



The Phoenix

Spring 2010



Congratulations to Ros and Dave Finch and CH ROSNDAE CHARLIES ANGEL on winning Best In Group at the North of The Harbour International

The Committee

Patrons: Mrs Jocelyn Croad

Mr Tom Couchman

President: Michelle Parker Brien

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Treasurer: Kerri Taylor

Vice President: Dave Finch

Committee:

Donna Murphy (Rescue Officer),

Ros Finch,

Brian McDonald,

Jillian Mathieson,

Terri O Dell

Honorary Life Member: Mr Denis Montford

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Presidents Report

The club is making good progress and it is hard to realize that it was only in March of this year that we formed.

From such a tumultuous beginning the club is now stable and we have 43 members who are all genuine Griffon owners. We are all united in a love of our little dogs and a desire to promote the breed in a spirit of fair play, friendship and courtesy for all.

At this stage it is probably a good time to recap on our achievements.

The club has a strong membership and has now elected an executive and committee. We are honoured that Jocelyn Croad and Tom Couchman have agreed to act as Patrons for our club.

We are also very pleased that Denis Montford has accepted an honorary life membership. For those who are new to the breed Denis Montford was one of the leading breeders of Griffons in the past and owned the famous Braganzar Kennels

We have established the first point score shows for the club year. Details for these shows can be seen further in the newsletter.

The first Griffon Fun Day has been organized for November and we hope to see a large number of Griffons and their owners enjoying each others company. Details for this day are further in the newsletter.

We have received very generous support from many of our members- Tom Couchman , Sue Brewin , Shirley Brien, Kerri Taylor, Terri O Dell and Jocelyn Barker of Top Dog Massage.

This club was created for our members. It came about because Griffon owners wanted to enjoy their dogs and the companionship of other Griffon owners.

We will do all we can to continue to promote the positive aspects of the breed.

We welcome all suggestions from our members about ways that we can continue to promote the breed and I hope that we will continue to work together in the same spirit of good will and friendship that saw the emergence of the club

Michelle Parker Brien

Griffon Gossip

I hope everybody enjoys the first edition of the new newsletter.

I have had a lot of contributions but you can never have too many. I encourage everybody to get involved. We would love to hear everyone's Griffon stories as well as pictures so please send them all in! Make sure to let us know if you have a new champion, litter or show result so we can make a special feature of it.

Our new website is up and running and seems very popular so far. You can visit it at www.nswgriffon.webs.com

We need more photos for it so please send them in as well as any other material that might be suitable. So far the website has been used to vote on the club colours and this worked very well.

Congratulations to foundation club members Diana Norman, Jocelyn Croad and Ros Finch who have all had major Group awards lately. It is so nice to see Griffons being recognized at such a high level. Full Results can be found later in the newsletter.

A number of people have brought in semen from some of the top dogs overseas, namely Am Ch Cilliene Masquerade(imp UK) and Eng Ch Donzeata Royal Heritage. I am sure we all wish them the best of luck with using this and hope that it goes well. If they are able to successfully breed from these dogs they will enrich the gene pool in Australia and this can only benefit the breed.

The club is ticking along nicely with a number of new members. We have a total of 43 members now and all of them own a Griffon Bruxellois (or more than one in many cases). It is good to have so much support from genuine lovers of the breed and we thank everyone for their input into the club.

Our point score is up and running. Details of the point score dates can be seen later in this magazine and they are also on our website. We encourage all our members to support these point score shows, even if you don't show at any other shows during the year. We want to get large entries to show support for the club and to show that our members come from a wide and varied number of Griffon owners.

Our first raffle will be launched in this magazine. Many thanks to Kerri Taylor for donating the prize for this raffle.

We are also grateful for the support from other members.

Shirley Brien has knitted large numbers of woolen dog jumpers and we have successfully sold these to raise funds for the club.

Sue Brewin has donated a variety of Griffon items to be sold to members.

Terri O'Dell has offered to donate some dog coats.

Our Patron, Tom Couchman has donated a BOB ribbon and Trophy for each of our point score shows.

Jocelyn Barker from Top Dog Massage has donated two free massages for the dog and bitch challenge winners at our first point score show

Thank you to all these people for the support that they have given the club.

If you have any suggestions for the club or anything you would like announced please let me know

Claire Parker, Secretary

And The Winner Is...

Our online vote for the club colours resulted in a overwhelming majority for:

Colour: Bright Pink and Purple

Thank you to everybody who voted. Almost all members voted and responded very positively to our new voting technique

Club Website

To keep up to date with Important Dates our club calendar is up on the website and updated frequently.

Go to www.nswgriffon.webs.com

If you have any photos or information for our website contact Claire at ballildogs@yahoo.com

Meet your Committee

President: Michelle Parker Brien

I have had dogs all of my life but started to show them when I was 19 and bought an Irish Setter. The breeder persuaded me to show him and although he wasn't a good show specimen he introduced me to both breed showing and obedience trialling, going on to get his UD title in obedience.

From then I discovered English and Gordon Setters and showed, trialled and occasionally bred them for over 20 years.

After a break from dog activities for 7 years, my daughter Claire, decided that she wanted to show a dog and decided on a Griffon. Her first Griffon was Ch Raweke Yogi Bear CD who decided that he belonged to me. After that I was hooked on Griffons and could not imagine life without one – or several.

I trained and trialled Yogi to his CD title and now have several other Griffons that I am preparing for trialling as well as showing and sometimes breeding them under the Balliol prefix.

Secretary: Claire Parker

I was born into a dog showing family growing up with setters and owning my first show dog (a whippet called Dancer) at age 7. When I was 12 I was allowed to get another dog to show. My criteria was it had to be unusual, cute and easy to look after. After looking at a few books I chose a Smooth Griffon and a little while later Ch Raweke Yogi Bear CD moved in and started it all!

After owning Griffon for a few years I decided missing having the bigger dogs so I chose another hound breed Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens. These shaggy medium sized French hounds are now my main breed and I have been very successful breeding and showing them under my prefix LaFolie. I still love the Griffons though and show them alongside my PBGV's and my Pug.

Treasurer: Kerri Taylor

I lost a Maltese named Jasmin, from a heart problem(aged 10), who went everywhere with me with.

I then started researching breeds that I felt might suit my needs. I had seen *As Good as it Gets* and thought the little dog in the movie was very cute and also seemed to be a dog which liked to be with people a lot. I did some checking of the breed and thought this is the dog for me.

On trying to locate a breeder I found it was not just a matter of finding a breeder, they are as I am sure you all know not that easy to acquire. However after much patience and many phone calls I found a breeder who was expecting 3 litters within a few weeks. I consider myself very fortunate that she put up with my constant calls, as once I had found someone I was not about to let them think I wasn't interested and able to give the baby a good home I figured its like the squeaky wheel.

I was lucky enough to purchase Abby a red Rough Griffon from Ros and Dave Finch who are very special to me. (I truly don't know how she put up with me when she had so much work to do looking after the 3 litters of which there were 15 pups)

Since purchasing my first Griffon I have now 3 who live with me, 4 living with my son and 1 in partnership with another friend. I now sometimes breed Griffons under Kehael Griffons

I would have to say I feel very fortunate to have been able to have this breed as they are perfect for my lifestyle and are my constant companions. Also I have been very lucky to have found some very dear friends, both human and furry.

With the exception of a few I find the breeders of this delightful breed to be very helpful and friendly.

Vice President: Dave Finch and Committee Member: Ros Finch

We acquired our first griffon in 1986 a rough red female griffon called Barndor Alexis who we called Mollie.

Realising what a beautiful friendly and loveable breed these little dogs are with lots of personality, when Mollie died at 14 years we felt that we could not live without a griffon and it was then that we were lucky that Beth Canavan had a beautiful litter of black and tan griffons. Beth kindly allowed us to have a griffon from this litter, a little girl who was full of love and fun who we loved so much. She was our beautiful Sophie, Azande Putn on the Ritz, who we sadly lost in March this year.

From this began our breeding under the prefix ROSNDAE. We will always be very grateful to Beth for allowing us to have our Sophie and also to Jocelyn and Eddie Croad who helped us so much with their experience and guidance and help with stud dogs for our girls.

Our griffon family consists of nine little griffons all of which are champions and all are girls excepting of course our very special little man Ch Rosndae Charlie Brown (Boston) who has made himself pretty well known to everyone he meets with his demands for cuddles and the many kisses he gives. Our youngest

griffon is Ch Charlies Angel (Misha), Boston 's daughter who we are enjoying showing and she has rewarded us with quite a few groups and recently two Best in Group wins. We enjoy showing our little dogs and we may not be the best handlers but the pleasure for us is to meet our friends and have a nice day and if we win then that is a real bonus. We have successfully bred over 85 griffons and it is a real pleasure for us to see some of them and their progeny in the ring achieving excellent results.

Committee members

Jillian Mathieson

I started out with Basenjis and then decided that I wanted a breed of dog that I could take everywhere with me.

My first Griffon was Henry (Ch Balliol Alfred Apple CCD) and I trialled him to his CCD title. He was my first obedience dog and he gained his title in 3 straight trials.

I now also have Mavis (Ch Raweke Bindiwith a Bow) and she and Henry are inseparable.

When they are not ruling the house they are my cheer squad for my Roller Derby team

Donna Murphy (Rescue Officer)

My kennel name is Dilkare I have 4 Griffons and I got started in 2005 I when I got my first Griffon Rosndae Sweet William(Will) and the rest is history !

I now have 4 Griffons – Will, Hallie, Destiny and Merlot

Brian Mc Donald

Over the years we have had several breeds of dogs from the very large - Rottweilers and Old English to Chihuahuas and have loved them all but Griffons have a way of getting under your radar.

We have found our two Griffons, Dotz and Dora really wonderful companions. We thank Shane Thomas of Sibermoon for letting us have such wonderful dogs.

We now also have Ruby from Balliol kennels who is the baby of the family

We are pleased to be among the founder members for The Griffon Fanciers Association and wish all members a happy and successful future enjoying and appreciating your wonderful Griffons.

Victorian Griffon Club Championship Show

The Victorian Griffon Bruxellois Club is the oldest Griffon Club in Australia. They will be holding the 35th anniversary show and on 17th April 2011.

The judge will be Neal Swan, from UK. He is a man with a long experience in Griffons having owned the famous Eng Ch Dorelove Jimmy Mac who was the record holding Griffon in the UK for many years.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see a large number of some of the top Griffons in Australia and an entry of between 80 – 100 griffons is expected.

It is expected that Griffons will be entered from all over Australia to support this show.

Location: KCC Park

Westernport Highway Skye Victoria

Commences 10.00am

Entry Fees: Members - \$20.00 1st entry \$15.00 subsequent Babies \$6.00

Non members \$25.00 1st entry \$20.00 subsequent Babies \$8.00

Catalogues \$6.00

Advertising is available in the catalogue at \$30.00 per colour page \$15.00 per ½ colour page

Entries close 12th March 2011

Send to : Robin Simpson

10 Owen Street

Leongatha Vic 3953

Raffle

Kerri Taylor has very kindly donated a one of a kind Griffon Statue for our first raffle. This statue was hand made by the American artist Mandy Olsen who carves each statue from scratch.

Thank you Kerri for this very kind and generous donation.

Tickets are \$5 each. Please print out the below for and send it, together your payment to:

The Treasurer, 29 Beverly Ave, Warilla, 2528



Raffle Tickets: Mandy Olsen Statue

Name.....

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Address.....

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Training your Griffon

Michelle Parker Brien

(This article is the first of a series of articles on training your Griffon In this edition I will look at why you need to train your dog and how to start.)

Griffons are very smart little dogs and one of the most endearing things about the breed is their devotion and willingness to please their owners.

However they do not learn like a working dog or a gundog – they cannot be trained by force or harsh methods and they do not pick things up quickly like a Borer collie would. They have their own unique learning style and if you train them in a way that best suits them you can achieve excellent results.

All dogs should be trained regardless of their size.

All dogs are pack animals and need to live as part of a pack. They are either the pack leader or a subordinate member of the pack – there is no such thing as democracy with dogs. Although Griffons are cute, cuddly little toy dogs these basic pack instincts are still deeply ingrained in their psyche and cannot be changed.

It is essential that your Griffon is not the pack leader as it leads to a dog that is not only insecure and unhappy but also difficult to live with. This can be a problem if you treat your dog as a surrogate child. The dog can become confused and unsure of its position and this can lead to problems like separation anxiety, needless barking, a misguided desire to protect you or sometimes even biting.

For a happy, secure, pleasant companion you need to be the pack leader and train your little dog to know its place within your household hierarchy.

How to Start

When you train your Griffon you need to show it what you want it to do and gently correct it when it does the wrong thing.

In all your training you need to reward your dog with something that it really likes – that is a special treat that only happens as a training reward.

Motivating your Griffon-I prefer to use food. The food should be soft and tasty. Types of food that my dogs like are tasty cheese, cabonossi, chicken, frankfurts, ham & devon loaf etc.

You can also buy food called Chunkers at the pet section of your supermarket which they like. The important thing is that the food should be soft – not hard or crunchy as it is a distraction to them as they chew it up.

You only give them a tiny little bit of food each time as a reward – just squeeze a tiny little taste onto their tongue- it is to motivate them not provide a meal and you will need to give a lot of rewards so a tiny amount at a time is sufficient.

Timing is also important when you reward them. You only reward when they have done what you want. If they don't do what you want then you don't reward. It is as simple as that. Never reward them for doing the wrong thing or for doing nothing at all as it will only confuse them.

When you do reward you must reward within 3 seconds of the dog doing what you want - dogs have a 3 second memory so if you take too long to reward they will not know what the reward is for.

Praise- as well as the food reward you should also use verbal and physical praise simultaneously. Say good dog and pat at the same time as you give the food reward. The tone of your voice is very important – when praising it should be light and happy – a fun voice so that the dog really knows that you are pleased with it. At the same time stroke your dog under its chest or down its back. Never pat it on top of its head as little dogs find this intimidating. Always approach the dog with your hand going under the chin so that your dog can see you hand.

When your Griffon first comes home.

When you Griffon first arrives at your home remember that it is a confusing time for it so it is important not to overwhelm it. The first thing you need to do is teach it its name and this should be associated with pleasure. Use its name frequently as you stroke it. If it looks at you as you use its name, praise it and give a small food reward. Soon it will respond every time you use its name and start to come to you. This is a useful beginning for when you start teaching the recall as well.

The other problem people often have is toilet training. It is not that Griffons are difficult to train. It is just that they are so small that people sometimes miss the body language signals that they give when they wish to go to the toilet. It is much easier to notice in a dog the size of a Labrador than it is in a tiny Griffon puppy.

To toilet train - get into a routine as soon as possible. Take your dog to the same spot in your yard every time so that it will learn more quickly. Use a cue word like "toilet" or whatever you choose and repeat it frequently while the dog is sniffing around. When the dog finally obliges and goes to the toilet, repeat your cue word again and also mix it up with lots of verbal praise. As soon as the dog is finished give it a food reward and more verbal praise.

When toilet training pups you need to take them out after every meal, as soon as they wake up from a sleep and about every hour until they get the hang of it.

When introducing a new adult dog to your home it is best if you go through a similar system for at least the first week so that the dog learns the new routine in your home. Even the best behaved dogs can get a little confused when their whole life is changed so you should do everything you can to let them know what you want from the start.

Griffon FUN Day

All Griffons and their owners are invited to the first Griffon FUN day
At

**Fagans Park
Arcadia Road
Galston**

**On
27th November 2010
at 10.30 am**

The park has a large area of land and the dogs can have a long walk around the area.
There is a small parking fee but the facilities are excellent including a children's
playground and Japanese Garden.

There will have a grooming demonstration, some obedience training tips, games and
the opportunity for your Griffon to meet and play with other Griffons

Show Results

The North of the Harbour All Breeds International 17/7/10

Judge: Mr Javier Ramirez Gomez (Mexico)

BEST IN GROUP, JUNIOR IN GROUP BOB, BCC: Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel (R& D Finch)

DCC, RUBOB: Ch Statuesque Pumpkin Pickle (L& F Pieterse)

RDCC: Kehael Million Dollar Man (K Taylor)

RBCC: Ch Statuesque Pumpkin Pie (L& F Pieterse)

Bulli & Dist ABKC 7/8/10

Judge: Mrs R MacIntosh (NSW)

BEST IN GROUP, JUNIOR IN GROUP, BOB, BCC: Ch Rosndae Charlies Angel (R&D Finch)

DCC, RUBOB: Ch Statuesque Horatio (Phillis/Pieterse)

RDCC: Kehael Million Dollar Man (K Taylor)

Coffs Harbour & Dist ABKC 23/7/10

Judge: Mrs V Dobson (VIC)

BEST OPEN IN GROUP, BOB, DCC: Ch & NZ Ch Paris Night Fever Imp NZ (M Parker Brien)

BCC, RUBOB: Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple (M Parker Brien)

RBCC: Harvikgold Hollywood (S Brewin)

Coffs Harbour & Dist ABKC 24/7/10

Judge: Mr W Mooney (Vic)

BEST OPEN IN GROUP, BOB, DCC: Ch & NZ Ch Paris Night Fever Imp NZ (M Parker Brien)

BCC, RUBOB: Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple (M Parker Brien)

RBCC: Harvikgold Hollywood (S Brewin)

BEST BABY IN GROUP: Balliol Fezzywig Fever (M Parker Brien)

Coffs Harbour & Dist ABKC 25/7/10

Judge: Mrs M Hickie (NSW)

BEST OPEN IN GROUP, BOB, DCC: Ch & NZ Ch Paris Night Fever Imp NZ (M Parker Brien)

BCC, RUBOB: Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple (M Parker Brien)

RBCC: Harvikgold Hollywood (S Brewin)

Mid North Coast Canine Club 7/8/10

Judge: Mr A Johnson (WA)

BOB, DCC: Ch & NZ Ch Paris Night Fever Imp NZ (M Parker Brien)

BCC, RUBOB: Ch Raweke Bunty Bear (M Parker Brien & C Parker)

RBCC: Ch Balliol Dolly Dimple (M Parker Brien)

BEST BABY IN GROUP: Balliol Fezzywig Fever (M Parker Brien)

BEST PUPPY IN GROUP: Nagpuni Brooklyn Babe (T Odell)

Show Results From Queensland



Congratulations to **Raweke Maggy Mae** owned and bred by Jocelyn and Eddie Croad.

Maggy (pictured) has attended 4 shows and won **BEST BABY IN GROUP** at 3 of them!

New Champions



Congratulations to **Raweke Adelaide Almighty** on gaining her Championship! Adelaide is owned and bred by Jocelyn and Eddie Croad and is by NZ Ch/Ch Nouveau Delinquent out of Ch Raweke Primrose Woodmouse.

After spending 9 months out of the ring after Jocelyn's accident, Adelaide came back with a band winning multiple Runner Up In Groups and Classes In Group. She has a long career ahead of her!

Please send in your show results with photos so that we can celebrate your achievements. When sending results could you ensure that you put all challenge and reserve challenge winners down – not just your own dog – so that we can get full results

My First Griffon

Jocelyn Croad, Club Patron, Raweke Griffon Bruxellois

The first time I ever saw a Griffon was about 46 years ago in New Zealand (where we come from) and these 2 monkey like little dogs were jumping around in Mollie Grocott's car and off course I wanted one there and then – couldn't understand why she would want two of them and not share.

However I waited patiently until Mollie imported her first 2 Griffons from the Gaystock Kennels in England and eventually got my first Griffon and have never lived with out one since then.

Previously I have owned Pekinese, Cavaliers King Charles Spaniels and Dobermanns while Eddie has had Cocker Spaniels, but now we are a Griffon only household, and it will stay that way!

My First Griffon

Donna Murphy Dilkare Griffons

I had been interested in Griffons for a number of years- long story short - a very good friend of mine's father drove trucks interstate and one night while driving saw a little furry bundle sitting on the side of the road. He brought this young dog home and took this little fella to the vet (before the days of Microchipping) and was told he had a Griffon !

So he was named Milo and he won my heart.

In 2005 I lost my dad and resigned from my job and took this time to search for my own little griffon. I met Ros and her daughter Karen at a dog show and was lucky enough to meet some griffons.

Ros's Chelsea was having a litter and I was lucky enough to get Will. What can I say about Will besides the fact he is my heart! He is the sweetest kindest most caring little guy! As a young puppy every night around the same time he would pick up his teddy and walk into my daughter's room and sleep with her and his teddy. When he meets young children he sits and just lets them pat him and cuddle him. With bigger people he loves a rumble. Will has a habit of sitting on peoples feet I think its a sign he likes you I say!

Thank you to Donna and Jocelyn for starting the ball rolling in this segment. We would like to hear from all members about how they first got a Griffon

Phoebe's Illness



Ros and Dave Finch have had a difficult time with their older Griffon girl, Phoebe who developed a very complex liver problem and needed to remain at the vets on a drip for a number of weeks. During her vet stay Ros and Dave visited every day to try to encourage Phoebe to eat but had difficulty interesting her in food.

They then took Meggie, one of their other girls, to visit Phoebe and this helped Phoebe and gave her encouragement to eat.

Ros has asked us to tell people about the benefit of having doggy friends coming to visit when the little dog has to stay at the vets for a prolonged period of time.

She said that Phoebe brightened up so much when Meggie came to visit and she ate her food when Meggie was sitting beside her. I

She said "It was such a lovely thing to see her really enjoying the company of her little griffon friend.

You would be so surprised what a difference it made to Phoebe and the vets really encouraged us to bring her friends along for visits."

Phoebe is now at home and continues to make a slow but steady recovery. We wish her all the best and hope that everything is back to normal soon

Pointscore Show Dates

Our first point score show will be **Lake Macquarie All Breeds Kennel Club on the Saturday 25th of September (AM show) at Hillsborough dog complex.**

This show is part of the International Spring Spectacular, with 6 shows over 3 days with a full international panel of judges.

Entries are \$10.00 and close on 5th September.

Send your entries Mr T Couchman PO Box 8012 Tumbi Umbi 2261

Other shows for this weekend are:

- **Lake Macquarie All Breeds on Friday 24th (AM & PM)**
- **Cessnock Dog Club Saturday 25th September (PM)**
- **Cessnock Dog Club Sunday 26th September (AM & PM)**

Entries for all shows as above with T Couchman

We will also be having a meeting and everybody is welcome to come along. The club stall will also be open which Griffon paraphernalia for sale.

We hope that everyone will support these shows – even if you don't show very often at other shows it is important for our club to get a good turnout and show the world that there are a lot of high quality Griffons owned by a number of different people.

So start stripping those Griffons and bring out the ones that are in semi retirement and support the club.

The full list of shows are can be seen on the next page

Point score Dates 2010 - 2011

Please note that the 2011 shows may vary due to the fact that they have not yet been confirmed by Dogs NSW. Advertisements for the shows can all be found in the Dogs NSW show gazette. Shows are also featured in our Calendar

2010

1. September 25th- Lake Macquarie ABKC AM show. Judge Mrs B Clarke

Location – Hillsborough (USA) Ad is in the July journal

2. October 16th Southern Highlands Location Berrima. See ad in the August journal

3. December 4th St George KC Location Erskine Park

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4. January (around the 14th) CNCC Location Hillsborough

5. April (around 1st) Gunnedah KC Location Gunnedah

6. May (around 3rd) Albion Park KC Location Albion Park

7. June (around 20th) Nor West KC Location Castle Hill.

Book Review

What is my Dog Thinking – The essential guide to understanding pet behaviour.

By Gwen Bailey. Published by Hamlyn

This is a useful little book that is ideal for all dog owners to help them understand their dogs behaviour.

It is set out in straightforward language with lots of colour photos to illustrate the points made by the author.

It explains how to read dog body language and interprets every example of dog expression to help the owners understand just what the dog is thinking and feeling in any given situation.

It tells you why a dog is showing a particular expression and what the owners should do.

Even though I have been involved in training dogs for over 30 years and thought that I had a fairly good understanding of dog language, I still found this book to be interesting and informative.

We have been able to get hold of several copies of this book and they are available for sale at \$15 each.

Please contact the secretary if you are interested in purchasing one of these books

Next Edition...

The next edition will be out in late November and we want everybody to be involved. Advertising will be available as well as a breeders directory. Please send in any other material you have to ballioldogs@yahoo.com

Advertising

Full Page: \$20

Half Page:\$10

Breeders Directory: \$10 a year.