# Don't Buy A Lie...

Beauty is more than skin deep. A Griffon's appearence can give strong indicators of it's current & future health.



# Support Responsible Breeders



# Sarah O' Sullivan is offering a specialised minding service to Griffon Owners and members

Located in the Sydney Eastern Suburbs area

Griffons are cared for in the home as a loved pet



# Sarah's Specialised Griffon Minding

For further Information

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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.griffonnsw.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



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

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 <a href="mailto:cgbcnsw@gmail.com">cgbcnsw@gmail.com</a>

#### **Please Note**

companion

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. 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



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

Website: <u>click here</u> Location: NSW, Australia

Krusayd 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

> 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 Tremenheere 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

Breeder Prefix: Rosndae

Contact: Roslyn and David Finch Contact Number: +61418418449 Email: rosndae@bigpond.com

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**

Contact: Lysanda Hooper Email: tiggndor@gmail.com 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**

Contact: Jocelyn Walker Contact Number: +64274737530 Email: jossw@xtra.co.nz 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
Email: cgbcnsw@gmail.com
Website: click here

Facebook Page: The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

Facebook Group: <u>Griffons NSW</u> Instagram: <u>@griffonsnsw</u>

#### 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 Secretary: Janet Ritchie

Facebook Group: The Griffon Bruxellois Club NZ

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

#### **Breeders Code of Ethics and Conduct**

The guidelines are as follows:

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



#### **Explanation of Terms for Breeders Scheme**

Pre mating testing of prospective parents.

Note: Disease testing means:

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

DNA tests for hereditary diseases that are available in the relevant breed.

At the present time the most recent comprehensive health survey on the Griffon Bruxellois internationally was carried out by The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW in 2016.

This survey of over 9,000 Griffons identified the most common health issues as; Slipping Patellas, Cleft Palates and undescended testes.

At the present time there are no DNA tests available for Griffon Bruxellois.

The CGBC of NSW recommends veterinary checks of all breeding dogs prior to breeding. However, we do not recommend the unnecessary use of anaesthetic to test for conditions that are rare or non- existent in the breed or if the dog does not show any symptoms.

The CGBC of NSW believes that all health testing should be done with the welfare and quality of life experienced by the dog as the prime consideration and the terms of the Accreditation: scientifically validated, reliable, readily available and cost-effective screening procedures are available should at all times be kept in mind

In reference to the health conditions identified by the Health Survey we have the following comments:

**Cleft Palate** – The majority of pups born with this condition are euthanised at birth. Some pups are able to be hand reared by breeders. Breeding not supported

*Undescended Testes*- This is not a life threatening condition and dogs are usually castrated and live normal healthy lives. Breeding not supported.

**Patella Luxation**- This condition has various grades of severity. A vet can diagnose the condition in a normal physical examination. Further testing/grading available if a condition is identified. Breeding not supported. Pups have loose ligaments that slowly tighten in the first 12 months of life. Permanent grading cannot be done until the dog is over 12 months.

**Anasarca**-a condition that commonly affects brachycephalic breeds. While linked to a specific phenotype there is insufficient research to indicate if it is hereditary. If the pup lives, we would expect the breeder to be guided by veterinary advice.

*Inguinal/Scrotal Hernia*- this can be diagnosed by a normal veterinary examination. It can be a lifethreatening condition and can be hereditary. Breeding not supported

(Please note this is not to be confused with an umbilical hernia which is usually not a problem)

**SM/CM** – The CGBC of NSW supports the research into this condition and supports breeders who have assisted the research by getting their dogs MRI'd. We acknowledge that at the present it is still very much in the research stage. This procedure so far does not meet with any of the definitions for testing at the present time as it is not yet scientifically validated, reliable, readily available or a cost effective screening procedure(s).

MRI's are still a diagnostic process, not a screening process and a permanent grade for a Griffon cannot be issued until the dog is 3.5 years or over.

There are guidelines for breeding published by Claire Rushbridge (UK) which the club recommends members follow as far as is possible but at the present stage it is not essential that members MRI their dogs in order to be accredited as this is still in the research phase.

However, we do recommend that breeders are fully familiar with the genetic lines behind their dogs and take all precautions, including diagnosis, to ensure that they do not breed dogs with this condition.



#### Other Conditions:

*Hips*: There is limited evidence that a condition such as H.D is a major issue in the breed in this country.

The club recommends hip X rays with formal, recognized grading if the breeder, after veterinary consultation, feels it is necessary.

The club does not recognize any diagnosis carried out by a vet which is not formally graded under the approved CHEDS grading scheme.

http://www.ava.com.au/cheds

**Eyes**. We recommend that the eyes are checked during the usual annual veterinary examination. If symptoms of an eye problem are identified by the vet then we recommend a visit to a canine ophthalmologist but do not consider it necessary if the dog does not display symptoms.

**Stenotic Nares**. In a limited number of cases we are aware that Griffons have been born with Stenotic Nares. Whilst it is possible that these dogs can have the nostrils enlarged to enable them to breathe we do not support the breeding from affected animals and members who have done so would not be accredited.

Equally we do not support breeding from Griffons who have required surgery for elongated soft palates or narrowed tracheas if these issues are diagnosed as hereditary.

Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon Copies of parents' test results and puppy vet check results to be made available to prospective purchasers

Puppies are vaccinated and checked by a vet at 6-8 weeks of age.

Accredited breeders keep the pups until 10-12 weeks when they are again vaccinated and vet checked. These check-ups can be considered as a pre-sale vet check. It is not necessary to have an additional vet check prior to sale.

The normal veterinary certificate is sufficient if the pup is healthy and free of health problems. However, if the pup is diagnosed with a health problem the CGBC of NSW expects that breeders will fully inform the prospective purchaser prior to sale.

The CGBC of NSW believes that our member breeders have the love of the breed and the welfare of the breed as their number one priority.

#### **Buyers Rights and Responsibilities**

- The majority of breeders do not ask for a deposit. However if a breeder requires one-NEVER pay a deposit until after the puppies have been born or there is a puppy available or you have visited the litter. Deposits are refundable under Australian Consumer Law unless you change your mind. The dam may not conceive or there might not be enough puppies born. Alternatively, your circumstances might unexpectedly change because of ill health, a work transfer or other unexpected event.
- If you buy a puppy with purchase conditions about future breeding or showing called "breeder's terms", make sure these are spelled out in a written contract, which both breeder and buyer sign and retain respective copies of. Be clear about the conditions and contact The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW if you are concerned or do not quite understand the terminology. This will avoid disagreements later. The breeder should explain every aspect of the agreement.
- You should view the Certificate of Registration and Pedigree for both the dam and sire before
  paying for the pup. The registration should be ANKC and the pups will be Limited or Main
  register. See further information Choosing a Breeder.



#### If there is a problem - a consumer's right to a remedy

- If you have purchased a pet and something goes wrong, you may have rights against the seller if they failed to meet one or more of the consumer guarantees. Many breeders will sell with a written contract that detail this. Please read carefully and contact The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW if you are unsure
- Generally, you are not entitled to a remedy if you change your mind about a purchase or if
  the problem is due to something beyond the seller's control. However, if the seller provided
  an 'express' warranty or an additional promise about the quality, condition, performance or
  characteristics of the item purchased, they must uphold that guarantee.
- Your entitled remedy will depend on the issue and whether the problem can be classified as major or minor. Effectively, a major problem is when you wouldn't have bought the pet if you had known the nature and extent of the problem prior to purchase; for example, an animal has a terminal or serious health issue.

In this case, the consumer has the right to choose which remedy the seller will provide. This will either be to:

- have the problem with your pet corrected for example, with veterinary
- treatment and/or medication;
- return your pet to the seller and have it replaced with another one; or
- return your pet to the seller and have your money refunded.
- When the problem is minor, the seller can choose which remedy they will provide.
- It is recommended that you attempt to negotiate an outcome that both you and the seller can agree to.

If there continues to be a disagreement, Consumer Protection can provide advice and help you resolve the dispute.

(Note: it is the buyer/consumer who has the right to choose which remedy – such as a refund - if there is a problem with the health of a puppy).

It has come to our attention that some breeders may be falsely asserting their involvement with our club. Please contact us directly to check any breeders involvement with us.