

REVISED STANDARD OF THE BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN 9.11.80

- SKULL:** Domed, long, not too wide, well cut away under the eyes, stop well marked, the occipital bone well developed.
- FOREFACE:** Moderately long, square at the end, a snipey muzzle and weakness of jaw are objectionable.
- EYES:** Large, dark, showing no white, with a friendly, intelligent expression. The red of the lower eyelid should not show. The hair immediately above the eye should stand out forward without at the same time quite covering the eye.
- EARS:** Supple, narrow and fine, can be covered with long hair and ending in a long oval, well turned inwards and reaching approx. to the end of the nose, set on low down, in line with the eye.
- FLEWS:** The lips well clothed with long hair.
- MOUTH:** A scissor bite is preferred but a level bite is acceptable.
- NOSE:** Black, well developed and wide open.
- NECK:** Long and strong, thicker near shoulders, without throatiness.
- SHOULDERS:** Lean, sloping and well attached to the body.
- FORELEGS:** The forelegs straight or very slightly crooked, the knees should never touch, forearm thick, well boned. Hounds knuckling over or too crooked should be penalised.
- CHEST:** Fairly wide, long and deep, with prominent sternum.
- RIBS:** Moderately rounded.
- BACK:** Long, wide, level or slightly arched over the loins.
- LOINS:** Strong and full.
- FLANK:** Not running up, rather full.
- STERN:** Set on high, strong at base, tapering regularly to its end, well furnished with hair, fairly long, carried like the blade of a sabre or slightly curved.
- QUARTERS:** Wide and muscular.
- THIGHS:** Strong, muscled but not too rounded.
- HOCKS:** Wide, well angulated.
- FEET:** The feet should be thick, well-padded and not open.
- COAT:** This is an extremely important point. It should be profuse, thick and harsh to the touch, with a dense undercoat. The coat may be wavy, but never silky or woolly.
- COLOUR:** Any recognised hound colour.
- HEIGHT:** Two heights are recognised: one from 13-15 inches, usually with slightly crooked legs, the other from 15-16½ inches, these should always have straight legs.
- ACTION:** The movement should be free at all paces.