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## STANDARD : SMALL GRIFFON VENDEEN BASSET from 34 to 38 cms.

FRENCH BREED

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**General Appearance** : Small, lively and strong hound with a longish body, tail proudly carried, harsh and long coat without exaggeration. Lovely expression, well turned ears with long hair, set below the eyeline, not too long.

**Skull** : slightly domed, of medium length and width, well grooved below the eyes. Stop well defined and prominent occiput.

**Muzzle** : much shorter than in the "Big Basset" though elongated and square-ended. Slightly convex, well moustached.

**Nose** : black, well developed, nostrils open.

**Eyes** : large, intelligent, without white. The red haw is not apparent. The hair over the brow should come forward without masking the eyes.

**Ears** : supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, oval ends, reaching at least to the tip of the nose. Well set below the eyeline.

**Shoulders** : clean, sloping, lying firmly on the chest.

**Chest** : Not too wide, well let down.

**Ribs** : medium sprung.

**Forelegs** : straight, with a good forearm ; well boned but in proportion to the size of the hound. Pasterns slightly defined.

**Feet** : not too big, good pads, tight toes, strong nails.

**Back** : long, wide, straight or slightly arched.

**Loin** : straight, full, strong.

**Croups** : well muscled.

**Thighs** : muscular and slightly rounded.

**Hocks** : wide, slightly bend, never completely straight.

**Tail** : set on high, fairly thick at the root, tapering to the tip, not too long, carried in sabre-fashion ; feathered.

**Coat** : harsh, not too long, never silky or woolly. Fewer fringes as in the "Big Basset".

**Colour** : the same colours as in the "Big Basset". Fawn not desirable.

**Height** : 34 to 38 cms, with some tolerance to the upper limit for hounds *appearing* small, and a tolerance of 1 cm regarding the lower limit.

**Gait** : free and easy.

**Faults** : body too long, head too flat. Spotted or discoloured nose, light eyes, snipey muzzle, over- or undershot mouth. Flat or badly set ears, lacking hair. Weak back, forelegs crooked or half-crooked. hocks too bent or too straight. Tail too long. Sparse, woolly or silky coat.

**Note** : Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.