



The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc.

The Phoenix



Summer 2021



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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



Griffon and Friends

Obi loves his new baby sister, Moana

Dudley,
the Pug
cross, is
trying
hard to
be a
Griffon





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More Griffons and Friends

Ninel and KD the Griffon, sharing the love

Eddie and big brother, Bernie





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The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW 2020 Presidents Report

The Covid pandemic has brought about major changes to the function of the club this year and we have been unable to meet or show our dogs as we have done in previous years.

Championship Show

All shows in Australia ceased in March and our Championship show was one of the first to be affected as it was scheduled just a few weeks after the restrictions came into place. At such a late stage there were a lot of organisational processes to be put into place and our Show Secretary, Claire Parker O Sullivan, worked hard to cancel flights, contact judges, donors and exhibitors, cancel catering and all the other myriad of things that go into organising a show. Our very generous members who donated were all happy for the donation to carry over to our show in 2021 which made the financial losses caused by the cancellation a little easier and we thank them for their generosity.

As we were unable to hold our show we conducted an international on line show to celebrate our Griffons.

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

All going well with the Covid situation, we plan to hold the show in 2021 with the same judges and schedule, with all arrangements carrying over from 2020.

Point Score

The club point score competition was cut short at the halfway mark when shows ceased so the place getters were awarded from the first five shows. We had strong Griffon entries at the designated shows, and 53 Griffons had been taking part in the competition.

The winner of the 2019-2020 Point Score was the red smooth bitch, Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice. Runner Up was another smooth bitch, Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke. Puppy point score winner was also Ch Nagpuni Ginger Spice. Congratulations to all the winners.

Promoting the breed

Due to the restrictions we were unable to carry out our usual activities in 2020 ; The Dog Lovers Show was cancelled, Dogs on Show was cancelled, the social activities and meet ups were cancelled and even our Christmas party of 2019 was cancelled due to the severe bush fires and heat that marked the end of 2019.

However the club has been very active through social media and has four platforms to promote the club

- Our club website - griffonsnsw
- The official club Face book Group - Griffons NSW
- The Club Face Book Page – The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW
- Instagram - @griffonsnsw

The club also has two other private club groups- The CGBC of NSW Committee Group and the CGBC of NSW Exhibitor Support Group

The Committee group has been invaluable in 2020 and regular on- line committee meetings have kept the club running smoothly and successfully.

Educating Puppy Buyers

The Covid situation has created a huge demand for dogs of all breeds and Griffons have become very popular with the public. This in turn has led to an upturn in unethical and dishonest breeding practices by people who want to cash in on demand. As well as breeders producing unregistered and unhealthy Griffon litters, there have also been people who have deliberately bred crossbred Griffons



and marketed them as pure Griffons or as a 'rare' breed.

Members of the club have been very proactive on the local Facebook groups educating potential buyers about only buying from ethical breeders and offering help, support and advice to all potential puppy buyers. The club has also created a series of educational memes to promote ethical breeding practices.

The International Situation

The decision by the Dutch Government and the Dutch Kennel Club, to effectively stop the breeding of 12 Brachycephalic breeds, including Griffons, based on limited and distorted research regarding BOAS, took the dog world by surprise. The club, at the behest of the ANKC, wrote a letter expressing their concerns regarding this situation. This letter was submitted to the Dutch KC by the ANKC, along with their own formal letter and those of many other clubs in Australia.

In addition, though the club Face book page, the club collated a collection of photos of Griffon nostrils, gathered over a week- long period of time. Over 300 photos were gathered from group members around the world. These photos showed that most Griffons had large round open nostrils. The photos have been shared internationally and provided to the Cambridge University BOAS Research group run by Jane Ladlow.

<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>

The club also held a celebration of our Golden Oldie Griffons, via our Facebook group and had over 100 photos of Griffons aged 10 or over, demonstrating that well bred Griffons live long and healthy lives

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

Griffon Buyer Register

The Griffon Buyer Register was developed in 2014 to assist people in buying a Griffon and has gone from strength to strength in 2020. Our thanks go to our Assistant Secretary Sharyn Wood who manages the memberships and the Griffon Buyer Register. Anyone who enquires about buying a Griffon, gets a large educational package providing information about ethical breeders and explaining that differences between ethical and unethical breeding. In this way the club has been very proactive about providing advice to buyers.

In addition, the breeders of the club have agreed to follow a code of ethics that goes above the minimum requirements of the ANKC and they are able to work with Sharyn to find the most suitable homes for their pups.

The situation assists both the breeders and the public and Sharyn does a fantastic job collating all the inquiries

Health

Our club continues to support health research for Griffons. We ensure that members are kept fully informed about the latest health research findings and problems and support proven, reputable research. Up to date research information on a variety of health issues is published in each issue of The Phoenix

Membership

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



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exhibitors and pet owners alike. We have a number of international members as well as Australian members.

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

Newsletter

The club produces a newsletter 'The Phoenix' which is issued quarterly and is full of information from Australia and overseas with items of interest for all Griffon lovers.

Committee

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

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

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

We have always been proud to call our club the friendly club and I feel that we are successfully maintaining this, even in the difficulties we are experiencing at the present time

I look forward to working with all our members again in whatever capacity I am elected to fill and hope that 2021 will be bigger and better for all members.

Michelle Parker Brien (President) 2019-20



Secretary's Report (2019/2020)

Report tabled at AGM

Due to COVID 19 our club had a very interesting year. We were unable to hold our Championship Show, attend Dog Lovers and our point score competition was cut short. However, the Executive has endeavoured to keep members informed by providing important information through our face book page and our committee and Executive have continued to discuss and make decisions through our committee group to ensure that the club continues to run smoothly.

Hopefully we may see things start to get back to normal sometime next year however I feel that until a vaccination becomes available the dog world as we know it may take on a totally different persona.

2020 Championship shows

While we were unable to hold our Championship shows this year a lot of work behind the scenes had been completed prior to COVID 19.

Sara Peddie McGuirk our Trophy Manager had already purchased our trophy prizes which will be used at our 2021 show if we are able to go ahead. Claire Parker O'Sullivan organised Show Schedules etc with dog NSW that in turn had to be cancelled. Matt O'Sullivan our Treasure had to organise for monies paid to Dogs NSW to hold our show be refunded which was quite a arduous task.

Dog Lovers Show

Nothing to report for Dog Lovers Show this year as it was another victim of COVID 19 and cancelled.

Point Score Show

Our Point Score competition for 2019 – 2020 was cut short due to COVID 19. A big congratulation to the Exhibitors who were leading at the time COVID 19 hit you were our winners for 2019 - 2020.

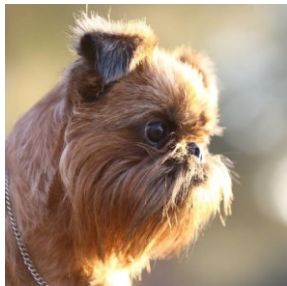
Rescue Report



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Thankfully this year we have had no rescues in care.
However, I feel due to the large amount of unethical and unregistered breeders appearing on the scene we may be in for a bumpy ride in the up-coming years.

Jannelle Tremeneheere
Secretary 2019/2020



Editors Message

Welcome to the Summer issue of The Phoenix. Life continues to be different with the state of the world from Covid 19 but we are slowly getting back to normal as the cases recede

The club activities are slowly starting up and we look forward to our championship shows to be held on 27th March 2021 at Hillsborough. There have also been an increasing number of shows and the club point score has begun once again after cancellation last year. Hopefully conditions in Australia will continue to improve as Covid declines and the year will be more positive as vaccinations roll.

There have been a few litters recently and some happy owners have new puppies after a long wait. If you are on the Griffon Buyer register and get a new puppy, please contact Sharyn so that she can update details. If you are still waiting for a Griffon on the register, please make sure that your details are current and contact is accurate.

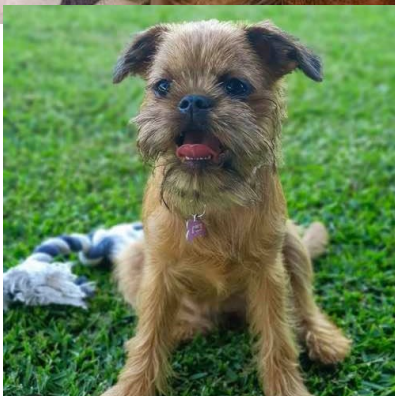


Smile for the camera

Elroy smiling



Osha smiling



Boots has a big smile



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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



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Support Responsible Breeders



AGM Information

The AGM and the following General Meeting were held on November 29th via Zoom, due to Covid restrictions.

The following nominations were received and were elected unopposed.

The executive remains unchanged but we welcome Tiffany Budini who will take on the role of Dogs Lovers Organiser

Position	Person Nominated	Nominated by	Seconded	Accept Nomination
President	Michelle Parker Brien	J Tremenheere	A Tremenheere	Yes
Vice President	Ashleigh Barber	Tiffany Dale	J Tremenheere	Yes
Secretary	Jannelle Tremenheere	M Parker Brien	A Tremenheere	Yes
Treasurer	Matt O Sullivan	Claire Parker O'Sullivan	Sarah Peddie McGuirk	Yes
Committee				
Fund Raising Officer	Terri Odell	M Parker Brien	J Tremenheere	Yes
Events Co Ordinator	Victoria Mercer	M Parker Brien	J Tremenheere	Yes
	Tiffany Budini	D Finch J Girardi T Budini J Fouard	R Finch	No
Committee Member	J Wistuba	S Woods	K Bell	Yes
Committee Member	Adam Tremenheere	J Tremenheere	A Barber	Yes
Committee Member	Nicola McClean	N McClean	A Barber	Yes
Show Committee				
Show Manager	Michelle Parker Brien	J Tremenheere	C Parker O'Sullivan	Yes
Show Secretary	Claire Parker O Sullivan	C Parker O Sullivan	M O'Sullivan	Yes
Trophy Manager	Sarah Peddie McGuirk	C Parker O Sullivan	M O'Sullivan	Yes
Non Committee Positions				
Assistant Secretary	Sharyn Wood	J Wistuba	K Bell	Yes
Events Committee Member Sthn	Unfilled			
Events Committee Member Sydney	Tom Gregory	A Barber	J Tremenheere	Yes
Events Committee- Member Dog Lovers Show organiser	Tiffany Budini	D Finch J Girardi J Fouard	R Finch	Yes
Catering Officer	Tiffany Dale	A Barber	A Tremenheere	Yes
Rescue Co-Ordinator	Adam Tremenheere	M Parker Brien	A Barber	Yes
Patrons(2)	Jocelyn Croad			
	Tom Couchman			



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The 2020 Championship Shows

We look forward to holding our 2021 Championship shows after the cancellation of the 2020 show due to Covid.

We have two experienced Toy specialists judging and everything is in place for a successful show. The show will be held under strict Covid protocols but as we are the only club on the grounds on the day exhibitors will have plenty of space to spread out and socially distance.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid restrictions, we will not be able to have our traditional champagne buffet lunch or morning tea but we will arrange to provide food from the canteen.

Camping is available

We are pleased to have Mrs Jocelyn Croad as our guest of honour to present the Edward Croad Memorial Trophy

We will also be unable to have our traditional trophy presentation so all trophies will be presented in the ring at the time of award. Photos will also be taken in the ring with appropriate social distancing. Masks are recommended but optional.

Commented [MP1]:

Entries Close 15 March 2021

**THE COUNTRY GRIFFON
BRUXELLOIS CLUB OF NSW**

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

CNCC DOG COMPLEX, HILLSBOROUGH RD, HILLSBOROUGH

SATURDAY 27 MARCH 2021

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

Entries to: The Show Secretary, C/- 5 Kendall St, Charlestown 2290
Ph & Extreme Weather Ph 0459 169 096
Cheques made payable to: The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW

JUDGES

Silver Show: **Ms A Lummevaara (NSW)**
Griffon Bruxellois

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

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

Judging Commences Silver: 9.30am, Gold: not before 11.00am

DOGS NSW Representative Mrs K Minns **Catalogues** Included with entry

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

Subject to COVID19 Guidelines

PRIZES:
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Griffon Corner

It's been an exciting time for new junior Griffon owners to come into the world

Congratulations to **Jess Fouard and Adrian Reed**, who welcomed their daughter, Violette Valerie Reed, into the world on the 21st February 2021.

A human sister to the Griffons, Percy and Alfie.



Club Treasurer, **Matt O'Sullivan** and Club Show Secretary,

Claire Parker O'Sullivan and Griffons **Beedle and Squirrel**, have not only sold their inner city Terrace, taking a tree change to the Hunter Valley but also welcomed a new daughter to the world. Jemima Marguerite Parker O'Sullivan.



Congratulations. Beedle and Squirrel are thrilled





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Tina Le and Mark Amos, celebrated their wedding with a very handsome little groomsman, Gizmo the Griffon, who looked the part in his tux. Congratulations to the happy couple



At the other end of the spectrum, club members, **Shirley and James Brien**, celebrated their 70th Wedding anniversary. Aged 90 and 93, respectively they are the oldest members of the club

Honey Birdette owners, **Eloise and Natalie Monaghan**, made the newspaper with their Griffon. The secret to every business success!!





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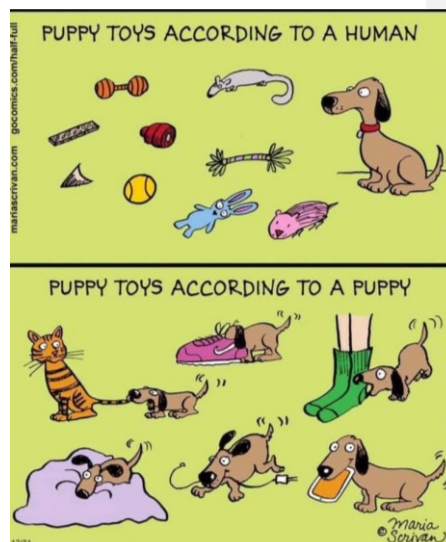
Congratulations to **Don and Tammie Teo**, who not only celebrated son **Trey's 2nd** birthday but also announced another Junior Teo on the way. A sister for 4 legged friends **Coco and Gigi** as well as **Trey**



Another sighting of a Griffon Bruxellois in an old movie. This time in the 1935 horror movie, **Werewolf of London**, the first of the classic werewolf films



Lol so true!





NSW Government DPI Code for Breeding Dogs and Cats

The NSW Government, in an attempt to stop cruel and greedy puppy farms, developed the code below, for breeding dogs and cats.

The code has a broad definition and specifically addresses huge breeding factories.

The Minister responsible stated in an interview in October 2020, that it would stop underground rogue puppy farmers.

The RSPCA and the AVL have been appointed to carry out the audits to check if these breeders are complying with the code/

https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/299803/Breeding-dogs-and-cats-code-of-practice.pdf

However, instead of auditing the underground breeders, the RSPCA has started to audit small, hobby breeders of purebred pedigree dogs, such as the members of our club.

They are arriving unannounced at front doors and auditing people against a flawed code designed for huge commercial facilities that essentially battery farm pups.

As dog lovers, we are all strongly opposed to animal cruelty and commercial breeding of dogs just to make greedy people rich. We are strongly against people who battery farm dogs in huge puppy factories. The dogs in these huge farms, even the legal one, are stuck in tiny pens and bred into exhaustion. When they finally stop having litters large enough to be profitable for the commercial breeder, they are euthanised because they are so poorly socialised that they don't make good pets.

Unfortunately, the code the RSPCA approved and is using, legitimises these puppy farmers and has regulations that are not in the best interest of the dog's welfare.

There are two separate issues here.

One is a very flawed code that legitimises cruelty and the second is that fact that a code, directed at huge commercial puppy farms is being applied to small dedicated ANKC breeders who don't breed commercially or on a huge scale and keep their dogs as pets.

Flaws in the DPI CODE

- The Code states that dogs only require **20 minutes exercise** a day- or less if a vet advises. Huge puppy farms like Tamaruke in the Hunter Valley have their own vet clinic. My 8 week old pups get more than 20 minutes exercise a day. How can anyone who claims to be concerned with the welfare of dogs, think that 20 minutes a day is sufficient for any dog, ever.
- The Code states that a dog the size of a Griffon can be kept in a pen that is **1.5 m sq** and must have 1.8m high fencing. This means that a Griffon sized dog can legally be kept in a tiny pen for over **23 hours a day**. Again, I ask, how can any dog lover consider that it is not cruel to keep a dog locked in a tiny pen for over 23 hours with just 20 minutes exercise a day.
- The Code states that the dogs must be inspected **once a day** and the condition (eating, pooping, moving etc) of the dog must be written up for staff. This means that the only human contact, a dog could have in a day is the brief daily inspection so that the daily diary



can be completed.

So when you put these three points together, essentially the code is stating that it is okay for a dog to be kept in a tiny pen, have very brief human contact once a day and get 20 minutes exercise- and this is in the interests of the dog's best welfare??!!

Imagine how your Griffons would feel and behave if you treated them like this. Yet the code, approved by the DPI and the RSPCA considers this treatment acceptable

- The Code also discusses the need for isolation rooms and euthanasia technicians and the various staff training required by puppy farm employees.
How many pet owners have an isolation room?? Only a puppy farmer, getting rid of unprofitable breeding stock would require a euthanasia technician.
Normal pet owners and responsible ANKC breeders visit a vet and keep their dogs into old age. And when age or illness requires euthanasia they sob and suffer as they go through it all.
- The code requires detailed paperwork. As long as the paperwork is correct then the facility is approved. Not sure how they check if the actions are really carried out. How can a dog tell you if they really did get the 20 minutes exercise.

Flaws in the Inspections

Not only is the code flawed but the way the RSPCA is carrying out the audit is flawed. They are using a code designed for huge commercial puppy farms and applying it to any person who has had even a single litter and calling them dog traders.

- The process is an audit, yet the RSPCA inspectors are not trained in audit procedures
- The process is supposed to target illegal puppy factories, yet instead it is targeting legal, transparent breeders who are easy to find because they are doing the right thing
- The process is supposed to look at large commercial facilities, yet it is focussing on small hobby breeders who keep dogs in a home as pets, breed only 1 or 2 litters a year and don't breed to make money but for a purpose ie. Breed preservation, canine competition such as conformation, obedience, tracking, agility etc.
- The process is secretive and not transparent. Dogs NSW breeders don't know when they will be visited by these inspectors, they have been told contradictory things by different inspectors and they have been issued fines for trivial so-called breaches even when the dogs are in tip top condition and obviously well cared for.
Thus far small breeders have been issued fines for having fences that are 1.5 m instead of 1.8, even if the dogs are tiny, having a dog in a crate while cleaning out a kennel to avoid an accidental mating and minor paperwork issues
- The Dogs NSW representatives have tried on several occasions to arrange a meeting with representatives of the RSPCA and the DPI but these parties have refused to meet with Dogs NSW.
- Dogs NSW organised a webinar and invited representatives of RSPCA and DPI to attend to fully inform members but they declined
- Some members are so stressed by the whole process that they may not breed again if this unfair persecution of legal breeders continues.

The system is supposed to stop illegal breeders- these can easily be found simply by looking at Gumtree any day of the week. Instead, the Inspectors are taking the easy option and attacking the breeders who are doing the right thing. The people who benefit from this are the puppy farmers



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and no one else- not the dogs, not the public who want the choice of a pedigree dog from a reputable breeder and not the ethical breeders.

At the present time, the inspections have been halted, because of widespread lobbying to politicians and they are currently reviewing the process.

Our club, like many other clubs and breeders, has written to all NSW politicians about the issue.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you have bought a Griffon from an ethical, responsible breeder, or if you are hoping to buy a Griffon in the near future, then I urge you to write to your local member and let them know how you feel. If all the small responsible ANKC breeders slow down or stop breeding then the only pups available will be from puppy farms. As a member of the public, you should have the right to choose the breed you want to live with.

You can find your local member on this link

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/Pages/all-members.aspx>

Below is the copy of the letter, sent on behalf of the club, to all NSW Members of Parliament in both the Upper and Lower house



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To the Honourable Member

On behalf of The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW, I would like to express our concern regarding the ongoing DPI inspections carried out by the RSPCA.

Our club, The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW Inc, is a small non-profit club made up of dedicated preservationist breeders of the Griffon Bruxellois.

The Griffon Bruxellois is a small companion dog of up to 5 kg with a history dating back to the Middle Ages. These dogs were bred in in the late 1800's by Belgian aristocracy including the Queen of the Belgians and have remained relatively unchanged as a breed for the past 180 years.

The members of our club abide by a strict code of conduct and the breeders in our club agree to a code of ethics that go above and beyond the DPI minimum standards code. This code is freely available on our club website www.griffonnsw.com

Our club is active in educating the public and promoting ethical breeding practices.

Our member breeders love their dogs and keep them as pets. The dogs live in the house and when they have a litter the pups are whelped in the home and provided with devoted 24hour care.

These breeders work to support their dogs, they do not expect the dogs to support them. They do not breed for money and in many cases actually lose money with a litter.

They research pedigrees, spend vast sums of money on health tests and select the most suitable stud dogs, often travelling interstate or even importing dogs from overseas to improve bloodlines.

They do not have huge numbers of breeding dogs. Most of them keep their dogs as pets into their old age.

These breeders never breed more than 4 litters from a bitch in her lifetime and most only breed one or two litters from a female. Many of our breeders only have one or two litters a year, if that.

They breed because they love the dogs and take pleasure in breeding high quality animals. This is the opposite to puppy factories who breed commercially and make a living from their dogs

These breeders do not have "staff". They look after their own dogs. They have a home not a "facility"



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Everything they do is completely transparent:

- *In order to become a breeder in the first place they have to complete a 12 month course run by Dogs NSW, followed by a written exam and then a home and kennel inspection*
- *They have to have several years breed experience before approval to breed a litter*
- *Pups are microchipped and then registered with Dogs NSW*
- *These pups are also registered with the local council*

So why are we concerned?

*'The Animal Welfare Code of Practice for Breeding Cats and Dogs' is the document underlying these inspections. The intent of this code is clearly and unequivocally directed at large scale puppy factories to ensure that they maintain a minimum standard. Our club applauds the intent of this document In an interview with 7 News on 22nd October 2020, the Agriculture Minister, Adam Marshall, stated, "The NSW government has declared a war on **illegal puppy factories**, announcing the creation of a dedicated hit squad to **weed out rogue operators**."*

Our members and Dogs NSW members are not underground rogue puppy farmers. On the contrary, they are one of the most transparent groups of breeders in the state.

In addition, the inspectors are arriving without an appointment and turning up unannounced which is causing stress to our members. Many of them are older or live alone or are in the high risk category for Covid.

No information is provided about the Covid safe measures taken by the inspectors or the bio security measures they have taken if they are visiting several places.

There is a marked lack of transparency in the actions of the inspectors and a lack of consistency in their expectations.

To take a code originally designed to deal with huge puppy factories and apply a one size fits all approach to small preservation breeders is both illogical and counter-productive. It will end up driving quality small breeders away so that the public will only be able to buy commercially bred "oodles" from puppy farmers. It is contrary to the intent of the code and causing a great deal of stress to ethical breeders and pet owners.

We hope that you will ask why the RSPCA is choosing to target a highly visible and transparent group of ethical preservation breeders instead of the rogue operators, as stated by the minister.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Parker Brien (President)

On behalf of the members and executive of The Country Griffon Bruxellois Club of NSW



Under the DPI Code these kennels are acceptable. The code also states that it is acceptable for a dog to be kept in pens like this for 23 hours at a time. They can be even smaller for a Griffon sized dog



Support Responsible Breeders

**When you choose to work with a
RESPONSIBLE BREEDER
you keep dogs from entering the
SHELTER SYSTEM**

**Well-bred dogs from responsible breeders
almost **never** enter the shelter system,
because responsible breeders **stand behind**
their dogs for life.**

**Choosing a responsible breeder IS a
responsible choice! Don't be shamed
into thinking otherwise.**

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Griffons make themselves comfortable

Squirrel and her new chaise lounge

Ginger testing the new outdoor furniture



Kia, Millie and Cornelius, relax on a Sunday morning



Winni waiting for lunch





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Puppy Love

New Puppy Owners



Congratulations to Nicola Barr and Luke Perris who welcomed a new Griffon puppy into the family

Joanne Ienna Casey welcomed Sprout!! Our first Griff, from FRENCHGRIFF

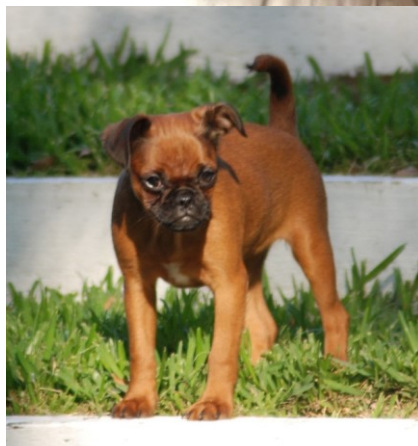


John Mc Murray and Karen Barriston welcomed Gizmo, a new brother for Gypsy

Alana Hesketh welcomed baby Alfred, AKA Alfie, to the Bruce Wayne Clan, joining her other two Griffons Bruce and Wayne.



Steve and Bernadette Prior welcomed Isabella, to join her new sister, Sascha





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2021 Point Score

The point score competition is back for 2021.

Ten shows, distributed in Sydney, Southern area and Hunter area, from March to November, averaging one show per month.

7/03/2021 Lake District Canine Club	3/04/2021 Flat Face Toy Dog & Tibetan Spaniel Association of NSW	1/05/2021 Albion Park Kennel Club Inc	19/06/2021 Norwest Canine Association	18/07/2021 North of the Harbour All Breeds Kennel Club Inc
Hillsborough Hunter	Orchard Hills Sydney	Albion Park Southern	Castle Hill Sydney	Orchard Hills Sydney

• Sydney
Royal 1-12 April-

• Our Club
Show date – 27th
March 2021

21/08/2021 Newcastle Terrier & Toy Club	19/09/2021 Nowra & District Kennel Club Inc	9/10/2021 Flat Face Toy Dog & Tibetan Spaniel Association of NSW	17/10/2021 Southern Highlands Kennel & Obedience Club Inc	26/11/2021 Brisbane Water Legacy Dog Club
Hillsborough Hunter	Berry Southern	Orchard Hills Sydney	Berrima Southern	Hillsborough Hunter

Breakdown – 10 shows
4 shows in Sydney region
3 shows in Hunter region
3 shows in Southern region

First Point Score Show March 7th 2021- Hillsborough

The first point score show at Lakes District AB Show was on 7th March.

Best of Breed and Bitch Challenge was **Ch Balliol Tilly Tonks of Raweke**, M Parker Brien



Rup Best of Breed and Res Bitch CC was **Balliol Norberta Niffler**, M Parker Brien



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Dog Challenge was **Ch Raweke Toby Lannister**, owned by S Thomas and J Tremenheere and handled by Jannelle Tremenheere



Res Dog Challenge was **Balliol Nicholas de Nimsey**, owned by Jillian Mathieson, handled by Michelle Parker Brien

Best of Breed Neuter, Bitch CC and Rup Neuter in Group was **Neuter Ch Kango Lady Ms Donna-** owned and handled by Maroussa Polias

After one show the results are as follows

1.	NEUT. CH. KANGO LADY MA DONNA	10
1	Ch BALLIOL TILLY TONKS OF RAWEKE	10
3	BALLIOL NORBERTA NIFFLER	8
4	CH RAWEKE TOBY LANNISTER	6
5	BALLIOL NICHOLAS DE NIMSEY	5



The next point score show will be on the 3/04/2021 The Flat Face Toy Dog & Tibetan Spaniel Association of NSW at Orchard Hills



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**Happy Birthday
to You!!!**



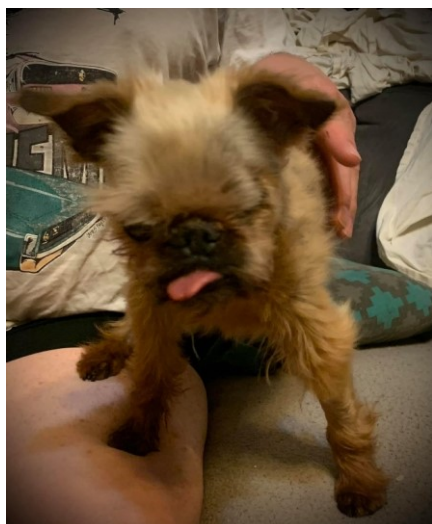
**Happy birthday to Brax.
Sup Ch Tzani Zazu Zodiac, 6
years old, owned by Kerry
and Emily Bell**



**Happy 9th birthday to
Prickle, Gr Ch Troubadour
Pricklepants, owned by
Kerry and Emily Bell**



**Happy birthday to
Multichampion Emili Ot
Nevskogo Hobbita 13yrs of age, owned by Olga
Baranova**



**Happy birthday to
Dumbledore, Gr Ch
Balliol Gellert
Grindalwald, 10
years old, owned by
Jannelle
Tremenheere**



**Happy 14th birthday to Henry, Ch Balliol Alfred Apple,
owned by Jillian Mathieson**





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*Happy birthday to
Millie, Rosndae Little
Black Dress, 2 years
old. Owned by Ros and Dave Finch*



*Happy 3rd birthday to Zsa Zsa, Neut Ch Kango Lady Ma
Donna, owned by Maroussa Polias*



*Happy 13th birthday to Dance, NZ CH
Toitoti Dance N Shout, owned by Jannelle
Tremenheere*

*Happy 10th birthday to Gertie, Gr Ch Balliol
Gertie Giggles owned by Michelle Parker Brien*





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Happy 14th birthday to Mavis, Ch Raweke Bindi with a Bow, owned by Jillian Mathieson

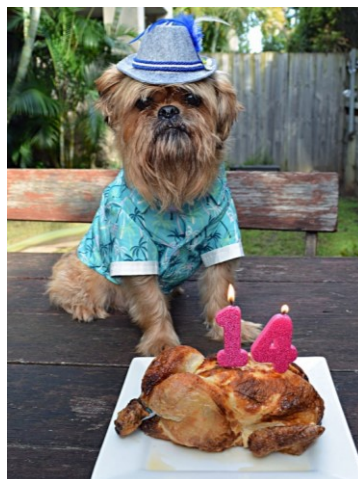


Happy 4th Birthday to Bunny, Lola and Betty, celebrating in more flexible times



Happy birthday to Neville who turned 9 years old and celebrated with an ice cream

Happy Birthday to Chewie who turned 14 years of age





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Show News

Australia

Bulli District KC show - Lochtay Carbon Copy winning Best Baby Puppy in Group owned and bred by Kerry Bell and handled by Emily Bell



Congratulations!

Bulli District Show – Nagpuni Quarter Past Midnight, winning Baby Puppy in Group- owned, bred and handled by Terri Odell

Canberra Royal

Canberra Royal is the first of the Royal shows and went ahead this year with restrictions. Due to travel restrictions, there were only 3 Griffons entered, all owned and handled by Kerry and Emily Bell. They were

Puppy Dog LOCHTAY CARBON COPY
Australian Bred Dog SUPREME CH TZANI ZAZU
ZODIAK DCC and BOB (pictured)
Intermediate Bitch CH TZANI GIGGLE MCDIMPLES
BCC and Rup BOB



Congratulations!

Commented [MP2]:



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New Zealand

Paris Don't stop the Music, won a Minor Puppy in Group on a cold, wet NZ day. Owned and bred by Sandie Meads and handled by Fern Feaver

Congratulations!

Hibiscus Coast Show -Ch Paris Tailor Made Best of Group Owned and bred by Sandie Meads and handled by Fern Feaver



Europe



In Russia, Harpersband Nutty Vanilla Sundae won two Best Puppy in breed awards and lovely puppy group placing for breeder and owner Olga Baranova

Congratulations!



Health

Early desexing

What age that a dog should be desexed is one of the most common questions that we are asked. We have posted several articles in previous issues of this newsletter on this topic.

Often the media, some local councils and even some vets, guilt trip owners into thinking that they are not responsible if they do not desex the dog by 6 months.

The RSPCA vigorously promotes early desexing and they frequently desex extremely young dogs when they sell them. But then, they spend their life dealing with the results of irresponsible ownership

I agree that if you are an irresponsible dog owner who allows your dog to roam the street and randomly mate with any dog it sees then you should get it desexed early- but better still perhaps you shouldn't have a dog.

If you are a back yard breeder who watched too many Disney movies and thinks it would be cute to have a litter of pups, just like 101 Dalmations, then you should definitely get the dog desexed early- or stick to watching fictional movies because breeding is not like that.

But I am assuming that most people who have Griffons are responsible and sensible and just want to do what is best for their dog.

Now days responsible breeders advise against early desexing because of the problems it causes.

In Italy, during the 1700-1800's and right up to the early 1900's, young and exceptional boy sopranos were castrated to preserve their high soprano voices.

They were called castratos and were famous in opera. The castration kept them in a prepubescent state all their life. Their voices never broke, they never grew facial or body hair and they never developed adult male musculature because they lacked the hormones required for maturity. Many of them died young and overweight.

When you carry out early desexing to your dog you are forcing them to remain in a prepubescent state where they never fully mature or develop as a normal adult dog. The convenience of having an infertile dog is outweighed by the potential for health problems in later life

The following article sums up the pros and cons of early desexing in an objective way and references all the research that has been carried out on the topic. In large breed dogs, the later they are desexed the better. In small breed dogs, you should wait until at least over 12 months.

If you have any questions this is worth reading and also showing to your vet if they are fans of early desexing

<https://dogsfirst.ie/health-issues/dog-neutering/?fbclid=IwAR2-ZhVnB7yC97i7rIO4EmmHXM2dELSMd5quZ5wcj2wfpqJC1roHfiu6rdM>



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Griffons enjoying Summer

Grommet got a new ball for being a good boy. Just needs someone to keep throwing it now



Bobby Brussels is doing the café rounds- one puppachino please



In Perth Seamus (Collie) and Kenzie (Griffon) celebrated the end of the lockdown with an outing to the water



Edwina also took to the water, with speed



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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Little Griffon Helpers



Bean offers an ironing service for clothes



Edwina is the office manager



Morty assists with the sewing



Porthos, Billy and George help with the washing



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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.griffonsw.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

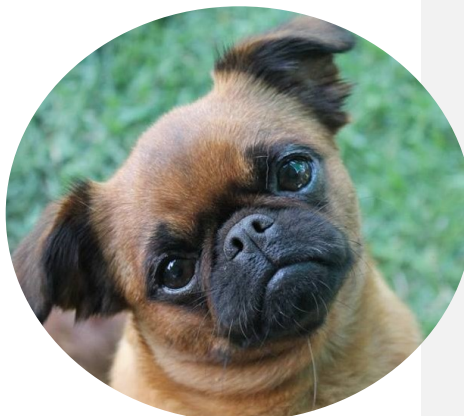
Please Note

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.



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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>



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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.



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- 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.**