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The Phoenix



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The aims of the club are:

- To promote the Griffon Bruxellois and Petit Brabancon breed.
- To highlight the versatility of the breed as a loving and loyal pet, and a show and performance dog
- To promote good sportsmanship and good fellowship among members at all times
- To show respect and courtesy to all members in an atmosphere free of bullying and intimidation
- To support responsible and ethical breeding practices of Griffons
- To provide advice and support for Griffon owners
- To support and recommend testing of health issues relevant to Griffons based on genuine scientific research, both local and international.
- To provide a rescue service for Griffons
- To promote friendship and social activities among all Griffon owners
- To educate Griffon owners about grooming, training and responsible ownership
- To work in partnership with other responsible Griffon Bruxellois Clubs of Australia and internationally for the betterment of the breed

Editors Message

Welcome to the Autumn issue of The Phoenix. It is a little different from others with the strange state of the world from Covid 19.

Please everyone stay safe and stay home. Your Griffons need you.

We have a number of serious article in this issue, involving health matters and responsible breeders. These are issues of great concern to the club and to anyone who loves the breed.

We also have some happy news to help counteract the stress.

Please be aware that any club updates will be posted online

There are 3 sources:

- the club Face Book Group – Griffon News
- the club Facebook page – The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
- the club Instagram account – The Country Griffon Buruxellois Club of NSW



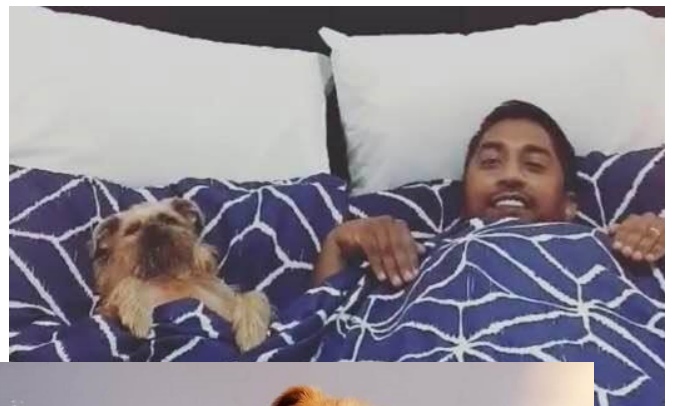
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Social Distancing Fails



**Pablo and
Dad**



**Ginger, Rory
and friends**



**Harriet and
Nancy**



Presidents Report

Unfortunately, the state of the world at the moment with Covid 19 means that everything has come to a halt while we lock down and they try to control this deadly virus that is sweeping the planet. Our Championship shows were just one of the many things cancelled. The cancellation has created a lot of work and the club is looking at losing money but we can do nothing about it but hope that next year is

better than ever.

I would like to thank the hardworking show committee for the work they put in behind the scenes to manage the cancellation. It is not quite as simple as it seems to cancel a show not long before it is scheduled.

Thank you to Claire Parker O Sullivan, Jannelle Tremenheere, Matthew O Sullivan and Ashleigh Barber for acting so promptly.

1. Airlines had to be informed and flights for our guest of honour cancelled.
2. Claire Parker O'Sullivan contacted our judges and booked them again for next year.
3. Rachael, our photographer was informed and cancelled
4. Tiffany and Jasmine who were to do the catering, have been informed and cancelled. Food orders were cancelled
5. All necessary FB groups were contacted and advised of the cancellation
6. All members were emailed and advised of the cancellation
7. Claire, our show secretary and Matt, our Treasurer, organised refunds to everyone who had entered
8. The steward was contacted and advised of the cancellation
9. The trophies had already been purchased and had arrived so will be carefully stored for next year
10. We had a number of donations for the show. The donors were contacted and asked if they wanted the money back or if they were happy to donate it to the next show
11. In addition, the club point score was suspended until further notice

At this stage we are unable to hold meetings but the Executive and committee have been meeting via a private FB committee group. The committee have reviewed and implemented several of the recommendations put forward at the last meeting. This includes:

- reviewing and tightening the Breeders Code of Ethics, to ensure that our Breeder members are at the forefront of ethical breeding practices
- Promoting well-bred Griffons and educating the public about them through a series of memes
- Providing educational information to assist people identify a quality breeder from a commercial breeder
- Promoting the club as a 'go to' source for support and information re reputable breeding practices

Following the popularity of Pooch Perfect, with "Russell the Brussel", we have been inundated with requests for Griffons and sadly a multitude of unethical breeders have emerged to meet the demand.

Because Griffons are difficult to breed many of the more disreputable breeders have been crossing Griffons with larger breeds to get bigger litters. They are now producing Pug/ Griffon, Poodle/ Griffon and Schnauzer /Griffon crosses with all the potential inherent health problems connected with irresponsible breeding.

Many of these problems do not show up in the pups or youngsters but they do appear as the dog ages and by then the owner is attached to the dog.

In addition the personality and temperament of these dogs is not the same as the Griffon



personality.

Our club and our members are not criticising the cross breed dogs themselves. Many members have owned then in the past and may still own them. This is not a type of Griffon owner snobbery.

BUT what we do object to is greedy breeders, deliberately cross breeding these dogs just to make money and scamming the buyers into thinking that they are getting a genuine breed. We expect full honesty from all breeders and the people producing cross breed dogs are neither honest or reputable. We can only strongly advise people against these breeders.

Our club has the Griffon Buyer Register to assist people to get a well- bred Griffons from an ethical breeder. All members of the club who are breeders have agreed to abide by the club's code of ethics. This code has recently been updated and can be seen at the end of this issue.

We will only recommend ANKC registered breeders who ethically breed Griffons in a thoughtful and caring way, to benefit the breed.

We will not recommend unregistered breeders or breeders from other phoney registrations or breeders who will not follow our code of ethics.

This is to protect buyers so that they know that they can trust the breeders we recommend.

Cancellations

The Covid 19 crisis has led to a host of cancellations that affect dog owners.

Sydney Royal Easter Show cancelled due to coronavirus

Organisers of Sydney's Royal Easter Show say it has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic — the first time in almost a century the show has been abandoned due to public health concerns.

It comes after the Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced the cancellation of non-essential mass gatherings of more than 500 people from Monday.

Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) president Robert Ryan said it was very disappointing to have to cancel.

"This is the first time the Sydney Royal Easter Show has been cancelled because of a public health emergency since the Spanish flu pandemic in 1919," he said.



Breaking News- The Brisbane Royal Agricultural Show (also known as the Ekka) has been cancelled

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Championship Shows Cancelled until 2021

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW point score competition suspended indefinitely

All Dog Shows and Dog Related Activities in Australia cancelled in all states by all ANKC affiliated state bodies

Dogz on Line Point Score suspended indefinitely

State Border Closures (at time of publication)

- **Queensland**
- **South Australia**
- **Western Australia**



- **Tasmania**
- **Northern Territory**

With limited flights available it is almost now impossible to send dogs or pups interstate.

If you are considering getting a Griffon please look in your local state.

However, with the Lock downs and Government advice, going out to buy or pick up a pup is unlikely to be classed as essential travel

Veterinary Surgeries

Vets are still classed as an essential service and are open. However, the majority of Vets are now doing phone consultations and not permitting people to enter the premises.

The owner phones the vet when they arrive and the receptionist tells them when they can come to the door to drop the dog. The receptionist then phones when the dog can be collected. Owners are asked to wait in the car.

Pet Groomers- are still permitted to operate

Travel and gatherings (at the time of publication)

Non essential travel is not permitted – large fines in most states ranging from \$1,000- \$4,500 for individuals. More for businesses

Gatherings of 2 people only- (apart from family groups that live together). This included visiting others.

Outside exercising permitted- but no more than two people and the 2 metre social distance must be followed. You are not permitted to sit around in public areas.

Further detailed information can be found on:

- The NSW Government FB Page which provides daily updates
<https://www.facebook.com/NSWGovernment/>
- The Australian Government Corona Virus Information page
https://www.facebook.com/coronavirus_info/?page_sou



#StayHome
It could save lives



**KEEP
CALM
AND
stay safe**



Griffon Corner

In the strange and trying times that we are now living in I think it is fair to divide things into Pre-Isolation and Post-Isolation

Pre- Isolation

CGBC of NSW Meet up

Thanks to **Tom Gregory** who organised another Griffon Meet up in Moore Park for Sydney Griffon owners on 15th March. Unfortunately, the weather gods were not kind and heavy rain kept many people away

But as Tom said "7 crazy Griffs and their equally crazy owners showed up in the rain" and still had fun. Tom is going to try to make sure that the next one – when ever that



may be!!! is sunny.



Just before lock down, Wollongong Dog show was held right on the beach. Terri O'Dell's girls, Ginger and Bunny got to have fun in the waves when they finished being beautiful show girls

Norberta won herself a ribbon at a show in Newcastle but her father and aunt decided to try to steal it. She had to stand on it to save it from them





Sharyn Wood's boys invited friends over to play before the lock down



Ashleigh and Tiffany's pups, Tom and Kendra got to go to cafes before they all closed. They just missed out on their first shows because everything was cancelled before they were old enough

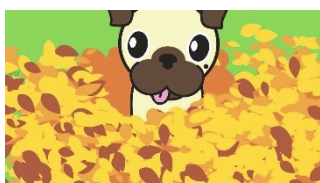


Squirrel went visiting and used her baby training skills, teaching 6 month Henry how to pat a Griffon nicely

Mr Gruff squeezed one last beach visit in



Kia went for a bushwalk but after rolling in kangaroo poo needed a bath





In the world before Corona,

Holly Quinn Parsons glammed up and took part in the Mardi Gras parade

Ros and Dave Finch prepared to move house and had to sell the sulky which the club had used in the past as they were downsizing



Boy George got to eat at his favourite café

Sheena and Ian Jackson left for a Caribbean cruise only to find it was cancelled when they got to San Diego. They had to complete a 14 day isolation when they returned



Jane Wistuba and her husband Wolf, were just getting their life back in order after the multiple evacuations from the bushfires and then Lock down!!



In the World After Corona

Post Isolation

Now we are in a different world with many people in isolation and working from home. Many of our Griffons are loving having their owners with them and some are adjusting to the slower pace very easily.



Pablo is totally relaxed

Grommet and Bazil amuse themselves isolation by playing dress up



Poppy and Remy are not too good at the social distancing

Luna takes her social distancing very seriously and allows no others on the lounge



Billy Kintaka was not impressed with Mum practicing the guitar – again!!



Teddy cuddled up with mum





Some Griffons take the idea of isolation very seriously



Wizz hid in the towel cupboard



Elroy refused to get out of bed



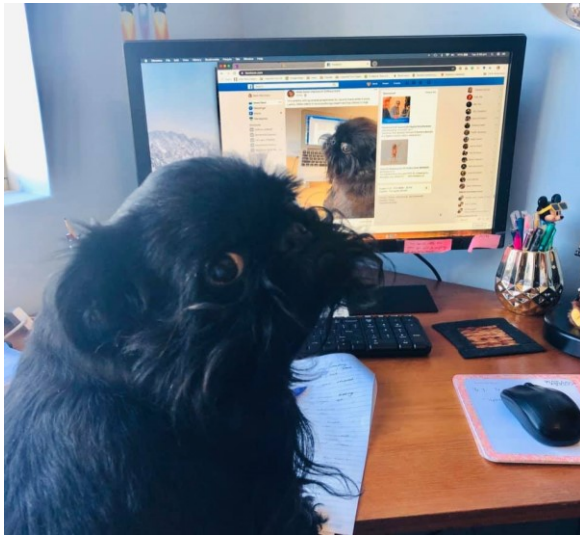
Kia and Babette buried themselves in blankets and are not coming out until it is all over



Tilly and Pomona observed the 2 metre social distance

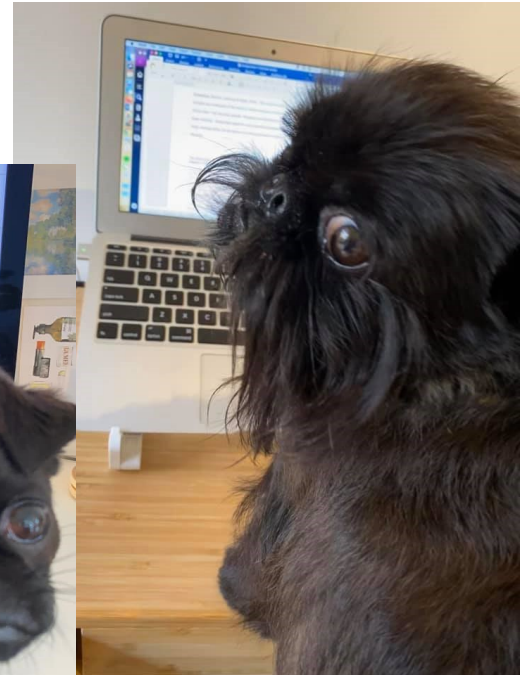
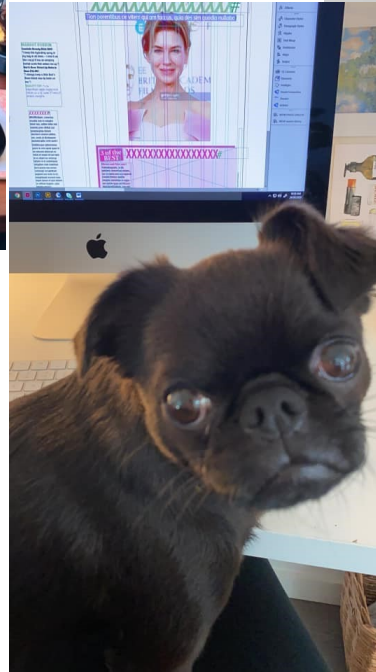


Rita took up skateboarding to get away from everyone



Some Griffons just want to become co workers

Oscar, Osha and Alfie all decided that it was impossible to work from home without their assistance.



Monty and Gigi helped with home schooling



And some Griffons designated themselves as personal trainers

Matilda and Rita supervised at home weight training....

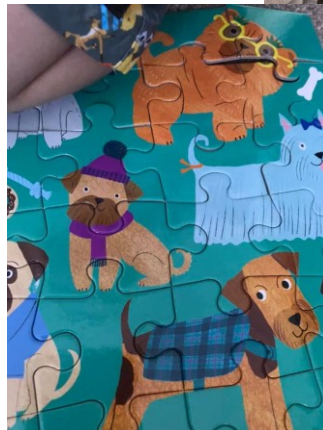


While Remy was the weight!



Entertainment in Isolation

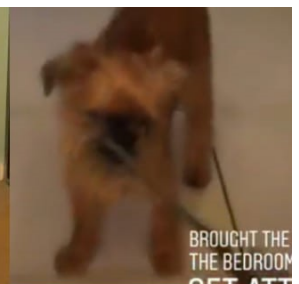
Percy and Alfie were the Friday after work drinks company



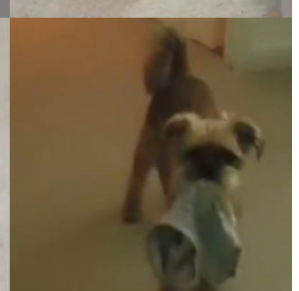
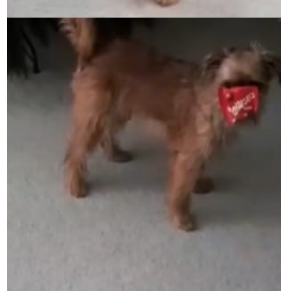
Or the perfect indoor fun- a jigsaw puzzle with a Griffon in it



Rocky knows his mother is getting bored with isolation when she starts to stick flowers behind his ears.



Or to keep the family active – how about a Griffon game of Hide the object





Health



Corona Virus in Dogs and Cats

The topic on everyone's lips- Corona!
A strain of corona virus has always existed in dogs and cats.

The symptoms are different to Covid 19 and the dog or cat virus **CANNOT** be transmitted to humans.

There have been **no** cases of people ever catching Covid 19 from a pet.

Hookworm

There has been a health alert from Dogs NSW regarding hookworm. The warm moist ground following the recent rain provides perfect breeding conditions. Dogs can be infected by walking on grounds that have hook worm. The hookworm burrows through the feet and body. Once in the body it lays its eggs. The eggs hatch and feed on the dog before finally being pushed through the intestines as infected faeces. Once on the ground the cycle begins again.

Check your worm tablets to make sure that they cover hookworm. Many of the supermarket products don't.

Canine Health Alert

There has been a sudden and alarming increase in hookworm infestations. Severe hookworm infestation causes anaemia and sudden death, young puppies being especially susceptible, but it can affect adults as well. With the prolonged drought, followed by rain and warm humid conditions, worm eggs that have been lying dormant suddenly hatch and within 2-3 weeks you can have dogs dying.

Symptoms of lethargy, pale to white gums are common and require immediate treatment, often with blood transfusions in severe cases. Puppies need to be wormed from 2 weeks of age, then weekly if concerned or two (2) weekly at most up until 8-10 weeks of age, then monthly. Adults that are on monthly treatments for heart worm and worming should be fine. Make sure what ever product being used will cover hookworm.

Karen

Dr Karen Hedberg BVSc | Chairman, DOGS NSW



From Cambridge BOAS Research Group



Did you know that dogs will not open their mouth to breathe when asleep if they have nasal obstruction?

Dogs can breathe through either the oral cavity or nasal cavity when they are awake. However, they are obligate nasal breathers when asleep. Therefore, if their nose is blocked, dogs will wake up, open their mouth to breathe and subsequently go back to sleep.

Obstruction within any part of the nasal airway (i.e. from the external nostrils to the end of the nasopharynx) can lead to interrupted sleep or sleep apnoea in dogs. Affected dogs will often wake up multiple times during their sleep, and they may sleep in certain positions that will open up the nasal airway to relieve the obstruction. Some dogs may hold a toy in their mouth when asleep so that they can breathe through their mouth. Nasal airway obstruction can result from many conditions, not just BOAS, however brachycephalic patients are often more severely affected.

Long-term, interrupted sleep due to nasal obstruction causes fatigue and a reduced quality of life. Severe airflow obstruction can also be life-threatening. If your dog shows any of the above signs frequently, investigation into the cause of obstruction is recommended.



Breeding and Puppy Sales

Essential Information for people buying or selling a Puppy



Dogs NSW have recommended that breeders rethink their breeding plans in the current situation and I know that responsible breeders have done so, possibly deciding not to breed this time or only breeding if the bitch is of an age when she needs to be bred before it is too late.

This means that pups from reputable breeders may not be as easy to get. In addition, with the border closures and the cancellations of flights except for essential flights, it is very difficult for pups to be transferred interstate. The possibility of delays in flights and stress to pups is something caring breeders will avoid.

In some areas, travelling to pick up a pet is not considered essential travel and large fines of several thousand dollars can be imposed so

both sellers and buyers need to carefully check the legislation in their area.

At the moment there are some litters that were conceived before the corona crisis and Dogs NSW have issued a document with the latest Information and advice for both breeders and puppy buyers Dogs NSW have formed a specific committee to help and advise breeders in the current circumstances

08/04/2020

ANKC Health & Well Being Committee COVID 19 advice to breeders

Realising that bitches were mated or whelped prior to the introduction of travel and social distancing restrictions, the CHWC hopes that the following advice will help in the process of transferring puppies to their new owners.

In addition the ANKC has received many inquiries in regard to continuation of breeding during this time of Government limitations, this of course is a personal choice but the ANKC recommends that before you mate a bitch, you give serious consideration to difficulties that may be encountered in relocating puppies to their new homes, transporting puppies both inter and intrastate can be a problem as are limited flights between states.

COVID 19 – the basics

COVID 19 is one of a large group of Corona viruses that affect many species. These viruses, like most, are generally species specific and rarely transfer to or affect any other species. Both dogs and cats have corona viruses, but these are genetically very far removed from COVID 19. There has been no recorded transfer of dog and cat Corona viruses to humans and vice versa.

Socialising during the COVID 19 pandemic

Because of the limited movement and social distancing of people during the COVID 19 lockdown, breeders will have to be more inventive with their puppy socialisation, particularly if there are no children around.

Lots of play activity, try having different outfits, hats, noises, toys; most of which are usually done anyway. Take a few puppies out at a time in a trolley or pram to walk around the park or the block to see different places, people running past etc.





Do more one on one handling, particularly in those breeds that really need the individualisation (GSD, Rottweiler, etc). Stress to new owners that they will need to keep up this socialisation after they leave your care.

Placing a Puppy during COVID 19 – Safety Advice

Do most of your normal checks, talking to prospective owners by phone, email, Facebook etc, ahead of time. Send photos, videos of the puppies, how they are being kept and raised, shots of the parents etc.

Check the credentials of the new owners, safe yards and fencing, members of the family, young children etc. Give copies of the relevant health certificates to people you expect to take a puppy. Have your puppy pack ready with dietary advice, spare puppy food, vaccination certificates etc, all ready to go before people arrive to see the puppy (or puppies).



Explain to prospective owners ahead of time what to expect. Ask whether anyone has had contact with anyone with COVID 19 or whether they have a cold or flu. Ask that older and/or compromised people and young children do not come to view the puppies. Only allow 1-2 people to come at any one time. Have everyone use a hand sanitizer or soap and water before handling the puppies.

Put the puppies to be viewed in a playpen, preferably outside, where the puppies can be placed into before the people arrive. Limit the number of puppies brought out. Prospective owners can then handle the puppies without direct contact with you. Any puppies not going can be wiped over with disinfectant (or washed) after the other puppy has gone.

Have all the paperwork ready, if anything needs signing, use a pen that they can then keep or you wipe it down with disinfectant/hand sanitizer. Keep the time spent with prospective owners to a minimum. Wash your hands and all open surfaces around the puppy area after the people leave.

With the restrictions on travel and only for essential business, it becomes quite difficult to sell puppies and comply with the necessary requirements. All the advice that we can give is how to limit your exposure to the virus when people come to view puppies.

[Note: It has been brought to our attention that in some jurisdictions people visiting your home, to pick up a puppy may be considered to be non-essential and therefore a finable offence, please check you State or Territory COVID 19 Regulations before arranging for puppies to be viewed or picked up.]

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ANKC Ltd Health and Wellbeing Committee





Easter Celebrations

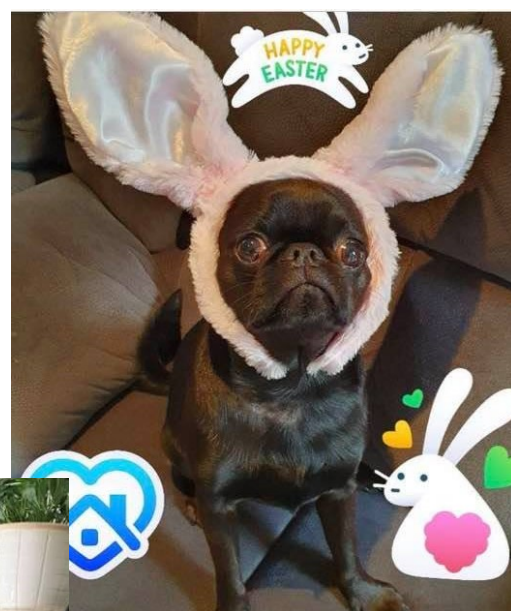
Usually in the Autumn issue of the newsletter we publish the club championship show results. As this was impossible this year, we held an online show for everyone in the Club FB group, Griffons NSW.

We had a great response and when I get time, I will put them all together in a catalogue, just for fun. In the meantime, lets enjoy Easter with some Easter Griffons.

Grommit and Bazil - a pair of disgruntled bunnies



Babette – doing bunny cute



Milo is very proud of his ears

Boy George is guarding the eggs



Twiggy is dreaming of turning into the Easter bunny

Matilda did well from the Easter Bunny



So is Pablo







New Club Page on Face Book

As most people know, our club has a group called Griffons NSW where we share our love of Griffons and their many and varied antics and activities.

To help disseminate information more effectively we have now also created a club page called The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

This page will make it easier for the club to provide information regarding club rules and activities. We will be able to post about club events such as meet ups and shows and they will be easier for

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members to find. Our club group is such a big and active group that sometimes important announcements get lost.

This page will be linked to the club Instagram page as well so that we can continue to promote and educate the public regarding ethical breeding practices from reputable breeders.

To maintain interest the admin will also post a Griffon of the day photo as well.



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

Non-profit organisation



Victoria, Jannelle, Sandie and 195 others like this

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Photos will only be from club members and they will only show Griffons in a positive light.

They will not promote poorly bred Griffons or Griffons that appear to have serious health issues as Instagram abounds with that already.

The page and Instagram will show people what happy, healthy, well bred Griffons owned by loving owners look like.

Please go to the page and like it.



Puppy Happiness

In these times of isolation and uncertainty, here are some puppy photos to cheer you up.

Three litters were born in the Sydney area after Lock down started so their owners had sleepless nights and no chance to get bored. They are all around 4-5 weeks of age now and the coats can be seen. (All Baby Griffons are born smooth and get longer coats between 3 – 5 weeks if rough).

Most of these pups are smooth coats.

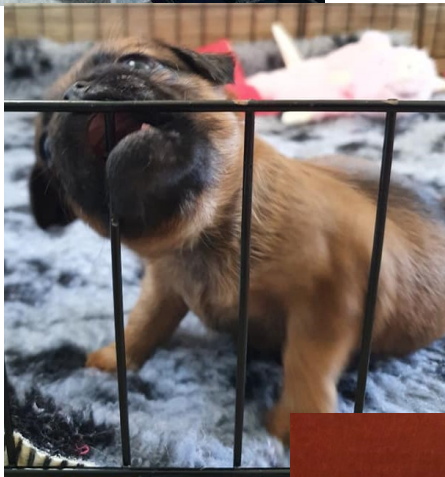


Pepper and Harry's first litter. Proud parents of 3 beautiful girls and 2 handsome boys

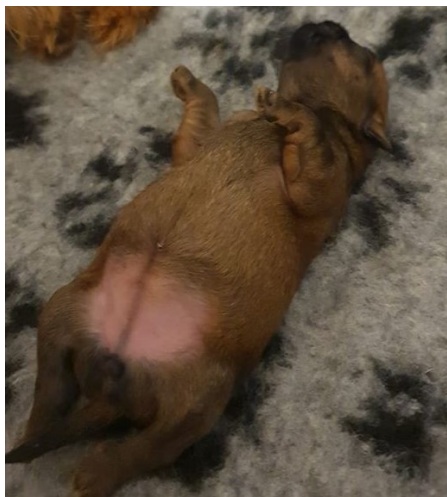


Moose and Boots had a litter of 2 girls and a boy. Here is Dad meeting his children for the first time

Escape Attempt!!



Beedle and Darcie are proud parents of two girls and two boys



Fat baby belly





Darci's not so Good Friday



On Good Friday evening Terri Odell's son, Marc decided he wanted to play Monopoly and brought the game out. While setting it up he dropped a little plastic house on the floor and

Darci, having a break from her babies, picked it up.

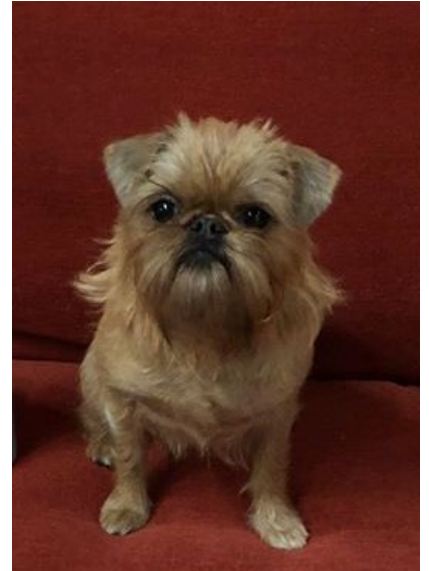
Marc tried to get it off her so, being a typical Griffon, she swallowed it. Grant and Terri were unsure what to do so they contacted Colyton Vet as they have an emergency vet on call. She advised them to bring Darci

in so they met her at the vet surgery at 10pm.

The vet gave Darci something to induce vomiting by rubbing a tablet on her lips and after a short time, up she came and there was the little yellow house.

The vet said that it may have gone through her but if it hadn't she would have required surgery so Terri and Grant chose the safest way. As Terri said "An example of what not to do on a Good Friday."

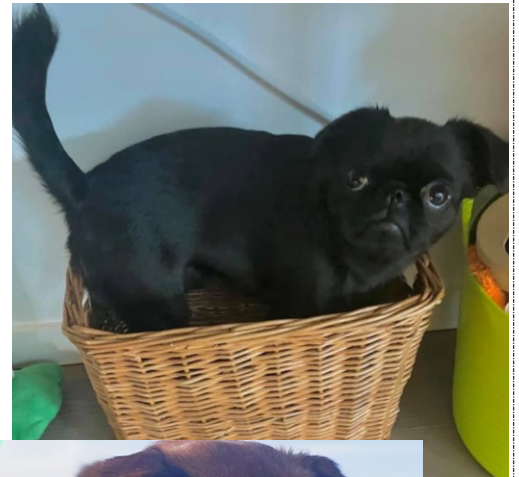
Darci is fine now and back to being a devoted mother to her pups but it is something we can all keep in mind while we are locked up with our Griffons



Social Distancing Success or Failure

Fern Fever- Fail!!

Alfie – Success!!



Beedle – Success!!

Parker – Success!!





How Do I Tell if a Breeder is Responsible?

- ✓ **ANKC member**
- ✓ **In good standing with one or more of the state breed clubs**
- ✓ **Raises only a few litters a year in a home enviroment, which you are invited to visit when the puppies are an appropriate age.**
- ✓ **Shows their dogs to stay abreast of the current stage of the breed**



For more information on how to check and verify this information please contact:
www.griffonnsw.com

Club Memes and Posters to educate the Public

The various Griffon clubs in both Australia and New Zealand have been aware of the rising popularity of Griffons over the past few years. While it is great that so many people have fallen in love with our fabulous little dogs this popularity is a two-edged sword.

With popularity comes greed and an influx of dishonest and unethical people who are starting to breed Griffons.

We saw this happen with French Bulldogs when the breed became so popular that even the criminal element became involved and used the sale of these dogs for money laundering.

The dogs these people produced

were so unhealthy and had so many breathing problems that anti-brachycephalic groups formed and vets and the RSPCA have advocated the complete banning of any dog with a flat face.

In fact, in The Netherlands, this is exactly what happened and it is now illegal to breed dogs unless they have a muzzle length that meets specific measurements. The Griffon clubs are very concerned that such unethical and dishonest breeding with Griffons will lead to a similar dreadful situation.

DOG PAPERS WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



A pedigree is essentially a birth certificate for your dog showing the three generation family tree and also proves that your dog is in fact purebred.



The Australian National Kennel Council Ltd (ANKC) is the ONLY internationally recognised registry in Australia able to issue certified pedigrees for purebred dogs.

All ANKC breeders must abide by the Code of Ethics outlined on the ANKC website.

The ANKC issues two types of registration papers, main and limited (pictured above), and each puppy brought from an ANKC breeder will come with its own pedigree. ANKC Certified Pedigrees are also the **only recognised pedigrees** with the state government and local councils.

All other councils such as the MDBA, ABR, Australian Canine Registry, ICBS etc are NOT affiliated with the ANKC and **CANNOT** issue Certified Pedigrees.

If you wish to confirm that a breeder is registered, contact your ANKC state body from the organisations listed below.





The demand for Griffons has now increased after the popularity of Russell the Brussel on Pooch Perfect, and the shonky dishonest breeders are now appearing. The reason why Griffons are so appealing and unique is because they have been carefully bred for several hundred years by people who love them as a breed, not by people who only care about making money. When these dogs are recklessly bred just for profit or when they are crossed with other breeds the offspring are not going to look like proper Griffons or have the same unique Griffon personality or attitudes. Our club is aware of a number of people who are breeding dishonestly, crossbreeding and breeding on other phoney registrations.

The MDBA is not a genuine registration. It is made up of people who are not able to follow the code of ethics of the ANKC. It is one of the many phoney registrations deliberately designed to fool people into thinking that they are buying a genuine purebred registered dog.

Some of the other registrations listed are made up by the big pet shop chains to help support their huge puppy farms. By giving their dogs fake breed names and fake registration they are scamming the public in to thinking that the dogs are a genuine registered pure breed.

One of the aims of the CGBC of NSW is to help educate people about the breed.

I would like to thank Sharyn Wood, Jannelle Tremenheere, Ashleigh Barber and the members of the committee for their work in designing the memes and information which we now provide to people who inquire about a Griffon.

Of course, the club can only advise, if people are impatient or don't care about healthy breeding then they will do what they want to do anyway. But at least we have done what we can to help educate them so that they are aware of what is happening.

The club is always there to help, advise and support all Griffon owners, even if they have disregarded our advice and bought a pup with health issues.

Our club is always available to provide advice and information to anyone planning on getting a Griffon. In fact, we strongly advise people to contact us before they pay any money so that they avoid being scammed.

The dishonest, unethical breeders whether back yard breeders or large- scale commercial breeders, only exist because the public support them. Their only reason for breeding is to make money so the only way we can stop them is to reduce the money they make. If it is not profit making for them they will stop trying to ruin the Griffon breed and do something else that is more profitable.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO FOLLOW WHEN YOU ARE BUYING A PUPPY:

- A Breeder who is a member of a club will be registered with a regulatory authority in the state that they reside in. They are bound by their Code of Ethics in addition to one of the three club's Code of Ethics to ensure that they follow ethical breeding practices. Club Code of Ethics are usually of a higher standard than canine bodies and more heavily policed.
- Please do your research not all registered breeders who advertise on Dogzonline and other websites follow ethical breeding practices.
- Be prepared, a registered breeder who follows ethical breeding practices will interview each potential puppy buyer enquiry they receive by asking lots of questions about you and your lifestyle.
- Why buy a pup with papers? Breeders often hear "we only want a pet we don't need papers". Papers are important because they show the lineage of your pup. Breeding relies on the science of genetics, so the breeder with a knowledge of canine genetics, health will produce specific qualities and characteristics.
- An ethical breeder will offer health guarantees and lifetime support
- Some warning signs that you should be aware of when buying your pup:
 - A puppy should cost the same regardless of colour, sex or coat type.
 - All puppies MUST be registered with the ANKC Ltd and paperwork provided on purchase of puppy.
 - A puppy purchased from a MDBA breeder is NOT an ANKC Ltd registered puppy and does NOT come with Pedigree papers.
 - Be aware of how the pups are housed by visiting the breeder to see the pups. (Puppies should be with their mother and housed inside not outside in Kennels)

The information above has been provided to help you recognise potential puppy farmers and backyard breeders and to help you make an informed decision when buying from a breeder. The attached link will explain more about puppy farmers and backyard breeders:

<https://www.ava.com.au/policy-advocacy/policies/companion-animals-commercial-activities/puppy-farming/>

For more information, contact us at:
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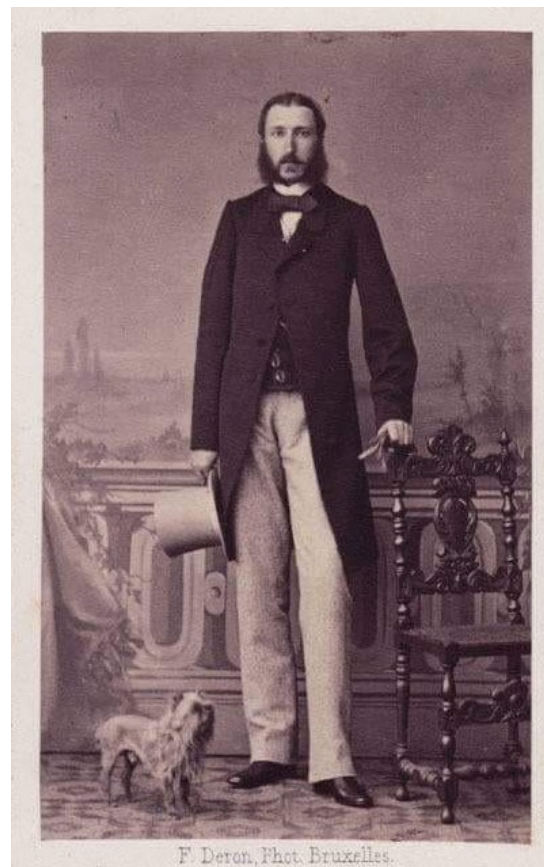


Historic Griffon Photos

When we look at these photos, some over 150 years old, we can see that Griffons have changed very little in all that time. The grooming may be different but the dogs are very recognisable.

Breeders have been able to produce very consistent dogs for over 150 years because of knowledgeable and thoughtful breeding. This is a legacy we cannot afford to lose

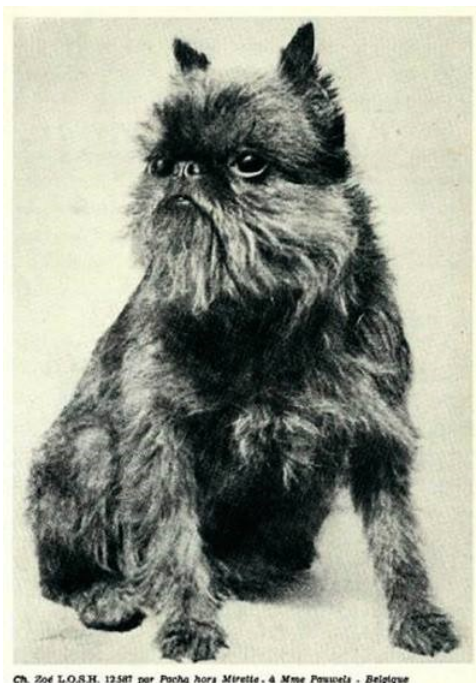
King Leopoldo of the Belgians 1860 with a Griffon Bruxellois. This is a very early photo of the breed before it was officially recognised.



***Unknown
Griffon
from 1915***



***Castlehaven Lady
Disdain Born 1929***



Ch. Zoe L.O.S.H. 12587 per Pacha hors Mirette - 4 Mme Pauwels - Belgique

1924 Champion Zoe Griffon Belge

1933 Two of Mrs Mitchell's rough haired Griffons. Thomas Fall, Photo





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Happy Birthday to You!!!

Happy birthday **Rita**

The dog that lived, a bird tried to steal her from us when she was a very tiny puppy and it's turned her into the strangest little puppy dog who's scared of lots of weird things one minute and then ridiculously brave the next but we wouldn't have it any other way! She enjoyed a Frankfurt tower to celebrate in her new winter attire

Also big happy birthday to her brother Felix

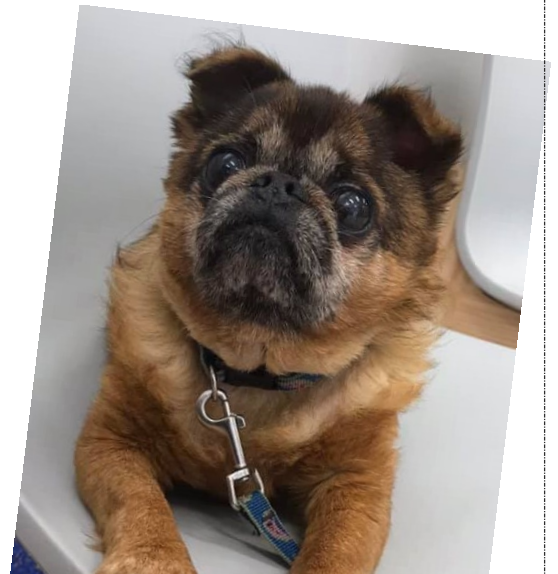


Happy birthday to **Dolly Dimple**, 11 years of age



Happy Birthday to **Midnight**, who turned 7 years old

Happy Birthday to **Ludwig** who is 10 years of age

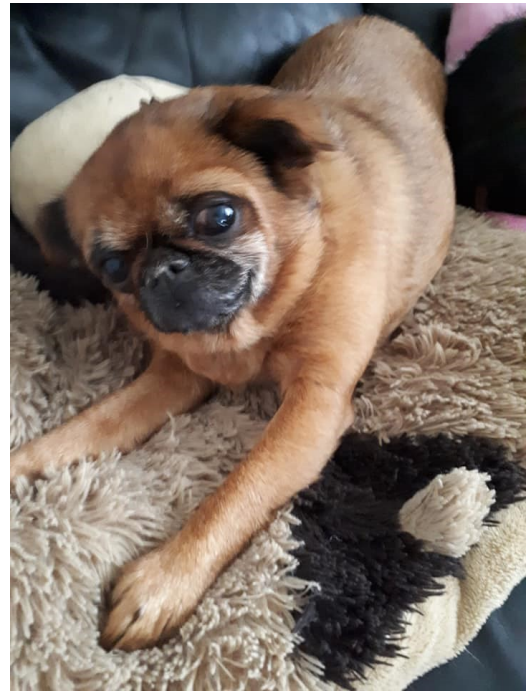


Happy birthday to Romilda who was very relaxed about turning 4





Happy Birthday to **Pansie** who is also 10 years old



Happy 4th birthday to **Wizz** who is enjoying Isolation in charge of the TV controls

And happy 4th birthday to his litter brother, **Muggle**



Happy 12th birthday to **Dance**, who finds birthdays exhausting





The 2019-2020 Point Score Competition

The Point Score competition is suspended until further Notice

We had one point score show in 2020 before the Corona virus stopped everything.

5th Point Score Show- Tuggerah Lakes Show- February

This show saw **Ch Raweke Toby Lannister**, bred by Shane Thomas and co owned and handled by Jannelle Tremenheere win Best of Breed, Dog CC and Runner Up in Group



CC was **Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum** owned and handled by

Reserve Dog
Claire Parker
OSullivan



Reserve Bitch CC **Balliol Norberta Niffler**, owned by Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Claire Parker OSullivan



Runner Up Best of Breed, Bitch CC and Junior in Group was **Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke**, owned, bred and handled by Michelle Parker Brien





Best of Breed Neuter, Neuter Bitch CC and Runner Up Neuter in Group, **Gr Ch Balliol Gertie Giggles**, handled by Claire Parker O Sullivan

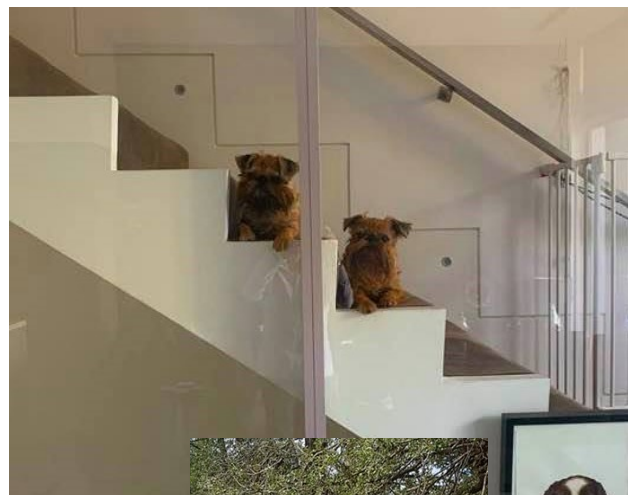
You did it!
Congratulations

At the present time with half of the competition completed the top ten dogs are:

1. Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice	52
2. Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke	48
3. Ch Nagpuni In The Midnight Hour	34
4. Ch Raweke Toby Lannister	30
5. Ch Paris Starry Starry Night	20
5 Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac	20
5 Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum	20
6. Nagpuni Midnight at the Oasis	18
7. Ch Balliol Impish Incantation	17
8. Nevafollo Quick Quotes Quill	15
9. Nagpuni Hamish Halfpint	15
10. Balliol Nymphodora Nox	15

We do not know what the future holds or if there will be any shows between now and the end of June when the point score will finish. At this stage it appears to be highly unlikely. If that is the case then the results will stay as they are.

Lola and Bennie showing how social distancing is done



Its strange old world when everyone gets excited about toilet paper





Show Results

There were a few shows before the Lockdown took place. Congratulations to all exhibitors. I am sure that we are all looking forward to getting to some more shows- whenever that may be



Ch Raweke Toby Lannister, owned by Shane Thomas and Jannelle Tremenheere and handled by Jannelle, Runner up in Group at the Tuggerah Lakes show



Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac won Best in Show at Sapphire Coast and followed up with 3 Runner Up in Group awards. Owned by Tzani and handled by Emily and Kerry Bell



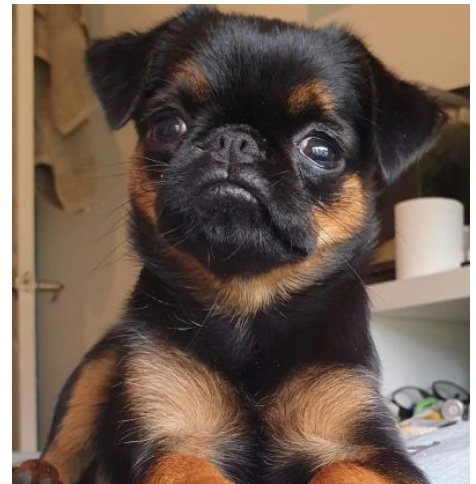
Los Chatos Rasta Man, owned and handled by Ven Grasso, won Best in Show at the Qld Toy Show in March

Terminator won three Minor in Group, two Minor in Show and a Reserve in Group in Nth Qld. Owned and handled by Diana Norman





Tzani Giggles Mc Dimple won a Minor in Show and 6 Minor in Group awards at shows in in southern NSW. Owned by Tzani and handled by Emily Bell



Tzani Harriet the Spy, won a Baby in Group in North Queensland. Owned by Tzani and handled by Diana Norman



Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna won Neuter in Group at the Cancer Council show in Sydney. Owned and handled by Marousa Polias

Balliol Norberta Niffler won 4 Class in Group awards at Newcastle shows. Owned by Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Claire Parker OSullivan



Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke won 3 Junior in Group awards in Newcastle shows. Owned and handled by Michelle Parker Brien





New Champions

Congratulations to the following new champions.



Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna

(S: Watagriffon Untouchable X D: Kango Kewpie Doll)

Congratulations to Marousa Polias on gaining Zsa Zsa's title. She is Marousa's first Griffon and the first dog she has ever shown. She not only gained her title but won a number Neuter in Group and Runner Up Neuter in group awards
A great achievement for them both.



Ch Tzani Giggle Mc Dimples

(S: Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac X D: Ch Tzani Bellatrix Lestranger)

Congratulations to the Tzani team on Breeze's title. Handled and prepared by Kerry and Emily Bell she gained her title with numerous class in group wins on the way.



Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke

(S: Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum x D: Ch Nouveau Dorothea)

Tilly gained her title in just a few months of limited showing, gaining a number of in group awards on the way. She is owned by Michelle Parker Brien





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News from Overseas

USA

At the Toy Progressive club show in New York
HARPERSBAND ORINOCO FLOW aka Dana won 1st in the
Open bitch class and also Best of Winners
Mr Michael J(Mickey) Feigelson
Owned and bred by Olga Baranova (Russia)



The American Brussels Griffon Association has just held its 75th Anniversary Show in Louisville, Kentucky on March 10th 2020

The Best in Show was the well performed red rough dog, Gr Ch New Year Somerset Single Barrel Batch, handled by professional handler, Paul Catterson



Multi Ch Harpersband Vanilla Sky,
owned and bred by Olga Baranova
also won Best in Veteran
Sweepstakes

Full results can be seen on the link
below

<https://m.infodog.com/results/results.htm...>





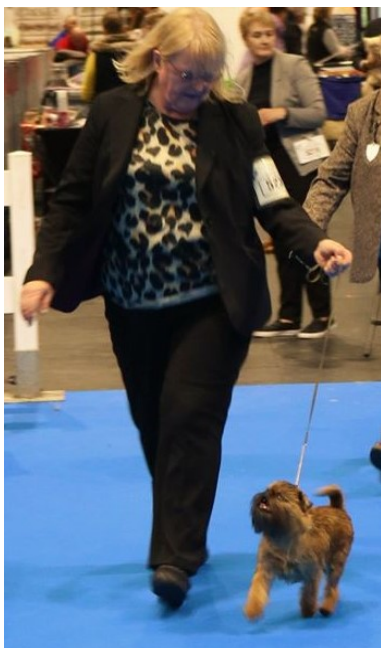
UK

In the UK Crufts managed to squeeze in before all shows were cancelled. It was multinational results with a victory for the European dogs under judge Denise Barney (Cilleine Griffons)

Best of Breed and Bitch CC was won by Multi Ch Harpersband Enigma, owned and bred by Olga Baranova (Russia) who has been having a fabulous year so far with wins in a number of countries.



Dog CC was UK Ch Harpersband Case in Point at Balthazar, also bred by Olga Baranova and owned by Michelle Swinge



Reserve Dog CC was the smooth, Multi Ch Lillegriffs Brown Sugar from Sweden, owned by Lena Sverdel



Reserve Bitch was an English bred Griffon from the well known Marquant kennels, owned by an American, M Tipple. Am/ UK Ch Marquant Worth the Wait was handled by her breeder, Alison Price



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

Social Distancing Fails!!



Bailey wants Xavier's bone

Wizz, Norbert and Clarice in a wrestling match



Neville, Trevor and Tom

Billy, Porthos and George





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The Griffon Buyer Register

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

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

We are a very large club and most of the Griffon breeders in NSW are members of our club. We also 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

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



Breeder and Club Directory

 <p>Rosndae Griffons (NSW) Quality Red Rough & Smooth Roslyn & David Finch Ph 02 4655 1669 rosndae@bigpond.com</p>		 <p>Raweke Griffons (QLD) Red rough & smooths for over 45 years Jocelyn Croad and Shane Thomas Ph: 07 54656118 Or 0438861189E: raweke@bigpond.com.</p>
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<p>Other Griffon Club Directory</p> <p>The Griffon Club of Queensland President: Ven Grasso Secretary: Naomi Lawrence naomielawrence2014@gmail.com Treasurer: Liz Hollingshead</p>	<p>The Griffon Bruxellois Club of Victoria President: Beth Canavan Secretary: Robin Simpson Treasurer: Marina Looker http://www.griffonclubvic.com/</p>	<p>The Griffon Bruxellois Club of New Zealand President- Sandie Mead Secretary/Treasurer- Janet Ritchie</p>



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc Breeders Code of Ethics and Conduct

The guidelines are as follows:

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

Explanation of Terms for Breeders Scheme

Pre mating testing of prospective parents.

Note: Disease testing means:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Permanent grading cannot be done until the dog is over 12 months.

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

Inguinal/Scrotal Hernia- this can be diagnosed by a normal veterinary examination. It can be a 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 cannot be issued until the dog is 3.5 years or over.

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

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

Other Conditions:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Presale veterinary checks on puppies with written report by veterinary surgeon

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

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

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

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

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

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

Buyers Rights and Responsibilities

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

If there is a problem - a consumer’s right to a remedy

- If you have purchased a pet and something goes wrong, you may have rights against the seller if they failed to meet one or more of the consumer guarantees. Many breeders will sell with a written contract that detail this. Please read carefully and contact The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW if you are unsure
- Generally, you are not entitled to a remedy if you change your mind about a purchase or if the problem is due to something beyond the seller’s control. However, if the seller provided



an 'express' warranty or an additional promise about the quality, condition, performance or characteristics of the item purchased, they must uphold that guarantee.

- Your entitled remedy will depend on the issue and whether the problem can be classified as major or minor. Effectively, a major problem is when you wouldn't have bought the pet if you had known the nature and extent of the problem prior to purchase; for example, an animal has a terminal or serious health issue.

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

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

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

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

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