



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

# *The Phoenix*



*Summer 2020*



## Your Club

Cover- welcome to the roaring '20's

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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 provide advice and support for Griffon owners

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

To provide a rescue service for Griffons

To promote friendship and social activities among all Griffon owners

To educate Griffon owners about grooming, training and responsible ownership

To work in partnership with other responsible Griffon Bruxellois Clubs of Australia and internationally for the betterment of the breed



## Puppy Spam

*Puppy photos from Ashleigh Barber ( Nevafollo) and Diana Norman (Tzani)*

*Healthy, well reared and well bred pups should look bright and cheeky like these two cutie little girls*







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*Coco and Teddy had fun at Christmas*





## **Presidents Report (from the 2019 AGM)**

Once again, we have had another very successful year for our Club and have achieved many positive things for the club and the breed.

### **Championship Shows**

**We** celebrated our tenth anniversary as a club and also held our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10th Championship shows. It was an honour to have two Griffon

specialists as judges. Mrs Jocelyn Croad, who is arguably the doyen of the breed in Australia, with 50 years experience and famous for her Raweke Griffons, and Mrs Sandie Meads from New Zealand, of Paris Griffons, judging her very first Griffon specialty appointment in Australia. We had a strong entry with over 40 Griffons entered. This was a pleasing entry considering that several people and dogs were unable to be entered because of their association with the judges.

The winners were from Qld, the team shown by Ven Grasso and it was good to see the interstate support.

### **Point Score**

The club point score competition was once more a great success with strong Griffon entries at the designated shows, thanks to the enthusiasm and support of our members.

The winner of the 2018-2019 Point Score was Sup Ch Cricklewood Night of Magic in Paris.

Runner Up was Ch Nagpuni in the Midnight Hour, daughter of last year's Runner up

Winner of the Puppy point score was Nevaending Dark Fortune.

The point score had over 30 dogs competing in the nominated shows.

The point score was developed to promote the exhibition of quality Griffon Bruxellois and the strength and depth of quality in the breed can be seen in the many and varied dogs who have been so successful in many shows.

### **Promoting the breed**

#### ***Dog Lovers Show***

We supported the Dog Lovers Show for the 6<sup>th</sup> year and once more it was highly successful. The club had a double stand which made it easier to accommodate the many people who wanted to see the Griffons. The crowds both days were huge and the Griffons attracted a lot of attention.

We were fortunate to have a lot of support from our members and had over 20 people assisting over the two days. This allowed each person to get a break and we were able to give the Griffons some timeout to have a rest and escape the crowds for a short while. We are very grateful for the whole hearted support we get from our members for events like this.

Our thanks go to Victoria Mercer who organised this and arranged a roster system for members.

Many thanks to all the club members who volunteered to support this.

We were, however, not pleased to see that a large scale commercial puppy farm from the Hunter Valley had an enormous stand and was pretending that the Poodle cross dogs that they produce were actually a breed called a Tamaruke. This is a made-up name for a cross breed and was deliberately deceiving the public. We made our objections known to the organisers but if they continue to support puppy farmers then we will reconsider our support.

#### ***Sydney Meet Ups***

Our thanks go to Tom Gregory who organised a series of informal Griffon gatherings during the year for Griffons in Sydney. These were relaxed events which gave Griffon owners the opportunity to meet and chat and allow the Griffons to play and mingle.

#### ***Griffon Buyer Register***

The Griffon Buyer Register which was developed in 2014 to assist people in buying a Griffon has gone from strength to strength. Because we are a large club with almost all the quality Griffon breeders in Australia and New Zealand as members, we are in a position to advise people when puppies are available. This has led to an increased membership, we have successfully helped a number of people get a Griffon and we have been able to educate and support members of the public so that they do not choose to get a pup from pet shops or puppy farmers.





In addition, through this register we have several more new show exhibitors who have never shown before and the club members have mentored and supported them in their first few showing experiences.

There were some pups born during 2018-19 but there is still a waiting list. Griffons have always been hard to breed and our members never breed commercially so there have not been many Griffons available

#### **Website and Facebook page.**

The club's website continues to provide information on the breed and promoting members achievements. It can be found at <http://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/>

The Face book page – Griffon News can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/298220046898430/> and provides news and information about Griffons for members and overseas Griffon owners.

**Rescue** We have fortunately had no dogs in rescue this year but have been concerned about the increasing number of dubious breeders who are entering the breed. There is a growing number of MDBA and unregistered breeders and they are deceiving the public into thinking the dogs are registered. Sadly an increasing number of Griffon crosses are being produced by puppy farmers to meet the growing public demand for the breed. These unscrupulous people only exist because the public supports them by purchasing pups. We continue to help, advise and educate the public to the best of our ability

#### **Fund Raising**

Our thanks to Terri Odell who organised the sale of Griffon T Shirts and Polos shirts for owners and Griffon T Shirts for the dogs. These shirts came in a variety of colours and had the logo "As Good as It Gets". Terri organized the design of this logo specifically for our club and has managed the sales of the shirts. They have proven to be popular and a second order has been made. They have been a very useful fundraiser and I know that Terri put in many hours of work in this. These T shirts continue to be popular

#### **Maintaining Quality in Griffon Breeding**

All Griffon breeders who are members of our club abide by a strict Code of Ethics.

We work to continue to educate members and potential Griffon buyers about ethical breeding practices and to provide them with advice about identifying unethical and commercial breeders. With the rising popularity of Griffons we have seen an increase in commercial and unethical breeding practices and we work with the other two Griffon clubs in Australia to try to minimise the detrimental impact of these breeders

We also continue to be vigilant in our fight against unethical breeding practices. Our members are very supportive in this and often report inappropriate breeding and advertising of Griffons so that we can take action if they are registered breeders.

We continue to try to educate the public and have been happy to welcome new members who are helping to support us

#### **Health**

Our club continues to support health research for Griffons. We ensure that members are kept fully informed about the latest health research findings and problems and support proven, reputable research.

#### **Membership**

Our membership has grown rapidly over the past year and at the moment we have just under 200 members who are all Griffon owners or Griffon lovers. We ensure that we meet the needs of all members, exhibitors and pet owners alike.

We have been happy to welcome 5 new exhibitors into the ring with their Griffons and the club mentors and assists these people.

New exhibitors are the life blood of the breed and we need to keep encouraging them if the breed is to continue and not stagnate



We have a strict code of conduct for all members which includes the way members treat dogs and the way they behave and communicate with other members. We expect all members to comply with this.

### **Newsletter**

The club produces a newsletter 'The Phoenix' which is issued quarterly and is full of information from Australia and overseas with items of interest for both show and pet owners.

### **Committee**

As in most clubs in this busy life we have a small but very hardworking committee.

I would like to thank the Secretary Jannelle Tremenheere, Treasurer, Matt O Sullivan and the executive and committee members- Jane Wistuba, Claire Parker, Terri Odell, Victoria Mercer. Nicola McLean, Sharyn Wood, Sheena Jackson, Adam Tremeheere, Sarah Peddie Mc Guirk and Ashleigh Barber for their help and support in the past 12 months.

I would also like to thank all our members for their ongoing support and enthusiasm they show for the club and our wonderful little dogs.

We have always been proud to call our club the friendly club and I feel that we are successfully maintaining this.

I look forward to working with all our members again in whatever capacity I am elected to fill.

Michelle Parker Brien (President) 2018-2019



## **Secretary's Report (2018/2019)**

### **Report tabled at AGM**

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW has had yet another successful year and our success would not have been achievable without the help and dedication of our devoted Committee and club members. So, a big round of applause to everyone who makes our club the success it is each year, your enthusiasm, professionalism and sportsmanship has given our club the reputation with fellow exhibitors and other clubs as being a very successful

club so well done to everyone.

### **2019 Championship shows**

We held our two Championship shows in April of this year and we had yet another fantastic entry at both shows even though some of our members could not enter due to a conflict of interest.

The Gold show was our tenth anniversary show and Matt Wilson from Simply Bliss Bakery made a cake in our club colours to celebrate this milestone. The cake was cut by both judges after the Silver Show for morning tea.

Our Judge for the Gold show was Mrs Jocelyn Croad of Raweke Griffons (QLD) and our Judge for the Silver show was Mrs Sandi Mead of Paris Griffons (NZL). Both judges commented on how professionally run the shows were and that they were overwhelmed at the quality of griffons presented to them. In addition, they were extremely impressed by the sportsmanship showed by all exhibitors on the day.

Our Show Secretary and Trophy Manager out did themselves this year and our trophy table decorated in our club colours of purple and pink looked fantastic. Thank you Claire Parker and Sara Pedde McGuirk for purchasing and organising our trophies they were a huge hit with the winners. The food table looked delightful and as always, the judges, steward, NSW representative, visiting exhibitors and international guests were extremely impressed. Thankyou Jane Wistuba, for another job well done and a big thank you to everyone who donated a plate.

Rachel Taylor was our official photographer again this year, thank you for taking the time out to photograph our wonderful breed. The committee and exhibitors were thrilled by the quality of photos taken.



Another huge thank you to our Steward Sharon Squires who stewards for our shows each year, the club appreciates you giving up your time. Also thank you to Kathy Minns who attends our shows in the capacity of dogs NSW Representative.

Also, a big thank you to Matthew O'Sullivan and Adam Tremenheere who help to set up the ring, photo gazebo and any other job required to help make our show the success it is.

Congratulations to the winner's, the committee for a well run professional show and to the exhibitors for their fantastic sportsmanship. All in all I would say that the day was extremely successful.

#### **Dog Lovers Show**

We attended the Dog lovers Show in August again this year and we had another successful two days. Victoria Mercer our Events Coordinator did a brilliant job and organised a roster to ensure that everyone was able to show their beautiful Griffons to the public who again were besotted with our wonderful breed. A big thank you to all members who attended and bought their Griffons along for the public to experience what delightful little dogs Griffon Bruxellois are.

#### **Point Score Show 2017 - 2018**

Our Point Score competition for 2017 – 2018 was again very successful due to the large number of Griffons entered at these shows. As always, we received lovely comments from other exhibitors and in particular judges who were delighted to be judging such a large breed entry of Griffons. Club members should give themselves a pat on the back for their support at these shows.

Congratulations to the winners and good luck to everyone for the 2018-2019 Point Score competition.

#### **Rescue Report**

Thankfully this year we have had no rescues in care.

However I feel due to the large amount of unethical and unregistered breeders appearing on the scene we may be in for a bumpy ride in the up-coming year.

Jannelle Tremenheere  
Secretary 2018/2019



#### **Editors Report**

It has been a very unpleasant summer so far with severe fires, smoke haze, extreme heat and now corona virus. Luckily our Griffons keep us sane .

This issue has full reports from the President and Secretary, as tabled at the AGM and the results of the AGM

We look forward to the club championship show in April and hope we get as many people as possible to help us celebrate the day.

There is more information regarding BOAS from the Cambridge research group, particularly pertinent as I have just been made aware of a 14 month old Griffon from a MDBA breeder (in other words a phony registration), that requires surgery on the palate and nostrils. This is very sad as Griffons have been very healthy and have not had the breathing problems that have beset Pugs and French Bulldogs. Sadly, as the breed increases in popularity the unscrupulous people crawl out of the woodwork to cash in and it is always the dogs that suffer.

We have a report on the traumatic experience of one of our members, Jane Wistuba, who had to evacuate twice as bush fires threatened her home

We also have fun photos of Griffons by the beach and celebrating Christmas, along with our usual show reports and overseas news





## AGM Report

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held in November and the following people were elected unopposed

Position	Person Elected
President	Michelle Parker Brien
Vice President	Ashleigh Barber
Secretary	Jannelle Tremenheere
Treasurer	Matt O Sullivan
<b>Committee</b>	
Fund Raising Officer	Terri Odell
Events Co Ordinator	Victoria Mercer
Committee Member	Claire Parker OSullivan
Committee Member	Sarah Peddie McGuirk
Committee Member	Jane Wistuba
<b>Show Committee</b>	
Show Manager	Michelle Parker Brien
Show Secretary	Claire Parker O Sullivan
Trophy Manager	Sarah Peddie McGuirk
<b>Non Committee Positions</b>	
Assistant Secretary (2 Positions)	Sharyn Wood
Events Committee Member Sthn	Jane Wistuba
Events Committee Member Sydney	Tom Gregory
Events Committee-Member Dog Lovers Show	Victoria Mercer
Catering Officer	Tiffany Dale
Rescue Co-Ordinator	Jannelle Tremenheere
Patrons(2)	Jocelyn Croad
	Tom Couchman

I would like to welcome Tiffany Dale to the Show committee as Catering Officer.

The committee and executive look forward to another successful year for the CGBC of NSW

I would also like to thank everyone for their ongoing support for the club and the ideals of the club.



*The executive and committee are looking forward to the new year*





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## Griffon Corner



Congratulations to our Trophy Manager, **Sarah Peddie McGuirk** and her partner James, on the birth of their son, Henry. We look forward to seeing him at our shows, assisting with the trophies



The new TV show, soon to screen, **Pooch Perfect**, hosted by Rebel Wilson, features a Griffon as the



co-host. He is known as Russell the Brussel on the show but in real life his name is Fly and he is trained by Peta Clark in Sydney. Fly is no stranger to the screen as he was also the Griffon who

starred in the movie, Top End Wedding. Rebel Wilson is also no stranger to dogs. As a child she helped show her mother's Beagles. Rebel's mother is a dog judge who still breeds and shows Beagles







### Who Wore it Better??

We all know that Griffons think that they are a superior type of dog (or human).

Here is **Squirrel**, owned by Claire and Matt, outdoing Mary Berry in the English TV celebrity stakes, complete with the pearl necklace.

Who Wore it Better?

**Bean**, owned by **Maddie Ashton**, stepped up for

Movember to raise money for the fight against testicular cancer. He did some active fundraising on Instagram.

As many of you know, my Dad has had testicular cancer and finished up chemo earlier this year.

It was ruff but with my support (and some top notch medical treatment) he's doing great but to help give back to the cause I'm using my magnificent facial hair to raise some moneys via [@movember](#). (Plus Dad is hopeless at growing a beard and that was before chemo..

He sported an impressive moustache himself, the same as that most famous Belgian, Hercule Poirot  
Who wore it better?



**Elroy**, owned by Bernadette Bull, is out Chewbacca-ing, Chewbacca himself.  
Who wore it better?



**Novello** and his Dad, **Laurie Tremenheere**, celebrated Christmas in matching outfits  
Who wore it better?

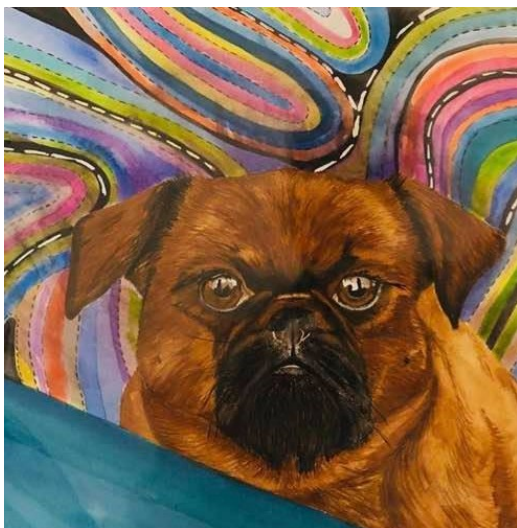






**Terri Odell** discovered a new addition to her street- a warning sign for both Wombats and Kangaroos. Maybe they now need one for Griffons

**Tania Wilson**, came home to discover that she had a new rabbit in the hutch- **Edwina**, the rare Griffon rabbit, had squeezed in the eat the rabbit food



**Sharyn Wood** received a lovely gift from her sister, a portrait of her boy, **Porthos**



**Terri and Grant Odell's daughter, Kelli** won Fashions On The Field competition at the Magic Millions, on the Gold Coast. Kelli is no stranger to wins in these competitions. They even got a selfie with jockey, Frankie Dettori





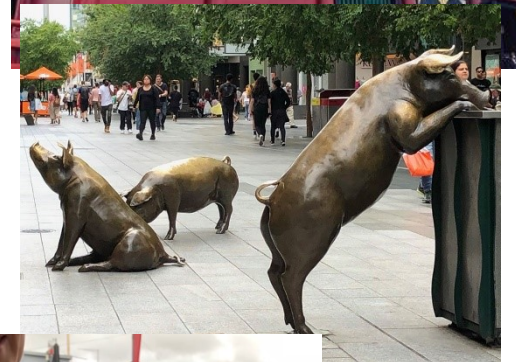


A few members have been enjoying some travel lately.



**Kait Elder** is having fun in Japan at the moment, leaving the Griffons at home.

She is doing the full tourist bit and seeing all the sights



**Sandie Mead** and her husband John, have travelled from NZ to Adelaide and are also seeing the sights. They have enjoyed wine and food in Hahndorf and were particularly taken with the pigs in



Rundle Mall.

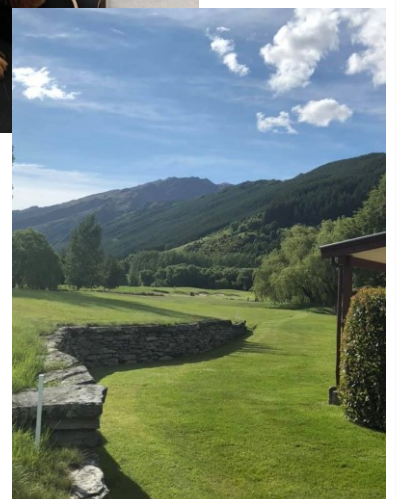
While in Adelaide, Sandie was able to catch up with Stephanie Paige, who brought along Norma, to say hello



**Sharyn Wood and Jane Wistuba**, went to the South Island of NZ just before Christmas and briefly exchanged the heat, fires, drought and smoke for green fields and rain. In fact, they had so much rain that they were caught up in a flood and only got out in time as the town



lake broke its banks. However, they still managed to sample the wine at the fabulous Cloudy Bay Winery







## Important Notice to All Pet Owners!

The Australian Veterinary Association has issued a warning to vet clinics and pet owners alike advising that they are documenting at least one case a week of Fanconi-like syndrome, associated with the feeding of commercial dried treats originating from Asia.

The toxin causing this disease has yet to be identified. Fanconi-like disease affects the kidneys. Dogs may exhibit clinical signs including increased thirst, increased urination, vomiting and loss of appetite. In addition, they may show an elevation in some of their liver enzymes and lower than normal phosphate levels. However, the hallmark of this syndrome is glucose in their urine, but no elevated glucose levels in their blood.

Whilst many cases recover simply by withdrawing the treats, some cases have been associated with severe kidney failure and death.

If you are at all concerned about your pets, please contact your local Vet Clinic. They can run a urine test to screen for the syndrome and perform further diagnostics if needed.

We strongly urge you all to please check the country of origin of any treats that you feed your pets. Please use treats made in Australia from 100% Australian produce or homemade ones. If you cannot identify the country of origin, we advise erring on the side of caution and discarding those treats. – Story Credit: Kanwal Veterinary Hospital (02) 4392 2088



Only buy food that is made in Australia or NZ.

Most of the treats at supermarkets are dubious. Please read the label carefully for country of origin.

It is worth paying a bit more for the health of your dogs.



I recommend Pets on the Park who have a range of high quality air dried treats that are healthy for your dog.

**Order on the website**

[www.petsonthepark.com.au](http://www.petsonthepark.com.au)

There is a 5% discount to members – Just put 'Hills' as the Promo code at the checkout





## Griffons no longer able to fly on Qantas or Virgin airlines in Australia

Dear Valued Customer,

At Virgin Australia, we take pride in the safe transportation of pets around our network and we ensure that the highest standard of care is undertaken when pets are travelling on board with us.

In recent times, we have seen a tragic spike in issues across the industry when transporting snub-nosed breeds, and this has prompted Virgin Australia to review the transport of these animals.

Whilst we understand that snub-nosed breeds are a popular choice of pet, they are a high-risk animal to transport due to their known respiratory issues and other health problems that may be compounded inflight.

With comprehensive analysis being undertaken and working with associations such as the RSPCA, Virgin Australia has made the difficult decision to no longer accept bookings for snub-nosed breeds until further notice. We will not accept bookings for these breeds from 24 January 2020.

The breeds and all mixes thereof impacted by this include:

Dog Breeds		Cat Breeds	Rabbit Breeds
Affenpinscher	English Mastiff	American Burmese	Jersey Woolly
American Bulldog	French Bulldog	British Shorthair	Lion Head
Australian Bulldog	Japanese Chin (Japanese Spaniel)	Burmilla	Lop
American Cocker Spaniel	King Charles Cavalier Spaniel	Exotic Shorthair	
American Staffordshire Terrier	Lhasa Apso	Himalayan	
Bishon Frise	Maltese	Munchkin	
Boston Terrier	Neapolitan Mastiff	Persian	
Boxer	New Foundland	Scottish Fold	
Brussels Griffon	Olde English Bulldogge	Selkirk Rex	
Bullmastiff	Old English Mastiff		
Cane Corso	Pekingese		
Chihuahua (apple-headed)	Pug		
Chow Chow	Shar-pei		
Chinese Chorpels	Shih-tzu		
Dogue de Bordeaux	Tibetan Spaniel		
Dutch Bulldog	Valley Bulldog		
English Bulldog	Yorkshire Terrier		

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Please note that we will honour all existing bookings that were made before 24 January 2020.

Virgin Australia will ensure the Live Animal Regulations operator variations and the Virgin Australia Cargo Animal Acceptance checklist are updated to reflect these new restrictions.

If you have any questions about this change, please do not hesitate to contact your account manager.

More information on Virgin Australia processes regarding the transportation of pets can be found on our website <https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/plan/specific-needs-assistance/pets/>.

Kind regards,

Virgin Australia Cargo



### Sydney Griffon Meetup

The last Sydney Griffon meetup organised by Tom Gregory took place in October, before the fires and the extreme weather conditions ruined summer.

There was a good turn up for a relaxed time at Moore Park and as can be seen the Griffons had a great time.

There will be more meet ups organised in Sydney when the weather cools down so watch our club FB page Griffons NSW for notifications



### Bernadette Bull and Elroy have been busy.

A sad aftermath of the bushfires has been the high numbers of orphaned babies that wildlife rescues are trying to save.

Elroy's grand mother

has been making pouches for these babies so that they will feel safe and secure in rescue which will help their chances of survival.

Elroy is in charge of quality control and is the chief pouch tester, making sure that they are strong and comfortable before they go to the babies







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On the sick list

Georgia McKinlay, somehow managed to damage



her knee just by sleeping in bed. She required surgery and ten days in hospital where she was getting Griffon withdrawal symptoms.

Luckily now she is home and being looked after by Dr Boy George. Get well soon.



**Cathryn Feaver**, who has been on dialysis for many years has finally been given a date for a kidney transplant.

She will have a pre admission on February 11<sup>th</sup>

Surgery is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>.

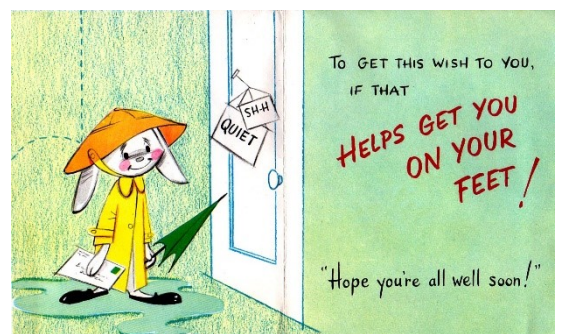
Those of us who know Cathryn, know how strong she has been and how stoically she has persevered through various health scares and disappointment.

We are crossing fingers and toes and all wish her the very best and hope that the surgery is 100 percent successful so that she can resume a normal life.

I know that following surgery her Griffons, Harriet and Nancy,



will do the best they can to help her recovery.





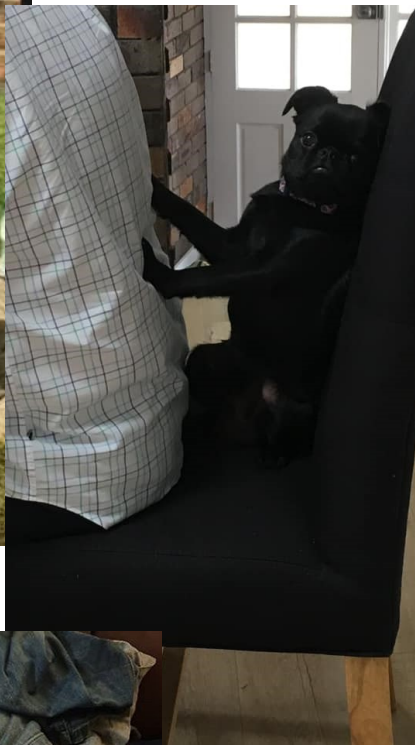


## Griffons – Always Helping

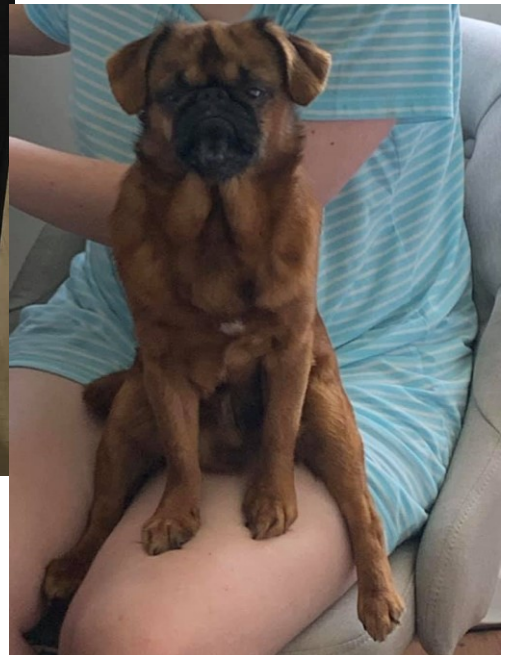
*Zsa Zsa helping Mum with her work out*



*Winnie – providing back massages*



*Diablo- helping at the laptop*



*Teddy checks that the washing is really clean*



*Mr Gruff-  
excavator  
extrordinaire*



*Boy George-  
horse trainer*







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**Or phone**

**0459 169 096**





## Christmas Party Cancelled

Usually in the summer issue we do a report on the Christmas party.



For 2019 the club had planned on two Christmas parties; the main one at the Central Coast and another smaller gathering in the Southern Highlands. Sadly, the unprecedented bushfires that hit NSW from September onwards made it impossible to hold either of these parties.

The weekend of the Central Coast party saw a mega fire in that region with smoke

and hazardous air pollution levels. Motorists were advised to do no unnecessary travel so the club could not risk the health and safety of members and their dogs.

The same situation existed two weeks later when the Southern Highland gathering was scheduled.

Sydney was also shrouded in smoke so there was no December gathering there either

The club hopes to reschedule another Griffon get together in lieu of the Christmas party when the weather has cooled down in 2020.



## Fire Evacuation- Jane and Wolf Wistuba's Ordeal

While the majority of members were safe and only had to worry about the never ending smoke haze, some had to do it tougher.

*Jane Wistuba and her husband Wolf with their grand daughter*



Jane Wistuba and her husband Wolf, had to evacuate from their Hilltop home twice when the giant Green Wattle fires threatened them.

They were directed by the RFS to go to Mittagong as all other roads out of the area were closed due to the fires.







They were trapped in Mittagong along with many others, in searing heat with strong hot, gusting westerly winds that were feeding the fires and creating appalling heat.

The evacuation point at Mittagong RSL was full when they arrived with the van and a car and trailer carrying their dogs, cat and birds, plus the few essential possessions they had time to collect. After reporting, they were issued with wristbands and sought urgent shelter. Due to the conditions and the huge number of evacuees they were forced to go to the car park under the shopping centre in order to get some shade on the 44 degree day. Even there it was still 38 degrees with little relief. To



complicate the situation even more, Jane had a litter of two, pups and their mother, Jemima. At only two weeks of age they were all feeling the heat in the traumatic conditions. Jane had cool coats for Jemima and the oldies but the challenge was to keep the pups comfortable so that they did not overheat.



Communications were difficult due to the fires and Jane was trying to save her phone battery as she had no way to charge it. Five hours after evacuating, the winds changed to a southerly direction, bringing cooler air and much needed relief to everyone. Finally, the pups started to feed again much to Jane's relief.

Eventually, at 1 am, after over twelve hours, they were told that they were able to return home and were relieved to see that their house although covered in ash, was still standing. Even though they had left sprinklers on the roof and around the perimeter, they didn't know what to expect as the fire had been so ferocious and they have natural bush across the road from their home. Once home they had several sleepless hours getting the

animals settled and checking on the chickens that they had not been able to take.

The dogs were all fine, although slightly bewildered and both Jemima and the puppies had a good feed.

They were exhausted but had to be ready to evacuate again if the winds changed the direction of the fire.

Jane and Wolf lived in this situation for a month with their cars packed and ready to evacuate if ordered.

They were forced to evacuate once more and again the house survived thanks to the amazing people of the RFS.

Jane was able to send a message to everyone





*"A huge thankyou to everyone that called and messaged me over the past week checking in on us due to the fires For all the offers of accommodation or for offering to take the dogs. We were evacuated twice , but now we are back home for now, fingers crossed ,but can't say we are out of the woods yet.*

*It has been overwhelming support from family, friends and people we don't even know.*

*A big thankyou to [Rach Beanie](#), Daniel and Jess for your kindness, help and keeping me from almost losing it. We can't name you all, but you all know who you are, love you guys.*

*Most of all to [Blake Wistuba](#), [Rebecca Wistuba](#) and [Adele Wistuba](#) for your constant calls to convince us to get out and for taking us in the first evacuation. Unfortunately, they closed all the roads so we couldn't get to them on the weekend, when you had your own problems going on, we love you more than you know.*

*Lastly, the fireies, volunteers for tirelessly working so hard day and night fighting a huge fight, Thank you."*

Jane and Wolf had a traumatic experience and still managed to come out smiling. Because they were sensible enough to have a fire evacuation plan in place they were able to escape safely. I am sure they will agree when I say that I hope they never have to go through such trauma again.

And today as I write the following post has been published announcing that this fire is finally contained

[RFS Southern Highlands Team](#)



#### [NSW Rural Fire Service](#)

The Green Wattle Creek Fire, which has burnt through over 278,700 hectares in the Wollondilly area, South-West of Sydney is now Contained!

Since this fire started on the 27th November 2019, it has been challenging; burning through some very difficult terrain, destroying property and tragically seeing the loss of life.

It is a huge achievement to reach containment tonight. Thank you to all those who have worked so hard for months to get to this point.

There are still fires burning in various parts of the country and there have been mass evacuations in the south coast of NSW and in Victoria.

Some areas have had rain which has brought welcome relief but other areas are still dry. More hot weather is forecast so we can only hope that these dreadful situations don't occur again.

We send our best wishes to everyone affected.





## Club Championship Shows 2020

**Entries Close 24 March 2020**

**THE COUNTRY GRIFFON  
BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF NSW**

**GOLD (EDWARD CROAD MEMORIAL SHOW)  
& SILVER DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS**

CNCC DOG COMPLEX, HILLSBOROUGH RD, HILLSBOROUGH

**SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2020**

Classes to be judged: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 14, 11, 12 & 18 (dogs & bitches), Property Classes

**Entries to:** The Show Secretary, C/- 338 Wilson St, Darlington 2008

**Ph & Extreme Weather Ph** 0459 169 096

**Cheques made payable to:** The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

**JUDGES**

**Gold Show: Mr J Sheppard (NSW)**  
Griffon Bruxellois, Property Classes

**Silver Show: Mrs T Presland (NSW)**  
Griffon Bruxellois

**Order of Judging Gold Show:** Golden Oldies then Breed Classes in alphabetical, Property Classes (Brace, Breeders Team, Best Gait, Rough/Smooth Coat, Rough/Smooth Head, Top Line/Tailset, Parent & Offspring)

**Silver:** Breed Classes in Alphabetical

**Judging Commences Gold:** 9.00 am, **Silver:** not before 11.00 am

**DOGS NSW Representative** Mrs K Minns **Catalogues free**

**Entry Fees** *Members:* \$15.00 first, \$10.00 subsequent,  
*Non Members:* \$30.00 first, \$20.00 subsequent,

Parade of Golden Oldies to start show, any dog over 10 yrs.  
Please send short CV to Show Secretary.

**PRIZES:**  
**General Specials** Trophy & Sash,  
**Special Classes** Trophy & Sash

ON LINE ENTRIES AVAILABLE AT  
  
www.ozentries.com.au

## Camping is available on the grounds

We are pleased to introduce our Judges

**Gold Show-** Mr John Sheppard is a respected International All Breeds judge who has judged all around the world. He has owned and bred Griffons and has a breed involvement going back over 30 years.

**Silver Show-** Ms Tracey Presland. Is a recently approved Toy group judge who has shown an interest in the breed.

**The Golden Oldies parade is open to any Griffon over 10 years of age. They do not have to be show dogs. We would love to see as many older pet Griffons as well**

Put the date in your diary

Other shows around the same time:

4 P's Toy Club Sunday 5 April

Griffon Judging Sydney Royal- 7 April

Flat Faced Toy Dog Club- 12 April



## Donations for our Championship Shows

The club is always grateful for support from our members to help with our shows.

If you would like to donate towards our shows for any of the trophies you can do a direct deposit to the club to

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

For reference put you name and trophy. If you want to donate for a specific trophy please contact our show secretary, Claire Parker at

lafoliepbgv@yahoo.com.au

TROPHY	VALUE	RIBBON	VALUE
Best in Show	\$75.00	Best in Show	\$18.00
Runner Up Best in Show	\$50.00	Runner Up Best in Show	\$15.00
Opposite in Show	\$15.00	Opposite in Show	\$13.00
Dog Challenge	\$15.00	Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Reserve Dog Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Dog Challenge	\$13.00
Bitch Challenge	\$15.00	Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$10.00	Reserve Bitch Challenge	\$11.00
Baby in Show	\$25.00	Baby in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Baby in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Baby in Show	\$7.00
Minor in Show	\$25.00	Minor In Show	\$9.00
Opposite Minor in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Minor in Show	\$7.00
Puppy in Show	\$25.00	Puppy in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Puppy in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Puppy in Show	\$7.00
Junior in Show	\$25.00	Junior in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Junior in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Junior in Show	\$7.00
Intermediate in Show	\$25.00	Intermediate in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Intermediate in Show*	\$15.00	Opposite Intermediate in Show	\$7.00
Aust Bred in Show	\$25.00	Aust Bred in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Aust Bred in Show	\$7.00
Open in Show	\$25.00	Open in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Open in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Open in Show	\$7.00
Veteran in Show	\$25.00	Veteran in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Veteran in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Veteran in Show	\$7.00
Neuter in Show	\$25.00	Neuter in Show	\$9.00
Opposite Neuter in Show	\$15.00	Opposite Neuter in Show	\$7.00
Parade of Golden Oldies	\$10.00	Parade of Golden Oldies	\$5.00
Best Smooth Head	\$10.00		
Best Rough Head	\$10.00		
Best smooth coat	\$10.00		
Best Rough Coat	\$10.00		
Best Gaited	\$10.00		
Best Topline and Tail Set	\$10.00		
Best Breeders Team	\$10.00		
Best Brace	\$10.00		



**All donations  
gratefully  
received**





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## Happy Birthday to You!!!

We have several litters of siblings celebrating birthdays.



Happy third birthday to Porthos, George and Bowski (the little Darth Vader)

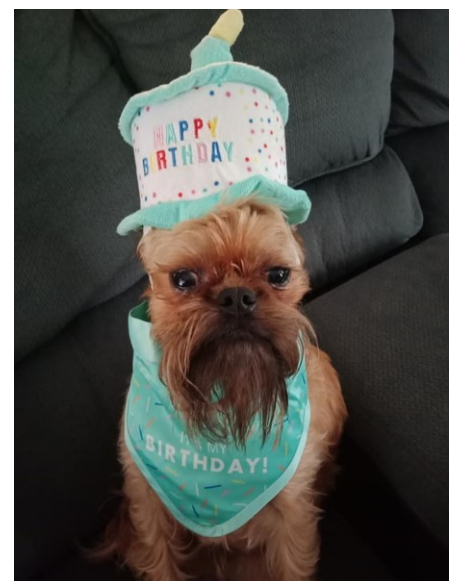


Happy third birthday also to Betty, Bunny and Lola who celebrated at a café together



Also turning 3, happy birthday to Annika, who celebrated with her friends, George, Billy and Porthos

And another boy turning 3 is Wicket

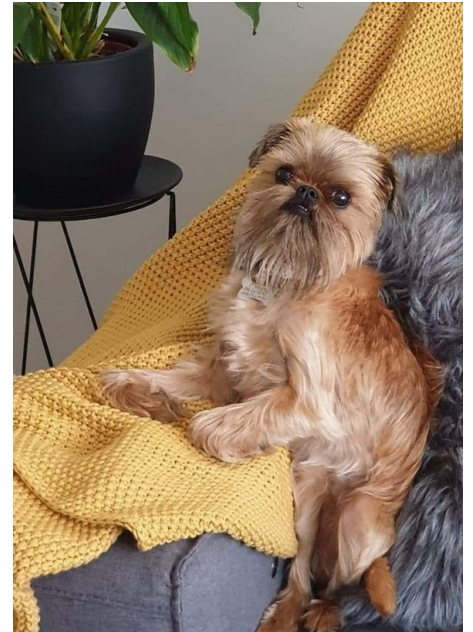






Happy birthday to Millie, who turned one

Happy Birthday to Elroy who also turned one

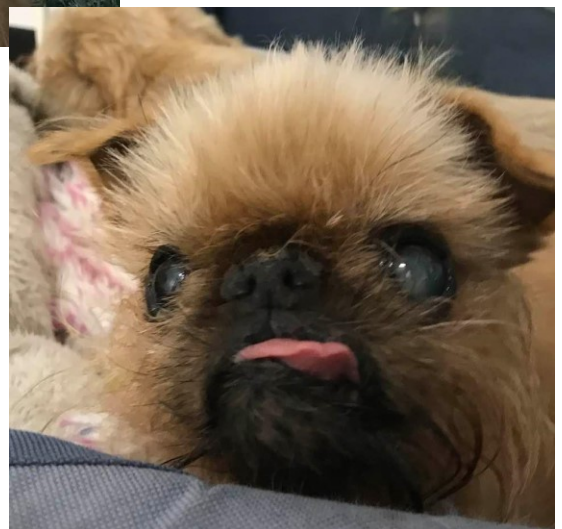


Happy birthday to Sprout who turned 7



Happy birthday to Bailey who turned 3

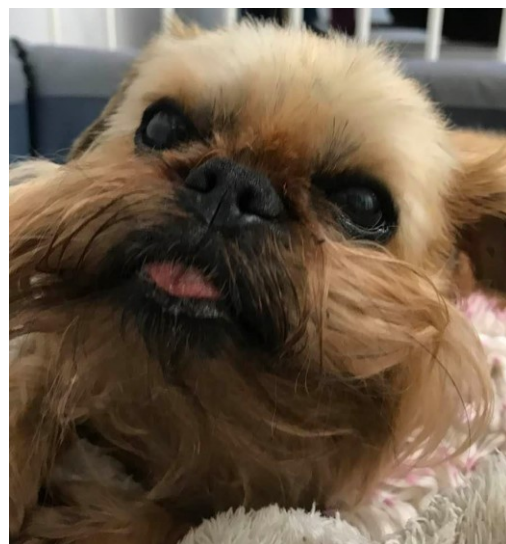
Happy Birthday to Henry who is now 13







Happy 13<sup>th</sup> birthday to  
Mavis

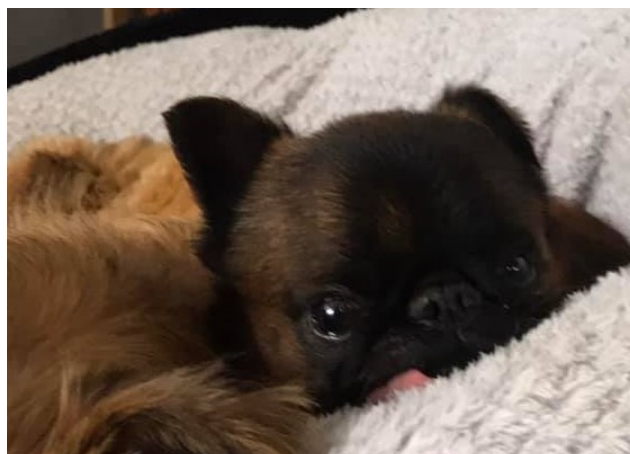


And  
Happy  
9<sup>th</sup>  
birthday to Mavis's children, Dumbledore and  
Gertie

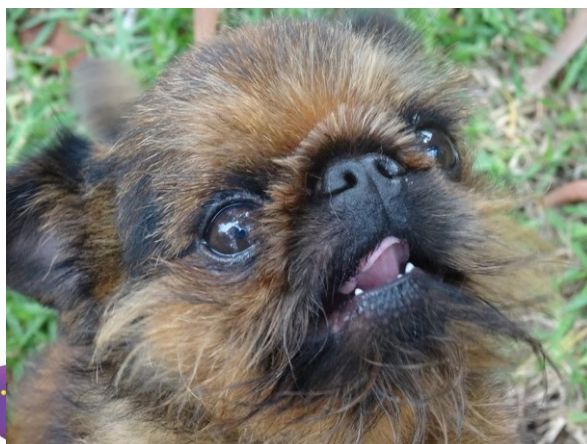


Happy 4<sup>th</sup> birthday to Sirius

Happy 8<sup>th</sup> birthday to  
Neville



Also turning 8 is Inch High  
Private Eye







## The 2019-2020 Point Score Competition

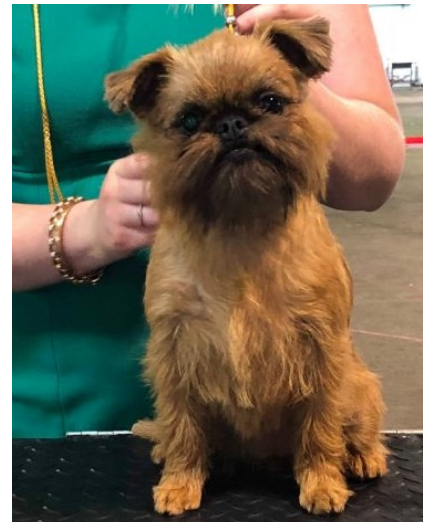
We finished 2019 with two point score shows, in the Southern and Northern regions respectively.

The October Show was Southern Highlands at Berrima.



Best of Breed, Dog CC and Runner Up in Group - Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac, owned and bred by the Tzani team of Diana Norman, Tim Mills and Kerry Bell and handled by Emily Bell

Runner Up Best of Breed and Bitch  
CC- Ch Tzani Eglantine Electra  
owned and bred by the Tzani team  
of Diana Norman, Tim Mills and  
Kerry Bell and handled by Emily Bell



Reserve Dog CC – Ch Beaufox  
Comte de la Fere, bred by Jane  
Wistuba and owned by Jane  
and Sharyn Wood



Reserve Bitch CC Ch  
Nagpuni in the  
Midnight Hour,  
owned, bred and  
handled by Terri  
Odell



Best of Breed Neuter and Neuter Bitch CC- Ch/Neut Ch  
Paris Starry Starry Night, bred by Sandie Meads and  
owned by Jane Wistuba and Michelle Parker Brien.  
Handled by Jane



Best Puppy in  
Group was  
Nagpuni Ginger  
Spice, owned,  
bred and  
handled by Terri Odell







The last point score show for 2019 was Wyong Shire at the end of November.



Best of Breed, Dog CC and Australian Bred in Group - Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum, bred by Michelle Parker Brien and owned and handled by Claire Parker OSullivan

Runner Up  
Best of  
Breed and  
Bitch CC -  
Ch Nagpuni  
in the  
Midnight  
Hour,  
owned,  
bred and handled by  
Terri Odell



Reserve Dog CC- Nevafollow The Magical One, bred by Ashleigh Barber and coowned and handled by Victoria Mercer

Reserve Bitch CC- Nagpuni Ginger Spice, owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell



Best of Breed Neuter, Neuter Bitch CC and Neuter in Group- Ch Balliol Impish Incantation, Owned, bred and handled by Michelle Parker Brien

### 2020 Point Score Shows

The following shows are the point score shows for this year

Feb Tuggerah Lakes 8 Feb am  Neuter Hunter	Camden Ag Show Sat 28 March 2020 Neuter Southern	Flat face Toy Club  11 April 2020 Neuter Sydney	Albion Park KC  2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020 Neuter? Southern	Ncle & Merewether KC 7 June 2020 Neuter? Hunter	Junior Kennel Club 28 June 2020 Neuter ? Sydney
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The top ten in the Point score after 4 shows are:

I.	Nagpuni Ginger Spice	50
II.	Ch Nagpuni In The Midnight Hour	31
III.	Ch Paris Starry Starry Night	20
IV.	Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac	20
V.	Nagpuni Midnight at the Oasis	18
VI.	Balliol Tilly Tonks Of Raweke	18
VII.	Nevafollo Quick Quotes Quill	15
VIII.	Nagpuni Hamish Halfpint	15
IX.	Balliol Nymphodora Nox	15
X.	Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum	15
XI.	Ch Balliol Impish Incantation	15

The next Point score show will be Tuggerah Lakes  
AM show in the Hunter on February 8<sup>th</sup>

Entry on Oz Entries

<http://dogs.ozentries.com.au/schedule/0220tl.pdf>



## Griffmas Celebrations

Our Griffons celebrated Christmas in their usual spoilt fashion with members.

*Kia and Cornelius with friend Milli*



*Rita, Neville and Agnes had new Christmas bandanas*

*Duke and Archie had Christmas cuddles with Santa*

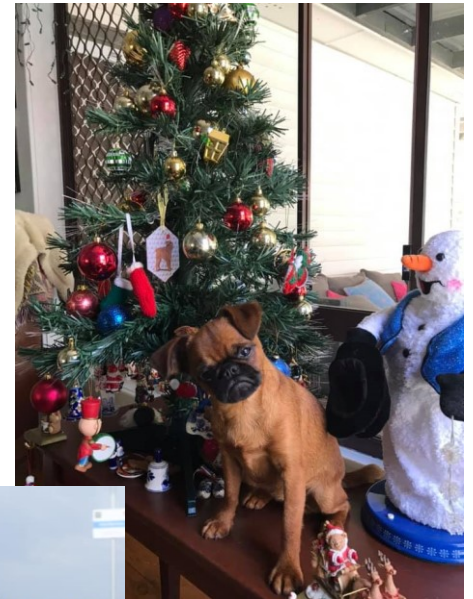
*Porthos, Billy and George were a trio of Christmas elves*



*Boy George channelled his inner Santa*



*Rocky found it exhausting being Santa Paws*



*Norberta was an elf on a shelf*







*The Happy Couple, Matt and Claire with Griffons*

## Claire and Matt's Griffonny Wedding

What happens when the Treasurer of the Griffon Club marries the Show Secretary of the Griffon Club?

The Griffons all come to the wedding of course!!

Congratulations to Claire Parker and Matt O'Sullivan who were married in October. And the club connection didn't end there.

Bridesmaid and wedding organiser was Sarah Peddie McGuirk who is also the Trophy Secretary for the club.



*The wedding party, posing with the Griffons, Wizz, Pansie, Ginny, Rita, Beedle, Squirrel and Gertie.*

Other guests and Griffon wranglers included the Club President, Michelle Parker Brien, the Secretary, Jannelle Tremenheere and the Vice President, Ashleigh Barber. Even the place cards had Griffons, hand drawn by Rachel the bridesmaid.



Beedle was so excited to see his parents getting married that he slipped his collar during the signing of the paperwork and ran to join on the process. No doubt he wanted to add his pawprint to make it legal.

*Congratulations!*

*Beedle can't control his excitement*







## Drought

The drought has affected us all in a variety of ways, some more severe than others. Some members in the country areas have been on level 5 water restrictions. The whole country is dry and brittle



*Sprout on the dry, dead grass at the dog show grounds at Orchard Hills*



*Bean in the middle of his favourite pond in Centennial Park, Sydney*



*Emily and Kerry Bell have kangaroos visiting because they are desperate for food*

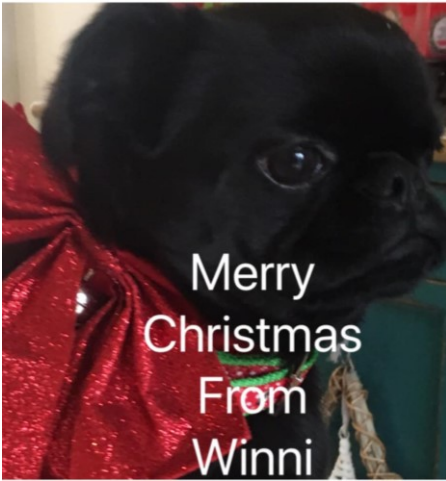


*Emily Bell won the Irish sweepstakes at the Southern Region Fundraising show, raising funds for bushfire relief. The dry dead grass can be seen in the rings*

*Dry dead countryside photographed by Jane Wistuba on the way to a dog show*







Merry  
Christmas  
From  
Winni

## More Griffmas Celebrations

*Winnie sent greetings*

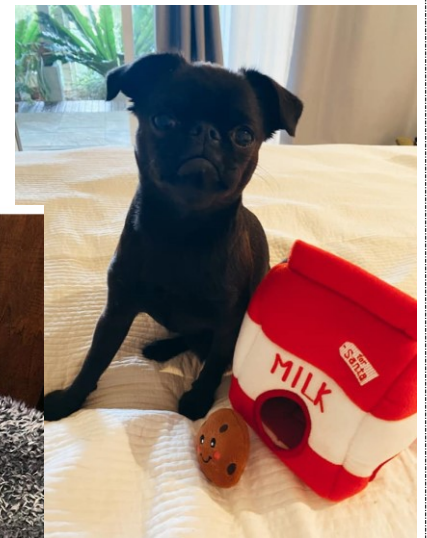
*Terri and Grant's gang. "Can we open the presents yet?"*



*Percy and Alfie both got toys from Santa*



*Lola and Benny- Christmas elves*



*Bean got an even more impressive beard*

*Baz got a bunch of Star Wars toys,*



*Phin and his sister were little reindeers, or Griffdeers*

*Beedle found it all very exhausting*







## Show Results



Kerry and Emily have been having fun :

Tzani Giggie McDimples,- won Baby in Group and Baby in Show in December and 7 Minor in Groups in January  
Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiak won both a BEST IN SHOW and a RUP BEST IN SHOW in December and a Best in Group and two Runner Up In groups in January  
Owned and Bred by Tzani, Diana Norman, Tim Mills, Kerry Bell. Handled by Kerry and Emily Bell

Ch Balliol Impish Incantation won Neuter in Group  
Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke won Junior of Group  
Balliol Norberta Niffler won two Minor in Groups and a Minor in Show, in December.  
Owned, bred and handled by Michelle Parker Brien



Kango Lady Ma Donna, won her second Neuter in Group at the Australia Day Show in Sydney. Bred by Garry Inifer and owned and handled Marousa Polias



Campionecani Vincenzo Liscia, owned, bred and handled by Caitlyn Jones, won Best in Group at the Australia Day show in Melbourne



Nevaending Golden Chanterelle won Intermediate in Group in December. Owned and bred by Jannelle and Adam Tremenheere. Handled by Claire Parker O Sullivan







You did it!  
*Congratulations*



*Nagpuni Ginger Spice won 3 Puppy in Groups at the end of 2019 and a first place in the 6-12 months sweepstakes  
Owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell*

*Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum won Best in Group and followed up with Australian Bred in Group. Bred by Michelle Parker Brien and owned and handled by Claire Parker OSullivan*



*Sup Ch Cricklewood Magic of the Night at Paris came out of semi- retirement to win Runner Up in Group in December. Bred by D Fifield and S Meads and owned by M Parker Brien and Ashleigh Barber. Handled by Ashleigh Barber*



*Ch Nagpuni In The Midnight Hour') won Intermediate in Show at the Flat Face Show in Sydney- owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell.*



*Balliol Nymphodora Nox won Minor in Group at Dalwood in Sydney.  
Bred by Michelle Parker Brien, cow owned with Tiffany Budini and handled by Tiffany Budini*

You did it!  
*Congratulations*





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Neuter Ch Bonzabull Squirrel Nutkin, won 3 Neuter in Group awards. Owned by

Matt O Sullivan and Claire Parker OSullivan and handled by Claire

You did it!  
*Congratulations*

Alynga the Terminator, won two Baby in Groups. Bred by Mark Huisman and owned by Diana Norman and Mark Huisman



Alynga the Commando won Baby in Group at the Australia day Show in Melbourne. Bred by M & K Huisman

Owned by :Diana Norman & Mark Huisman Handled by :Caitlyn Jones

You did it!  
*Congratulations*



Ch Cricklewood Red Alert at Paris won Intermediate in Group at The Canterbury Toy dog show and Intermediate in Group at the Hibiscus Coast kennel Association. Bred by Davis Fifield and Sandie Meads and handled by Gillian Stewart and Sandie Meads

Paris Tailor Made, won Junior in Show at Canterbury Toy Club and has won a number of In Group awards, owned and bred by Sandie Meads and handled by Fern Feaver







## The Griffon 'Look'

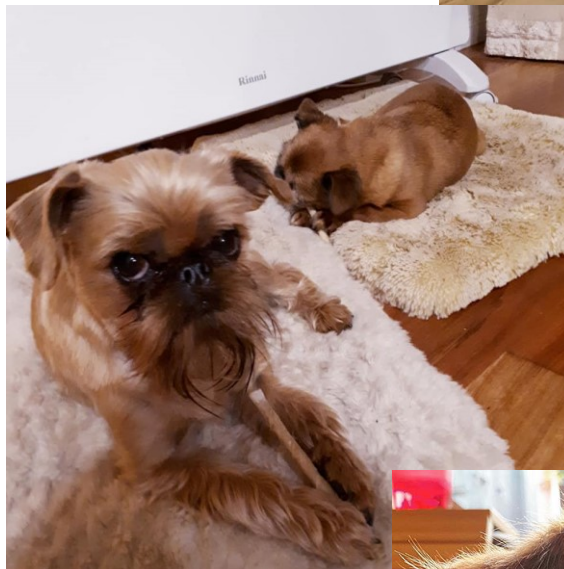
No one can give you 'the look' like a Griffons when they are disapproving, sometimes called the stink eye.

*Alfie is not sure he approves of being used as a pillow*

*Rory is not impressed with his new outfit*



*Tilly is not happy*



*Remy is not sharing her chew with anyone*



*Ygrette- Do you want something?*



*Bean with his best snout pout*





## New Champions

Congratulations to the following new champions

### Ch Alwood Mystery

*Sire- Alwood Cosmopolitan*

*Dam- Ch Alwood Eruption*

Bred by Alana Sharpe and owned by Lysanda Hooper

### Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice

*Sire – Ch Raweke Toby Lannister*

*Dam- Ch Nagpuni Shaken not Stirred*

Owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell



## Award Winners

A number of our members take part in an Australia wide point score competition run by DogzonLine. The four main sections are Rising Star for dogs under 18 months, Breed, Show and Neuter competitions. Participants acquire points at any show depending on the wins

***Congratulations to Kerry and Emily Bell, Diana Norman and Tim Mills.***

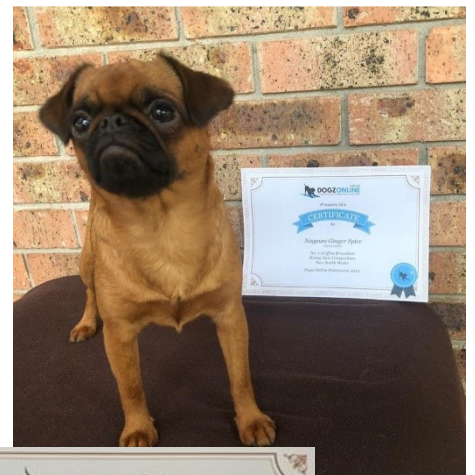
***Their dog, Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiak winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the Toy Group in NSW in the Show Dog of the year, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Breed for Show dog of the year.***

***The puppy, Tzani Giggie McDimples in only 3 of the 12 months of showing in the competition finished Number 1 Rising Star for the breed and No 17 Rising Star Toy Nationally.***

***Congratulations to Grant and Terri Odell. Nagpuni Ginger Spice was No. 1 Griffon Bruxellois in NSW in The Rising Star competition and also finished 12th in the Toy Group in NSW***



***Congratulations to Jane Wistuba. Ch/Neut Ch Paris Starry Starry Night was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Toy Groups and No 1 Griffon in the Neuter Competition in NSW***







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## Club Specials

Everything your Griffon needs



*Here is Ginger, showing you the latest specials from Pets on the Park. She can highly recommend them.*

### **Available**

*Zezinho Cool Pad – keep cool in the hot weather*

*Petzlife Gel- for fresh breath and clean teeth*

*Artero Stripping knife fine and coarse*

*Snuggle Friend Puppy Lamb*

**Order on the website** [www.petsonthepark.com.au](http://www.petsonthepark.com.au)

**There is a 5% discount to members – Just put 'Hills' as the Promo code at the checkout.**





## News from Overseas

### UK

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Pat Lee. 26/10/32 to 27/01/20



Pat was a much loved member of the Griffon community in the UK and was Treasurer of the GBBA for many years. She was known for her sense of humour and was always welcoming and helpful to everyone.

She stood down from the position a few years ago due to ill health and she was not able to get around much over the past few years but she always kept in touch with everyone around the world through Face book.

She had been ill for a while and while she rallied over Christmas she finally succumbed at the end of January.

Our sympathies to her family. RIP.

### USA

Westminster is almost upon us, one of the most prestigious shows on the US calendar.

The 144th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show will take place on 9 Feb–11 Feb · in New York. It is glitz and glamour as only the Americans can do. Because of the limited space at Madison Garden dogs are invited to compete. The following Griffons have been invited.

Congratulations 2020 Westminster Breed Invitees!

💛💜 BRUSSELS GRIFFONS 💜💛

GCHB Marsdon Unstoppable Force

GCHB Norkus' She's So Fine

GCHB Seagryph's Extra Urchin Olive Oil

GCHG New Years Somerset Single Barrel Batch

GCHS Bobcat A Nickel For A Kiss

For those interested there is live coverage on the website at

<https://www.westminsterkennelclub.org/tv-schedule>





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## Club Instagram Page

We 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](http://www.griffonnsw.com)

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

## Water Baby Griffons



*Zsa zsa – Queen of the beach*



*Mr Gruff is building sand castles*



*Ygrette looking appalled that Osha is actually submerging herself and swimming*







*Coco and  
Teddy,  
riding the  
waves*

*Chewbacca  
and Flitchee  
check out  
the surf*



*Alfie and Percy, paddling*

*Bowski  
paddleboarding  
with friends*



*Eddie- swimming and boating at the bay*



*And poor George  
only got a bucket*





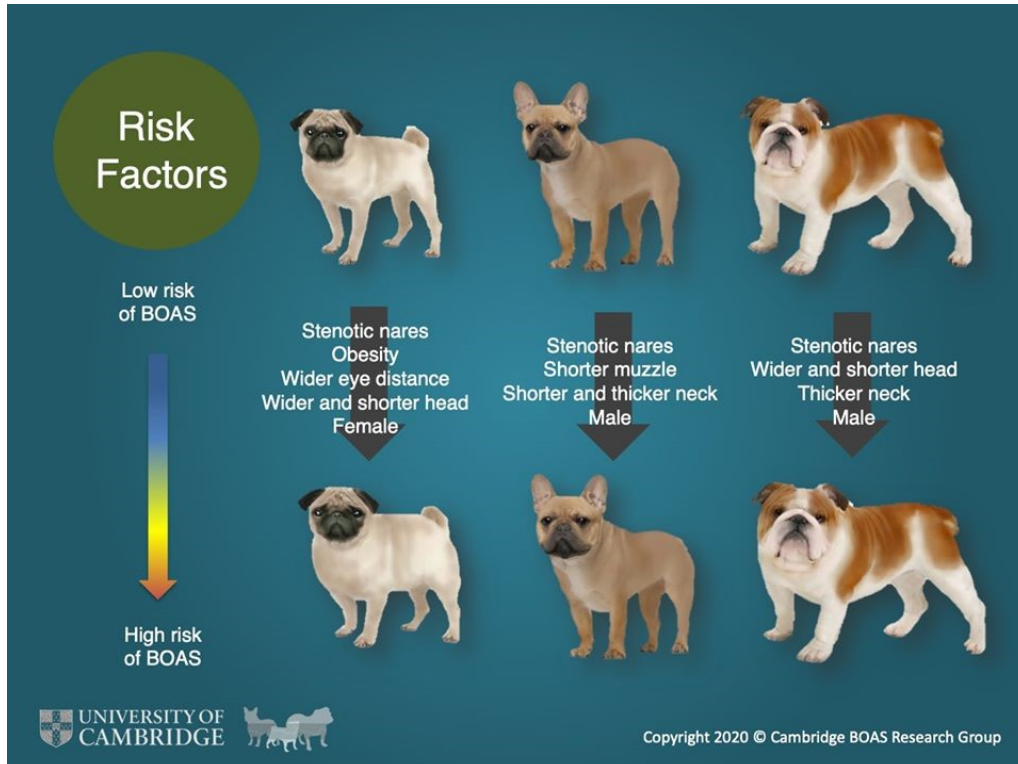


## Health

### Conformational risks of BOAS in dogs

From the Cambridge University BOAS Research page

Our research has found that certain external traits are associated with an increased risk of BOAS in



Pugs, French bulldogs, and Bulldogs. In general, dogs with open nostrils, less brachycephalic dogs (narrower and longer head), and those with thinner necks (lower ratio of neck girth to chest girth) are less likely to develop BOAS. Although these generalisations are helpful, unfortunately they do not apply to every

dog. To be sure your dog is not affected by BOAS we recommend annual BOAS assessments for these three breeds.

Full article published on PLOS ONE: <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article...>

At the present time, BOAS is not a problem with Griffons and responsible breeders will do all they can to ensure that dogs they breed have large wide open nostrils and free breathing. However this chart has valuable advice to keep the dogs healthy

### What happens in a BOAS assessment?

From the Cambridge University BOAS Research Group

A BOAS assessment uses non-invasive respiratory function tests to determine whether a brachycephalic patient is affected by airway obstruction. Clinical signs of BOAS may be intermittent, for example only present during exercise, excitement or sleep, and therefore reliable assessment of airway obstruction may not be achieved by one-off clinical examination of a patient at rest. At the QVSH we use a combination of clinical history (checklist) and a 3-minute exercise test - <video in the comment section of this post> (assuming we feel it is safe to do so) to functionally grade each dog, as follows:

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

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

We also use whole-body barometric plethysmography (WBBP) to objectively measure respiratory function in brachycephalic dogs. This test involves placing the dog inside a transparent chamber with a constant ventilating airflow. The chamber monitors the pressure changes that occur as a result of the dog breathing in and out. A number of respiratory parameters are measured for analysis, allowing a BOAS index (0-100%) to be calculated. The higher the BOAS index, the more severe the respiratory obstruction. Dogs do not receive any sedatives or general anaesthesia for this test, which usually takes about 30 minutes. An investigator is present throughout and the test is terminated if the dog does not tolerate being in the WBBP chamber. So far over 1800 brachycephalic dogs have been tested and the tolerance rate is approximately 85%.

At the moment there is only one barometric chamber in Australia and that was funded by The French Bulldogs Club of NSW.

### Griffons Keeping Cool by the Pool

*Elroy, waiting  
for the slave to  
bring the deck  
chair*

*Beedle and the  
Boxing Day  
recovery*

*But Mum- I don't want to go  
in the water*



*Pool party- last one in is a rotten egg!*







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## Don't be fooled- Only buy Correct Colours

This poster has been produced by the English Kennel Club but it is still very relevant to Griffons. As a breed increases in popularity, as Griffons are doing, unscrupulous people will resort to any length to fool buyers.


Recently in WA a young girl bought a white puppy with tan patches and was told that it was a Griffon or possibly a Griffon/Schnauzer cross. She had visited the home and met the breeder and thought that she had done the right thing as a responsible buyer. Sadly, she had been totally fooled.

  
 THE KENNEL CLUB

### Before deciding to buy a puppy with unusual colouring, there are some things you need to know first.


#### Are they really rare?

No, a breeder may say these colours are rare, but this just means that the people who developed the breed preferred other colours. The term 'rare' is simply a tactic to make these breeds seem more special than others.




#### How much should they cost?

Your puppy shouldn't cost any more than other dogs in the breed. Unusual coloured dogs can be seen as fashionable, so just make sure the breeder cares about the puppy's **health** and future, and not just your money.




#### The breeder

Puppies should always be bought from a responsible breeder who registers with the Kennel Club and does everything they can to make sure that the dogs they breed are happy and **healthy**, such as a Kennel Club Assured Breeder. You need to visit the puppy at home and meet their mum, just as you would with any other puppy.



#### Your puppy's health & happiness

Your puppy's mum and dad should be **health** screened for the same conditions as the other mums and dads in the breed. Their **health** and temperament should always be more important than their colour.



Be sure to do your research before you buy a puppy. To find out more about a breed or about unusual colours, speak to your local breed club or visit [breedinformationcentre.org.uk](http://breedinformationcentre.org.uk)

Griffons only come in red, black, black and tan or a colour we call Belge which is a muddy reddish brown. Even if it had been a schnauzer cross it would not have been white with tan patches as neither breed carries the gene for markings of this type.

This puppy is probably a perfectly sweet little puppy but when the buyer is paying top price for a dog that they believe to be a Griffon then they are entitled to get a Griffon.

In the case of this particular pup, the markings indicated that it probably had some type of terrier crossed with it and may have had no Griffon at all. So not only did she pay for a Griffon that she didn't get she also got a dog that will grow to have a totally different personality and

temperament to a Griffon.

Usually when people offer "rare" colours it means that the dog is a cross breed of some type because many breeds only carry a particular genetic colour combination for the breed.

Only buy from registered ANKC breeders and if in doubt ask the club for advice. We are here to help so that you will not be ripped off by dishonest and unethical breeders





## Griffon Buyer Register

The Griffon Buyer Register exists to help people obtain a Griffon, either a puppy or an older dog. This rules and requirement of this register and the forms to be completed can be seen on our club website at the link

<http://www.griffonnsw.com/breeders-directory.asp>

We are a very large club and most of the Griffon breeders in NSW are members of our club. We also 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 Secretary: Sharyn Wood at [sharynwood1@bigpond.com](mailto: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




















*Just the girls hanging out together at Nagpuni*





The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

## Breeder and Club Directory

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

### **Breeders Standards**

The guidelines are as follows:

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





## Explanation of Terms for Breeders Scheme

*Pre mating testing of prospective parents.*

*Note: Disease testing means:*

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

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

At the present time the most recent comprehensive health survey on the Griffon Bruxellois internationally was carried out by The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW in 2016. This survey of over 9,000 Griffons identified the most common health issues as;

Slipping Patellas, Cleft Palates and undescended testes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patella Luxation- This condition has various grades of severity. A vet can diagnose the condition in a normal physical examination. Further testing/grading available if a condition is identified. Breeding not supported

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 3.5 years or over.

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

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 breath we do not support the breeding from affected animals and members who have done so would not be accredited.

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

*Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon*

*Copies of parents test results and puppy vet check results to be made available to prospective purchasers*

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

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

The normal veterinary certificate is sufficient if the pup is healthy and free of health problems.

However, if the pup is diagnosed with a health problem the CGBC of NSW expects that breeders will fully inform the prospective purchaser prior to sale.

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



***Milo and  
Pablo  
doing their  
very best  
“Good  
Boy” faces***

