



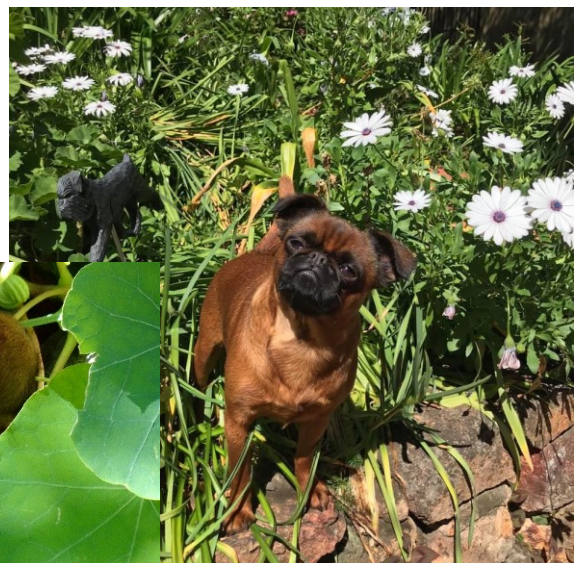
The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



The Phoenix



Spring 2020





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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





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Its behind me isn't it?



*Lets go for an
adventure*



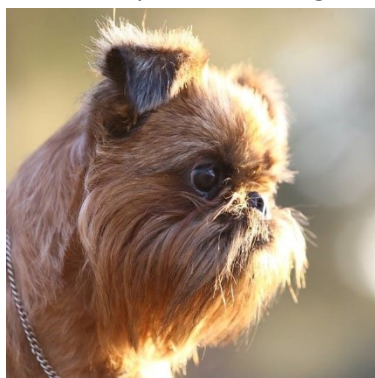


Presidents Message

It has been a very unusual year with all the Covid restrictions preventing normal activities for the greater part of the year. The club has been able to function with the committee meeting online to manage the club affairs. We have used the time to create a number of educational articles and memes to help buyers identify ethical breeders.

We will hold the AGM via Zoom and the details can be found in this issue of the newsletter. Only financial members can nominate or vote. The information has also been emailed to members. At this stage with the restrictions easing we are anticipating holding our Championship show in 2021.

I would like to thank the committee and especially the executive for the hard work and support they have provided during the year, to keep the club running smoothly in these difficult times.



Editors Message

Welcome to the Spring 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 and Instagram.

This newsletter looks at the many ways Griffons and their owners have been coping with the new normal.

There have been one or two shows in the last few weeks as restrictions ease. Hopefully conditions in Australia will continue to improve as Covid decline and next year will be more positive.

Please everyone, continue to stay safe. Your Griffons need you.

Some Puppy Spam





What Does Our Club Do?

Showing isn't even half of it!

EDUCATE



The general public about the pro's & cons of Griffons, and how to find a responsible breeder.

ASSIST



Potential Griffon owners to find a responsible breeder, and assist existing Griffon owners with any issues they may be having with their Griffon.

PROMOTE



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

RESCUE



Griffons in need whom often require extensive veterinary and rehabilitation work



www.griffonnsw.com

Support Responsible Breeders



AGM Information

Notice of AGM

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

Agenda

Date 29th November 2020

Time 4pm

Zoom information -<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5246816706?pwd=VXZXdkveEIRNjB3Ym9uZ2RzK0hFQT09>

(Please contact the President at mbrienparker@yahoo.com if you wish to register for the meeting so that you can be provided with the ZOOM password)

Members Present

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting November 2019
1. Presidents Report
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurers Report -Statement of Income and Expenditure
4. Show Secretary Report
5. Rescue Co Ordinator Report

Election of Office Bearers and Committee

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

Appointment of Auditor

Any other Business

Review of the Code of Conduct and Breeders Code of Ethics

Close



AGENDA

The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

General Meeting

Zoom Meeting due to Covid

Time: After the Annual General Meeting

In Attendance:

Apologies:

Treasurers Report:

Secretary- Minutes of Previous meeting

Business Arising

Outgoing Correspondence:

Incoming Correspondence:

New members: to be voted on

GENERAL BUSINESS

•Show Committee Report

Trophies 2019/2020

Update on show organisation

Other show business

•Events

•Griffon Buyer Register Report

General Business

Any Other Business



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



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Annual General Meeting 2020

Nomination Form

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

Please Note:

- If written nominations are received, they will be the nominations that will be voted upon. Nominations will not be called from the floor if written nominations have been received. **Nominations must be received by the Secretary by 5pm 22nd November at nevaending@hotmail.com**
- If no written nominations have been received then nominations will be called from the zoom meeting. You may nominate yourself.
- If you are unable to attend the meeting by Zoom but wish to be nominated you may nominate and email the form to the Secretary at nevaending@hotmail.com
- If you nominate another person who is not attending the meeting then ensure that they have signed the 'Accept Nomination' column
- You must be a financial member in order to vote
- Nominees for the 4 Executive positions must be financial members of Dogs NSW



Griffon Corner

Baby Boom

In the last issue of The Phoenix we celebrated the birth of a new baby to two couples; Cohen Tobias and Murray White and Carley and Patrick Brown. There is obviously something to be said about Covid restrictions because now we offer congratulations to two more couples who have announced their pregnancies.

Congratulations to *Jess Fouard and AJ Reed* who are anticipating a girl at the beginning of 2021. Percy and Alfie are very excited to welcome a sister into the family.
Jess and Alfie

Congratulations also to *Claire Parker O'Sullivan and Matthew O'Sullivan* who are expecting a baby in March 2021
Claire and Beedle

Squirrel and Beedle are so excited that they have been practicing with young Henry, son of Sarah Petty McGuirk, our club trophy manager



Cabal Canine Candida



Cabal Canine Candida



And **Archie Bo Jangles**, owned by *Carley and Patrick Brown*, takes his duties as a baby supervisor very seriously, always on guard and ready to alert if needed



Griffon wedding

Congratulations to **Kat Runnell and Bobby Truong** who recently celebrated their wedding with Milo, the Griffon as a very handsome best man. Milo looked the part in his special bow tie

*Kat Runnell
Kat and Bobby
Truong And
milo*



mel_mclaughlin
Penrith Stadium



George the Griffon is a sports commentator

Victoria Mercer sold one of her pups to Mel McLaughlin, Channel 7, sports commentator. George assisted in the commentary at Penrith Stadium and a recent Rugby League game.





Bean is also a media star. He has previously modelled for furniture advertisements and he is now posing to demonstrate his star qualities in front of a camera again



In Western Australia, **Kelly Pilgrim Byrne's** two boys have also been showing star qualities. Sid gained a certificate for his agility

Sid



And Eric gained a certificate for his scent work in exteriors



Eric



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



How I look when I realise it's only Wednesday
 😂😭 oh Prince you are a handsome devil 🐶
 @hillsanimalhospital #happyface
 #humpdaywednesday #griffon
 #griffonsofinstagram #griffonlovers
 #dogstagram #dogsofinsta #dogslife #dogs
 #dogsofig #puppysogeyes



An Instagram star- **Prince** made the post for Hills Animal Hospital because of his handsome good looks



Grommet and Basil have also featured on the Paws For Thought Rescue FB page as well as they regularly socialise with them



Caring and ethical breeders always go above and beyond for their dogs

Terri and Grant Odell's girl, **Bunny**, recently had a litter of 4 pups.

Two of the pups were very small and needed some supplementary feeding so Grant has been sleeping next to the whelping box

to ensure that they are OK. Good breeders always have the pups where they can supervise closely. They are never outside in kennel blocks and the mother is not just left to her own devices.





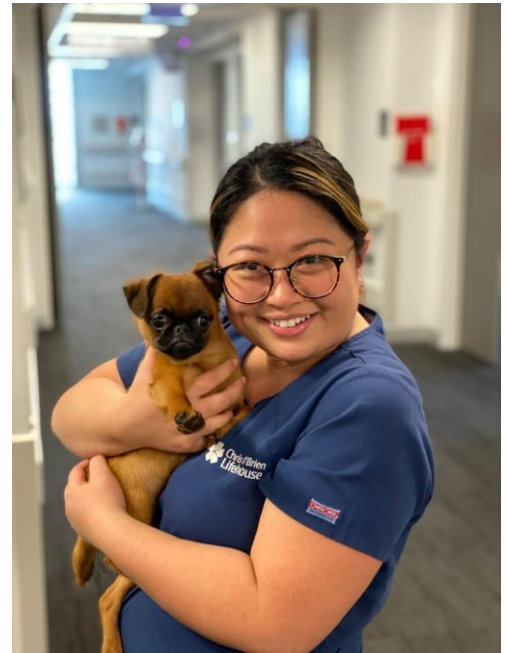
various forms of treatment

Remi- Staff and Patient Support Dog

Remi was bred by Victoria Mercer and is owned by Karen Heath.

They work at the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, Cancer Hospital in Camperdown.

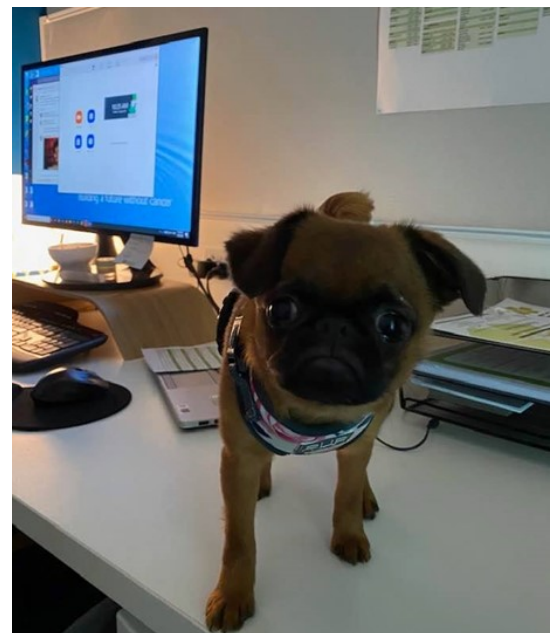
Chris O'Brien Lifehouse is a not-for-profit, comprehensive cancer hospital offering care from screening, prevention, diagnosis and treatment to wellness. They specialise in advanced cancer care including the most rare and complex cases. They have end of life patients as well as patients undergoing



hospital.

Remi is valued member of the staff as

a support dog. She attends meetings, supervises paperwork and provides valuable support to both staff and patients in the



Karen wrote,

"Remi is well known and well loved!

Today she spent 2 hours sleeping on a patient whilst they underwent their treatment.

Remi is the perfect temperament to support patients but perfect dog for me and my family! We just adore her (and she knows it!)

We are just absolutely so in love with her and so is my work!

We have an end of life patient that Remi has been with every day this week, escorting her to appointments and tests etc and this patient falls asleep when



Remi snuggles in. Remi has her own Instagram page now so patients can follow! All the patients and staff add to it.

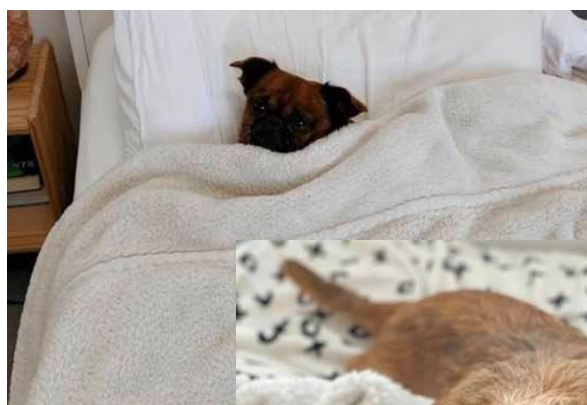
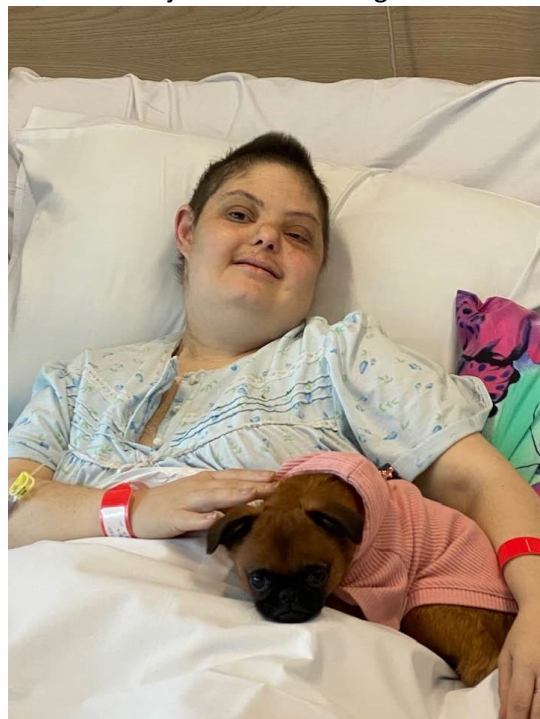
Remi is so patient, so playful, so loyal and so affectionate. This is honestly the best puppy / breed we have ever had. Remi right now is sitting here with us at our local restaurant. Best advice you gave me was let her be a puppy. At work we have a room for her and an outside area so she has time out and can chew and run around. Patients just love her being a little

naughty too! At work I have a TV for her so I let her watch Blues Clues and Paw Patrol for time out, it's so cute!

I have had so many requests from staff if I could train their dogs as she does so many tricks and is just so clever. Honestly, it's not me, it is you and her. I cannot recommend the breed and you enough!!!!"

Well Done Remi

Griffons are companion dogs and it is great to see that well bred Griffons can still fulfil the bred functions so well.



Griffons Making themselves Comfortable





Puppy Love

New Puppy Owners

Congratulations to the following new puppy owners. The club is happy to have helped you find your new family member.



Beaufox Basil Brush
(GIZMO) with new parents
Tina Le and Mark Amos

Morag Craigen with her
new baby girl
Beaufox Beatrice de la
Tulipe (TIGGY)



Beaufox Olivier D'Athos (TOFU"
a brother for Sushi and Emily
Dibden's family



Yvonne
Smythe
with
Beaufox
Benjamin
Bunny
now
(GROVER)
with his new
family and also a brother for Kermit





Martine Ballantyne with Beaufox Vicomte Victor de la Fere (ASTRO)



Celebrating Fathers Day- Griffon style



Squirrel helping Dad with his work



Bean, getting cuddles from Dad



Eddie, the lifesaver, making sure Dad doesn't drown



Coping with Corona

How to wear your mask correctly



STAY SAFE - YOUR GRIFFONS NEED YOU!!



Griffon Entertainment



Billy, George and Porthos had a pyjama party

Grommett, Bazil and friend, Donnie – the boyz rule the park



Archie, always supervising the family baby

Snoop, learned to walk on the lead so he can go for waterside walks



Bazil played with his ball





Griffon Bath Time



Some Griffons with their own inimitable expressions when faced with a bath

Matilda



Elroy



*Sushi
supervising
the bath*



*Bazil- don't wet me, please
don't wet me!!!*





Happy Birthday to You!!!



Happy 6th birthday to Percy owned by Jess Fouard



Happy Birthday to Poppy who turned 9yrs
Owned by Cassie and Ferdinand Ibbarola

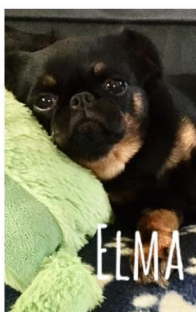


LEONIE



MAURICE

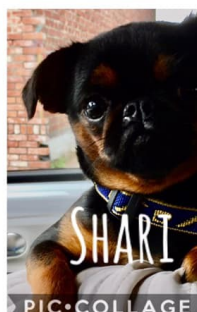
Happy first birthday to Leonie, Maurice,
Scotch, Shari and Elma ♥♥ (Morning Bell
Querida Niña x I'm Your Man Unlimited)
owned /bred by Sophie de Rave in Belgium



ELMA



SCOTCH



SHARI



Lotje

Lilla



Happy 10th birthday
to Lotje and Lilla-
bred in Norway and
living in Belgium



Owned by Adam and Blake Zur they said "Happy 7th birthday to my first born fur son Dwighty Z. Thank you for your commitment to cleaning up any molecules of food that have been dropped on the floor by Elijah and Freya".



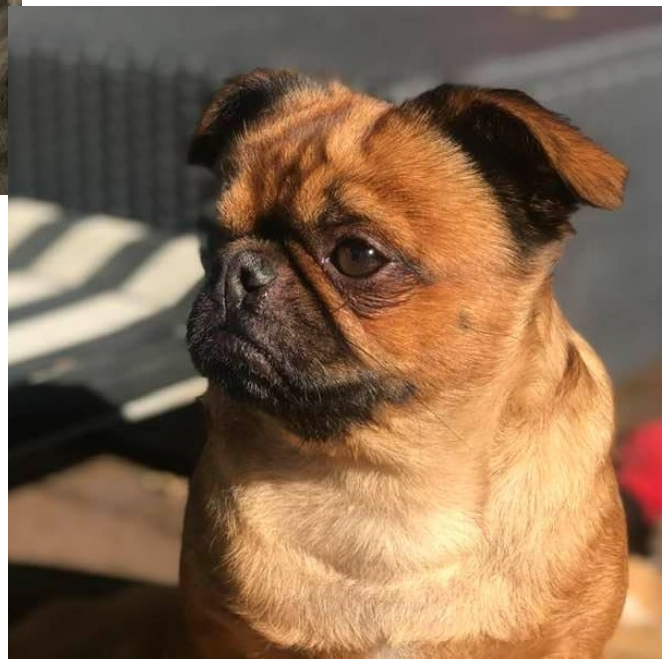
Happy 7th birthday also to Dwights sister, Jaffa, owned by Simone Howley



Happy 2nd birthday to Tilly Tonks and Clarice Cliff owned by Michelle Parker Brien



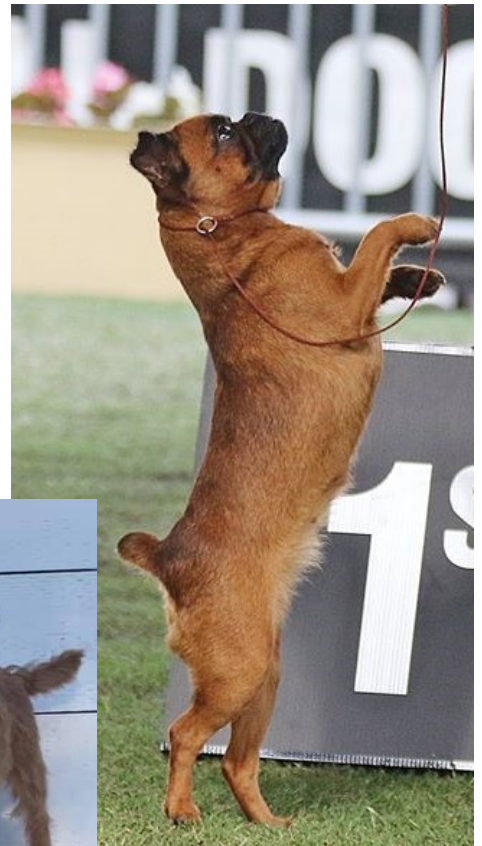
Happy 5th birthday to Beedle, owned by Claire Parker O Sullivan





*Happy birthday
to Beedle's sister,
Pomona 5yrs.
Michelle Parker
Brien*

*Happy 7th
birthday to
Hermione-
Michelle Parker
Brien*

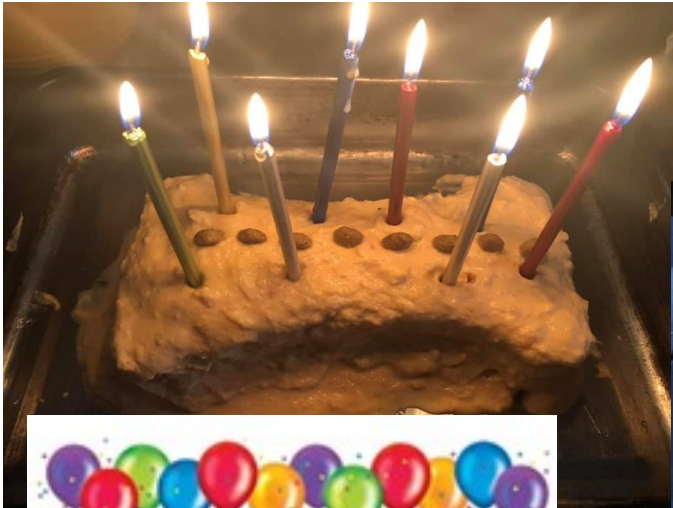


*The Balliol kids had a
joint birthday party
with sausage candles*



*Happy 14th birthday to The Duke, honorary Griffon and
brother to Archie Bo Jangles
He did very well for himself with a pile of goodies that he was
happy to share with his brother owned by Carley and Patrick
Brown*





Happy 8th Birthday to Billy who had a bone shaped cake, a puzzle game and a party with his friends to celebrate. Owned by Sharyn Woods



What Griffons are Doing During Covid



Ginger -Hunting for kibble in the water bowl

Flitchee is doing as little as possible



Osha finds her hectic life exhausting





Due to our relocation,
Barking Mad will be taking
a breather from Christmas.
Bookings are being taken
up until then, so please get
in touch if you would like to
secure a place.





Halloween Griffons

Ros and David Finch's ghoulish gang



Kay McArthur's little gremlin



Phin and friend trick and treating



Elroy, the skeleton





Cabal Canine Candidids



Runner Up Best of Breed at the first show was **Ch Balliol Captain Krum** owned by Claire Parker O'Sullivan. He then went on to win Best of Breed and Open in Show at the second Flat Face Show, judged by Debra Norquey

Cabal Canine Candidids



Show News

Australia

NSW has seen shows now now beginning since the restrictions eased. The Flat Face Toy Dog Club of NSW as one of the first and they held a double double show in October.

The first show was judged by Robert Lucas and saw Kerry and Emily Bell's boy, **Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac** win Best of Breed and then go on to Best in Show.



Reserve Bitch Challenge at both shows was **Nagpuni Midnight at the Oasis**, owned by Nicola McLean and Terri Odell

Bitch challenge both shows and Runner Up Best of Breed at the second show was **Ch Tzani Giggles McDimple**, owned by Kerry and Emily Bell. She also won Junior in show at the second show





Best of Breed Neuter and Runner up Neuter in Show at both shows was **Neut Ch Kango Lady Ma Donna**, owned by Maroussa Polias

Congratulations!



The in limited showing she gained her American title and can now be known as **US Ch Harpersband Orinoco Flow**. She finished her AKC Championship in style winning Best of Breed and Group 4.

She is shown naturally with normal ears and an undocked tail which made her achievement even better.

Congratulations!

USA

Harpersband Orinoco Flow, bred by Olga Baranova in Russia and now owned by Rhonda Peralta in the USA has had a highly successful US career. She won Best of Breed at American Brussels Griffon Association 75th Anniversary show





The judge at one of the shows was the Griffon specialist, Mrs E Middleton

The following weekend at the Taupo show, Hugo continued his success with a Reserve in Group under Samantha Diggins whose late mother was Dia Cowie of Brugge Griffon Bruxellois4. He was also 4th in the NZ Bred Stakes Hugo's sire is from the well -known USA dog, CH Paragons Sharp Dressed Man At Greengates, via frozen semen.

New Zealand

In New Zealand, shows are just commencing again and at the Tauranga shows, NZ Ch Paris Tailor Made (Hugo)

Sire. Cricklewood Snappy Dresser
Dam. NZ Ch Shigriff Second Thoughts (Imp AUS) won two Best of Breed and two Intermediate of Group awards. Owned and bred by Sandie Meads and Fern Feaver he was handled by Fern.



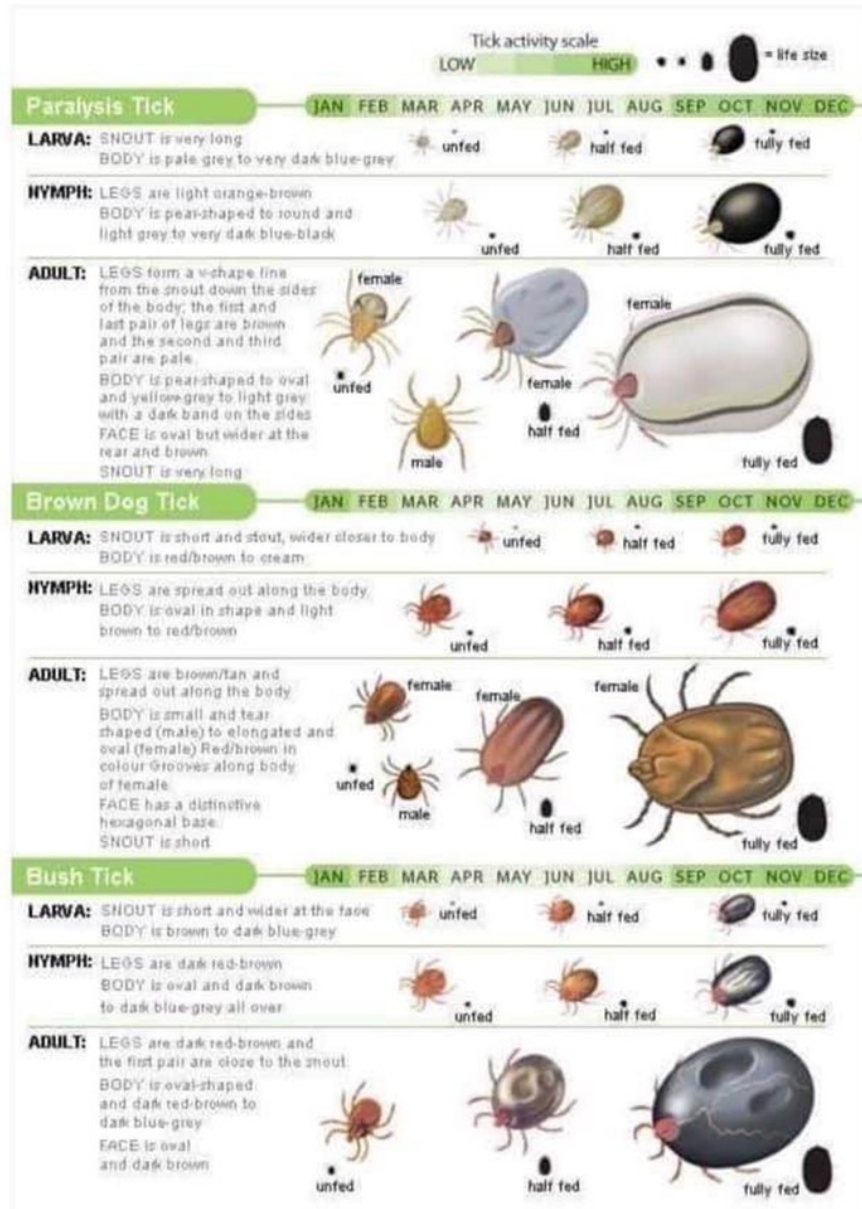
Congratulations!



Beware of Ticks

The wetter Spring weather this year has created perfect breeding conditions for paralysis ticks. These ticks are deadly. The toxin injected paralyses the dog's muscles, causing wobbling gait, weakened back legs and ultimately prevent it from breathing properly. If you find a tick on your dog remove it and seek Vet treatment immediately. Don't wait to see what happens because the effects build up slowly and by the time you are seeing the symptoms it has become serious. The quicker you get treatment the quicker the recovery.

!! Vets are warning pet owners to be on high alert for paralysis ticks, with some predicting the worst season in history. Nothing like 2020



Dog can still be bitten by ticks even if you use the various tick products on the market – usually the symptoms are not as severe as on unprotected dogs.

Ticks like warm, moist humid conditions and areas of long grass and trees and shrubs. They are all along the eastern Australian coastal areas so if you are in potential tick areas you should always check your dogs every day. Always look inside the ears, in the mouth and on the gums and lips, between the toes and check through the coat thoroughly



Health

BOAS

The Cambridge University Research team in to BOAS has developed an exercise test to assist in assessing BOAS. The paper below provides the information on this test. It refers to Bulldogs and Pugs but is of interest to all breeds

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/vsu.13159?elqCampaignId=27757&fbclid=IwAR1FZ8a2dLuimkswEepg>



COLOUR GENETICS

Why are some Colours Unhealthy?

Colour Dilution Alopecia (CDA) is a genetically inherited condition that causes patches of hair loss or thinning, and may also include itchy or dry skin. This condition is usually connected with individuals who have 'dilute' colour.

Blue Dog Syndrome is another name for Colour Dilution Alopecia (CDA). This condition is inherited and it's more common in dogs that have **been bred for diluted coat colour**. It

is also considered to be a form of follicular dysplasia. This condition is often found in dogs with a blue coat or with a fawn coat when the coat colours have been diluted from coats that are red, blacks, and black and tans.



CDA Introduction

CDA is typical to dogs who have a dilution of normal coat colours as well as various other body parts. Alopecia is a specific disorder that causes permanent and complete hair loss, resulting in a patchy appearance. (2) This condition has various names pending on the breed affected and is also known as : Blue or Fawn Doberman Syndrome, Fawn Irish Setter Syndrome, Blue Dog Disease, Blue Balding Syndrome, Blue Doberman Syndrome, Color Mutant Alopecia, and Congenital Alopecia. It occurs in Griffons Bruxellois. This disorder directly affects the hair follicles that are located at the level below the dog's skin. This direct influence makes the growth of new hair impossible. Hypotrichosis is often mixed with alopecia.

Dilute with weak bones and feet turning out



However, the main difference is that with the first condition (hypotrichosis) the loss of the hair coat is not total. Colour Dilution Alopecia (CDA) causes patchy hair loss and numerous skin problems, including itchy skin and scaliness. In addition, it can present recurring bacterial infections.

CDA Symptoms

Alopecia means hairlessness. Dogs that are affected with this condition will have a patchy and poor coat that can usually progress until the permanent hair loss. There are even some abnormalities of the hair follicles and uneven clumping of pigment (melanin) granules in the hair shafts that can be seen in affected areas, observed from a cellular level. It is not obvious in puppies but as the dog gets older the thinning develops and becomes more obvious

The most common signs of a dog with this condition are:

1. Hair Loss – this is usually the first sign when it comes to identifying colour dilution alopecia in dogs. However, this won't appear until the dog is six months old at least. In some cases, it won't appear until the dog is even three years old.

2. Broken Hairs – this effect is also known as stubble alopecia that can be seen in scaling skin,



papules (swollen bump not producing pus), and pustules (a small blister or pimple producing pus)

3. Dry and flaky skin – this is one of the most common signs that there is an underlying problem with your furry buddy. This can become very itchy.

4. Recurring bacterial infections – this sort of infections is usually seen on your dog's back. In most cases it can be identified by infected hair follicles, looking like tiny bumps.

5. Pruritus – an infection can lead even to pruritus (severe itching).

This condition can affect many breeds, although it is known that it can affect only certain dogs within specific breeds.

These 'special', or individual dogs are recognized by the colour of their lips, eye rims or even their noses. They may be lavender, blue-gray, blue, or flesh coloured. In addition, their coat may vary from bronze, fawn, blue, blue-fawn or taupe.

Dilute puppy, skin looks normal for the first 6 months to 3 years so puppy buyers do not realise the problems

Causes

The first and primary reason that leads to CDP is an inheritance, although dogs with this condition are born with a healthy looking coat and just after a few months you can diagnose this condition. Some believe that the amount of dilution in the dog can lead to the severity of the alopecia. Any disbalance in D-Locus gene can lead to hair loss, as D-Locus gene are responsible for the vibrancy of your dog's coat. The initial cause for colour dilution alopecia is not entirely understood. Therefore, it is difficult to occur when fractured hair releases its formation of colouring which is in most cases deadly to the hair follicles.

As mentioned before CDP can be a cause of the underlying problem and therefore a number of parasites, bacterial or fungal infections, as well as allergy and hormonal disease or any sort of hormonal imbalance can contribute to alopecia. If a dog is being evaluated for alopecia it is important to its age of onset (congenital or acquired), pattern (focal, multifocal/patchy or diffuse/symmetrical), location, duration, degree of pruritus and whether complete (no hair at all) or partial (stubble/broken hairs) alopecia exists.



Colour Dilution Alopecia (CDA) is a genetic defect that can affect the proper way of pigmentation. Basically, it affects the way pigment is distributed in the hairs of affected dogs. Therefore, dogs with unusual coloration such as fawn or blue are its primary target. Melanin which is known as abnormal pigment clumps up in the hair shafts and subsequent changes towards light refraction's which are responsible for the unusual coloration.

In Griffon Bruxellois, colour dilution occurs in two colours – blue and liver (chocolate). The dilute gene has occasionally occurred in the past 100 years and reputable breeders have not bred from dilute dogs.

Liver dilute dogs have not had health issues when bred from non-dilute dogs and have lived normal lives.

Blue dilute dogs when occurring from non-dilute breedings have had health issues and have shown CDA. Breeders and Griffon clubs have been aware of the health concerns with dilutes so when drawing up breed standards, they have not recognised these colours. This has been the case for over 100 years, even though back then they did not fully understand the genetics.

Modern Breeders

Today, with scientific advances, a DNA test is available and reputable breeders will DNA test dogs to ensure that they do not breed dilutes.

However, there is a disturbing recent trend, where modern breeders are not following the ethics of breeders from the past. A minority of unscrupulous commercial breeders have started to deliberately breed dilute coloured Griffons so that they can fool buyers by marketing them as a 'rare' colour. Not only are they deliberately breeding dilute but to get more money for them they are breeding dilute to dilute, thus increasing the genetic colour combination of the dog.

Blue dog showing severe CDA (alopecia)

While in the past liver dogs from non-

dilute dogs have had not skin issues, it now appears

that liver dogs that have been produced by deliberate dilute breeding are starting to show the same issues with CDA as the blue dogs.



A liver dilute under 12 months of age showing obvious thinning of the coat on the chest and abdomen, with both wet and dry coat





Anyone who is wanting to buy a Griffon puppy needs to be aware that a breeder who deliberately breeds dilute colours is by definition, an unethical breeder. No reputable or ethical breeder would deliberately breed a dog that will have skin conditions for most of its life. This is not the action of a caring breeder.

Alarm bells should ring if you see any breeder advertising 'rare' or 'unusual' colours in Griffons. This is a clue about the ethics, or lack of ethics, of the breeder.

In Australia there are very few dogs that carry the dilute gene. In the few cases where dogs are carrying the dilute gene, the reputable breeders are aware of it and are DNA testing to ensure that they do not increase these genes. There are a number of breeders in Russia and the USA who are producing these dogs and selling them for high prices as rare. Please be aware that no matter what these breeders say, or how they try to justify their actions, they do not really care about the breed or the individual dogs and they are breeding for one reason only – to make money.

Polygenic traits

A polygenic trait is a trait that is caused by a combination of genes. Because of the complexity of polygenic traits, it is difficult for DNA tests to be devised for them. It is also more difficult to ascertain the form of inheritance of these traits.

SM/CM is a polygenic condition which is why, despite 10 years of research, they still do not understand how it is inherited

The following extract is from Dr Malcolm B Willis - canine geneticist, scientist author, judge, breeder.

A little more on Polygenic traits:

There are some simple inherited traits in dogs, e.g. coat colour, coat length, ear carriage, presence or absence of hind dew claws, eye colour, some diseases and the like. When dealing with simple traits then you can make reasonably accurate predictions as to what will happen when breeding.

However, many of the most important traits are not inherited in this simple fashion. Traits like fertility, temperament, breed type, height, weight, shoulder angle and several defects and diseases are complex in their mode of inheritance and are frequently affected by the type of environment in which we rear the dog. If, for example an Irish Setter is genetically red, then he will be red in coat colour regardless how well or how badly we feed him. But the kind

of temperament he inherits may be modified by the way we socialise and rear him - such that he could finally exhibit a character very different from that which might have been expected. The same





is true of his height and weight, badly reared he could be so drastically altered in conformation as to appear quite different from what he was bred for. Such characters are known as "polygenic traits". They are essentially produced by a series of genes which individually have a very slight effect, but which together make for very large differences. Not all polygenic traits are equally controlled by genetics. Some are more a question of environment, others more a question of genes and others fall between the two. Reproductive traits like litter size are basically genetic, but have a very high environmental component such as the size and the age of the dam, the type of nutrition, the stage of mating and a host of other things will all influence the eventual litter size. The extent to which a character is under genetic control is called heritability. Unfortunately, very few canine traits have had their heritabilities assessed for them, therefore we must make some educated guesses for them based upon our knowledge from other species. Genetically traits, litter size, puppy viability, for fertility itself are likely to be low in heritability - less than 25 % and probably more like 10%. Things like Hip Dysplasia are 25% - 40 % under genetic control.
(Excerpt - written in 1977 by Dr M B Willis)

Griffons just being Cute

Rita being a cute little potato



Do I look cute in this bed?



Too Cute!

Frankie doing both cute and pathetic

Teddy with his cutest Teddy Bear face



Too Cute!



Don't Buy A Lie...

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

Bright, dark eyes, without white showing, mean eye conditions and injuries are less common.



A even bite, without teeth or tongue showing means, a Griffon is less likely to suffer from dental or eating issues



Healthy Griffons should have a thick, lush coat. A sparse, dull coat is often a sign of skin issues and illness.



Large, wide open nostrils are far less likely to suffer from any breathing issues



Strong solid bone makes breaks and joint injuries less common



Griffons should be sturdy, solid dogs. Thin and weedy Griffons are more likely to suffer injuries.



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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



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.



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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.**