



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

The Phoenix



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Cover — A lovely painting by Maud Earl, painted in 1915.

It is called The Allies and is referring to the countries that were fighting Germany in WW1

The Borzoi represents Russia (2 years before the Communist revolution), the British Bulldog is England, the French Bulldog is France, the Japanese Chin, Japan and of course the Griffon Bruxellois in the middle represents Belgium where the worst of the battlefields were.

This is not only a lovely painting with a Griffon but a fascinating piece of history as well.

The Griffon hasn't changed in over 100 years and looks like same today

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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

Membership Renewals



Just a friendly reminder that 2020-2021 Renewals of Country

Bruxellois Griffon Club of NSW are now overdue

All renewal forms were sent in June and \$10 annual membership

or \$50 for 5 years payment is required

If you are on puppy registry you need to renew for your buyers

form to be active for 2020-21

Thanks to all our members who have paid promptly! The

Treasurer and I have processed over 100 memberships and that

is really terrific

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Social Distancing Fails





Presidents Message

Once again, we have a newsletter issue that has had us all in virtual isolation and after almost 6 months the world is still in the grip of a pandemic. This has closed all shows and all face to face activities. Events planned by the club have been cancelled or indefinitely postponed as we all stay safe.

The club has still been active on line with a number of events

which have allowed us to share and celebrate our Griffons.

Our club Facebook page is the main form of communication and I urge all members to follow it so that they are aware of events and activities.

This year we have had an online Dog show in lieu of our real life championship show and the catalogue has now been published on our club website. The information and link can be found in this issue. The club has also been proactive regarding the Dutch brachycephalic breeding bans and wrote a response to the situation as requested by the ANKC and Dogs NSW. The article and background along with the club response can be seen.

We also had a week of collecting examples of Griffon nostrils and created a booklet of 300 photos showing Griffons from all around the world. This has now been loaded on to our club website.

And a further group activity was the collection and celebration of our Golden Oldies- a gathering of photos of Griffons 10 years and older from around the world. This folder has also been loaded onto our club website. Information regarding the links can be seen in this issue.

The club and most breeders have been overwhelmed with inquiries for pups but as the ANKC advised against unnecessary breeding there have not been many litters born. As the restrictions are slowly easing breeders are now planning some litters but many vets have declared breeding a non-essential service and responsible ethical breeders will not risk their girl's health.

Sadly, because ethical breeders have put breeding plans on pause, the shonky greedy breeders have rushed in to meet demand. The club has been made aware of a number of unregistered breeders producing sick or unhealthy pups and cross breed pups which they are selling as purebred Griffons. We have been advised of people who have bought pups from unregistered breeders that have had major health problems requiring thousands of dollars of surgery. These unethical breeders provide no support and because they are unregistered, they cannot be disciplined by the Kennel clubs or the breed clubs

The club has also been very active in trying to advise and educate the public by creating a series of memes to make people aware of possible scams and problems. Club members are always available for advice and information as well.

Please be aware that any club updates and information will be posted online

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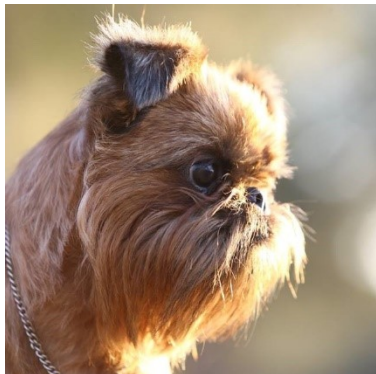
- the Club Face Book Group – Griffon NSW (*see above*)
- the Club Facebook page – The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
- the Club Instagram account – Griffons NSW





Generous Donation from The 4 P's Toy Dog Club

The club was very appreciative of a donation from The 4 P's Toy Dog Club who had some surplus funds which they generously distributed to a number of clubs that have supported them in the past. This is a wonderful example of clubs helping and supporting each other for the good of the breeds. We are very grateful for the support from The 4 P's Toy club.



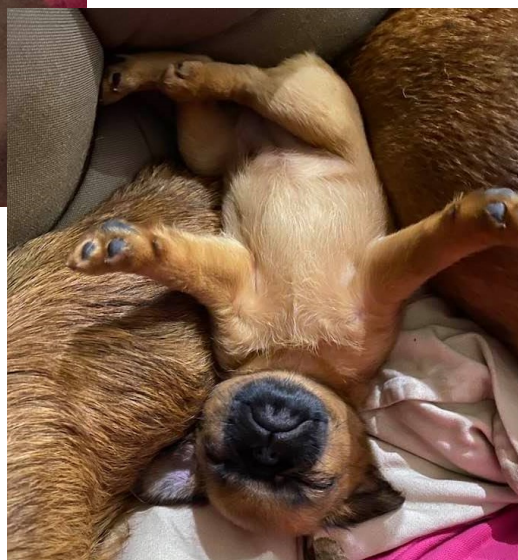
Editors Message

Welcome to the Winter issue of The Phoenix. Life continues to be different with the strange state of the world from Covid 19. The club activities have been curtailed but we have been able to keep in touch through our club FB page. This newsletter looks at the many ways griffons and their owners have been coping with the new normal.

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

Some Puppy Spam

Sharing some photos from the recent litters from Tiffany Budini, Terri Odell and Victoria Mercer





NEW MEMBERSHIPS 2019-2020-2021

We welcome our new members to the club in 2020. We are very pleased that you have joined our Country Bruxellois Griffon Club of NSW. Our members live in all different parts of the state as well as interstate and International members. We also have social meet ups, promote our breed at events and have a club specialty show. All these events promote a wonderful camaraderie among our group members.

Thank you to Sharyn Wood for doing such a fabulous job with the membership and Griffon Buyer Register

Welcome to

Emily Dibden from Canberra ACT
Kathie Sant from near Richmond
Ryan O'Donnell from Inner West suburbs
Kirri Linkson from Northern Beaches
Jenny Girardi from the Wollongong area
Richard and Betty Gibb from Double Bay area
Alice Robinson from South Australia
Danielle Osborne living in Gordon area
Tara Kaplan resides in the Bondi area
Simone Howley living at area near Wollongong
Carrie Thornton lives in Canberra, ACT
Tiffany Yew lives near Ryde
Debra Parkinson in Windsor area
Jacinta Mijok from ACT
Chiara O'Reilly from inner City Syd
Shane Bryan from Homebush area
Callie Moran from Homebush area
Corinne and Jay Topping from inner city SYD
Louise Helliwell from inner West Syd
Mandi Boucher from Tasmania
Jessica Partridge from Newcastle area
Joanne Ienna from Central Coast NSW
Penelope Hone from Tas
Gregory Poll from Inner Sydney

Emily Clohesy from Sth Australia
Stephanie Williams resides in the Balmain area
Nicolette Vorlow from Kingsford area
Edward Oehlers from Dundas area
Janet Chu from Dundas area
Alison Sefton from surrounds of Centennial Park
Lucy Walker from Eastern Suburbs
Joy Danielson from Sth Australia
Michelle Barnes from Victoria
Julvelyn Samson from Northern Beaches
Natalie Wilkin from Nth Coast NSW
Martine Ballantyne from Eastern Suburbs
Charlee Hollis and Shaun Kirk from VIC
Natasha Mensitieri from WA
Sara and James Clappers VIC
Haley Bracken from Central Coast NSW
Adrian Weinberg from VIC
Tamara & Damien Simpson from Sth Aust
Tina Le from Eastern Suburbs
Colin Harte from Vic
David Goad from near Brookvale
Johnny Slade from Newcastle area
Yvonne Smythe from Eastern Suburbs

New Griffon Owners



Some of our members are also happy new Griffon owners.



Congratulations and I know you will love your new family member.

Emily Dibden with her new baby- Beaufox Babette du Vallon- Sushi



naismith10
Darlinghurst, New South Wales

Sam Naismith with his newest Sydney Swans supporter, Frenchgriff Bobby Brussels



Ron and Kathie Sant welcomed Beaufox Leroi du Vallon - Leroi



Budinni Sweet Pickles- Pickles and delighted Jenny Girardi



***Kirri Linkson and Fernando with Budinni
Frankalicious - Frankie***



***Danielle and Hamish Osborn
with Nagpuni Passion for
Pickles - Pickle***

***Richard and
Betty Gibb welcomed
Nagpuni Cherry Cola- Elaine,
a companion for their older
Griffon***



***Nagpuni Captain Marvel- Snoop with Natalie
and Luke McDonald***



***Lewis, Nagpuni Captain Cool, the pup that Terri Odell is
keeping from the litter***





Griffon Corner

Congratulations to two couples who are members of our club who both welcomed a new family member
Cohen Tobias and Murray White welcomed their son Dylan into the family, a baby brother for big sister Charlee



Carley and Patrick Brown welcomed their son Carter into the family, a human brother for his four-legged siblings, The Duke and Archie Bojangles





Cathryn Feaver, finally had a successful kidney transplant after a wait of 7 years.

The surgery went very well and Cathryn is now convalescing. She is even able to go out and enjoy a coffee

Her Griffon girls, Harriet and Nancy, are staying with her sister, Fern while she recovers in Auckland with her mother, Sandie Meads.

I am sure that they will be keen to take on the roles of



nurses when Cathryn is well enough to go home.

Cathryn's cousin, Gwenna, donated her kidney to enable Cathryn to have the transplant. Her kidney went to a stranger and Cathryn received her new kidney from another stranger. The photo below shows Cathryn and Gwenna, at Cathryn's first trip to a coffee shop and immediately before Gwenna's surgery.

After being on dialysis for 7 years I am sure that Cathryn is looking forward to resuming a normal life. We send her our very best wishes for a long and healthy future





Olga Barnova developed two lovely posters showing how little Griffons have changed over the past century. Consistent breed type and health can only occur because of committed and knowledgeable breeders who have always bred for the benefit of the breed. The unique appearance and cheeky and charming personality have not changed in over 150 years. Good breeders understand and appreciate the history of the breed as well as the joy of owning them.

Olga said *"This idea came to my mind long time ago.*

I intentionally used photos of UK bred dogs only as I believe UK dogs had had a great impact on Griffons all over the world.

I am endlessly grateful to UK Griffon people for their assistance and special thanks to Carol Ritchie for providing with the fabulous photos from the past.

I appreciate Tatyana Titenkova's talent who keeps on bringing my ideas to life."

Rough coated Griffons





Smooth Coated Griffons

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Breed types through decades

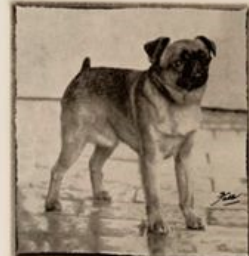
2012



UK Ch Rhodon Maid To Measure
bred and owned by Julia Spittle



1922 Glenartney Scamp
bred by Mrs. Whaley



1955 UK Ch Barratelle Red Carzan
bred by Mrs. Sautelle Barter



1984 UK Ch Operastar Nutcracker
bred by Mrs. Barbara Murray

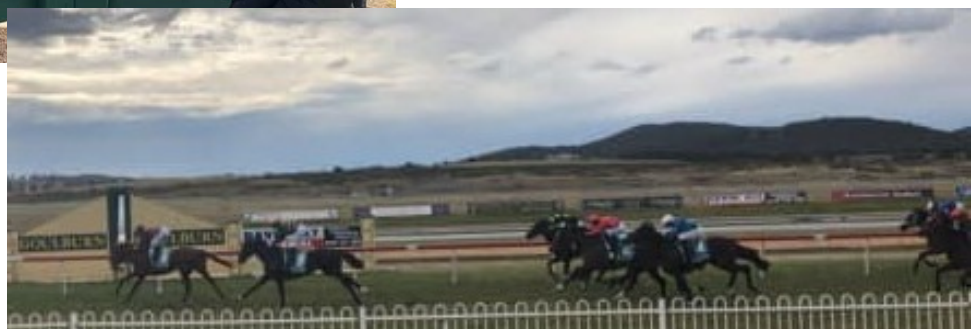


2004 USA Ch Celine Masquerade
bred by Denise Barney, owned by Anne Jabelka

idea by Olga Baranova (Harpersband Griffons), design by Tatiana Titenkova



Terri and Grant Odell own part of a racehorse called Sunstone. Terri braved the cold to drive to Goulburn to watch her. Still not a winner but here's hoping





After enduring the bush fires in summer, **Jane Wistuba** was hit by a severe hailstorm at the start of winter. The hail was so heavy that it looked like a snow fall. Her dogs stayed safe and warm inside out of the cold



Frankie may be a baby but he is still rocking the denim look

Denim is obviously the fabric for cool Griffons this winter

Bazil and Grommett, rocking it while checking out off leash etiquette

Edwina on street alert duty, looking tough in denim





The CGBC of NSW Virtual Dog Show

(photos on this page feature some of our members dogs from the catalogue)

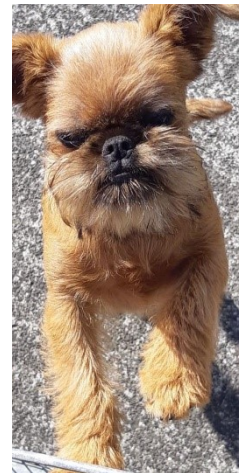
The Saturday before Easter is the traditional date for our club championship shows. In the Covid 19 climate, this was cancelled along with all other group activities so the club held a virtual dog show via the club Face book page, Griffons NSW.

It was open to Griffons all around the world and to Griffons, both the past and present.

There was no entry fee and the dogs were not judged

The Rules

1. There will be no judging- every dog is a winner. Dogs can be current show dogs or dogs from the past, from any country
 2. Post at least one photo of your dog in a profile stand. Up to 3 photos of the same dog
 3. Give your dogs' full name and titles. Plus, the class that the dog is entered in. Entry is free
 4. Because it is an Australian show the dogs will be entered in Australian classes. They are:
 - Baby puppy (dog or bitch) 3-6 months of age
 - Minor Puppy (dog or bitch) 6-9 months of age
 - Puppy (dog or bitch) 6-12 months of age
 - Junior (dog or bitch) 12-18 months of age
 - Intermediate (dog or bitch) 18 months- 3 yrs
 - Australian bred (dog or bitch.) any dog bred in Australia over 6 months
 - Bred by Exhibitor (dog or bitch) any dog over 6 months owned and bred by same person
 - Open- (dog or bitch) any dog over 6 months
 - Veteran (dog or bitch) any dog over 7 years
 - Neuter (dog or bitch) any neutered dog over 6months
- Plus Golden Oldies for any Griffon 10 years or older



The 'show' ran for one week and we had a wonderful response with many beautiful and much- loved Griffons entered.

Catalogue Format

In this catalogue the classes are not split into dog and bitch but are combined. Each dog is allocated half a page

If a dog is a champion or multiple champion they only have Ch in front of the name to save space.

As our shows always begin with a Parade of the Golden Oldies, the catalogue also begins with them

And now, again just for fun, here is the catalogue for the show

I hope you enjoy looking at all the

Griffons in our catalogue

<https://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/uploads/documents/The-CGBC-of-NSW-Online-show-2020.pdf>

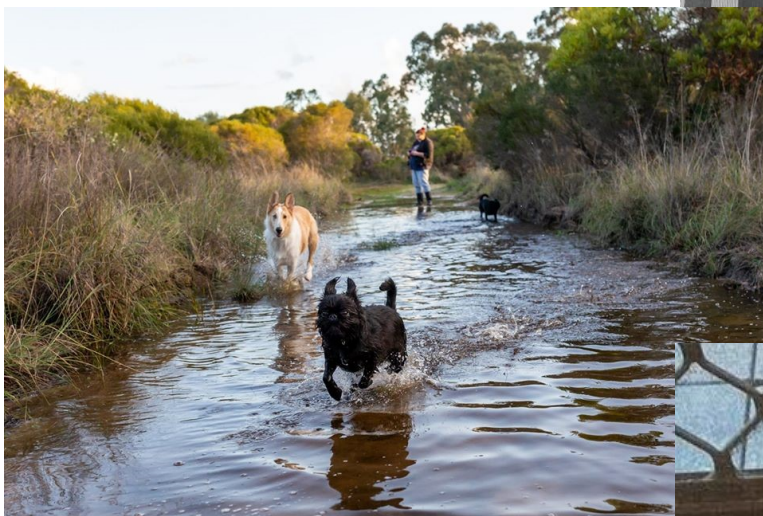




Coping with Corona social distancing

Pomona and her daughter, Norberta, social distancing with on pillow between them.

Squirrel is staying away from everyone



Sid and Eric- following the protocols while exercising

Ygrette is all alone in the corner- no chance of being crowded here



Gigi says to Toto- "Stay back and don't get too close to me"



Claire, Squirrel and Beedle are serious about isolating



Zsa Zsa is avoiding everyone on her walk



Ygrette is making certain that she is isolated

***Ginger and
Rory are
obeying all
protocols***





The Netherlands Legislation and Dutch KC action and international Response

The dog world was astonished to hear in May that the Dutch government and the Dutch Kennel Club have effectively banned the breeding of 12 brachycephalic breeds, including Griffons, within The Netherlands.

The Dutch Government appear to have been infiltrated by animal activists and extremists. These people seem to have cherry picked research information to suit their own ideologies regarding dogs with flat faces.

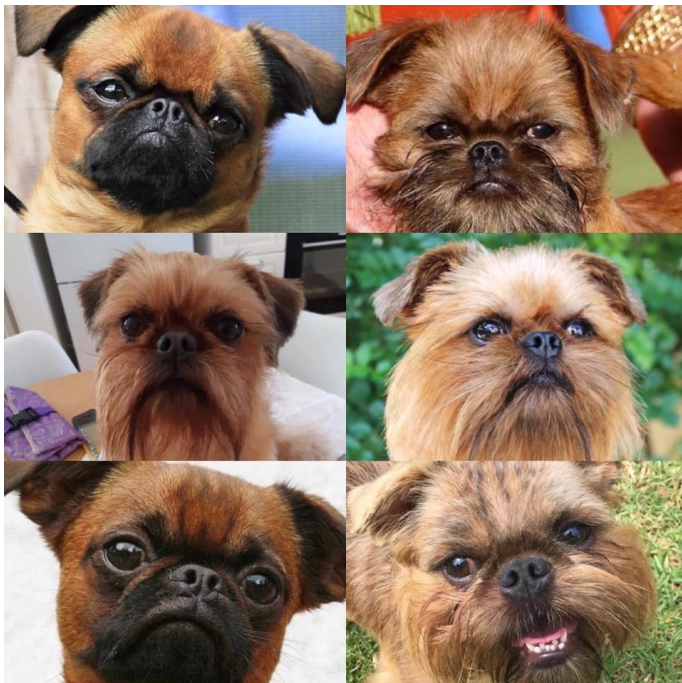
It is no secret that the past decade has seen an enormous rise in commercial popularity of Bulldogs, French Bulldogs and Pugs. Parallel with this popularity has been the rise of unethical breeders and puppy farmers churning out unhealthy examples of these breeds in vast numbers. In most countries the number of unethical and non- Kennel club breeders, far outnumber the reputable ethical breeders.

One of the biggest issues with these poorly bred dogs is a condition called BOAS (Brachycephalic Obstructed Breathing Syndrome), which results in narrow pinched nostrils, an elongated soft palate and a narrow or obstructed trachea. A poorly bred dog can have one or all of these issues and in the worst cases will struggle to breathe. Research is being carried out on this condition, primarily in French Bulldogs, Pugs and Bulldogs, at Cambridge University with Jane Laidlaw leading the research team.

The link below shows a video made by Cambridge explaining the condition

https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=bd3_s_hC7G4

The research indicates that there are a number of factors that cause the problems and identifies narrow nostrils (nares), overweight, thick short necks and a genetic factor as well as a shorter muzzle.



Smaller cohorts of Griffons have been tested as part of the research at Cambridge and have not presented with any significant issues with BOAS. In fact, the majority of Griffons have large open nostrils and few problems breathing. The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW collected photos of Griffon noses over a week long period of time, from the members of the club FB group. 300 photos from dogs all around the world were collected and demonstrate that the majority of Griffon have wide, open, round nostrils. These photos can be seen on the club website on the links below

<https://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/uploads/documents/Griffon-Noses-part-one.pdf>

<https://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/uploads/documents/Griffon-Noses-part-Two.pdf>

Contrary to the scientific evidence the Dutch government and KC have decided that a longer muzzle will solve the problems of BOAS so have banned the breeding of any dog with a muzzle shorter than



0.3 of the skull length. The Dutch KC have now refused to issue pedigrees for dogs bred with shorter muzzles and have approved random cross breeding to any dog with a longer muzzle effectively wiping out the breeding of Griffons along with the other 9 Toy brachycephalic breeds.

The following is from the Dutch KC publication

This proposal assumes several brachycephalic dog breeds. There is no exception or other provisions for the individual breeds. The proposed measures are identical for all listed breeds.

The Craniofacial Ratio of less than 0.3 is considered by the ECGG (Utrecht University) to be an important criterion. However, we ask for an exception to this criterion if dogs with a CRF of less than 0.3, who demonstrably show no BOAS or BOS, can still be used to improve the population. Additional requirements are in place.

The additional requirements concern the following breeds:

- Affenpinscher
- Boston Terrier
- English Bulldog
- French Bulldog
- Griffon Belge
- Griffon Bruxellois
- Petit Brabançon
- Japanese Spaniel
- King Charles Spaniel
- Pug
- Pekingese
- Shih Tzu

Sadly, this decision will not only effectively stop the breeding of the breeds listed in The Netherlands but it will also enable puppy farmers to continue to carry out random crossbreeding in the erroneous name of health. Unethical breeders have been doing this type of crossbreeding and given them fake breed names for decades – ‘Jugs, Pugaliers, Shiffons’ etc and there is no research to confirm that these cross breeds are healthier than a well bred Griffon.

Griffons are a historic breed that can trace their origins to the Middle Ages. They have remained unchanged for over 150 years and possibly longer. Quality breeders have worked to maintain

consistency and quality for over a century and have been successful in creating a recognisable breed that has a distinctive appearance and a unique and loving temperament, unlike any other dog. The actions of the Dutch government demonstrate how easy it can be for misguided fanatics to mislead people with inaccurate claims of animal suffering and propaganda to fool the public. The Animal Justice Party in Australia has a similar





agenda so we must be aware of this and not assume our Griffons are sacrosanct. Breed clubs and kennel clubs around the world have written in protest at this action. The ANKC (Australian National Kennel Control), wrote a detailed submission, shown below.

ANKC Response

5 June, 2020

Mr. Jack Alberts

Chairman

Raad van Beheer op Kynologisch Gebied in Nederland

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Netherlands

TRANSMITTED TO EMAIL ADDRESS: info@raadvanbeheer.nl

Dear Mr Alberts,

The Australian National Kennel Council has already written to you in regard to the proposed crossbreeding of brachycephalic breeds in the Netherlands, this follow up letter is a more detailed response.

As previously stated ANKC Ltd strongly supports the FCI's position of opposition to the changes introduced by the Netherlands Government in regards to the breeding of 12 Brachycephalic breeds. Particularly the suggestion of cross breeding and the resultant genetic loss of generations of dogs many of whom have been health tested with few issues. Genetic bottlenecks will result within these breeds trying to adjust to these extremely rapid changes in morphology.

The ANKC feels this is entirely the wrong way to tackle the issues highlighted in the 'Breeding Short Muzzled Dog's' paper commissioned by the Ministry of Agriculture 21.01.19. The Dutch government has taken a machine gun approach to tackling BOS and BOAS in these 12 breeds, the majority of whom do not display both conditions and quite a lot, neither.

The proposed changes will have the opposite affect by their application. Cross breeding will not fix these issues, merely create new breeds each with a combination of their parent breeds issues.

Politics

This move will drive registered breeders away and by their absence, push unregistered breeders into higher prominence. The registered breeders are the people that health test whereas off the grid breeders in large majority, do not.

By applying these new rules they are effectively targeting 17% of the breeding population and allowing the remaining unregistered population open slather, which is highly discriminatory. These laws, if used, should affect all brachycephalic breeders, registered puppies or not. The only way to achieve this is to stop all advertising of brachycephalic breeds/puppies unless they meet the specific health testing requirements listed and all have to pass the same veterinary scrutiny.

Breeds

All breeds have a range of types and severity of different conditions that can range from normal to severely affected across a large number of conditions, BOAS included. Breeders health test for a wide range of conditions and endeavour to remove the severely affected in any specific condition. These conditions include (but are not limited to) hips, backs, heart, eyes, BOAS testing (where applicable), DNA testing etc.

It must be remembered that the more diseases one tests for, the slower the rate of overall progress, but the healthier the breeding population.

By dramatically altering the structural parameters of the head, this is impossible to achieve within 1-2 generations but could be achieved gradually over say 10 years. If it is pushed this dramatically, there will be a very large loss of breeding populations with a severe contraction of the breeding pool for each breed. In doing this, the genetic stress usually results in other conditions appearing where they were hidden prior to the population bottleneck.

If the changes are made gradually over a period of years (10 years minimum) with associated health testing, healthy shifts could be made without massive loss of the gene pool size and stability. With the health testing results, better limits could be applied that are realistic in relation to BOS and BOAS. Those breeds not exhibiting these conditions should not be affected by these restrictions.

Measuring the Length of Skull and Nose

From studies performed of which there are quite a few (including those by Liu et al 2016), CFR (cranial facial ratio) is not held to be of major significance in relation to the severity of BOAS seen in the individual. Nasal stenosis, elongated soft palate, narrowing of the tracheas, everted laryngeal sacculles, increasing neck girth and obesity are all highly implicated in this disease. From the paper 'Breeding Short Muzzled Dog's', we feel there has been a fairly major error made in measuring skull length which in turn significantly can affect the CFR. In this paper (diagram page 11), the skull length is a direct length of skull from nose tip to the rear of the occipital crest, yet subsequent to this it become the measurement presented on page 13 figure 7, where the cranial length becomes the measurement over the top of the skull, a much longer distance (an increase of around 25-30%) which considerably alters the CFR. The more direct measurement by callipers of head length A-C, the A-C and B-C would be far more

Selecting for tighter skin and open nostrils with moderate increase in nasal length (10% may be quite acceptable) along with scientific exercise tolerance testing as suggested on page 29 of the report, should gradually select away from BOAS. This can be done reasonably easily with concerted effort over a reasonable time span and a 5 yearly reassessment of progress.

Conclusions

Efforts should be made by all breeders (registered or not) so that health testing for severe conditions relative to that breed are at least screened for prior to breeding. Ideally there should be some mechanism (microchip) to follow up on all unhealthy dogs origins, not just target those that are easily findable (registered breeders).



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Breed standards do not need to be altered substantially to achieve the goals mentioned in this paper, nor are the suggested alterations of nasal length scientifically based. Moderate selection away from any severely affected individuals with BOS and BOAS can achieve the desired outcomes if allowed to occur over a sufficient length of time may further assist in reducing the incidence seen in those few breeds affected by these conditions.

Cross breeding will not alleviate these issues, merely create new breeds with their own problems, particularly if they are picked up and further 'developed' by off the grid unregistered breeders (as already happens at present).

Yours sincerely,

Dr Karen Hedberg (BVSc) Sydney

ANKC Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee Chairperson

Copy to:

- *Dr. Tamás Jakkel, President, Fédération Cynologique Internationale*
- *Mr Augusto Benedicto Santos III, President, FCI Asia, Africa & Oceania Section*

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW also wrote a letter of protest at the request of the ANKC and it is presented below also



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc

Response statement to the ban on breeding of twelve brachycephalic breeds in The Netherlands

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc would like to express grave concerns regarding the actions of the RvB – Kennel Club of The Netherlands as a response to Dutch government decisions regarding twelve brachycephalic breeds.

We would also like to express our support and solidarity with the many high quality and ethical Dutch breeders of brachycephalic breeds who will be so severely affected by these decisions

As breeders we are custodians of the breed. We need to understand the breed history, which in many cases goes back for several thousand years, the purpose, the function, the temperament and the conformation of the breeds and we have an obligation to preserve and protect these breeds as a living history as well as healthy, functioning, purpose bred dogs.

Overview

We are concerned that the decision regarding the twelve breeds appears to be based on a reading of some research data, gathered primarily from French Bulldogs, Pugs and Bulldogs that showed a number of dogs suffering from Brachycephalic Obstructed Airway Syndrome (BOAS).

The RvB – Kennel Club of The Netherlands' reaction is to promote cross breeding of dogs purely on the basis of longer noses. We believe this is not only an erroneously simplistic response to the complex issue of BOAS but it also fails to take into account the many healthy examples of the breeds.

We are also concerned that the research results of French Bulldogs, Pugs and Bulldogs have been generalised to such an extent that nine other breeds have been included, despite limited or non-existent evidence to indicate that they have any problems. The generalisation seems to have been made purely on physical similarities with no understanding of the unique breed differences or characteristics.

We are aware and acknowledge that there are dogs within these breeds that have health issues associated with BOAS.

We acknowledge that BOAS appears to be a significant problem within French Bulldogs, Pugs and Bulldogs with an increase in numbers in the past decade.

However, we are also aware that these breeds have been the victims of enormous commercial, public popularity which has given rise to vast numbers of unethical breeders and irresponsible breeding practices.

We do not support the breeding of unhealthy dogs of any breed but we do not believe that random crossbreeding based on the one physical feature of nose length is the solution. Genetics and the genetics of BOAS are far more complex than this rather naive direction.

In addition, the research by both the Cambridge University research team and additional research carried out by The University of Copenhagen both conclude that other factors influencing BOAS include stenotic nares, elongated soft palates, narrow tracheas, short thick necks and obesity. Both research teams also place more importance on stenosis of nostrils and neck thickness than they do on nose length

We are concerned that limited research appears to have been carried out to identify the breeders of healthy functioning BOAS free dogs and at no time has the RvB – Kennel Club of The Netherlands, acknowledged that there are breeders who are successfully breeding healthy, functioning, long lived brachycephalic dogs.

The Griffon Bruxellois

In our breed of Griffon Bruxellois, BOAS is rarely seen. The breed has remained largely physically unchanged for over 150 years and the majority of dogs have large open nostrils. Research by Cambridge University with Griffons did not find BOAS present in the cohort which ranged in age from 13 years – 8 months.



There are three Griffon breed standards in the world; FCI, UK and USA. While each breed standard has minor variations in description, they all describe a healthy, active, small breed dog.

In Australia we follow the UK breed standard and the description of the nose is as follows:

“Nose always black, with large, open nostrils and definite stop between muzzle and skull.”

The FCI standard calls for

“Nose leather is broad with wide-open nostrils”.

In both cases the requirement is for a healthy dog with open nostrils

In 2016 The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc carried out an international survey on the Griffon Bruxellois to obtain a snapshot of the state of health of the breed worldwide. Griffon owners both past and present were surveyed and many of the responses came from pet owners.

The survey ran for one month from February to March 2016 and received 457 responses from individuals. These responses referred to over 9,000 Griffons making it the largest survey on the breed ever undertaken and arguably providing the most accurate assessment of the health of the breed in its entire history.

From these responses the top 5 issues identified were:

1.	1. Slipping Patellas	224
2.	2. Cleft Palate/ Hair Lip	193
3.	3. Undescended testicle	127
4.	4. Cataracts	104
5.	5. Inguinal Hernia	94

BOAS was not a major concern mentioned.

The club intended to carry out the survey every 5 years but will create another survey in 2020 due to the current situation.

Conclusion

- *The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW is strongly opposed to any form of generalisation regarding canine breed health. It is counter- productive and inaccurate.*
- *The club is also strongly opposed to random and uncontrolled cross breeding based on a single physical characteristic. This concept shows a limited understanding of genetics and can only be detrimental. Should cross breeding be needed at any stage then it should only take place after thorough scientific investigation to identify need and detailed consultation with geneticists to determine the most appropriate cross breeding. Puppy farmers have been carrying out random cross breeding for decades and there is no scientifically validated and documented evidence to show that these “Jugs” or “Puggles” etc are healthier. The club sees no value in cross breeding without evidence to support the results of such cross breeding*
- *The club opposes knee jerk reactions based on current politically popular welfare fads of the time and believes that if any changes were to occur, they should only occur after detailed and scientifically validated research established a proven and well documented need for the change*
- *The club believes that the way to improve the health of breeds is to study the actions of successful breeders and learn from them, consult with geneticists and veterinary specialists and work with objective University research teams; not randomly cross breed to any dog that has a longer muzzle. Such a practice will not benefit the breed in the long term and has the potential to introduce new health problems into a breed*
- *The club supports the statements of the FCI.*
- *The club strongly condemns the actions of RvB – Kennel Club of The Netherlands*

Signed

The Executive, Committee and Members of The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc

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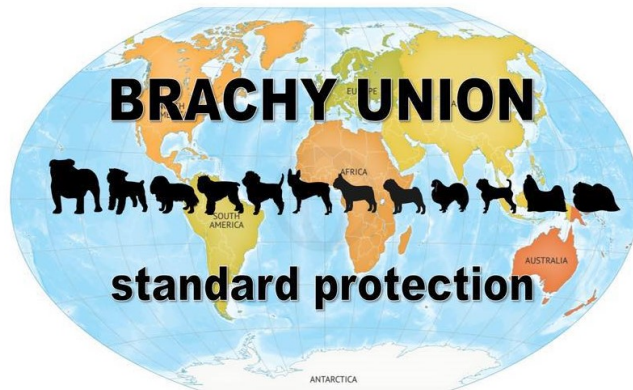
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The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW will continue to promote the Griffon Bruxellois as the unique and charming little dog that it is and will continue to work to insist on ethical and reputable breeding practices, and educate the public about only buying from ethical breeders.

At the present time this politicisation of brachycephalic dogs has only occurred in The Netherlands. There is a Facebook group that has formed called Brachy Union- Standard Protection, which people may be interested in joining.

It is important that everyone is aware that this can easily happen in other countries as well, particularly when an easily recognisable external feature like a flatter face can be seen by even the most ignorant and uninformed. Healthy dogs do not live long and happy lives and we are happy to share our booklet of **Golden Oldie Griffons- Griffons 10 years and older from around the world**



<https://oz.dogs.net.au/griffons/uploads/documents/Golden-Oldie-Griffons.pdf>

Griffon Entertainment

Griffons made the most of the restrictions by providing their own entertainments with their humans.



And then sat down to enjoy

Elroy helped to prepare for wine and nibbles





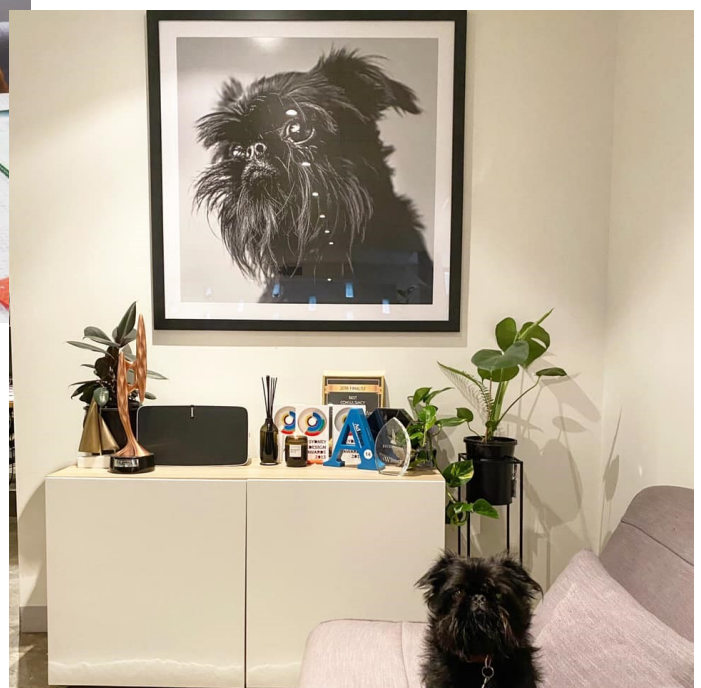
Jillian and Claire were invited to a Griffon tea party



Ludwig took tea while reading a good book



Squirrel joined the family for breakfast



Bean became a celeb- autographs on application



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Happy Birthday to You!!!



We have had a few youngsters all turning one during the restrictions

Happy First birthday to Winnie



Happy first birthday to the Pomona and Wizz kids

Sprout, who got to share her cake with the rest of the family



*Brother Morty
celebrated his
birthday*

*And sister,
Norberta*





The 2019-2020 Point Score Competition

Due to the cessation of shows the point score concluded with the shows that had been conducted for the first half of the competition. This gave 5 out of the 10 designated shows for the point score.

A total of 40 dogs participated in the competition and it was lovely to see so many smooth coats in the top dogs. There are a number of very high quality smooths that were being shown in NSW and it is good that judges have the knowledge and courage to award them

The Winner- **Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice**, owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell. She was also winner of the Puppy Point Score competition and had a total of 52 points



Runner Up - **Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke**, owned, bred and handled by Michelle Parker Brien, with 48 points

3rd Place. **Ch Nagpuni In The Midnight Hour**, owned, Bred and handled by Terri Odell with 34pts





4th Place. **Ch Raweke Toby Lannister** bred by Jocelyn Croad and Shane Thomas and co owned and handled by Jannelle Tremenheere with 30pts



Equal 5th Place. **Ch/ Neuter Ch Paris Starry Starry Night**, bred by Sandie Meads and owned by Jane Wistuba and Michelle Parker Brien and handled by Jane Wistuba on 20 pts



Equal 5th Place. **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac**, bred by Tzani, owned, and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell on 20pts



Equal 5th. **Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum**, bred by Michelle Parker Brien and owned by Claire Parker O'Sullivan on 20 pts



8th . **Nagpuni Midnight at the Oasis**, bred by Terri Odell and co-owned and handled by Nicola McLean on 18pts



9th . **Ch Balliol Impish Incantation**, owned and bred by Michelle Parker Brien on 17pts



10th . **Nevafollo Quick Quotes Quill**, owned and bred by Ashleigh Barber on 15 pts



Full Results

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| 1. Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice | 22. Nevaending Golden Chanterelle |
| 2. Balliol Tilly Tonks Of Raweke | 23. Ch Beaufox M Du Vallon |
| 3. Ch Nagpuni In The Midnight Hour | 24. Ch Nouveau Demonstration |
| 4. Ch Raweke Toby Lannister | 25. Raweke Baileys Luxe |
| 5. Ch Paris Starry Starry Night | 26. Frenchgriff Black Beauty Alfie |
| 6. Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac | 27. Tzani Giggle Mc Dimples |
| 7. Ch Balliol Kaptain Krum | 28. Frenchgriff Prince Harry |
| 8. Nagpuni Midnight at the Oasis | 29. Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey |
| 9. Ch Balliol Impish Incantation | 30. Lady Dutch of Leepitomy |
| 10. Nevafollo Quick Quotes Quill | 31. Rosndae Little Black Dress |
| 11. Nagpuni Hamish Halfpint | 32. Tusikjumper Kanuka |
| 12. Balliol Nymphodora Nox | 33. Shigriff Sartorial Splendour |
| 13. Ch Raweke Tywin Lannister | 34. Nevaending Dark Fortune |
| 14. Gr Ch Balliol Gertie Giggles | 35. Nevaending Its in the Name |
| 15. Balliol Norberta Niffler | 36. Ch Tzani Bellatrix Lestranger |
| 16. Neut Ch Griffonsberg General Sherman | 37. Frenchgriff Honey Cupcake |
| 17. Ch Tzani Eglantine Electra | 38. Bonzabull Squirrel Nutkin |
| 18. Ch Beaufox Comte De La Fere | 39. Ch Sibermoon Ms Banks too U |
| 19. Ch Rosndae Upper Crust | 40. Kango Lady Ma Donna |
| 20. Nevaending Louisiana Magic | |
| 21. Nevafollo the Chosen One | |



Congratulations to all the winners.

After 6 months of restrictions some of the youngsters have grown considerably so it will be interesting to see them all when live finally becomes normal again

At the present time when shows are still on hold, we have not planned the 2020-2021 point score as yet. We can only wait to see what the future brings and will not do anything which will jeopardise the health and welfare of exhibitors

Thank you to all the members who supported the point score.

What Griffons are Doing During Covid



Norberta has been helping in the garden

Neville has been bush walking



Childcare and babysitting is very important

Annette Backshall's Three little Griffon cooks provided breakfast in bed for Mothers Day





Can your dog safely eat these fruits?

Apples



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes, unless a large amount of seeds are ingested

-Dr. Edward Cooper, VMD

Avocados



Safe for dogs to eat?

No, can result in vomiting

-Dr. Sherry Sanderson, DVM

Oranges



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes

-Dr. Edward Cooper, VMD

Peaches



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes, except the pit may cause intestinal blockage

-Dr. Edward Cooper, VMD

Pineapples



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes

Raisins



Safe for dogs to eat?

No, can cause kidney failure

-Dr. Edward Cooper, VMD

Strawberries



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes

-Dr. Edward Cooper, VMD

Safe Food for Dogs

Bananas



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes

Blueberries



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes

Kiwis



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes

Lemons



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes, plus fun to watch their reaction to the bitterness

-Dr. Edward Cooper, VMD

Cherries



Safe for dogs to eat?

No, can cause cyanide toxicity in large quantities

-Dr. Edward Cooper, VMD

Grapes



Safe for dogs to eat?

No, can cause kidney failure

Watermelon



Safe for dogs to eat?

Yes, except for the rind, which could cause intestinal obstruction

-Dr. Edward Cooper, VMD



Star Wars- May the 4th be with you



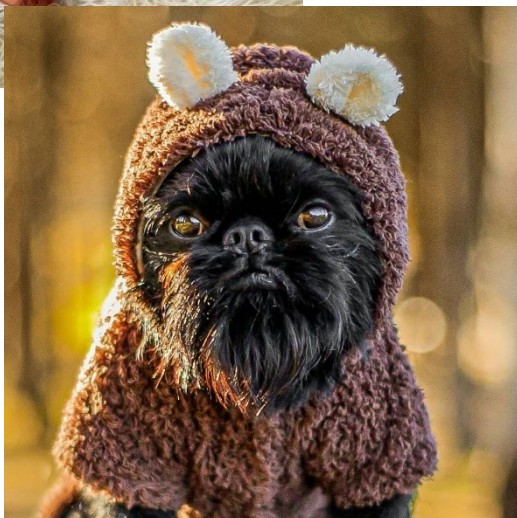
Strana getting into the May the 4th spirit

Bean the Ewok



Edwina is very relaxed

Trevor-
feeling the
force



Boy George – giving the Vader look

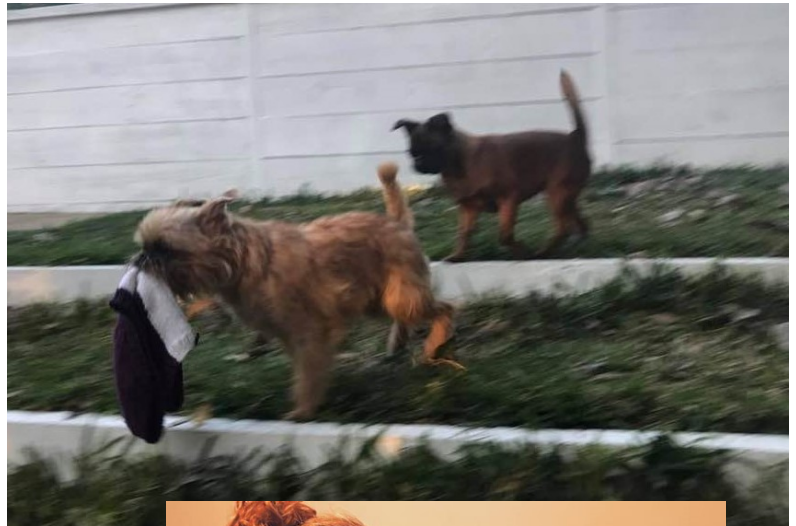


More Covid Griffon Activities



Eddie rode the jet ski

Naughty Morty stole his sister's jumper



Winnie assisted with studying

Mandy Boucher got a lot of help while working from home



< **"Paws for Thought" Rescue** 34 mins · 🌐

And sporting the new trendy Sydney inner west "Bon Jovi" look, is our hipster friends:-

Gromit & Basil

Looking very "bad to da bone".



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Health

SM/CM Research

A link to an article from Danish researchers on the condition. It is based on CKCS but is still of interest to serious breeders

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4858089/>

How to Exercise Your Puppy

Exercising your puppy is important and undoubtedly has many health benefits for both you and your puppy. What is less obvious to many new puppy parents is the amount of exercise and activity that is necessary and considered to be healthy for your new fur baby.

People often think that they need to tire their puppy out by giving them as much exercise as possible. So, they take their puppy for long walks, take them out running, or chase them around the house and up and down the furniture.

Will the puppy be keen to do it? Yes, of course he will! Is it healthy for him? Mostly not.

Just like young kids, puppies are usually enthusiastic about anything that involves fun and action. They do not understand that too much exercise, or the wrong kind of exercise can actually be detrimental to their health. In this article we explore how a puppy's body grows and explain what exercise is and isn't suitable for young dogs.

Let's have a closer look at your puppy's body Growth plates



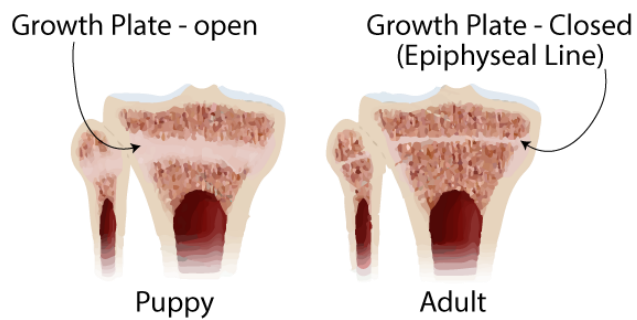
One of the most important things to understand when considering how much a puppy should exercise are the "growth plates". Just like in humans, growth plates are soft areas which sit at the end of long bones. They allow the bones to become longer until the end of puberty, when they become thinner and will usually close. On average, this happens at around 18 months of age for most dogs. However, it is important to understand that this can vary significantly, and the closing of growth plates happens much later in larger breeds than in smaller ones. For example, whilst a Maltese is fully grown by 12 months, a Great Dane won't be fully grown until the age of around 2.5 years.

X Ray of a 2 week old puppy

Before their growth plates close, puppies are highly vulnerable to injury. While the same injury in an adult dog may result in a soft tissue sprain, puppies may injure their growth plates. Growth plate injuries carry the risk of not healing properly or not healing in time to grow strong and straight. This may result in a deformed or shortened limb,



which in the long term will make your dog more prone to further injury.



The x-ray images and diagrams below show the difference between open growth plates in a puppy



and closed growth plates in an adult dog.

(Source: <https://www.puppyculture.com/new-appropriate-exercise.html>)

Bone density

Did you know that 50% of all fractures occur in dogs under one year old?

Puppy bones are softer than adult dog bones, and don't reach their full density until after puberty. Therefore, they are much more prone to fractures like spiral fractures, where the top half and the bottom half of a bone twist in different directions. This is another reason that you need to be cautious about the amount and type of activity they do.

How to exercise your puppy – what is healthy and what is not?

Move at their pace, not yours

Young puppies don't need as much exercise as fully-grown dogs. Activities like jogging or running up and down lots of stairs can be harmful to puppies, and it is recommended not to do these, or any agility/dog sports until your puppy is fully grown.

A young puppy wants to explore the world and the best way to do that is by walking. This doesn't mean walking around your neighbourhood for hours. Rather, take your puppy out for some fresh air and a short walk around twice a day.



With a young puppy, walking will be more like standing around and waiting for your puppy to move at his own pace as he discovers all the new and exciting smells, sounds and things to explore out there. As a result, walking just five metres can take a while!

It's important to be patient, take your time and let him literally 'smell the roses'. This way you won't over-exercise your puppy and, importantly, you will be helping to socialise him at his own pace.

So how to exercise your puppy? Here are the do's, the don'ts and some rules of thumb.

The do's of puppy exercise & activity:

1. Do take them for walks and strolls, let them sniff

and explore gardens and small rock walls.

2. Do play with your puppy and engage in gentle play with your puppy at home (e.g. gentle tug play with a toy not higher than your dog's head level and let your dog do most of the pulling).

3. Do give them puppy mental stimulation exercises, e.g. food dispensing toys like snuffle mats, let them fetch a toy or a treat from a ball pit, or let them walk over a set of different surfaces like concrete onto grass over a bubble wrap and a beach towel.

4. Do let them dig (yes, you read correctly!). A sand pit in your backyard can be an appropriate play area for your pup.

5. Do give them lots of self-directed free play – exploring and just mucking around in the backyard are best for your puppy.



6. Do organise puppy play dates! Let your puppy play with other calm and nicely mannered dogs for short intervals. Keep an eye on the play and if it gets too boisterous (eg. doing body slams and crazy rolls), interrupt the play and give the dogs some time to rest.

7. Do stimulate them mentally with training. You can do as many as 5 -10 training sessions a day of 2-3 minutes at a time.





You can also lay a treat trail in the backyard or in your house for your puppy to go on a treat hunt. Not only is this good for your puppy, it will also help tire him out.

The don'ts of puppy exercise:

1. Don't take them on long hikes or walks or run with them.
2. Don't let them climb up and down stairs. The occasional step is not an issue but if your puppy needs to come up and down stairs on a regular base, it is better to carry them.
3. Don't let them jump on and off the couch or bed. Teach your puppy to sit and ask politely to be lifted onto the bed or couch, and teach him to wait to be carried down.
4. Don't engage in repetitive chasing of the ball. Throwing the ball and teaching your dog to bring it back may be a great way to tire out your dog, but dogs can keep on going for hours, which is not healthy for either young or older dogs. Throw the ball a few times, and then change to a different activity.
5. Don't encourage sliding on slippery floors. Floorboards and tiles can be dangerous for puppies as well as adult dogs. Sliding and over-stretching their limbs can cause injuries and have long term implications

Rules of thumb

1. As a rule, 5 minutes of exercise per month of age, twice a day, is enough for your puppy. Between 6 – 18 months, around 20 – 30 minutes walking at a time is enough.
2. Before 6 months of age, your puppy shouldn't jump any higher than its own wrist height. From 6 – 12 months, the height of jumps can be raised to your puppy's elbow height.
3. Once your puppy is fully grown and at the end of puberty (somewhere between 18 – 24 months, depending on breed and size) your dog can be allowed to jump higher.
4. Up to 4 months of age, 10-15 minute play dates are ok. From 4 – 18 months, a 20 minutes session is enough for a play date.

Not all dogs are the same!

Also keep in mind that some breeds, are just not made for a lot of exercise. Your breeder will be able to give you guidance on how much exercise your puppy should get.

In a nutshell

Too much physical exercise can be very strenuous on your puppy's body and, if overdone, can even be harmful and cause long-term issues. Exercising your puppy and tiring your puppy out is easier than people often think. Use mental exercise rather than trying to exhaust your puppy physically. If you have any concerns, always consult your vet.

(Information from Puppy Culture)

Impact of Early Desexing on Bone Strength and Growth

As responsible dog owners, you will not allow your dog to be indiscriminately bred, either to other griffons or to other breeds. This is the behaviour of 'breeders' not breeders, so it is not essential to get your dog desexed early to prevent random and uncontrolled breeding.

Back in the 1700s and 1800s, young boys who had remarkable voices were castrated before puberty and were called castratos. The prepubescent castration kept them in a permanently boyish state. Their voices retained the sweetness of a boy soprano and did not 'break' in puberty as males usually do and they did not grow facial hair. Although they reached normal male size they did not develop the normal male body with male musculature with the thickening of the body or broadening of the chest etc.

When we desex dogs at an early age we do the same thing as they did to the castratos. By removing the hormones essential for growth and development we prevent normal growth and development into adulthood. Dogs that have had early desexing are generally leggier with more spindly bone and they rarely develop the spring of rib or depth of chest causing them to permanently look immature



in body. But it is not just appearance that can be affected. Their health can be as well, as the article below shows



Hormones and Funny Bones

Orthopedic Concerns

Puppy bones grow from soft areas on either end of each bone. These areas are called "growth plates." They contain rapidly dividing cells that allow bones to become longer until the end of puberty. Growth plates gradually turn into bone as hormonal changes during puberty signal the growth plates to close. In puppies, this closure is normally completed by approximately 18 months old.

So what happens when you remove the testicles or ovaries on a dog before his or her growth plates close? Without sex hormones to "tell" the growth plates to close, the bones grow at abnormal rates and/or the growth plates stay open longer, allowing some bones to grow out of proportion with the others.

Why should you care? Aren't "proportions" just a fussy "dog show" thing? Unfortunately, form really does follow function - when bones grow out of proportion, orthopedic problems often follow. For instance, the tibia will grow proportionately much longer in an early neutered dog versus an unneutered dog. This changes the angle and proportion of the tibia to the femur (see illustration on facing page). Some scientists think this is why your dog is a lot more likely to need expensive and very painful cruciate ligament surgery if he or she is altered before their growth plates close.

But even dogs neutered after puberty have been found to be more likely to need cruciate surgery. The reasons for this have not yet been studied, but it could be because the hormones estrogen and relaxin play a key role in maintaining tone of the cruciate ligament. Neutering at any age reduces these hormones and therefore could potentially affect the functionality of the cruciate ligament.

Hips Don't Lie

Hip Dysplasia

Dogs who are spayed or neutered also have a higher risk of developing hip dysplasia - and puppies who are spayed or neutered young have a particularly high risk. As of the time of this writing the reasons for this have not been conclusively proven. But the theory is that the same factors of delayed growth plate closure and uneven bone growth contribute to the problem. The fact that animals neutered under 5.5 months old were found to have a particularly high incidence of hip dysplasia does seem to support the idea that early spay/neuter causes growth disruptions that can create abnormalities in joints.

It is worth noting that the risk of a dog developing hip dysplasia varies wildly depending on breed. In the case of mixed breed dogs, stocky body type and large size are risk factors for hip dysplasia. So the increased risk of hip dysplasia will be more relevant to some pet owners than others.



Griffon Advice on Keeping Warm in Winter



Elton says "Cuddle with a bigger friend"

Alfie says "Find the only patch of sunshine and don't share it"



Wookie agrees with Alfie



Terri's girls' advice is to form a huddle



Elroy says to snuggle if you can't huddle"

And Zsa Zsa completely agrees





Fire Hogs

And Brussel, Mushroom, Dutch, Divina, Luna, Pansie, Dance, Billy, George and Porthos are all unanimous in saying that sitting as close to a fire as possible is the way to Griffon heaven



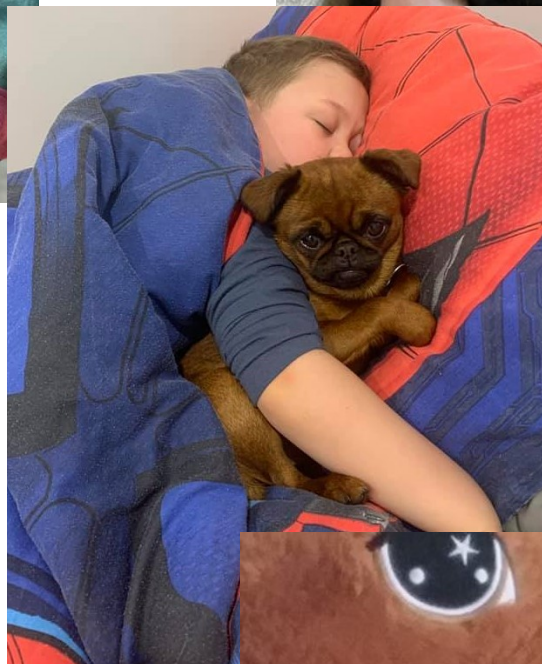


Some Griffons advise finding a human to cuddle in order to keep warm



*Winnie say that
you should
warm up with a
teenager*

*While Squirrel
prefers a
grandfather*



*And Betty D
cuddles
with
Spiderman*

Sprout cuddles in bed



*Tilly and Clarice
say if you can't
find a human
then cuddle
each other*



*Harriet keeps warm by
cuddling a unicorn*



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



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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.**