

BASSET GRIFFON VENDÉEN (GRAND)
INTERIM BREED STANDARD

	FCI 1976 - (in KC format)	KC INTERIM STANDARD 1991
General Appearance	Structure slightly elongated. Straight front legs. Stern carried slightly upright without falling back on the loins. Long rough coat without exaggeration, never silky or woolly, covering the whole body without exception.	Well-balanced, medium height hound. Rough coated with a familiar and intelligent look and noble bearing
Characteristics		A strong, active hound capable of a day's hunting, with a good voice freely used.
Temperament		Happy and outgoing but thoughtful and not easily agitated; independent, yet willing to please.
Head and Skull	Skull <u>Domed</u> , elongated, not too wide, well cut away under the eyes; occipital bone well developed. Stop <u>Clearly defined</u> . <u>Nose</u> Black, developed, round and prominent. <u>Muzzle</u> Long, square at the end; nasal bone slightly curved. <u>Lips</u> Covered with long hair forming beard and moustache.	A noble head. Skull domed and not too wide. Well cut away under eyes; stop clearly defined, occipital bone well developed. Long, square muzzle. Slight roman nose. Underjaw strong, well developed. Nose black, large with wide nostrils. Eyes surmounted by long eyebrows standing forward but not to obscure eyes; lips covered with long hair forming beard and moustache.
Eyes	Large, dark, without showing white, lovely intelligent expression. Haw not visible. The hair of the eyes should come forward but may not obscure the eye.	Large, dark, showing no white, with a friendly, intelligent expression. Haw not visible.
Ears	Supple, narrow, fine, covered with long hair, ending in an elongated oval tip, turning well inwards, reaching at least the tip of the nose, set on below the eyeline.	Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inwards, ending in an oval shape, reaching to at least the end of the nose; set on low, not above the line of the eye.
Mouth		Jaws strong with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, ie upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.
Neck	Long and strong, thicker at the set-on of shoulders, without throatiness.	Long and strong, set into well laid shoulders; thicker at the base; without throatiness carrying the head proudly.
Limbs	Well boned.	
Fore-quarters	<u>Forelegs</u> Straight. <u>Shoulders</u> Strong, clean and sloping. <u>Elbows</u> Set close to the body, never turning out. <u>Pasterns</u> Well marked but they may never touch each other.	Shoulders clean and well laid back; elbows close to the body, never turning out. Forelegs straight, thick and well boned. Pasterns strong and slightly sloping. Knuckling over is unacceptable.
Body	<u>Back</u> Long, broad and straight, beginning to arch at junction with the loins. <u>Loin</u> Solid and well filled, slightly arched. <u>Croup</u> Wide, well muscled. <u>Chest</u> Wide, long and deep. <u>Ribs</u> Slightly rounded. <u>Flank</u> Full, slight tuck-up.	Deep brisket, ribs moderately rounded, extending well back. Back of good length and level topline with slight rise over well muscled loins.
Hind-quarters	<u>Thighs</u> Well muscled, but not too rounded. <u>Hocks</u> Wide, bent, never completely straight.	Heavy boned, strong and muscular with moderate bend of stifle. Heavily muscled thighs with well-defined second thigh.
Feet	Big and tightly padded, clean with strong nails. Pads firm.	Big and tight padded. Pads firm and solid. Nails strong and short.
Tail	Set on high, strong at the base, tapering regularly to the end. Sloping Well furnished with hairs of good length. Carried like the blade of a sabre or slightly curved but never falling back over the loins.	Good length, set on high, strong at the base, tapering regularly, well furnished with hair of good length; carried proudly like the blade of a sabre or slightly turned in but never falling back over the loins.
Gait/ Movement	The movement should be easy at the three different paces.	Free with great drive. Front action straight and reaching well forward; hind action easy and elastic, hocks turning neither in nor out.
Skin	Thick; often marble-like in tri-coloured hounds, white and black or white and grey.	
Coat	<u>Hair</u> Rough and long without exaggeration. Flat structure, never woolly or silky, with more fringe than the Petit Basset but not too abundant.	Rough and long without exaggeration, with a flat structure, never silky or woolly, fringing not too abundant; thick undercoat. Hounds should be shown untrimmed.
Colour	<u>Self-coloured</u> : Hare colour; grizzle, more or less dark, fawn (not to be encouraged). <u>Bi-colour</u> White and orange; white and black; white and grey; white and tan. <u>Tri-colour</u> White, black and tan; white hare and tan; white grey and tan.	White, with any combination of lemon, orange, tricolour or grizzle markings
Size	Height 39-43cm, with a tolerance of 2cm above the upper limit for exceptional specimens.	Height 39-43 cms (15½-17 ins); 2cm (¾in) above the upper limit permissible.
Faults **	Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.	Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.
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** FCI – Severe faults Flat and/or short skull. The nose uncoloured or uncoloured nostrils. Light eyes. Muzzle snipey. Uneven bite. Flat ears, set on too high or without any hair. Neck too short. Weak or saddle back. Legs crooked or half crooked. Hocks too bent or too straight. Woolly coat.