

BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN (GRAND) BREED STANDARD – FINAL

(As agreed at GBGV Open Meeting, 16 Jan 2005, and incorporating proposed amendments to ensure early acceptance by KC)

GENERAL APPEARANCE	Well-balanced, medium height, rough-coated hound. Slightly longer than it is tall, with straight forelegs. A friendly and intelligent look, with noble bearing.	Well-balanced, medium height, rough-coated hound. Slightly longer than height at withers it is tall , with straight forelegs. A friendly and intelligent looking hound , with noble bearing.
CHARACTERISTICS	A strong, active and courageous hound possessing great stamina to keep going in the field. With a good voice, freely used.	A strong, active and courageous hound possessing great stamina to keep going in the field . With a good voice, freely used.
TEMPERAMENT	Happy and outgoing. Independent and a little stubborn, not easily agitated yet willing to please with firm handling.	Happy and outgoing. Independent and a little stubborn, not easily agitated yet willing to please with firm handling.
HEAD	A noble head, carried proudly. Skull domed, without heaviness, elongated and not too wide. Well cut away under the eyes. Occipital bone well developed. Stop clearly defined. Muzzle square at its extremity, noticeably longer than from stop to occiput, very slightly roman. Nose protruding, well developed. Wide open nostrils. Solid colour. Black, except in white/lemon, white/orange coats where brown is tolerated. Lips well developed, just covering the lower jaw and giving the front of the muzzle a square shape. Well covered with long hair, forming good beard and moustache.	A noble head, carried proudly. Skull domed, without heaviness, elongated and not too wide. Well cut away under the eyes. Occipital bone well developed. Stop clearly defined. Muzzle square at its extremity, noticeably longer than from stop to occiput, bridge of nose very slightly roman. Nose protruding, well developed with wide open nostrils. Solid colour. Black, except in white/lemon, white/orange coats where brown is tolerated. Lips well developed, just covering the lower jaw and giving the front of the muzzle a square shape. Well covered with long hair, forming good beard and moustache.
MOUTH	Jaws strong with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, ie upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.	Jaws strong with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, ie upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.
EYES	Large, dark and oval in shape, showing no white, with a friendly, intelligent expression. Haw not visible. Long eyebrows, standing forward but not to obscure eyes.	Large, dark and oval in shape, showing no white, with a friendly, intelligent expression. Haw not visible. Long eyebrows, standing forward but to obscure ing eyes.
EARS	Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inwards, ending in an oval shape, reaching beyond end of the nose. Set on low, not above the line of the eye.	Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inwards, ending in an oval shape, reaching beyond end of the nose. Set on low, not above the line of the eye.
NECK	Long and strong, set into well laid shoulders; thicker at the base; without dewlap.	Long and strong, set into well laid shoulders; thicker at the base; without dewlap.
FORE-QUARTERS	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.	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	Slightly elongated without exaggeration. Back of good length and level topline with slight rise over solid, well muscled, slightly arched loins. Good forechest, broad and deep, well let down to elbow. Ribs moderately rounded, extending well back. Flanks rather full, belly never tucked up.	Slightly elongated without exaggeration. Back of good length and with level topline with and slight rise over solid, well muscled, slightly arched loins. Good forechest, broad and deep, well let down to elbow. Ribs moderately rounded, extending well back. Flanks rather full deep , belly never tucked up.
HIND-QUARTERS	Well boned, strong and muscular with moderate bend of stifle. Heavily muscled thighs with well-defined second thigh. Hocks turning neither in nor out.	Well boned, strong and muscular with moderate bend of stifle. Heavily muscled thighs with well-defined second thigh. Hocks turning neither in nor out.
FEET	Big and tight padded. Pads firm and solid. Nails strong and short.	Big and tight padded. Pads firm and solid. Nails strong and short.
TAIL	Rather long. Set on high, strong at the base, tapering regularly, well furnished with hair; carried proudly like the blade of a sabre or slightly turned in but never falling over the loins.	Rather long. Set on high, strong thick at the base, tapering regularly gradually , well furnished with hair; carried proudly like the blade of a sabre fashion or slightly turned in curved but never falling over the loins too far over the back or bent at the tip .
GAIT/MOVEMENT	Free with great drive. Front action straight and reaching well forward; hind action easy and elastic, hocks turning neither in nor out.	Free with great drive. Front action straight and reaching well forward; hind action easy and elastic, hocks turning neither in nor out.
COAT	Rough, of moderate length, with a flat structure, never silky or woolly, fringing not too abundant; thick undercoat. Over-trimming or styling should be penalised. For show purposes, the coat may be tidied to present a neat outline	Rough, of moderate length, with a flat structure, never silky or woolly, fringing not too abundant; thick undercoat. Over-trimming or styling should be penalised. For show purposes, the coat may be tidied to present a neat outline
COLOUR	White, with any combination of lemon, orange, sable, grizzle or black markings. Tri-colour.	White, with any combination of lemon, orange, sable, grizzle or black markings. Tri-colour.
SIZE	Height at withers: Males: 40-44cmS (15¾ -17½ ins), Females: 39-43cms (15½-17 ins). A tolerance of 1cm (½") more or less is permissible.	Height at withers: Males: 40-44cmS (15¾ -17½ ins), Females: 39-43cms (15½-17 ins). A tolerance of 1cm (½") more or less is 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
Note:	Males animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum	Males animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum