

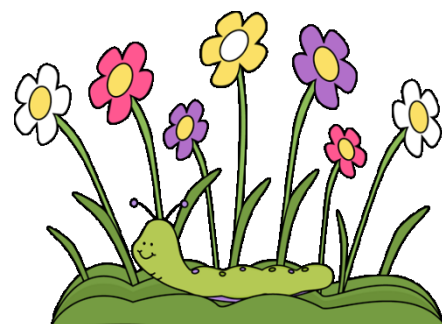


The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

The Phoenix



*Winter / Spring
2018*





Your Club

Cover: Some of our members
hard at work at the Club stand
for The Dog Lovers Show

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Michelle Parker Brien -Show Manager

Claire Parker – Show Secretary

Ashleigh Barber – Trophy Manager

Jane Wistuba – Catering Officer

Matt O Sullivan- Treasurer

Jannelle Tremeneheere- Secretary

Non Committee Positions

Assistant Secretary (2) Responsible for:

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and Sharyn Wood

Rescue Officers- Adam and Jannelle Tremeneheere

Honorary Life Member

Denis Montford

Life Member – In Memorium

Kerri Taylor

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 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 Puppy Spam



First solid meal

*New born babies are
very tiny*





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Presidents Report



Our club members have been very busy since the last edition of The Phoenix.

The club has represented the breed at The Million Paws Walk, Dogs on Show and The Dog Lovers Show and I would like to thank all the members who gave so freely of their time to assist the club. One of the strengths of this club is the way our members are all so supportive of the club.

At all these events we were able to not only promote our wonderful breed but also educate the public about the difference between

ethical reputable and caring breeders and puppy farmers and commercial breeders. Special thanks go to our Events Co-ordinator for all the work she did in arranging these events. Dog Lovers in particular, requires hours of organisational work behind the scenes and they are not the easiest people to deal with so I really appreciate the time Sharyn put into it.

Tom Gregory has also been active organising Griffon Meet Ups for the Sydney Griffon people. These have been informal gatherings at Moore Park and they give members a chance to relax, let their Griffons play with other Griffons and talk Griffons.

In this issue we have notification of our AGM. Please ensure that you are financial before the meeting.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so. The form is at the end of the magazine.



Editors Notes

This is a double issue of The Phoenix as I have been very busy over the past few months. It is a bumper issue with information about the AGM and the Christmas Party as well as health reports, overseas report and news about our members.

We also have a fabulous fund- raising raffle for a dog bed valued at \$209. It will be drawn at the Christmas party so don't miss out I hope that you enjoy it.

Have you Renewed your membership????? It is now overdue. Don't miss out on being part of our exciting club



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



Notification of the AGM

**The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
Agenda
Annual General Meeting 2018
Not before 12 noon
2 December 2018
Hillsborough**

AGENDA

1. Members Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2nd December 2017
1. Presidents Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurers Report -Statement of Income and Expenditure
4. Show Secretary Report
5. Rescue Co Ordinator Report

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

(All Members step down and Independent Chair take charge. President to take chair upon election)

Appointment of Auditor

Any other Business

Close

AGENDA

**The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
General Meeting
2 December 2018
Castle Hill
Time: After the Annual General Meeting**

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Treasurers Report:

Secretary- Minutes of Previous meeting

Outgoing Correspondence:

Incoming Correspondence:

Business Arising

New members: to be voted on

GENERAL BUSINESS

•Show Committee Report

Trophies 2019

Update on show organisation

Other show business

•Events

Christmas Party

•Griffon Buyer Register Report

General Business

Any Other Business



**The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
Annual General Meeting 2018
Nomination Form
2 December 2018
Hillsborough**

Position	Person Nominated	Nominated by	Seconded	Accept Nomination
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Committee				
Fund Raising Officer				
Events Co Ordinator				
Committee Member				
Committee Member				
Committee Member				
Show Committee				
Show Manager				
Show Secretary				
Trophy Manager				
Non Committee Positions				
Assistant Secretary (2 Positions)				
Catering Officer				
Rescue Co-Ordinator				
Patrons(2)				

Please Note:

- If written nominations are received they will be the nominations that will be voted upon. Nominations will not be called from the floor if written nominations have been received
If no written nominations have been received then nominations will be called from the floor
- If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to be nominated you may nominate and email the form to the Secretary at nevaending@hotmail.com
- If you nominate another person who is not attending the meeting then ensure that they have signed the 'Accept Nomination' column
- You must be a financial member in order to vote
- Nominees for the 4 Executive positions must be financial members of Dogs NSW

Christmas Party

When: December 9th 2018

Where: Colongra Bay
Colongra Bay Road
Lake Munmorah.

Time: Commencing at 11am

Colongra Bay is halfway between Newcastle and Sydney and is easy to reach.

From Sydney- Travel up the M1. Take the Charlestown turnoff. Go through Doyalson.

Colongra Bay Rd is on your right just past the Shopping centre.

From Newcastle- Go through Belmont and Swansea to get to the Doyalson. Colongra Bay Rd will be on your left before the shopping centre.

BYO Lunch

BBQ facilities are available

See the next page for more information about Colongra Bay Park



We would like to invite all our members and friends and Griffons to join us for the Club Christmas party and we look forward to seeing you all there

The Raffle will be drawn at the party



Colongra Bay Park

Colongra Bay is on the lake and has a jetty. Both dogs and people can paddle or swim in the lake. It is also ideal for paddle boards if any members would like to bring them.

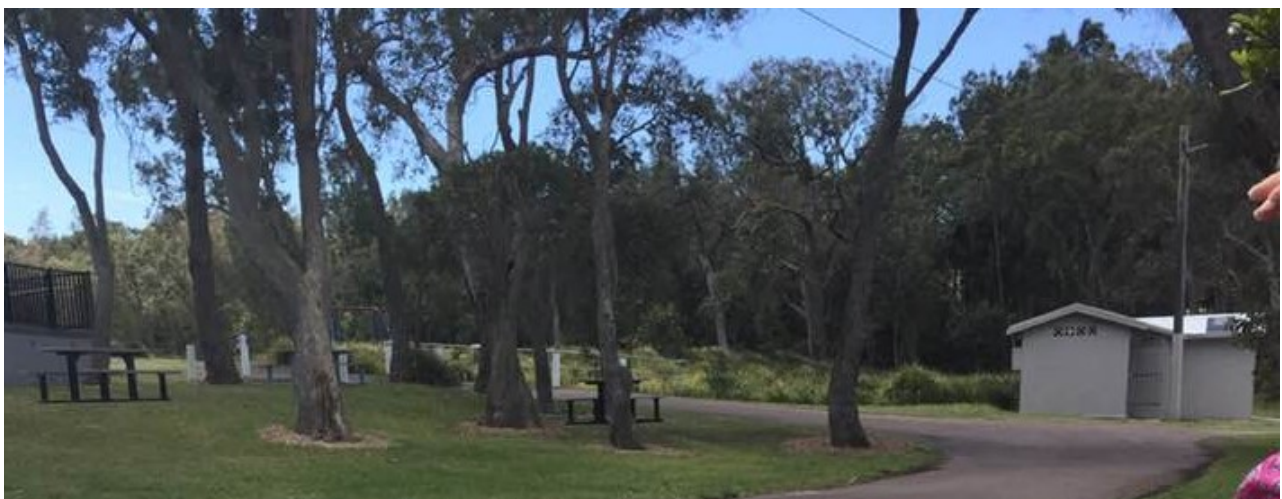
It has a path around it and it is a pleasant walk for the dogs with a lot of water birds.



It has a BBQ area in a shaded area and just across from the path there is more seating in a shaded area.

There is a clean toilet block

There is a large grassed area and a fully fenced and well-maintained dog run area. It is at the end of a quiet road with little traffic.





Dates to Remember - 2019

Sydney Royal Griffon Judging

We have been advised by the organisers of Sydney Royal that judging for Griffon Bruxellois has been scheduled for the **17th April 2019**.

This was in response to our request that judging be moved to mid-week.

Our club show will be Saturday 13th April so members will now have some time between the shows which will make it easier for the hard-working committee



2019 Specialty Show Information

The 9th and 10th Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Championship shows will be held at Hillsborough on **13th April 2019**.

To celebrate our 10th anniversary as well as our 10th show we are very pleased to announce that we have engaged two Griffon specialists for shows.

The **Silver show** will be judged by **Sandie Meads**, Paris Griffons New Zealand. Sandie has been involved in Griffons for over 20 years and we are proud to welcome her. This will be her first Australian judging appointment

The **Gold Show** will be judged by **Jocelyn Croad** who founded the famous Raweke Griffons. Jocelyn has been involved in Griffons for over 50 years and is arguably the most knowledgeable person on the breed in the country. She is an international All Breeds judge and has judged in most countries.

The President, Michelle Parker Brien, will not be exhibiting at either of these shows due to her friendship with the judges.

For Sale Show Leads--\$15

The club has a limited number of superfine show leads for sale. These leads have been handmade and are in a red brown colour specifically chosen to blend in with the red Griffon colour so that they look almost invisible and do not break the line of the dog's neck.

They are a slip lead and so light that the dog cannot feel the lead.

They are perfect for puppies and for dogs that do not like the weight of a lead around their neck.

When used correctly, they allow the dog to gait with a firm but loose lead and are barely visible.

One of the show leads in use





The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

Raffle

Fundraising Raffle for Health research and Rescue

We are raffling this fabulous dog bed that was generously donated to the club by T&S. It retails at over \$150.00 and is big enough to fit several Griffons in comfort.

It is made of a sturdy fabric which zips off and washes easily. It has strong well covered cushions inside the cover and is made to last.



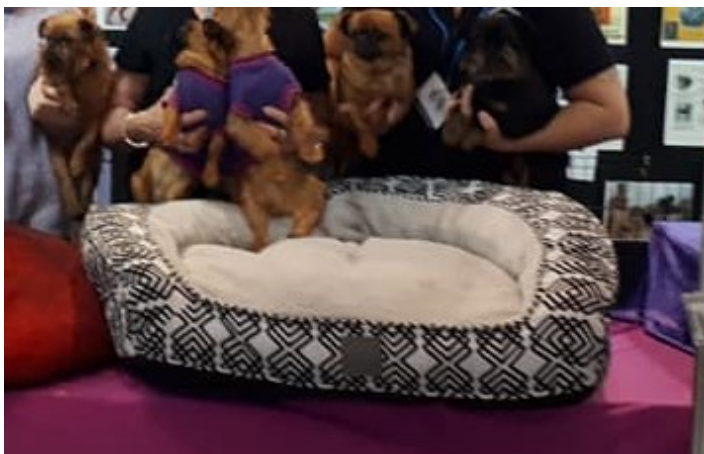
I purchased one of these beds and I can recommend it. It is easy to keep clean and can be wiped over and my dogs love it.

Tickets are only \$2 each.
Click on the link below to purchase your tickets



<https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=8rnfh>

The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas party on 9th December. The perfect Christmas present for your Griffon





Griffon Corner

Romance has been in the air for some of our members over the past few months



Wedding Bells

Club members, Tammie Cheng and Don Teo had a beautiful Spring wedding, complete with a Griffon bridesmaid. Tammie loves dogs so much that she invited them to her wedding and Claire Parker with Griffons, Squirrel and Beedle and Victoria Mercer with Griffons Taco, Harry and Lily were all very excited to attend. Tammie made a beautiful bride and we wish the new Mr and Mrs Teo all possible happiness for the future
Tammie with her Griffon bridesmaid, Gigi



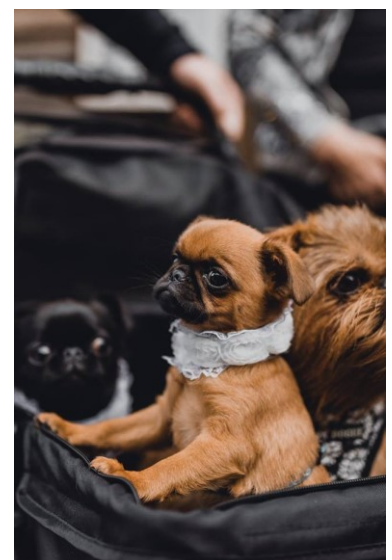
The new Mr and Mrs Teo- Don and Tammie



Wedding guests, Claire Parker with Beedle and Christopher Harris with Squirrel



Victoria Mercer's Griffons at the wedding- Taco, Lily and Harry





Claire and Matt

Congratulations to our club Treasurer, Matthew O'Sullivan and Show Secretary, Claire Parker, who announced their engagement in June. Matthew chose the shores of Lake Como in Italy for a most romantic proposal. Beedle and Squirrel are very excited.



Holiday Break

Club member, Emily Bell and Roy Barron also went on a romantic holiday to Hawaii but it turned out to be more eventful than they thought.



Roy twisted his leg, breaking his tibia and fibula just one hour after this photo was taken.

Emily and Roy

They still enjoyed the holiday but it wasn't quite the romantic interlude they planned.



Overseas Holidays

Claire, Matthew, Emily and Roy are not the only members who have been jet setting to other parts of the world.

Sandie Meads had a trip to the UK and Europe where she not only had a holiday but also visited the GGBA Championship show in England and the World Show in Amsterdam so she saw lots of Griffons.

Cruising on the Amsterdam canals

While Sandie was enjoying herself overseas, **Fern Feaver** held the fort and took



the Griffons to a few shows where she managed to win at the Toy Fair under breed specialist Polly Middleton, who awarded Junior in Show to Meg, NZ Ch Cricklewood Miss Tuttlebee, owned and bred by David Fifield





Vickie and Ryan Clements have also left the Boxers and Griffon, Bowski at home while the do the tourist bit in Europe.



They have been really getting into the Oktoberfest swing.



Tom Gregory and Holly Quinn Parsons, Griffon parents of Ygrette and Osha, have also been getting the tourist swing in Japan. They not only got into the full outfits but also visited a Hedgehog Café



Football Fan Griffons

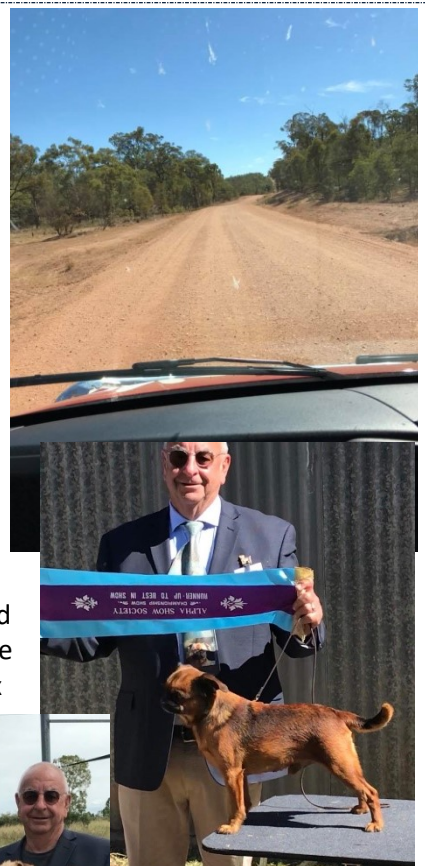
Sharyn Wood, our assistant Secretary, is such a fan of St George Leagues club that she named George, her Griffon, after them.

With the football season coming to its climax she got the boys into the swing of things with their very own St George socks and St George jacket which they used as a bed. Not quite sure that Billy and George are as excited as Sharyn!!



Outback Trip

Club members, Tim Mills and Diane Norman, packed up the van and ventured in to the wilds of Far North Queensland on an outback trip where they saw lots of empty spaces and red dirt roads. Of course, the Griffons had to come and travelled in style and comfort. And what do you do when you are enthusiastic dog exhibitors and you go to the outback? You look for a dog show of course!! Tim and Ch Tzani Mr Magoo managed to pick up a few Best in Groups on the way and youngster Tzani Dorothy Dix added to her list of Baby and Minor in Group awards



Griffons in the media

Griffons have been getting media attention lately. They were described as "super on trend" by a gossip page. Always a bit of a worry when described like this. Whenever a breed becomes fashionable the puppy farmers start to cash in and destroy all the good work done by responsible breeders. As a club all we can do is advise people to only buy from an ethical breeder.



2 NEWS VISIT US ONLINE borderwatch.com.au

Furry friends provide health support

Mount Gambier Hospital patients reap benefits of pet therapy program



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A TEAM of friendly furry pooches and their owners are helping to bring smiles to the faces of patients at Mount Gambier Hospital as they struggle through chemotherapy or post surgery.

"Whether it is a paw to shake or a therapy ear to listen, patients are reaping the benefits of the hospital's pet therapy program.

Every week a team of pooches and their proud owners can be seen doing the rounds of the hospital to relieve stress and bring joy to people's lives. Importantly, the pet-aid for balls and their friendly and caring owners are also helping to give some relief from the stress of a high-pressure working environment.

For chemotherapy patients like Margaret Conlan, the feel-good program is helping to brighten people's lives.

"It was wonderful to spend some time with the dogs and their owners," said Ms Conlan, who has recently endured 12 weeks of chemotherapy.

"They relieved any stress I had and I would have no greater spirit."

"While the dogs had little idea how they helped light up people's day, Ms Conlan revealed for her they were an essential part of her healing."

"I would like to thank the hospital for having this program," she said.

Meanwhile, Tracey O'Neil, who was in hospital for seven months and the pet therapy brought some brightness to life during a difficult time.

"The dogs just made me happy and their owners gave me someone else to speak with," Ms O'Neil said.

"I looked forward to the lovely routines."

Lea Clark, from the Blue Lake (Obedience Dog Club) said the club had facilitated pet therapy at the hospital for about three years.

"The best part is to see the smiles on the faces of patients and staff," Ms Clark said during a recent pet therapy session.

"They always make the comment

FURRY COMPANIONSHIP: Pet therapy volunteers Chris Vine, Kath Shanks and Ian Mallard join regional health director Ngairi Buchanan and volunteer coordinator Amy Watt at Mount Gambier Hospital, along with fellow volunteers Laurie Berne, Michele Gurney (front) and Lea Clark, who are all helping to give some relief from the stress of a high-pressure working environment.

"We do most of the wards, the mental health unit is a big hit and we also do the doctors' waiting rooms," Ms Clark said.

"We cannot go into accident and emergency, but we have also started to go down to the public dental area in the hospital and community health waiting rooms."

The dogs - wearing blue vests - visit the hospital every Wednesday afternoon.

Centre Health Shaping regional director Ngairi Buchanan said patients appreciated the pet therapy program.

"It makes people's lives more enriched and research shows there are much better outcomes for patients when they have pet therapy coming into their lives," Ms Buchanan said.

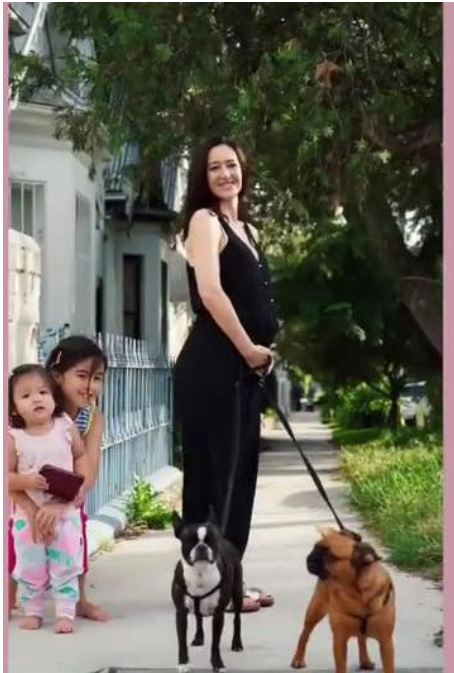
She said the program also worked well in aged care facilities.

"It is also very good for staff. I know myself I always make a point on Wednesday afternoon to come out - it brings a bit of joy to people," Ms Buchanan said.

PAWS FOR PEOPLE: Mount Gambier's Tracey O'Neil says the pet therapy program helped her through months of treatment at the city's hospital.

On a more productive report the South Australian Border News did an

article on therapy dogs and several of them were a Griffons owned by club member, Michele Gurney. Griffons are ideal for this role as they are very intuitive and seem to know how people are feeling



Congratulations to member, Scarlet Hill, on the birth of her daughter. I am sure that she will have two willing nursemaids with her Griffon and Boston.



Rylston Show had a fund-raising show for Breast Cancer research and asked all exhibitors and judges to wear pink to show support. **Jane Wistuba** and **Sharyn Wood** got into the swing of things



Pedigrees are a funny thing

Congratulations to **Victoria Mercer**, whose black girl has just given birth to two black pups. Mum is a black smooth and dad is a red smooth. To get black you need it on both sides of the pedigree and the father did not seem to have any black

behind him so the black pups were a total but happy surprise. Research into the father's pedigree showed that way, way back he has a single black dog born in 1983. This dog, Darjeela Black Baron was imported to New Zealand from the UK and amazingly his influence seems to have come through. These are the first black pups born in NSW for a long time and we wish Victoria every success with them.





Sick List

We have had a few members on the sick list and hope that they are now on the road to recovery.

Both **Jannelle Tremeheere** and **Jocelyn Croad** have had severe doses of the flu. And this year's version of it seems to be hard to shift – lasting or re occurring for 8 weeks or more. Luckily, they have Griffons to help see them through.

Jannelle's Griffons take their nurse duties seriously

Dave Finch has also not been well and has had a series of tests and a bout of pneumonia. I hope that he is now on the mend and feeling better

Cathryn Feaver is no stranger to hospitals as she has to regularly attend for kidney dialysis but she had to pay an extra visit when her son

decided to try to catch a rat at school and got bitten. Luckily after blood tests and antibiotics he has made a full recovery.

Marcia Mulhearn has also been unwell and undergoing tests and potential surgery.

We wish everyone a speedy recovery

VALE John Grover

Our deepest sympathies go to Robin Simpson on the loss of her father, John Grover who passed away on October 1st.



With his passing comes the end of an era for The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria. Along with his wife Beth, he was one of the founding members of The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria and he was the last surviving member of the Victorian club's original committee. He played an active role in the establishment of the club and in promoting and developing the breed in Australia.

He served as President and various committee roles in the early years of the club and with his family was an essential part of the Club's beginning.

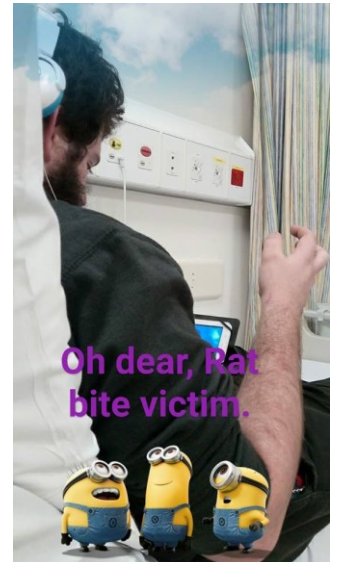
Beth Canavan recalled the following memories:

John was also a Scout Leader and during a trip to Norway in 1975 he made a side trip to the U.K. where he met Howard Ogden, who took him to meet Ann Fenn of the Starbeck Griffons. Howard persuaded Ann to let Starbeck Copper Dancer to come out to Australia to the Grovers. A coup indeed.

I remember John keeping a firm hand on the length of our club meetings. The Grovers travelled from the

centre of Victoria to Melbourne for our meetings, and as he was also a country policeman he was always on duty.

Our condolences to Robin, and her family. We must never forget the debt we owe to people like John Grover who contributed to making the breed what it is today in Australia





The Tenth Anniversary of the Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

Easter 2019 is the tenth anniversary of the first affiliated meeting of the club. In the time between then and now the club has experienced turmoil, morphed in to a new club and undergone several name changes but has grown in numbers and professionalism as time has gone by.

Until 2008 there was only one Griffon Bruxellois club in Australia and that was the Victorian Club which had been established in 1975.

In February 2008 the Armidale Kennel Club held three shows and each day the Toy Group was judged by a Griffon specialist. The judges were Mrs J Croad, Mrs D Norman and Mrs E Middleton (NZ).

It was strongly supported by Griffon exhibitors who travelled from as far as Melbourne and it became an unofficial mini Griffon specialty.

This show triggered an enthusiasm from exhibitors and from this group of shows the NSW and Queensland Griffon Bruxellois Clubs formed

Some Club History

The beginning.

In NSW Bridget Power sent out emails asking if NSW exhibitors were interested in forming a NSW Griffon Club as 15 affiliated Griffon owners were required in order to gain club affiliation.

The Founding members were:

Caroline Elder	Jacquie McIntyre
Kait Elder	Bridget Power
Claire Parker	Lee Pieterse
Michelle Parker Brien	Frank Pieterse
Cathy Murdoch	Donna Murphy
Leah Phillis	Jillian Matthison
Kerri Taylor	Adrian Walmsley
Ros Finch	Phillip Poulton
Dave Finch	Kate Sunn
Shane Thomas	Terri Odell

The inaugural executive committee of the club was:

President: Michelle Parker Brien
Vice President: Cathy Murdoch
Secretary: Caroline Elder
Treasurer: Kerri Taylor

Committee Members

Claire Parker
Lee Pieterse
Bridget Power
Jacquie McIntyre
Terri O Dell
Leah Phillis
Jackie Mc Donald

Caroline Elder, as secretary, did much of the work to secure the club's affiliation. Caroline, however, due to ill health and work commitments was unable to continue in the secretary's role and it was temporarily filled by Bridget Power and then by Claire

Parker.

The first official meeting of the club, following affiliation took place on 12 April 2009 where it was decided that the date for the club's first Championship show would be Easter 2010 in tandem with The Flat Face Toy Club show. By May the club's membership had climbed to 32.

Despite initial enthusiasm strong divisions rapidly arose when the nominated judge became ill and was unable to judge the show. The reserve judge had already accepted an appointment from another club so was unavailable to judge.

The club held a meeting to discuss another judge as only a few weeks remained before the show. The meeting decided to invite the next judge on the list of nominated judges and he accepted the appointment. The one committee member who did not attend the meeting objected to the judge who was appointed and wanted the club to change the show date/time so the reserve judge could take the appointment. The rest of the committee did not support this move.

For six weeks this person and 4-5 supporters sent intimidatory, accusative and aggressive emails to the committee, the executive and the general members. The Executive and committee remained strictly professional throughout this and the club membership showed strong support for the executive.



Eventually the President resigned from the club stating in her letter that she not did not wish to be associated with people who felt that bullying, intimidation and harassment were acceptable behaviours.

Her resignation was rapidly followed by the resignation of the entire executive and all the committee except for two people. Following this over 35 club members also resigned, leaving a skeleton of members in the club. The splinter group that remained in the club continued for several years before it was finally disbanded.

The members who had resigned were keen to continue with the club in a more pleasant atmosphere so they re-formed into another club, initially a social club, called The Griffon Fanciers Club. They held their first meeting on 4th April 2010, almost exactly 12 months from the original club meeting. That meeting elected an almost identical committee with most members resuming the positions they had previously held in the first club.

They were

President - Michelle Parker Brien

Vice President - Dave Finch

Secretary - Claire Parker

Treasurer - Kerri Taylor

Committee - Donna Murphy - Rescue Officer

Ros Finch

Jillian Mathieson

Brian Mc Donald

Terri O Dell

The re- formed club was determined that the bullying and intimidation would not be repeated and they drew up a strict code of conduct and ethics for all members to follow.

They decided that they would be a friendly and welcoming club but reserved the right to refuse membership to any person who was not prepared to follow the code of conduct.

It was determined that the club logo would be friendly and fun to reflect the spirit of the new club and it was designed by club member Andrew Georgio.

The meeting also decided to call the newsletter The Phoenix, as a symbol of the club rising from the ashes of the past .

The club was supported by Tom Couchman and on his advice the club ran a point score competition to help draw people together. He donated ribbons for the Best of Breed winner at each point score show.

This point score competition was such a success that it still continues and a Best of Breed trophy is still awarded at each point score show. It continues to be well supported by members.

The club continued as a friendly social club and the membership continued to grow. By July 2011, the membership was 72 and the club had become incorporated and had applied for affiliation with Dogs NSW.

Dogs NSW rules state that the full breed name and the word 'club' must be used so it was decided to call the club the name that it now has- The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW.

Andrew Georgio redesigned the logo and this is the logo we now have.

Also, in 2011 a poll was held on the club colours and the pink and purple were overwhelmingly elected by the members.

The club is now well known for its cheerful logo and the colourful club colours which stand out at all exhibitions and displays.





The club held their first championship show in 2013 and the judge was Shane Thomas, the man originally appointed when all the dissent arose in the first club. This time there was no dissent and the show was an overwhelming success.

Since that time the club has continued to grow. Membership is now between 150-170 on average. Two championship shows per year are held in addition to other events like Dogs on Show, Dogs Lovers Show, Griffon get togethers etc.

The club has an established website and a Facebook page and has had a number of successful rescues.

The club has worked to encourage ethical breeding of high- quality Griffon Bruxellois and has actively encouraged more people into showing Griffons. It is safe to say that because of the work of the club, the depth of quality of Griffons in NSW has never been higher. In the past there were one or two successful exhibitors and breeders. Now we have a number of people breeding quality dogs and working together for the good of the breed. No single kennel dominates but a number of diverse breeders have all won at the highest level

This has happened because the Executive and committee have worked for the good of the breed and put egos aside. It is also because all members have worked together in harmony and respect.

Next year at the tenth anniversary, the club can look back on its achievements with pride and also with the knowledge that the club's foundations and traditions are now firmly entrenched to last many more years.

Teddy is a favourite

Teddy, owned by Kerry and John Lecuddenac had been unwell for a while with an undiagnosed issue.

He had to spend some time at Sydney University so that they could run a series of tests to identify his problem.

His Griffon charm was such a hit with the vet staff that he starred in one of their publications, posing with one of the vets and clearly winning hearts.

We hope that Teddy is feeling a lot better now



What does a good breeder do when they sell Pups?

- They ask lots of questions to make sure your home is suitable
- They do not let you visit the pups until they have been vaccinated and are fully protected – usually 8 weeks.
- They provide a healthy pup with full vaccination, worming, vet checks etc
- They can talk about the health testing they have done and are fully conversant with major health concerns.
- They never pressure you to buy the pup or you will lose it. They are more concerned with getting the pup in to the right home for the pup.
- They do **not** breed a lot. They breed for quality not quantity and they spend time socialising the pups
- They feed the pups high quality food and provide you with details of the food
- They do not charge more for a pup with 'papers'. Papers come automatically with all registered pups. If they make excuses about papers, avoid them.
- They will reject buyers if they do not think that the home is the 'best fit' for the pup.
- They never breed for profit. They breed because they love the breed and want to produce quality pups.



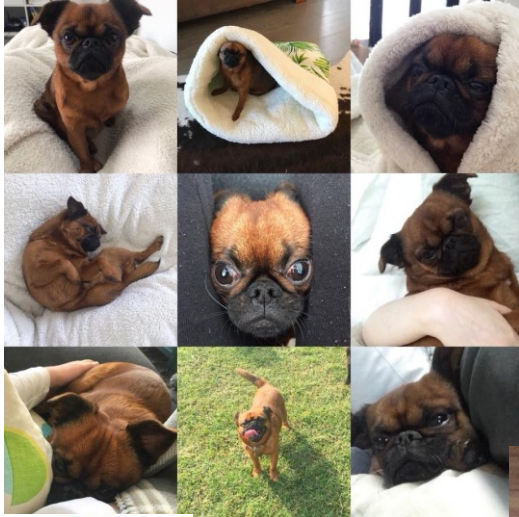
Birthday Griffons



Happy Birthday to You!!!



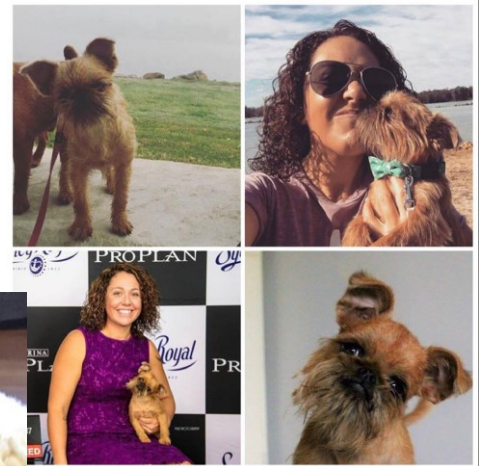
And a Happy birthday to the following Griffons who celebrated in style.



Percy, owned by **Jessica Fouard** celebrated his 4th birthday.
Percy

Harriet, owned by **Ashleigh Barber** and her brother **Pepe**, owned by **Victoria Mercer** both celebrated their 2nd birthday

Harriet



Pepe and his French Bulldog friends celebrate

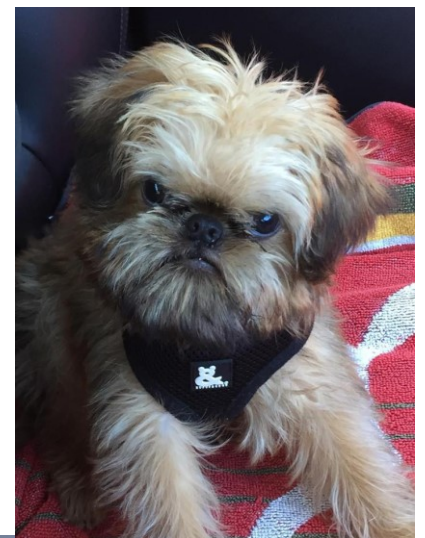
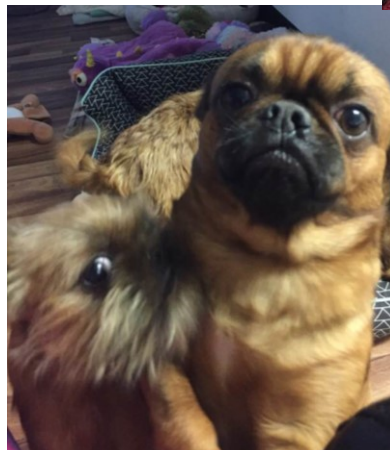


Teddy, owned by **John and Kerry Lecuddenac** celebrated his first birthday
Teddy

Pomona, owned by **Michelle Parker Brien** and her brother, **Beedle**, owned by **Claire Parker** both celebrated their 3rd birthday

Pomona

Beedle





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Happy 5th birthday to **Dwight**, owned by **Blake and Adam Zur**

And a very special Happy Birthday to three Golden Oldies



Chelsea, owned and bred by **Ros and Dave Finch** celebrated her 15th birthday and is still hale and hearty. She had a lovely time and had some special fish for her birthday breakfast



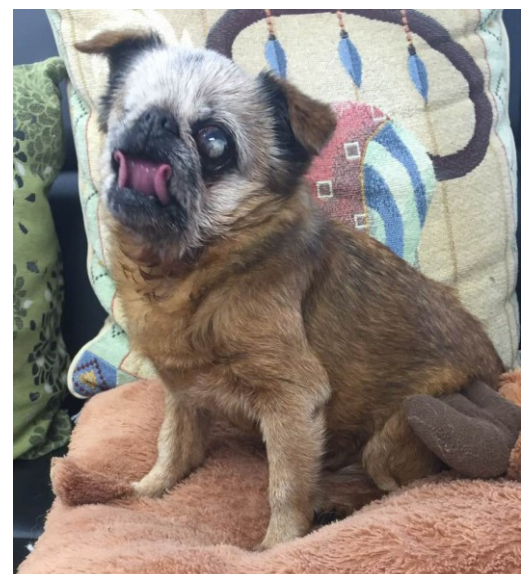
And a happy birthday to another 15 year old Griffon- **Riley**, owned and bred by **Beth Canavan**. Another oldie who is still fit and well and enjoying life.



Happy Birthday to **Bunty Bear** who is 13 years of age. She was bred by Raweke and is owned by Michelle Parker Brien and Claire Parker. She may be blind but she is still the boss
She enjoyed her birthday turkey neck



Fabulous to see Griffons reaching such ripe old ages and it goes to show that a well -bred Griffon is a healthy Griffon





Club Fund Raiser- Griffon T- Shirts and Polo Shirts



Thanks to Terri Odell our club has a new fund raiser- T shirts and Polo Shirts that have been specially designed for our club. They come in pink and black and are available in both Mens and Womens sizes.

Ashleigh modelling the back of the Polo Shirt

The T Shirts cost \$25 plus postage and the Polo Shirts are \$30 plus postage.



T Shirt designs in both colours



There are still T shirts in Stock and the Polo shirts have been ordered.

Ashleigh modelling the front of the Polo Shirt and Jane modelling the T shirt



And just so your Griffons do not feel left out we also have matching Griffon T shirts available Griffon T shirts are between

\$15- \$20 plus postage

For orders or further information contact Terri Odell at www.petsonthepark.com.au





Club Events

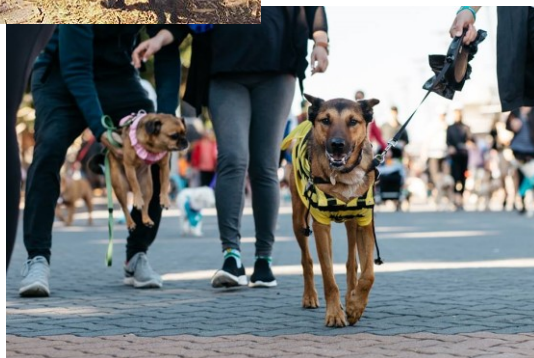
Winter has seen a few busy months for Griffon lovers and the club and the members have been active in promoting the breed and responsible breeders in a variety of ways.

Our Events Co Ordinator, Sharyn Wood and her hardworking committee were kept very busy

1. Million Paws Walk- May 20th 2018



A good sized group of our members walked the 2 km for RSPCA Million Paws Walk. The club raised \$807. Thanks to all the members who participated and some even had their photos taken with Chewbacca.



2. Dogs on Show- June 16th

Dogs on Show is a showcase of purebred, pedigree dogs, run by Dogs NSW.

It is a dog show combined with all types of dog sports and activities, lure coursing, herding, earth dogs, obedience, Rally Obedience, agility etc.

The club stand on a sunny winter's day



Terri Odell, Nicola McLean and Sheena Jackson

As well as a fun day for the Griffons it is a great day out for a dog loving family.





Our club's breed stand was ably manned by Terri Odell, Sheena Jackson, Sharyn Wood, Nicola McLean and Jane Wistuba

Sharyn Wood and Sheena Jackson



3. Dog Lovers Show

In August we once again participated in The Dog Lovers Show held in Sydney at the Horden Pavilion. Once again, the crowds were huge and the Griffons loved the attention.

We were, however, not happy to see that a large commercial stand was there promoting Tamarukes. For those who are not aware, Tamaruke is an enormous commercial puppy farm in the Hunter Valley. They breed cross breed dogs- mainly Poodle crosses and they have made up breed names for them- they call them Tamarukes, after the property and they claim that they are hypoallergenic.

Not only are all their claims dishonest and incorrect they are also intended to mislead the general public.

Our club stands very strongly for responsible and ethical breeding practices and we were not happy to be associated with a huge scale dog mass production organisation which goes against all our principles.

We informed the organisers of our feelings but if Dog Lovers is going to continue to support puppy farmers then we may need to rethink our involvement with them.

That aside the Griffons were wonderful and won over many people with their antics.

It is such a big day and so intense with the huge crowds that Sharyn organised a roster system of volunteers so that each group did a half day session. This worked very well and we are very grateful to Sharyn for her hard work.

The front cover of this magazine shows the different groups who did each shift. In addition we would



like to thank Jane Wistuba, Sharyn Wood and Sheena Jackson who set the stand up on Friday and Terri and Grant Odell and Nicola McLean who took it down on Sunday evening. Special thanks also go to Kelly Odell who came into the Pavilion on both days to present a Griffons for Dogs NSW as part of their Meet program

Kelly Odell



breed lecture on the Breed



More photos from Dog Lovers





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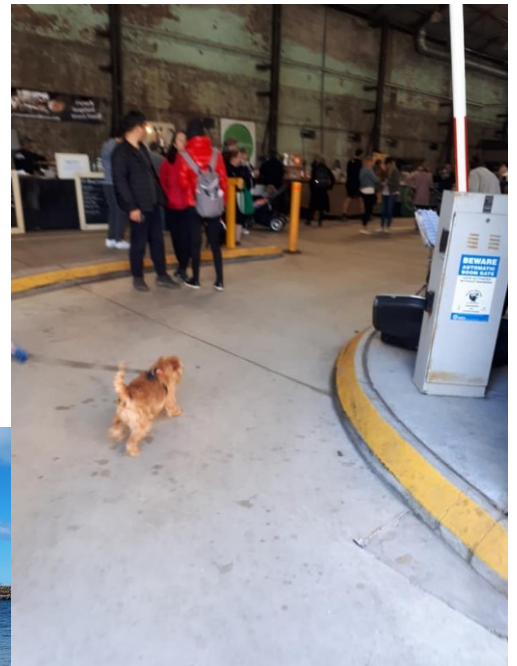


Annika's Big Day Out

Sometimes I am sure that the Griffons belonging to our members have a better social life than we do.

Annika, who belongs to Simon Jebb had a big day out in Sydney.

She started the day at Everleigh Markets where she did some meet and greet catching up with friends and a bit of shopping.



Then to cool down she went to the dog beach at Botany and not only got to paddle and dig up the sand she was also able to watch the planes taking off.



This was followed by a vigorous run at the dog park at Erskineville where she caught up with friends.

And then home to put her feet up and chill out with some Krispy Kreme donuts.

Its hard being gorgeous and cool but she manages to bear the burden of popularity. Go Annika!!





Health

Effective Breathing – What is BOAS?

The information provided comes from the Department of Veterinary Medicine, Cambridge Veterinary School, UK. They have been active in testing assisting in BOAS research and treatment. Information in italics is directly from them. Information in normal font are additional comments

What is Brachycephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS)?

The French Bulldog, Bulldog, Pug, Pekingese, Shih Tzu, Japanese Chin, Boxer and Boston Terrier are all examples of brachycephalic breeds. The most distinctive feature of these breeds is their short muzzle. Brachycephalic dogs have been bred for centuries to possess a normal-sized lower jaw, and a disproportionately shorter upper jaw.

In recent decades, breeding selection for extreme brachycephalic features has resulted in dogs that are predisposed to upper airway tract obstruction and subsequent respiratory distress, among several other health issues. Although not all brachycephalic dogs suffer clinical signs, the incidence and severity of the respiratory disorders has increased. The respiratory disease related to brachycephalic confirmation is called brachycephalic obstructive airway syndrome (BOAS).

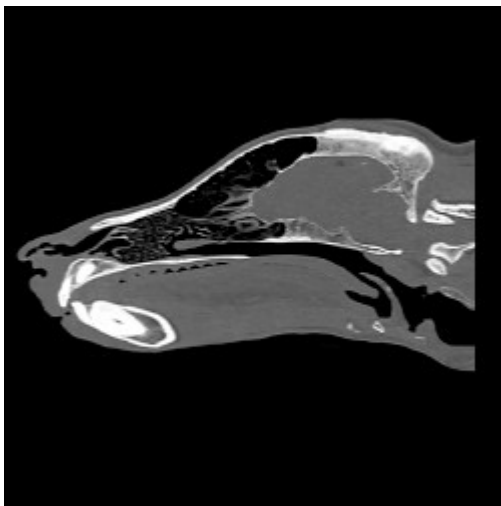
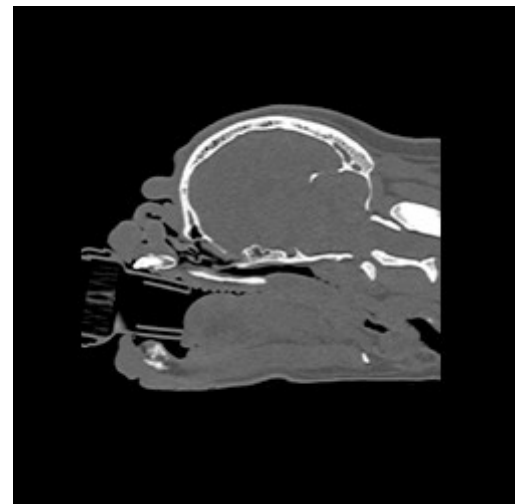


Image of a German Shepherd showing longer muzzle

Image of a Pug showing shorter muzzle

The Griffon is another brachycephalic breed but so far it does not appear to have had the same breathing problems as



some other more popular breeds.

Pathophysiology of BOAS

Anatomical Components

Shortening of the skull and upper airway tract lesions

In brachycephalic dogs, while the length of the skeletal muzzle is reduced, there is often no corresponding decrease in the size of the soft tissue contained in the skull. This results in a constricted effect within the nasal cavity and partial obstruction of the pharynx and larynx.

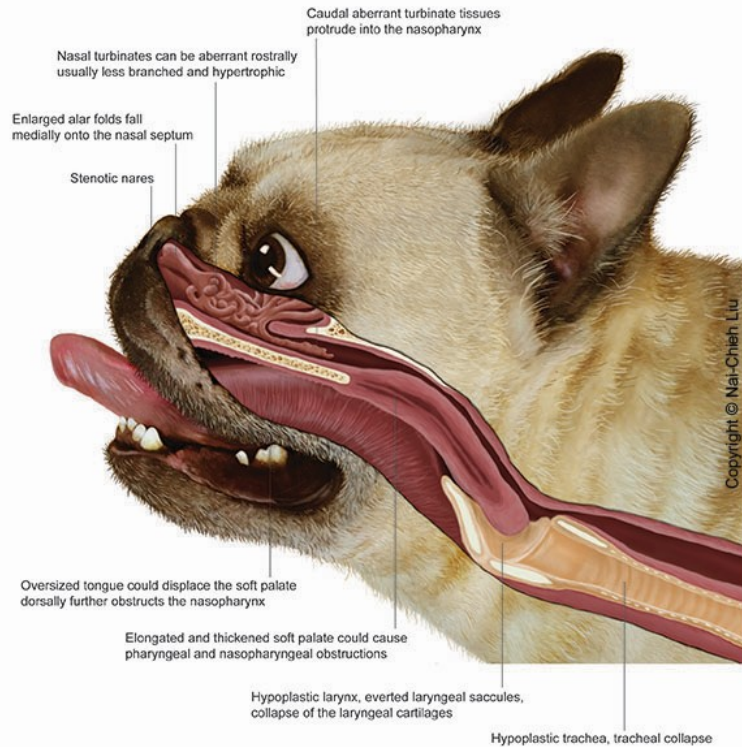
Upper airway tract obstruction & poor thermoregulation

Excessive selection for brachycephaly has deformed the upper airway tract and resulted in obstructions. Affected brachycephalic dogs must increase their inspiratory effort to overcome the resistance generated by the upper airway obstruction and thus achieve sufficient ventilation. This increased inspiratory effort generates a high negative pressure that sucks the soft tissues into the lumen of the airway passage. Eventually, these tissues become hyperplastic and the laryngeal cartilages collapse, further exacerbating the airway obstruction. If this cycle is left uninterrupted, the

dog may develop pulmonary oedema, reduced arterial oxygen content, hypertension and right-sided heart failure.

In addition to the respiratory function, BOAS also effects the crucial thermoregulatory role of the canine airway. This is evident in the severe heat susceptibility seen in affected brachycephalic dogs. Dogs do not sweat. Instead, they lower their body temperature by panting. When dogs with elongated skull shapes (like Labradors) pant, they are able to pass air quickly over the throat and nose. The dog cools down as saliva and moisture evaporate when air passes over the tongue and mucous membranes in the oral and nasal cavities. However, in the obstructed brachycephalic dog, the airway tract becomes inflamed and swollen during the panting process. This results in greater obstruction and further over-heating.

Another factor contributing to airway obstruction is obesity. Excessive weight results in fat tissue surrounding and narrowing the airway. Therefore, a weight loss program should be implemented to improve respiratory function in overweight dogs.



Disease recognition by owners & veterinarians

1. Clinical signs that brachycephalic dog owners should recognise...
2. Respiratory noise
3. Stenosis of the nostrils
4. Gastrointestinal signs
5. Obstructive sleep apnea / sleep-disordered breathing
6. Heat intolerance
7. Cyanosis and collapse

Respiratory noise

Dogs with normal upper airway tract breathe quietly. Respiratory noises such as snoring and snorting are indicators of airway obstruction. BOAS-affected dogs may present with different types of noise depending on the location of the obstruction: pharynx, larynx, and/or nasal cavity. Some BOAS-affected dogs may only have respiratory noises when they are excited, playing, exercising, eating/drinking or under stress. A thorough veterinary examination is recommended if the respiratory noise is marked.

Pharyngeal noise

This type of noise, termed 'stertor' is caused by the elongated and thickened soft palate. The caudal tip of a normal length soft palate should barely touch the epiglottis, so that when the dog pants with an open mouth, the airway is open. However, the soft palate in affected dogs is too long and extends into the opening of the airway (larynx). When the dog pants, extra effort is required to move the soft



palate out of the larynx in order to allow air to pass. When the dog breathes through its nose, the increased negative pressure within the upper airway tract during inspiration can trigger vibration of the soft palate and redundant pharyngeal soft tissues - BOAS-affected dogs can be 'awake snorers'.

Laryngeal noise

This type of noise is particularly common in affected pugs. It is called stridor and it is a high-pitched noise, similar to wheezing and different from low-pitched noises like snoring or snorting. Usually this type of noise indicates a narrowed or collapsed larynx. Laryngeal collapse is considered a secondary lesion that may appear as a consequence of leaving primary lesions (e.g., elongated soft palate and narrow nostrils) untreated.

Laryngeal collapse can be temporary and dynamic. During inspiration, the cartilaginous structures are drawn into the tracheal opening. When this phenomenon has happened for an extended period of time, the cartilaginous structures lose rigidity and laryngeal collapse may become permanent.

Nasal noise

This type of noise indicates nasal obstruction, usually caused by stenotic nares as well as abnormal growth of nasal turbinates (bony or cartilage scrolls in the nose covered by mucosal membranes). In some dogs, a deviated nasal septum may worsen the situation. The narrowed nasal cavity results in an increase in negative pressure within the airway lumen, which causes soft tissue vibration and noise. This type of noise may be accompanied by nasal flaring, where muscles around the nose contract during nasal breathing. You may also hear a simultaneous, low-pitched and/or high pitched noise.

Reverse sneezing

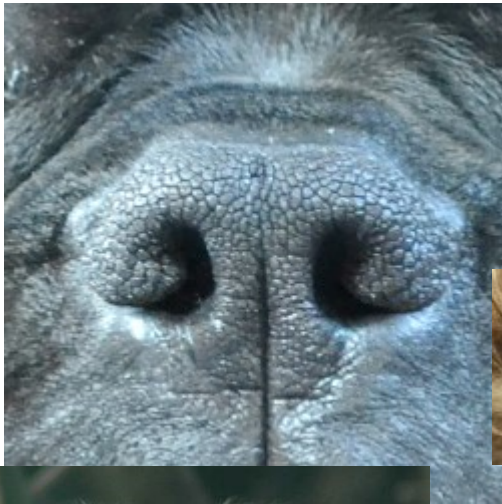
Reverse sneezing is a common event in brachycephalic dogs, the actual causes of the episode are unknown but it is likely to be related to the elongated soft palate that irritates the throat. Episodes of reverse sneezing usually last from a few seconds to one minute. Usually as soon as it passes, the dog breathes normally again. Reverse sneezing rarely needs treatment. Sometimes, after upper airway surgery, reverse sneezing will stop or decrease in frequency. However, for dogs that have turbinectomy surgery, the frequency of episodes might increase until the tissue debris has been cleared out.

Stenotic nares (narrowed nostrils)

Stenotic nares are excessively narrow and often collapse inward during inspiration, making it difficult for the dog to breathe through the nose properly. Stenosis has been reported not only in the exterior nostrils, but also in the inner part of the nasal wing (alar folds). As a result, respiratory effort and open-mouth breathing are commonly seen in brachycephalic dogs. Stenotic nares are considered a risk factor for BOAS, particularly in French bulldogs. French bulldogs with moderate-severe stenosis of nostrils are about 20 times more likely to develop BOAS (reference). Corrective surgery to widen the nostrils is recommended.

The degrees of nostril stenosis in brachycephalic breeds are defined as follows:

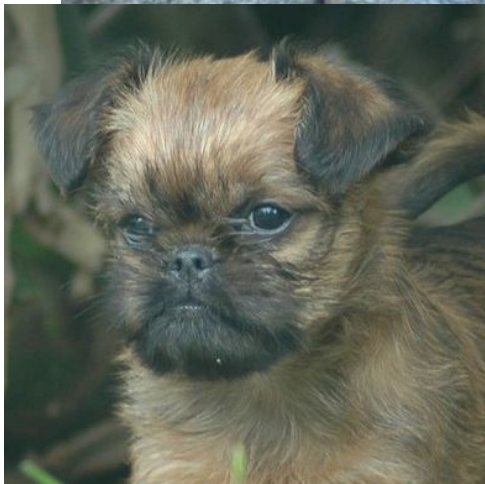
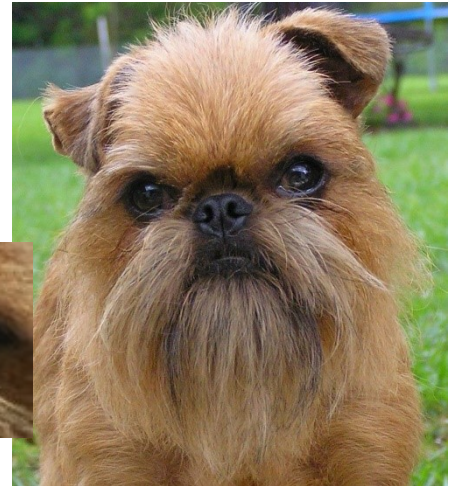
- *Open nostrils - wide opening.*
- *Mild stenosis - Slight narrowing of the nostrils. When the dog is exercising, the nostril wings move dorso-laterally to open on inspiration.*
- *Moderate stenosis - The dorsal part of the nostril wings touch the nasal septum and the nares are only open at the bottom of the nostrils. When the dog is exercising, the nostril wings are not able to move dorso-laterally and there may be nasal flaring (i.e. muscle contraction around the nose trying to enlarge the nostrils).*
- *Severe stenosis - Nostrils are almost closed. The dog may switch to oral breathing from nasal breathing with very gentle exercise or stress.*



Open Nostrils

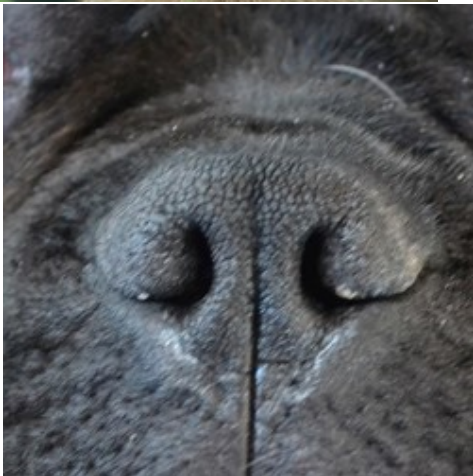
Image from the Cambridge site

Examples of Griffons with large round open nostrils



Puppies should also have round open nostrils

A dog with good nostrils will have them all their life- a 14 year old Griffon with large open nostrils

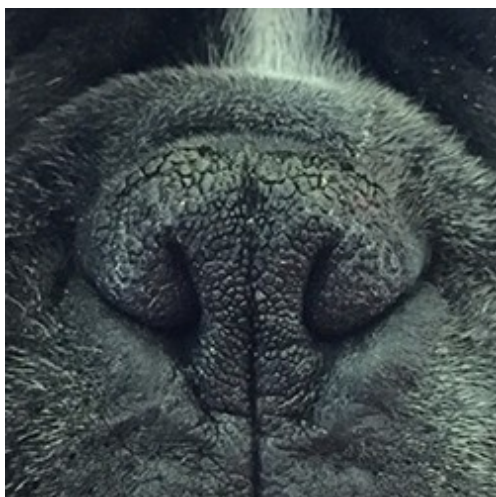
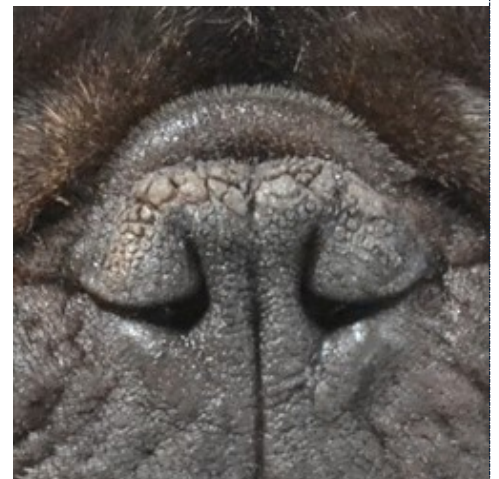


Mild Stenosis(Pinched Nostrils)

Image from Cambridge site

Moderate Stenosis(Pinched Nostrils)

Image from Cambridge site



Severe Stenosis (Pinched Nostrils)

Image from Cambridge site



Heat intolerance

The canine nasal cavity plays a central role in the dog's ability to regulate its temperature. In order to facilitate heat exchange, a dog's nose is filled with an organized network of thin bone structures that are lined with a highly vascularized mucous membrane. These structures form ducts through which air passes, carrying the released heat away from the body when the dog pants. However, this process is hindered in BOAS-affected dogs that have an obstructed nasal cavity. As a result, BOAS-affected dogs cannot exchange heat as easily as healthy dogs when their body temperature rises during exercise. Because they are not able to cool down, they can suffer from heat stroke, which can lead to organ dysfunction. In addition to an increased body temperature (above 39 C), other symptoms to look for include: excessive panting, excessive drooling, dehydration and rapid heart rate.

Functional Grading System (clinical assessments pre- and post- exercise)

BOAS clinical signs may not be present at rest in some moderately affected dogs. Therefore, functional grading based on a 3-minute trotting exercise tolerance test is suggested. Instructions on how to perform function grading can be found here. Grade 0 and I are considered clinically unaffected; Grade II and III are considered clinically BOAS-affected and they require management and/or treatment.

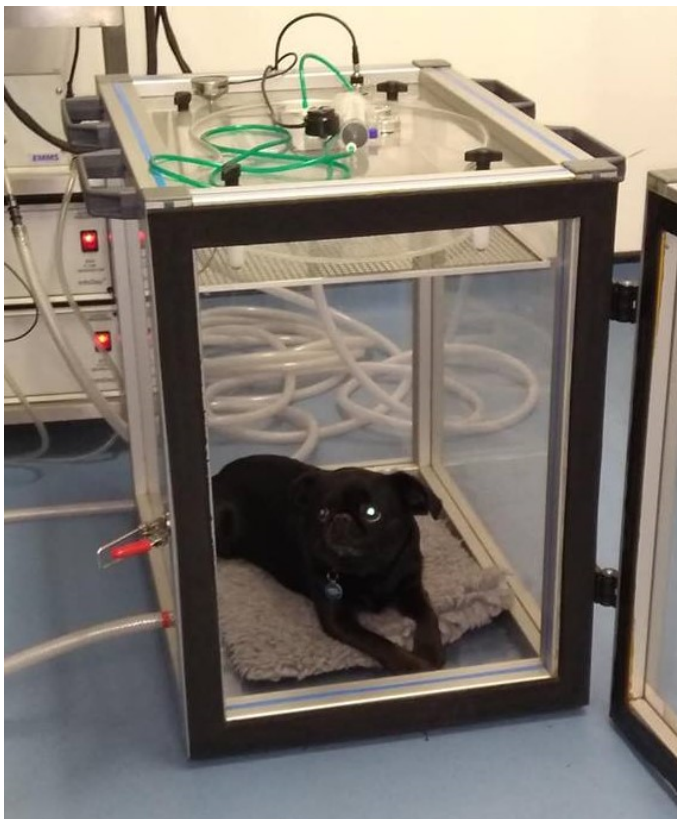
Test Result reference:

Grade 0 – BOAS free; annual health check is suggested if the dog is under 2 years old.

Grade I – clinically unaffected but with mild respiratory signs, annual health check is suggested if the dog is under 3 years old.

Grade II – BOAS affected with moderate respiratory signs. The dog has a clinically relevant disease and requires management, including weight loss and/or surgical intervention.

Grade III –BOAS affected with severe respiratory signs. The dog should have a thorough veterinary examination with surgical intervention.



A Griffon in the UK in the barometric chamber for BOAS testing for research purposes (Thanks to Jane Conway for the photo)

Recently in the UK a specific Griffon testing day was organised at Cambridge as part of the ongoing research. Although it was a small sample group of only 12, the Griffons tested ranged through all ages from a 13 year old Griffon to younger Griffons of 3-4 years of age.

The results were excellent with the Griffons having normal breathing and no signs of BOAS.

The challenge from the researcher's point of view is to work out why Griffons seem to be free of BOAS but other flat faced breeds are more severely affected.

Future UK research will include more Griffon scanning.

I personally feel that one of the reasons that Griffons do not seem to have the same

problems as Pugs and French Bulldogs is because they have not become as 'fashionable' as those



breeds. Once a breed becomes the latest thing all the unscrupulous, get rich quick, puppy producers get on the bandwagon and churn out pups with any knowledge or care about health issues. This is something we all need to be vigilant about. Griffons are becoming popular. The only way to stop the breed being destroyed is to ensure that ethical, knowledgeable breeders are supported. Puppy buyers have an equal responsibility. The shonky breeders only exist because there is a market. If all buyers were discerning and prepared to wait for a pup from a quality breeder then the commercial breeders would disappear because they would not have a market.

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NSW BOAS Chamber Important update

The French Bulldog Club of NSW has been very pro active in raising funds for the purchase of a Barometric chamber. They set up a Go Fund Me and raised the \$30,000 necessary for the chamber which will be the first in Australia

The chamber has recently been delivered to Vineyard Veterinary Hospital in Sydney. In consultation with the ANKC it was arranged for the chamber to be housed at Dr Rob Zammit's practice as it was much more practical for breeders, rather than having to travel to the city and Sydney University.

Testing days will be held at Dr Zammit's Vet Hospital.

The ANKC has also advised "It is expected the UK supplier's technician will travel to Australia in mid-November to commission the equipment as well as provide training."

The French Bulldog Club is to be commended this important health initiative for all brachycephalic dog breeds.

SM/CM Reports – UK/ USA

Recently there have been two seminars held in the UK on this topic, which outlined the latest findings. The Griffon Bruxellois Club held a seminar in February and an international symposium held was held in Birmingham UK in July.

The UK Griffon Bruxellois Club Seminar

(These notes paraphrased from a report in the GBBA newsletter, Summer 2018- by Jane Conway)

The presentation by Claire Rushbridge on SM/CM detailed her latest findings. She had presented to the club 10 years previously and this time the audience was invited to submit questions in advance.

SM= Syringiomyelia

CM= Chiari Malformation

It is thought that the shortened forefaces and shorter skull lengths of brachycephalic breeds contribute to this condition but research is still very much ongoing. Cavaliers are different in results and findings and it is not always pertinent to apply Cavalier research findings to Griffons.

The only way at the present time SM or CM can be diagnosed is through an MRI. However, the MRI is only a diagnosis and if a dog is 'clear' when young it does not mean that they will always be 'clear' Previously it was stated that a permanent grade for SM/CM, by MRI could not be given to a dog under 5 years of age.

In the latest presentation Claire Rushbridge stated that if a Griffon is scanned 'clear' at 3.5 years of age then it is unlikely to develop SM.

Issues that were of concern to breeders:

Despite the research it is still unclear how the conditions are inherited. They are complex and polygenetic. Although the breeding protocols recommend breeding clear and low grade dogs there have still been examples of instances where two clear dogs have had 50% affected offspring.

The Graussie Project which was the result of an accidental mating between an affected Griffon and an Australian Terrier did not solve any problems. A large proportion of the offspring were still affected and one pup was so severely affected it was euthanised before it was 12 months of age.

To further confuse issues, to date, some brachycephalic breeds like Japanese Chin, are rarely affected by the condition.



There are still not large numbers of Griffons scanned and many of those scanned are affected. Unless all Griffons are scanned it is difficult to get a really accurate picture. Breeders were also concerned by the lack of standardisation in grading and questioned if the breeding protocols are realistic given the small numbers of dogs scanned.

The American Brussels Griffon Association Reports on the International Health Seminar held in Birmingham UK 17-20 July 2018

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Overcrowding of the Cranial Cervical Junction

An Interview with Dr. Anna-Mariam Kiviranta - Report #2

Dr. Kiviranta is a Veterinary Neurologist at Helsinki University. Her presentation at the conference is titled Persistent Fontanelles in Chihuahuas.

I am Meg Prior, Member of the American Brussels Griffon Association Board and Chair of the Health, Research and Breeders Education Committee.

The information shared in this report and other upcoming reports from this conference is made possible due to the generous support of both Felicia Cashin and Ruth Periera. Both women are long-time American Brussels Griffon Association Members, are wonderful supporters of the breed, committed enthusiasts, breeders and owners that have contributed so much to the wellbeing of the breed for more than 40 years each.

This is the second of several reports from the 2018 Syringomyelia-Chiari International Symposium held on 17-20 July 2018 in Birmingham, UK. Each day of the conference several sessions featuring a variety of invited lecturers, each renowned expert in their area, present current information about the SM & CM disorder in humans as well as information for the canine disorder. SM & CM disorder is considered to be very widespread in the Brussels Griffon breed. As a result of the research and treatment developments made for human SM & CM disorder, invaluable information is being realized for the benefit of canine diagnosis and treatment.

Report # 2 – In a brief interview with Dr. Kiviranta her main comment pertaining to the Brussels Griffon community is that the SM/CM Disorder is a multifactorial condition with a variety of contributions to overcrowding of the caudal cranial fossa and the craniocervical junction. The space is too small to accommodate brain tissue and allow normal CSF flow. That may lead to spinal cord damage and presence of clinical signs,

Summary: Larger head shape allows the brain better functional area, better circulation in the C1 and C2 spinal area with better CSF flow for normal function. There is potential to improve the breed with careful breeding but needs to begin now.

Head Shape, Breeding SM/SM Clear Brussels Griffons

An Interview with Dr. Clare Rusbridge - Report # 3

Dr. Rusbridge is a Professor of Veterinary Neurology at the University of Surrey, School of Veterinary Medicine. Her clinical and research work in the study, diagnosis and treatment of SM & CM in dogs has benefitted the Brussels Griffon breed worldwide.

Report # 3 – the interview with Dr. Rusbridge provides an opportunity to better understand what Brussels Griffon breeders must consider to advance the breed away from the SM & CM disorder in order to realize a healthier future for the breed. Unfortunately, MRI remains the only approach to determining clear verses affected dogs for the SM & CM disorder.

Per Dr. Rusbridge- there are risky head shape conformations that predispose a dog to be symptomatic SM-CM so it is important to define head shapes that are more likely to produce clear Brussels Griffons. Consequently, this is a major focus of research with the aim of enabling breeders to select toward healthier head shapes. However, until that tool is created it still remains necessary for breeders to MRI screen their dogs before breeding litters to maximize the chances of producing healthier puppies.



One way to help illustrate the divide between clear and affected dogs is to use comparison of MRI scans of affected dogs with normal dogs, Dr. Rusbridge (working with Dr. Penny Knowler) discovered that dogs with the disorder were more likely to have broader higher foreheads and less skull at the back (behind the level of the ear). This condition causes the shape of the brain to change, below in the video link you can see the head shape effect illustrating how a dog's cerebellum is pushed underneath the main part of the brain and against the back of the skull. The image begins with a normal clear dog skull shape that morphs to an SM/CM affected skull shape, then you see a 3D image created from the MRI and then a normal Griffon morphing to an affected dog:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLlufwaxtVQ>

Below are two seminal papers by Dr. Clare Rusbridge and Dr. Penny Knowler that look into the changes on MRI with symptomatic CM SM and then how those changes were used to identify a candidate gene for the disorder:

Quantitative Analysis of Chiari-Like Malformation and Syringomyelia in the Brussels Griffon Dog-

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article...>

Quantitative Trait Loci (QTL) Study Identifies Novel Genomic Regions Associated to Chiari-Like Malformation in Brussels Griffon Dogs –

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article...>

Summary – Head shaped influences whether or not a dog is affected by CM & SM disorder. The good news is that it is possible to still breed away from the disorder with MRI screening before breeding. Previous work suggested that breeding a “Clear MRI’ed Sire” with a “Clear MRI’ed Dam” has a 3 in 4 chance of clear puppies (Knowler, McFadyen, and Rusbridge 2011) .

Change in head shape that produces a larger caudal cranial Fossa (in human terms “posterior fossa”) allows for better cerebrospinal flow. The suspected risky head shapes are dogs with smaller heads, dogs with extreme “layback” of the nose, overly short noses, large forehead dome of the skull, and wider heads than length from back to front.

Again, breeders that MRI will be rewarded if they test before breeding. The only way the Brussels Griffon breed of dog can have a future is to produce healthy SM & CM disorder free dogs.

Knowler, S. P., A. K. McFadyen, and C. Rusbridge. 2011. 'Effectiveness of breeding guidelines for reducing the prevalence of syringomyelia', Veterinary Record, 169: 681-81.

In summary:

SM/ CM is a complex polygenetic condition. MRI's can diagnose the condition but a grading is not permanent until the dog is at least 3.5 years.

Despite 10 years of research the mode of inheritance is not understood so it is an oversimplification to think that an MRI will guarantee clear offspring. There is no quick fix to this condition

Quality breeders understand the condition and current research. They know their bloodlines. They take precautions to avoid it.

Skull shape is important and a dog with plenty of back skull is less likely to have the problems of a dog with a more extreme skull shape.

Editors Note: I personally find it interesting to note that the UK Griffon Bruxellois Breed standard of 1959 called for the following in the head. “Head should be **large** and rounded but in no way domed and should be **wide** between the ears.

The current breed standard which was updated in 2010 states:

“Head **fairly large** in comparison to body, rounded but in no way domed, **moderately wide** between the ears”

The reduction in head was because at the time it was decided that there were too many c sections caused because heads were too big.

Maybe the old- time breeders knew what they were doing when they called for large heads with plenty of width (and therefore brain room) in the standard.

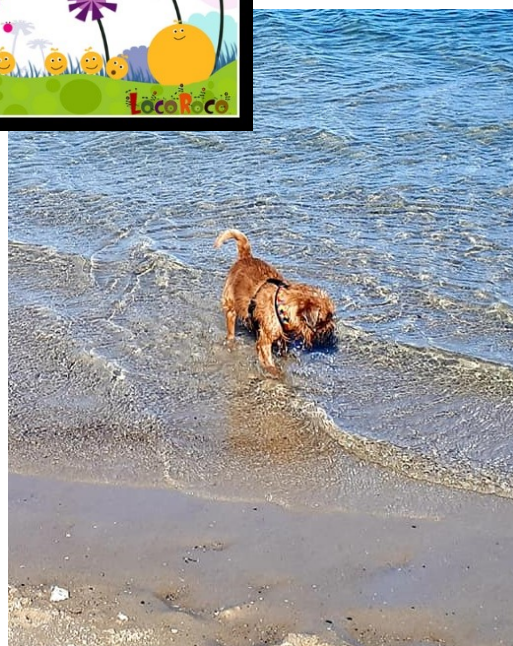
It is a perfect example of why caution should always be used



Neville and Agnes enjoy the sun



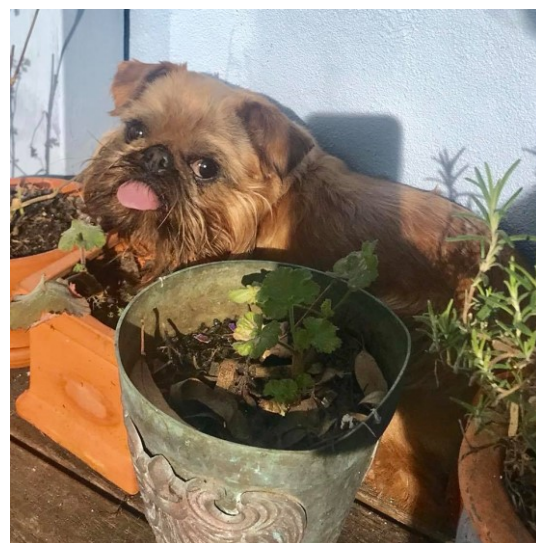
Annika in the surf



Poppy likes an early morning coffee with Dad



Teebo has taken up gardening



Terri's pups watch themselves on the phone



Billy and George like to cuddle up with a Labrador.

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The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

Club Instagram Page

We now have an official Club Instagram page which we will be using to promote responsible breeding and ownership of Griffons. You can follow us @Griffons_NSW

It would also be great if people could submit photos that they are happy to be used on the page in the comments below.

Submit then photos to either Claire Parker or Ashleigh Barber via their FB pages or the Griffon News page.

We are slowly building up or followers. Look for the logo



Griffons NSW

The official page of Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW, a nonprofit organisation promoting the responsible breeding and ownership of Griffons www.griffonnsw.com

The website is full of valuable information about the Griffon including a section on grooming.

Griffons Just Want to have Fun

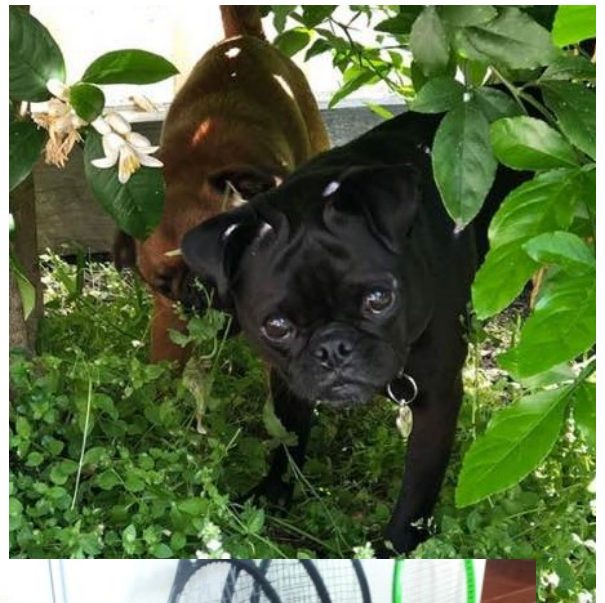


Mr Gruff paddling with the seaweed

Phineas hunting in the jungle with his friend

Grommet playing tug a war with his baby brother

Poppy is ready for a game of tennis





The Point Score Competition

Results of the 2017-2018 Point score

2017- 2018 Point Score Competition

After the last newsletter we had two shows left in the 2017-2018 points core competition. They were Lake Macquarie All Breeds in May and Nor-West Canine Association in June.

Lake Macquarie All Breeds Dog Club

This show saw the red smooth, **Ch Raweke Toby Lannister**, owned by S Thomas and J Tremenheere, take out the Dog Challenge and Best of Breed

Ch Raweke Toby Lannister



Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was awarded to **Ch Nagpuni Shaken Not Stirred**, owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell

Ch Nagpuni Shaken Not Stirred

Reserve Challenge Dog was awarded to **Ch Nagpuni Secret Agent**, litter brother to the Bitch Challenge winner and also owned by Terri and Grant Odell

Ch Nagpuni Secret Agent



Reserve Challenge Bitch was another of Terri and Grant Odell's team- Nagpuni in the Midnight Hour

Nagpuni in the Midnight Hour

With only one more show to go there were 3 dogs within 3 points of each other so it all depended on the final show of the point score, making an exciting finish.

They were Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac 30pts, Ch Raweke Toby Lannister 31 pts and the leader was Gr Ch Nagpuni Midnight Mischief on 33pts. However, she had to bow out and was unable to compete in the final show as she was pregnant.



Nor West Canine Association

The final show saw a good entry of Griffons, although the dreaded 'flu had hit Jannelle Tremeneere and she was unable to get to the show, leading to a few absentees.

The Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**, bred by Norman, Mills & Bell and handled by Emily Bell.

Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac

This win took him to the lead and made him the winner of the point score. Congratulations!!



Runner up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge went to **Ch Tzani Bellatrix Lestrangle**, bred by Norman, Mills & Bell and again handled by Emily Bell.

Ch Tzani Bellatrix Lestrangle

Reserve Dog Challenge was **Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum**, owned and shown by Claire Parker.

Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum



Reserve Challenge Bitch was **Nagpuni Midnight at the Oasis** owned and handled by Nicola McLean

Nagpuni Midnight at the Oasis

And special mention should be made of **Tzani Eglantine Electra**, (Norman, Mills & Bell) who won Minor Puppy in Group

Tzani Eglantine Electra





The 2017-2018 Point Score Final Placings

Once again, the point score was a successful competition with support from all members.

A total of 37 dogs competed overall and at some of the point score shows the Griffons were the largest breed entry.

The quality of Griffons in the ring in NSW at the moment is high and there is depth in the breed which is a credit to the breeders. This year the winners were dominated by two kennels, Tzani and Nagpuni.

The winner of the 2017-2018 point score competition was **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac** with 40 points. Owned and bred by Diana Norman, Tim Mills and Kerry Bell, he lives in NSW with Kerry Bell and is usually handled by Emily Bell. Congratulations to Tzani.

Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac



Runner up in the Point score was **Gr Ch Nagpuni Midnight Mischief**, owned and bred by Terri and Grant Odell and handled by Terri, on 33 points. She did exceptionally well considering that she missed the last couple of point score shows with maternity duties.

Gr Ch Nagpuni Midnight Mischief

Winner of the Puppy Point Score was **Nagpuni In The Midnight Hour** also owned, bred and handled by Terri and Grant Odell. She had 22 points and also came equal 4th in the adult competition

Nagpuni In The Midnight Hour

Runner Up in The Puppy Point Score was **Ch Tzani Bellatrix Lestrage**, owned and bred by Norman, Mills and Bell and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell. She gained 14 points up to Junior and then gained a total of 22 points in the adult competition, also coming equal 4th.

Ch Tzani Bellatrix Lestrage





The top ten placegetters in the competition were:
(Points in red show Puppy Point Scores)

Congratulations to all the winners and placegetters.



Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac	40
Ch Nagpuni Midnight Mischief	33
Raweke Toby Lannister	31
Gr Ch Balliol Gellert Grindalwald	22
Nagpuni In The Midnight Hour	22 22
Ch Tzani Belltrix Lestrage	22 14
Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum	20
Ch Nagpuni Shaken not Stirred	20
Ch Rosndae Upper Crust	18
Ch Balliol Kendra Kadabra	18

The 2018-2019 Point Score

The shows below are the designated point score shows for 2018-2019. They have been selected from areas where most of the exhibitors who support the point score are located.

Port Stephens Dog Club 24 August 2018 Hunter	Dogs NSW Spring Fair 2 Sept 2018 Sunday Orchard Hills Sydney	Southern Highlands 21 October 2018 Southern	County of Cumberland 18 November 2018 Orchard Hill Sydney	Gosford City Canine Club 2 December 2018 Hunter	Childrens Cancer Welfare Services Show Orchard Hills Sydney 16/03/2019	Camden Ag Show 6 th April 2019 Southern	Flat face Toy Club 21 April 2019 Sydney	Newcastle & Northern District 31 st May 2019 Hunter	Nor west 22 June 2019 Castle Hill Sydney
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The Rules and Scoring System are shown below Open Competition

- Points will be awarded to exhibits at designated point score shows of the Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW. Points will be awarded in the following manner:

Best in Show	50 points
Runner Up in Show	40 points
Class in Show	30 points
Best in Group	25 points
Runner Up in Group	20 points
Class in Group	15 points
Best of Breed	10 points
Runner up in Breed	8 points
Challenge (without BOB or Runner up)	6 points
Reserve Challenge (without BOB or Runner up)	5 points
First in Class	3 points
Second in Class	2 points
Third in class	1 point



2. Points to be awarded to the exhibit will be highest result gained by an exhibit. They will not be accumulative at a single show.
3. The total points gained by each exhibit will be added together and published in The Phoenix
4. The competition will be open to all exhibits including those in Baby Puppy and Neuter dogs
5. Recognition will be given to the Winner of the Point Score and the Runner Up in the Point Score.
6. Only club members are eligible. Should a non-member win the points won by the member will be awarded only. E.g. if a non-member wins BOB and a member wins Runner Up BOB then no BOB points will be awarded and the member will be awarded the points for Runner Up BOB

Puppy Point Score Competition

This competition is open to Puppies from 3 months of age up to the age of 18 months. Points will be awarded in the same way as the Open Point score competition. Puppies may compete in the Open Point score competition and the Puppy Competition simultaneously

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3. The total points gained by each exhibit will be added together and published in The Phoenix
4. Puppies will compete in this until they reach the age of 18 months. All points accumulated up to the age of 18 months will be counted towards the point score. All points gained after the age of 18 months will not be counted in the Puppy Point Score but will go towards the Open Point Score
5. A separate recognition will be given for the Best Puppy in the Point score and the Runner up.
6. If 2 puppies achieve equal results at a show the award will go to the Griffon that defeats the most dogs in its class. E.g.- if there are 2 baby puppies and 3 Junior then the award will go to the Junior winner as it defeated more dogs. If the results are still equal then both will be acknowledged.

Competition Time



Results for the 2018-2019 Competition

Two Point Score shows have been held in the current competition; Port Stephens in August and The Spring Fair in September.

Port Stephens Dog Club - August

Port Stephens saw **Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris** take Best of Breed and Dog Challenge. He was bred by David Fifield and Sandie Meads, owned by Ashleigh Barber and Michelle Parker Brien and handed by Ashleigh.



Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris

Runner Up Best of Breed and Reserve Dog Challenge was

Ch Raweke Toby Lannister, bred by Shane Thomas and owned by Shane and Jannelle Tremenheere, who handled him.

Ch Raweke Toby Lannister



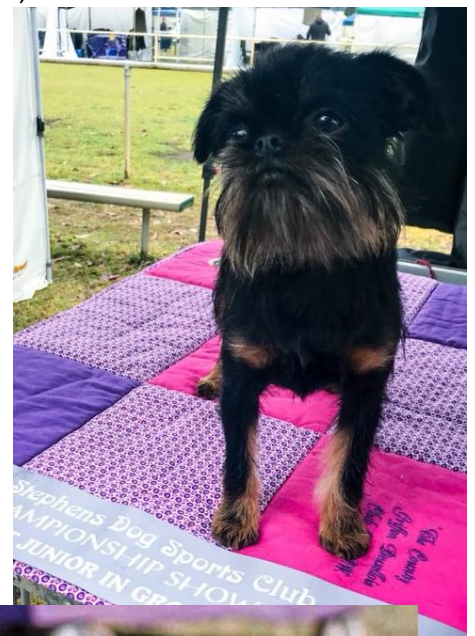
Bitch Challenge was awarded to an up and coming young girl, **Nevaending Dark Fortune**, bred by Jannelle Tremenheere and handled by Ashleigh Barber. She also won Junior in Group

Nevaending Dark Fortune



Reserve Bitch Challenge was her litter sister, **Nevaending Louisiana Magic**, owned by Jannelle Tremeheere

Nevaending Louisiana Magic



The Spring Fair - September

The Spring Fair saw a strong Griffon entry of 18 for the Irish judge, Mrs June Wall.

She found her **Best of Breed and Dog Challenge** in **Shigriff Sam I Am**, bred by Caroline Elder and Michele Gurney and owned and handled by Ven Grasso. He had travelled down from Queensland so it was worth the drive for him.

Shigriff Sam I Am





Runner up Best of Breed was also the Dog Reserve Challenge,
Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac
(Norman, Mills & Bell)

Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac

Bitch Challenge was **Ch Tzani Bellatrix Lestrage**(Norman, Mills & Bell)



Reserve Bitch Challenge completed the hat trick for Tzani with the youngster, **Tzani Eglantine Electra**, winning the ribbon.

Tzani Eglantine Electra



Judging the Bitch Challenge line up at The Spring Fair.

From left to right:

1. Open Bitch, Gr Ch Nagpuni Midnight Mischief with Terri Odell,
2. Aust Bred bitch, Ch Nagpuni Shaken Not Stirred with Rachael Taylor
3. Intermediate Bitch Ch Tzani Bellatrix Lestrage with Kerry Bell,
4. Junior Bitch Nevaending Dark Fortune with Ashleigh Barber,
5. Puppy Bitch, Nevaending Golden Chanterelle with Jannelle Tremenheere,
6. Tzani Eglantine Electra with Emily Bell



After two shows the current top 5 dogs in the point score are below;

1. Nevaending Dark Fortune	18
2. Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris	13
3. Shigriff Sam I Am	10
4. Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac	8
5. Ch Raweke Toby Lannister	7
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The next two Point Score shows are:

Southern Highlands	County of Cumberland
21 October 2018	18 November 2018
Southern	Sydney

Both

Southern Highlands and The County of Cumberland can be entered through Easy Dog entries. The link is

<https://www.easydogentries.com/au/shows>



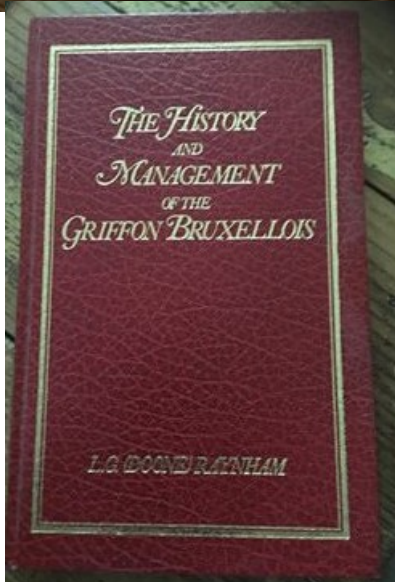
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If interested you may email me at mbrienparker@yahoo.com and I will put you in touch with the vendor

Griffon Makeover

There is nothing like a smart groom to make a Griffon look like a Griffon

Trevor is happy to model his before and after look



Stina is sitting pretty



Mr Gruff and Layla doing the supermodel stare after a Barking Mad makeover





Rescue Dogs

Frequently to path to rescuing a dog is not always as simple as it should be.



Recently our club's Western Australian member, Hilary Swain, along with other Perth Griffon owners liaised to rescue a smooth Griffon Bruxellois called Vinnie.

Research showed them that Vinnie had been bred by a breeder of poor ethics and had been in several homes, leaving him anxious and stressed.

His owner at the time lacked the experience or knowledge to manage a dog suffering separation anxiety and urinating in the house. His owner initially posted a request for help on a FB page. Although offers and arrangements to take Vinnie by experienced Griffon people were made, the owner became impatient and handed him over to Pug Rescue, despite having made arrangement for him to go to Hilary.

The Pug Rescue initially had some confusion about his breed and thought he was a Griffon cross.

The Perth Griffon people tried to get him back from the Pug Rescue so that he would be with experienced Griffon owners who knew how to deal with his anxiety. However, the Pug Rescue refused to allow him to go as the Griffon group were not a formally registered rescue Group.

Fortunately, in

the end common sense prevailed. The Pug Rescue people were prepared to work with and accept advice from The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria and eventually Vinnie was able to find a loving and permanent home.

This incident did highlight one problem and that was the need for a formally recognised rescue in W.A for Griffons.

It is called Griffon Rescue and Re-Homing WA and has its own FB page. They will work with the Griffon Clubs in the Eastern states, who all run their own rescue, and this cooperation will mean



that there is an Australia wide Griffon rescue service. The clubs have always cooperated in rescue in an informal manner but the situation may be formalised in order to give more credibility in the eyes of other organisations.

Since their formation the W.A group have also rescued and rehomed another Griffon called Archie who was found in dreadful conditions.

The Rescue and Rehome Group gave the following report on Archie.

Archie was a Griffon who had been brought up in a backyard breeding establishment. He lived outside with many other dogs. He became available to purchase a few weeks ago so came to our attention. We were able to buy Archie and he was taken subsequently to a local Veterinary Clinic.

Archie





He was crawling with fleas and appeared to have dental problems. Initially he was vaccinated, wormed, bathed and flea treated. He was also given lots of cuddles and attention. He was treated for an ear infection, a lame back leg and back pain. X-rays later showed some arthritis and evidence of a previous leg fracture. He was missing some bottom teeth and had problems eating chunky food. X-rays showed part of his bottom jaw missing due to a past jaw injury.

He spent a few days with the vet to ensure that any pain was controlled and he was also desexed.

The Veterinary Practice took care of this little man at no charge for which we are extremely grateful.

Archie is now in his new home living with his new Mum and Dad and his Griffon sister. He is an amazingly resilient Griffon who craves affection. He seems to have had a really hard life. He does not know what a dog bed is. He does have some separation anxiety and also shows some anxiety with quick movements and newspapers. We think he is about 5 years of age. He has become attached to his very special new family and we are here to help in any way can. The Veterinary Practice has offered to care for Archie for the rest of his life at cost price of any drugs needed. This is a humbling and wonderful example of the caring veterinary surgeons and nurses we have in our community.

This is our first 'rescue' and we have been amazed by the offers of help we have received. Thank you to the good people in our community. And a special thank you to the loving family who have opened their hearts to give to give Archie the life he surely deserves.

Well done to Hilary Swain and the Perth Griffon people for being so proactive in this area. Our club will always be available to support them whenever needed.



Update on our previously rescued Griffons

It's always heartening to have a happy ending and I am pleased to say that two of our previous club rescues are living wonderful lives now, loved and looking great.

Osha was saved as a very sick pup, under 1 kg in weight, who was having seizures and not eating. She had been purchased as an impulse buy from a puppy farmer in New Zealand by a very naïve and inexperienced couple. They had been advised to euthanise her by their vet but couldn't bring themselves to do this so they surrendered her to our club. Under the expert care of our rescue officer Jannelle Tremenheere and our club vet, Beth Tillman she

recovered and grew and the seizures stopped. She is now adored by Holly and Tom and is a happy, healthy girl.

Kia was another of our rescued dogs who had been owned by a puppy farmer and had been bred in to exhaustion. She was located in Queensland and advertised on Gumtree when her pups were only 5 weeks old. Working with Jocelyn Croad and Lysander Hooper, our club was able to save her to from purchase by another puppy farmer.

She was in appalling condition, skin and bones and had a terrible gastric problem as well as dripping with milk from her pups. Now she lives with Christine and Abel and is spoilt rotten and very happy. She recently came back to Jannelle for a short holiday and made herself comfortable with the cat

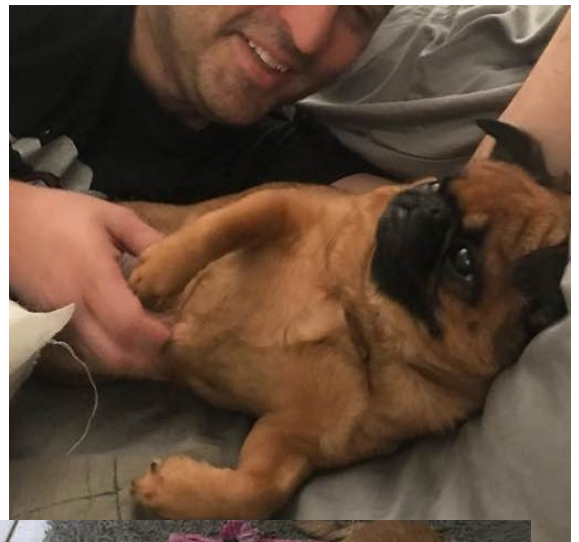




More Griffons having Fun

Beedle and Squirrel hold paws when they relax

Daisy the Griffon enjoying a belly rub



Henry is rocking it with his mohawk

Terri's dogs want to know where the treat is – they are all sitting perfectly



Cornelius and Edwina enjoy a good wrestling match



Sprout enjoying the winter sun



Don't know what is out there but it's very interesting





News from Other States

Queensland

Brisbane Royal

There was a disappointing entry of only two Griffons this year which was down on the entry of previous years. Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was **Shigriff Sam I Am** owned by Ven Grasso and bred by Caroline Elder and Michelle Gurney

Shigriff Sam I Am



Bitch Challenge and Runner Up Best of Breed was **Chindara Melisandra**, owned and bred by Denise King

Qld Griffon Ch Show

The Queensland Griffon Club held a double Championship show in July. The change of date caused entries to drop and they only had a disappointing entry of 15 for judges Peter Cutler and Karry Cannon.

However, I understand the show was successful with a number of pet owners coming along to see how a show is run.

Congratulations to the winners

Best in Show at both shows was **Shigriff Sam I Am**, who has been having a successful year this year.

The BIS winners are below and the full results are:

First Show- Judge Mr P Cutler

Best in Show

Ch Shigriff Sam I Am V Grasso

Runner Up in Show

Ch Amanecer Mi Amor H Kubo & J Maddock

Championship Show 1

Veteran Bitch

Ch Shigriff Slap N tickle M Gurney and C Elder

Intermediate Dog

1st	Shigriff Speights Gold Medal	H Kubo & J Maddock
2nd	Shigriff Suitably Attired	M Gurney and C Elder
3rd	Nouveau Dear Preston (Imp NZ)	M Taffijn

Australian Bred Dog

Shigriff Sexy And I Know It M Gurney and C Elder

Open Dog

Ch Shigriff Sam I Am V Grasso

Challenge Dog

Ch Shigriff Sam I Am V Grasso

Reserve CC Dog

Shigriff Sexy And I Know It M Gurney and C Elder

Baby Puppy Bitch

Shigriff Spare Me The Details M Gurney and C Elder

Am

Puppy Bitch

Paris The Show Must Go On (Imp NZ) M Gurney and C Elder



Show 1. Best in Show Judge Peter Cutler- Shigriff Sam I



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

Junior Bitch

Zentu Luna Eclipse (Imp NZ) M Taffijn

Intermediate Bitch

Shigriff Shake It Off M Gurney and C Elder

Australian Bred Bitch

Ch Amanecer Mi Amor H Kubo & J Maddock

Open Bitch

1st Ch Shigriff Slap N Tickle M Gurney and C Elder
2nd Kango Reign Storm J Schluter

Challenge Bitch

Ch Amanecer Mi Amor H Kubo & J Maddock
Res CC Bitch
Ch Shigriff Slap N Tickle M Gurney and C Elder

The victorious Shigriff team



Second Show - Judge Mrs K Cannon

Best in Show

Ch Shigriff Sam I Am V Grasso

Runner Up in Show

Shigriff Shake It Off M Gurney and C Elder

Baby in Show

Shigriff Spare Me The Details M Gurney and C Elder

Puppy in Show

Paris The Show Must Go On (Imp NZ) M Gurney and C Elder

Junior in Show

Zentu Luna Eclipse (Imp NZ) M Taffijn

Intermediate in Show

Shigriff Speights Gold Medal H Kubo & J Maddock

Opp. Intermediate in Show

Shigriff Shake It Off M Gurney and C Elder

Australian Bred in Show

Ch Amanecer Mi Amor H Kubo & J Maddock

Opp. Australian Bred in Show

Shigriff Sexy And I Know It M Gurney and C Elder

Open in Show

Ch Shigriff Sam I Am V Grasso

Opp. Open in Show

Ch Shigriff Slap N Tickle M Gurney and C Elder



Show 2. Best in Show Shigriff Sam I Am

South Australia

Adelaide Royal

Adelaide Royal 2018 saw a better entry than previous years and it is good to see some more local Griffon exhibitors.

Robyn Morse made the trip from Victoria and was successful in winning both challenges, Best of Breed and Runner Up of Breed





The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

Dog Classes

Class 1 - Baby Puppy Dog

1st Roxbud Kennels BADIZA JUST DEVINE

Class 10 - Australian Bred Dog

1st Morse, R & A CH. ARMORGRIF ASMODEUS **Challenge and Best of Breed**

Bitch Classes

Class 1a - Baby Puppy Bitch

1st Morse, R & A ARMORGRIF MARCHOSIAS

2nd Roxbud Kennels BADIZA CHYNNA DOLL

Class 3a - Puppy Bitch

1st Roxbud Kennels CH. ROXBUD SPLASH OF BULLY and

Reserve Challenge Bitch

2nd Roxbud Kennels ROXBUD SPLASH OF EBONY

3rd Lindblom, A KANGO KOKO DI ORE

Class 5a - Intermediate Bitch

1st Morse, R & A ARMORGRIF JEZEBEL and **Challenge**

Bitch and Runner Up Best of Breed

RESERVE CHALLENGE BITCH

BEST PUPPY OF BREED

Roxbud Kennels CH. ROXBUD SPLASH OF BULLY

BEST BABY PUPPY OF BREED

Morse, R & A ARMORGRIF MARCHOSIAS



Robyn Morse with her winning team- Best of Breed, Runner Up in Breed and Best Baby Puppy

Victoria

Melbourne Royal

There were 35 Griffon Bruxellois entered for Judge Francesco Cochetti. His Best of Breed and Dog Challenge was awarded to Ch Witchgriff Bear Grylls owned and handled by Caitlyn Jones
Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was Ch Statuesque Hoochy Poochy who also belongs to Caitlyn Jones.

Best of Breed and DCC in the ring for Group judging Ch Witchgriff Bear Grylls



Reserve Dog Challenge was Ch. Armorgrif

Asmodeus owned and bred by Robyn Morse and Reserve Bitch Challenge was Ch. Statuesque Can't Get Enuff Ruff also owned by Caitlyn Jones so it was a successful show for her. Congratulations to the winners.



The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria Championship Shows

The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria held two Championship shows. The Mini Show was held at the Royal, in the afternoon after Griffon judging and the judge was Mr Jose Homem De Mello from Portugal.

The Mini show had an entry of 26 and the Best in Show went to the Bitch Challenge Ch Statuesque Hoochy Poochy, owned by Caitlyn Jones. Reserve in Show was the Dog Challenge, also owned by Caitlyn Jones, Ch Witchgriff Bear Grylls.

David Fifield

The club main show was held the next day and judged by David Fifield. David Fifield has Cricklewood Griffons in New Zealand and has not judged in Victoria for a considerable time.



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

The show drew an entry of 49 Griffons which was considerably up from the previous two years so very pleasing to the committee and club who work hard.

The Baby Puppy bitch class drew an entry of 10 so there should be some very promising youngsters in the ring over the next few years and that can only be good for the breed.

David Fifield found his Best in Show winner in the dog Sup Ch Armorgriff Asmodeus owned, bred and handled by Robyn Morse.

Best in Show winner Sup Ch Armorgriff Asmodeus

Reserve in Show and Bitch Challenge was Ch Statuesque Hoochy Poochy owned by Caitlyn Jones.

Full results and photos from both shows and Melbourne Royal can be seen on the link below to The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria website

<http://griffonclubvic.com/2018-championship-shows--a-huge-weekend.asp>



Western Australia

Perth Royal

On Sunday while the Victorian Griffon show was judged, a 5 hour flight away on the other side of Australia, Perth Royal was also taking place with the Toy Group judged on Sunday. There were only 3 Griffons entered, two puppy males and a baby puppy bitch



Dog Challenge and Best of Breed was awarded to Tenayshus Totally Clarence, owned by Ms A.D Murphy

Reserve Dog was Iconidle Dynamite, owned by Mr O & Mrs R Barron

The Baby Puppy Bitch was Iconidle Lil Peanut, owned by Mr O & Mrs R Barron.

No Official Photos available yet but here is an informal shot of the BOB winner assisting the police with their inquiries

Congratulations to all the winners





Overseas News

UK

The Griffon Bruxellois Breeders Association Championship Show

The GBBA held their championship show on 14th July 2018 under Judge: Liliane Deridder (Belgium)

Best in Show and Bitch Challenge went to Ch Rhodon Maid To Measure, a red smooth bitch owned Julia Spittle



BIS with the judge



Runner Up in Show and Dog Challenge was Manticorns Enrico who travelled from Sweden. This was his third Challenge Certificate giving him his English Champion title.

Runner Up in Show and Dog Challenge

Reserve Dog Challenge was a Ukranian dog imported to the UK – Brus Konfident Step Vonici

Reserve Bitch Challenge was another of the many Marquant champions – Ch Marquant Euphoria

Full results and a critique can be seen on the GBBA website by following the link

<http://griffonbreeders.org.uk/events.html>

Europe

World Show

In August, Amsterdam hosted the World Show, one of the largest in the world and surrounded by satellites of smaller specialty shows.

David Guy of Donzeata Griffons in the UK was the judge for the Griffon Bruxellois, Griffon Belge and Petit Brabancon, which are all judged separately under FCI rules.



In the Griffon Bruxellois, Best of Breed was the dog Halastjornu Alexander Mikli .

Reserve of Breed was the bitch Ride the Lightning

Griffon Bruxellois winners seen with the judge



In Griffon Belge Best of Breed was the dog Shevilan Fanfan La Tulipe

Reserve of Breed went to the bitch Liga Obayanlya Hanna

In Petit Brabancon
Best of Breed was the dog
Lillegriffs Brown Sugar

Reserve of Breed went to the
bitch Tajinastes Frida Kahlo

Thanks to Sandie Meads for photos and reports



New Zealand

The New Zealand National Dog show is a big week of shows that include not only the National but Breed Specialty shows as well. This year the National was held in Wellington



The National Dog Show

The National is New Zealand's premiere All Breeds dog show and this year it was held in Wellington.

Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was NZ Ch Shigriff Second Thoughts.

Owned and handled by Sandie Meads
Bred in Australia by Caroline Elder and Michele Gurney

Reserve of Breed and Dog Challenge NZ Ch Cricklewood Red Alert at Paris. (Meads and Fifield)

Reserve Bitch Challenge was NZ Ch Cricklewood Miss Tuttlebee (Fifield)

Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was NZ Ch Shigriff Second Thoughts



The Wellington Toy Dog Club Show

This show was held on the same day as the NZ Griffon Bruxellois Club show. The judge was Mrs K Spiteri from Australia

Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was awarded to Ch Cricklewood Miss Tuttlebee owned and bred by David Fifield and handled by Fern Feaver

Reserve of Breed and Dog Challenge was her litter brother Ch Cricklewood Red Alert at Paris. Owned by D Fifield and S Meads

Judging Best of Breed

*Best of Breed
Ch Cricklewood Miss Tuttlebee*



The Griffon Bruxellois Club of New Zealand Championship Show

The judge was Mr Sei-Ichiro Ishimaru from Japan. Whilst not a breed specialist he was gentle and considerate to the dogs, polite to the handlers and exhibitors. He knew what he was looking for in the specific breed points for the breed - heads - ears, eyes, nose size, turn up; body and temperament and he was also very much into movement.

Best in Show, Bitch Challenge and also Best Open in Show was NZ Ch Shigriff Second Thoughts (Imp Aus) (bred by Michele Gurney and Caroline Louise, owned by Sandie Meads



Reserve in Show, Dog Challenge and New Zealand Bred in Show was Ch Cricklewood a Night in Paris (bred by David Fifield and Julie Fifield, owned by D. Fifield & Sandie Meads.



Reserve Dog Challenge and Junior in Show
Ch Cricklewood Red Alert at Paris (Fifield and Mead)

Reserve Bitch Challenge was Ch Cricklewood Miss Tuttlebee (D Fifield)





Baby Puppy in Show -Paris Threadtheneedle

Puppy in Show -Paris A Hard Day's Night. Owned and handled by Gillian Stewart



Intermediate in Show

Briary Black for Brugge (Imp Aust) Owned & handled by Samantha Diggins



Veteran in Show Ch Hyjinx Adam Ant- owned by Avis Blackburn



When can we get out???



Championship Titles

Congratulations to the following members for gaining their titles with their Griffons.

Supreme Champion Tzani Zazu Zodiac

Congratulations to Team Tzani on Brax's Supreme title. He is owned by Diana Norman, Tim Mills and Kerry Bell and lives with and is show by Kerry and Emily Bell. He has had an outstanding year in the ring and won multiple awards on his way to his Supreme title.



Brax is shown here with Emily winning one of his many Best in Group awards.



Grand Champion Tzani Mr Magoo

Congratulations once more to Diana Norman, Tim Mills and Kerry Bell on Mr Magoo attaining his Grand Championship title. NSW exhibitors will remember Mr Mago when he was shown by Kerry and Emily Bell in NSW. Since then he has moved to Queensland where he lives with Tim and Diana. He gained his final points for his Grand on his road trip and picked up a few Best in Group awards on the way. He is shown here with Tim and one of those BIG wins



Champion Nagpuni in The Midnight Hour

Bunny is owned, bred and handled by Terri and Grant Odell. She has gained her title in strong adult competition and won a number of in Group and in Show awards on the way. She is only a young girl but she has a very promising future. Bunny is show here with Terri winning Junior in Show at the NSW club specialty



Champion I am Rosa at Tzani unlimited (Imp NOR)

owned by Norman, Mills and Bell, gained her Australian title after a few months in Australia.

Among her wins she included Runner Up in Group at Charters Towers



A Bit of Griffon History

The Hon. Mrs Nellie Ionides - Vulcan Griffons

One of the many fascinating people involved in the early development of Griffons was The Hon Mrs Nellie Ionides.

She was born in 1883 the daughter of the 1st Viscount Bearsted, who founded the Shell Oil Company. As the heiress to Shell Oil, she was extremely wealthy.

The house as it is today

In 1926, after the original 1710 Orleans House had been demolished Mrs Ionides purchased the remaining 1721 Gibbs-designed Octagon Room and stables buildings.

She was an expert in Oriental porcelain and collected

art and the



building was restored and exquisitely furnished.

After being widowed, she married Basil Ionides, an architect, and she established kennels at Orleans House and her first breed were Griffons.

She imported many from France and Belgium and at one stage had as many as 40 Griffons. The kennels were described as the largest Griffon kennel in Europe.

The ballroom where the Griffon puppies sometimes played

She had a kennel manager and an extensive staff to look after the dogs and puppies.

The dogs had their own wing of the house and visitors also described the puppies playing in the ballroom.

A canine journalist, Ella Withers, described it as a dog's paradise.



' Fall. THE HON. MRS. IONIDES WITH SOME BROOD BITCHES. Copyright.

TAKEN IN THE DOGS' 'PLAYGROUND'



Vulcan Rin-Tin-Tin
 Colour - Rough Black
 Born 16th September, 1925
 Breeder—Mrs. RILEY CLARK
 Sire of well-known winners at stud
 including Gerard's Black Bottle

OWNER—
The Hon. Mrs. IONIDES
ORLEANS HOUSE
TWICKENHAM



Photo by Fall

Sire—Ch. Nola Golliwog

Dam—Brookville Biscuit

{ Rushford Curio
 Chiffon
 Barnabas
 Sleeve Monkey

{ Beau of Sunnymede
 Clarissa
 Sultan of Sunnymede
 Camilla
 Poodle
 Ton-Ton
 Sultan of Sunnymede
 Beauliere of Blossom

Mrs Ionides had a preference for black Griffons and concentrated on this colour in her breeding program but she also produced a number of reds and a few black and tans.

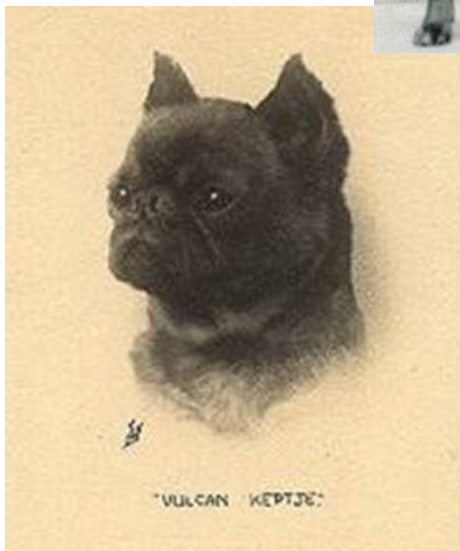
Advertisement for Vulcan Rin Tin Tin – 1927

In the early days Mrs Ionides did not exhibit very much, instead concentrating on importing quality Griffons and developing her own lines through her breeding program



BELGIAN
CH'S VULCAN
SATAN B/TAN
SMOOTH AND
KETJE RED
SMOOTH
WITH V JOFFRE
RED ROUGH

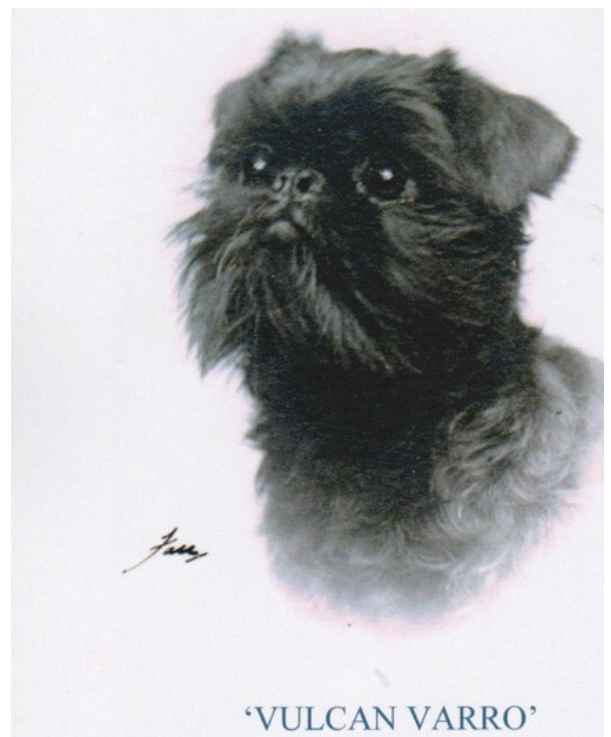
Vulcan Kleptje- imported from Belgium



In 1937- 38 Mrs Ionides started showing in earnest and at Crufts in 1938 there were 10 Vulcan Griffons entered. The Dog Challenge and Best of Breed that year was Vulcan Varro who won two CC's but sadly died young.

The coming of World War Two put a stop to Mrs Ionides exhibiting as all dogs shows ceased for the period.

She never made up an English Champion Griffon but her lines were carried on by other kennels the war ended.





Vulcan Venusia was the mother of Eng Ch Partridge Hill Polonaise who was the first Griffon bitch to become a champion after WW2 and her descendents went on to become leading winners, including the record holder, Ch Skibbereen Victor of Campfield, who won 21 CC's.

After the war Mrs Ionides developed and interest in other breeds including Cairn Terriers, Sealyhams and then Poodles.

Her Vulcan Champagne Poodles became world famous.

Mrs Ionides died in 1962 and Orleans house and the Ionides collection was left to the Twickenham Corporation "inalienably for the public benefit", and that the "part of Orleans House known as the Octagon Room be preserved as a place of National interest" in 1963.



These remain key aims for Orleans House Gallery which was established in 1972 following refurbishment of the buildings after Mrs Ionides' death in 1962.



They can still be visited today but sadly there are no longer any Griffons to see.





How Griffons kept warm in Winter

Getting together with friends to watch a Harry Potter marathon



Staying in bed all morning



Finding the best patch of sunshine to snooze in

Putting on your pyjamas and cuddling up with friends



Cuddles with Mum in a sunny corner of the garden





Show Results

Congratulations to the following members who have done well in the past few months.



Supreme Ch Tzan Zazu Zodiac (Norman, Mills Bell) has been having a bumper year with a number of Best in Group and Runner Up in Group and even a Best in Show.

His wins include:

9-Jun-2018 ACT Ladies Kennel Club Inc (ACT) R/Up in Group

29-Jun-2018 Riverina District All Breeds Kennel Club (NSW) R/Up in Group

14-Jul-2018 Bungendore & Palerang District All Breeds Kennel Club (NSW) Best in Group

15-Jul-2018 Bungendore & Palerang District All Breeds Kennel Club (NSW) R/Up in Group

8-Sep-2018 Dogs ACT Spring Festival (AM Show) (ACT) Best in Group

8-Sep-2018 Dogs ACT Spring Festival (PM Show) (ACT) Best in Group

9-Sep-2018 Dogs ACT Spring Festival (AM Show) (ACT) Best in Group

9-Sep-2018 Dogs ACT Spring Festival (PM Show) (ACT) Best in Show

22-Sep-2018 Canowindra P A & H Association (NSW) R/Up in Group

29-Sep-2018 Canberra Toy Dog Club Inc (Show 1) (ACT) R/Up in Show

1-Oct-2018 Dogs ACT Spring Carnival (ACT) R/Up in Group



Ch Shigriff Sam I Am (V.Grasso) has also been on a roll recently with the following wins

8-Sep-2018 Pine Rivers Kennel Club (QLD) R/Up in Group

15-Sep-2018 Beenleigh Show Society (QLD) R/Up in Group

28-Sep-2018 Nanango Kennel Club (QLD) Best in Group

29-Sep-2018 Nanango Kennel Club (QLD) R/Up in Show



Tzani Dorothy Dix (Norman, Mills, Bell) has also been doing well at the following shows

7-Jul-2018 Callide Valley Canine Club (SHOW 2) (QLD) R/Up in Group 39

2-Jun-2018 Gin Gin Show Society (QLD) Baby Class in Show

16-Jun-2018 Isis & District Canine Club (Show 1) (QLD) Minor Class in Group

16-Jun-2018 Isis & District Canine Club (Show 2) (QLD) Minor Class in Group

17-Jun-2018 Isis & District Canine Club (QLD) Minor Class in Group

1-Jul-2018 Gympie Kennel Club (QLD) Minor Class in Show

7-Jul-2018 Callide Valley Canine Club (SHOW 1) (QLD) Minor Class in Group

7-Jul-2018 Callide Valley Canine Club (SHOW 2) (QLD) Minor Class in Group

22-Jul-2018 Brunswick Valley Kennel Club Inc (NSW) Minor Class in Group

28-Jul-2018 Gladstone Kennel Club Inc (SHOW 1) (QLD) Minor Class in Group

29-Jul-2018 Gladstone Kennel Club Inc (QLD) Minor Class in Group



Ch Tzani Mr Magoo (Norman, Mills Bell) has had success at the following shows

2-Jun-2018 Gin Gin Show Society (QLD) Best in Group

8-Jul-2018 Callide Valley Canine Club (QLD) Best in Group

28-Jul-2018 Gladstone Kennel Club Inc (SHOW 2) (QLD) Best in Group

29-Jul-2018 Gladstone Kennel Club Inc (QLD) R/Up in Group

19-Aug-2018 Condobolin & District Kennel Club Inc (NSW) R/Up in Group

Beaufox Comte de la Fere (S Wood & J Wistuba) won Best Intermediate in Group at Nowra. He is Sharyn's first show dog and this was her first class in Group win so very exciting for her.



Nagpuni Hamish Halfpint owned by Sheena Jackson won Runner Up Neuter in Group at North of the Harbour All Breeds Kennel Club Inc (NSW)





Tzani Eglantine Electra (Norman, Mills Bell) has won three class in group awards from the Minor Puppy Class

15-Jul-2018 Bungendore & Palerang District All Breeds Kennel Club (NSW) Minor Class in Group
1-Sep-2018 The Royal Canin International Spring Fair (NSW) Minor Class in Group
8-Sep-2018 Dogs ACT Spring Festival (PM Show) (ACT) Minor Class in Group

Griffonsburg General Sherman – Sharyn Wood won Best Neuter in Group at Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc (NSW) on 12-Aug-2018

Jane Wistuba and Sharyn Wood had a country weekend at Rylstone and had a good run of success in the ring at the three shows.



George, Beaufox Comte de la Fere, won all three dog challenges making him very close to his title and Sharyn's first ever champion.

George and Sharyn In the Best in Group line up



Jane's girl, **Jemima, Beaufox Jemima Puddleduck**, won Australian Bred in Group at two of the shows

Jane's young boy **Porthos, Beaufox Du Vallon**, won Best Bred by Exhibitor in Group





Griffon Buyer Register

Sheena Jackson and Sharyn Woods are doing a great job as Assistant Secretaries.

Sheena and Sharyn are responsible for the Griffon Buyer Register and all memberships-new and renewals so please contact them if you have any questions.

If you have your name on the Griffon Buyer Register please make sure your information is accurate and up to date.

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

A form is also at the end of this newsletter for breeders and buyers.

We are a very large club and most of the Griffon breeders in NSW are members of our club. We also have members who are breeders in Victoria, Queensland and New Zealand.



Our members also all follow a Code of Ethics and do all they can to breed healthy well socialised Griffons so that you have the best chance of getting a healthy and happy new family member. If you are interested in getting a Griffon please look at our register and complete the forms which can be downloaded there and we will do everything we can to help you get your new Griffon friend and companion.

We are very pleased to say that we have so far assisted a number of members to get a new Griffon family member.

If you have filled out a Griffon Buyer Form and would like to change or update your information please contact our Assistant Secretaries – Sheena Jackson at sheenamaryjackson@icloud.com and Sharyn Wood at sharynwood1@bigpond.com

Please Note

The following information is important

- There have not been many litters born to members over the past few months so any members registering need to be aware that they may face a 6 – 12 month wait for a puppy.
- If you want a specific coat or gender then you may have a longer wait, depending on the type of pups born. E.g. 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 Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



Membership Application/ Renewal Form

(Please send this membership application to The Assistant Secretary Sharyn Wood or

Sheena Jackson

Email address - Sharynwood54@gmail.com

and do a direct bank transfer to

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW. BSB - 012-559 (ANZ) Acc.No- 3890-43729

As reference please put your last name and the word "membership"



I wish to join / renew membership of The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc

DATE of APPLICATION/RENEWAL _____

Name/s:	
Address:	
Phone	Mobile:
Email Address:	
I am a member of Dogs NSW - Yes / No (circle one)	Dogs NSW Number (if applicable):
I am a - Breeder / Exhibitor / Obedience, Rally, DWD or Agility Competitor / Pet Owner of a Griffon Bruxellois . (Circle the one/s which apply to you)	
Name of breeder who bred your Griffons:	
Breeder Prefix:	Number of Griffons Owned
Names of Griffons:	
I wish to join this association because:(<i>only new members</i>)	
Membership Fee: \$5.00 per person . I enclose my / our fee offor annual membership (<i>Several names may be on the form but adjust the fee accordingly</i>)	
I have read the Rules and regulations and the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics and I agree to abide by all of them	
Signed	



Breeder and Clubs Directory

 <p>Rosndae Griffons (NSW) Quality Red Rough & Smooth Roslyn & David Finch</p> <p>Ph 02 4655 1669 E: rosndae@bigpond.com Accredited Breeder The CGBC of NSW</p>		 <p>Raweke Griffons (QLD) Red rough & smooths for over 45 years Jocelyn & Eddie Croad and Shane Thomas</p> <p>Ph: 07 54656118 Or 0438861189E: raweke@bigpond.com Accredited Breeder The CGBC of NSW</p>
 <p>Griffons of Tzani (QLD) Diana Norman & Tim Mills & Kerry Bell</p> <p>Ph: 07 34253442 E: diana@tzani.com.au</p>	<p>Dilkare Griffons (NSW) Donna & Jason Murphy Ph: 02 96234465 E: jdmurphy73@optusnet.com.au Accredited Breeder The CGBC of NSW</p>	 <p>Balliol Griffons (NSW) Michelle Parker Brien Ph: 02 49436275 mbrienparker@yahoo.com Accredited Breeder The CGBC of NSW</p>
<p>Millbank Griffons (VIC) Heather & Shelley Delaland Ph : (03) 54289306 Email : pandhdelaland@bigpond.com.au</p>	<p>Brewington Griffons (NSW) Susan Brewin Ph: 02 66518497</p>	 <p>Nevaending Griffons (NSW) J Tremenheere P:49373137 tremenbear@yahoo.com.au</p>
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 <p>LaFolie Griffons (NSW) Claire Parker Ph: 02 49436275 E: lafoliepbqv@yahoo.com.au Accredited Breeder The CGBC of NSW</p>	<p>Our Club Website griffonsnsw</p> <p>Our Club Face Book Group Griffon News</p>	 <p>Nevafollo Griffons Ashleigh Barber Ph-0411555157 E: nevafollo@hotmail.com</p>
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The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc

For Griffon Fanciers

Accredited Breeders Scheme

The guidelines are as follows:

1. 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.
2. Subject to veterinary advice, no mating where tests indicate inadvisable
3. Microchip puppies prior to sale
4. Puppy microchip numbers to be included in the Application to Register litter.
5. Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon
6. Copies of parent's test results and puppy vet check results to be made available to prospective purchasers
7. 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)
8. 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)
9. 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").
10. 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.
11. To keep all pups until 10-12 weeks of age and to ensure that they are socialised prior to leaving .
12. To ensure that the breeder is completely honest with the puppy buyer regarding any health issues that may occur
13. 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 and 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 Accredited Breeders Scheme

1. *Pre mating testing of prospective parents.*

Note: Disease testing means:

- a) ***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.***
- b) ***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. 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

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 survives we would expect the breeder to be guided by veterinary advice.

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

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

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

MRI's are still a diagnostic process, not a screening process and a permanent grade for a Griffon can not be issued until the dog is 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.

Other Conditions: There is limited evidence that conditions such as H.D are an issue in the breed in this country. The club recommends hip Xrays and 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.

2. Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon

3. 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 in order to be accredited.

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.

The criteria for accreditation are reasonable and responsible. We believe that our breeders would meet the criteria for Accreditation and we offer this grading as a recognition of the hard work, effort and expense that our member breeders experience when they breed these lovely little dogs.

There is no cost for accreditation and after the application is approved by a meeting, breeders may then identify themselves as **Accredited Breeder- The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW INC**

Gaining Accreditation

If you believe that you meet the above criteria and wish to be an Accredited Breeder of the Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW please complete the form on the following page and return it to the Secretary at nevaending@hotmail.com

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc

Accredited Breeders Scheme

Application for Accredited Breeders Status

I wish to apply for Accredited Breeder status for The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

I have read the criteria for Accredited Breeders and I agree to abide by it

Kennel Prefix _____

Name _____ Signed _____

Name _____ Signed _____