

**BREED STANDARD
BASSET GRIFFON VENDÉEN-GRAND**

INTERIM STANDARD	PROPOSED FINAL STANDARD	KENNEL CLUB PROPOSED STANDARD
<p>General Appearance. Well-balanced, medium height hound. Rough coated with a familiar and intelligent look and noble bearing.</p>	<p>General Appearance. Well balanced, medium height, rough coated hound. Slightly longer than height at withers, with straight forelegs. A friendly and intelligent looking hound with noble bearing.</p>	<p>General Appearance. Well balanced, medium height, rough coated hound. Slightly longer than height at withers, with straight forelegs. A friendly and intelligent looking hound with noble bearing.</p>
<p>Characteristics. A strong, active hound capable of a day's hunting with a good voice freely used.</p>	<p>Characteristics. A strong, active and courageous hound, possessing great stamina, with a good voice freely used.</p>	<p>Characteristics. A strong, active and courageous hound, possessing great stamina, with a good voice freely used.</p>
<p>Temperament. Happy and outgoing, but thoughtful and not easily agitated, independent, yet willing to please.</p>	<p>Temperament. Happy and outgoing. Independent and a little stubborn, not easily agitated, yet willing to please with firm handling.</p>	<p>Temperament. Happy and outgoing. Independent and a little stubborn, not easily agitated, yet willing to please with firm handling.</p>
<p>Head and skull. A noble head. Skull domed and not too wide. Well cut away under the eyes; stop clearly defined; occipital bone well developed. Long square muzzle. Slight roman nose. Underjaw strong, well developed. Nose black, with wide nostrils. Eyes surmounted by long eyebrows standing forward but not to obscure eyes; lips covered with long hair forming beard and moustache.</p>	<p>Head and skull. 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 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.</p>	<p>Head and skull. 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 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.</p>
<p>Eyes. Large, dark, showing no white, with a friendly intelligent expression. Haw not visible.</p>	<p>Eyes. Large, dark and oval in shape, showing no white, with a friendly intelligent expression. Haw not visible. Long eyebrows, standing forward but not obscuring eyes.</p>	<p>Eyes. Large, dark and oval, showing no white, with a friendly intelligent expression. Haw not visible. Long eyebrows, standing forward but not obscuring eyes.</p>
<p>Ears. 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.</p>	<p>Ears. Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inwards, ending in an oval shape, reaching beyond the end of the nose; set on low; not above the line of the eye.</p>	<p>Ears. Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inwards, ending in an oval shape, reaching beyond the end of the nose; set on low; not above the line of the eye.</p>

Mouth. Jaws strong with perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.	Mouth. Jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.	Mouth. Jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.
Neck. Long and strong, set into well-laid shoulders; thicker at the base; without throatiness; carrying the head proudly.	Neck. Long and strong, set into well-laid shoulders; thicker at the base; without dewlap.	Neck. Long and strong, set into well-laid shoulders; thicker at the base; without dewlap.
Forequarters. 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.	Forequarters. 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.	Forequarters. 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. Deep brisket, ribs moderately rounded, extending well back. Back of good length and level topline with slight rise over well-muscled loins.	Body. Slightly elongated, without exaggeration. Back of good length with level topline 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 deep, belly never tucked up.	Body. Back of good length, without exaggeration, with level topline. Slight rise over solid, well-muscled loin. Prominent forechest, brisket broad and deep. Ribs moderately rounded, well let down to elbow and extending well back. Flanks rather deep, belly never tucked up.
Hindquarters. Heavy boned, strong and muscular with moderate bend of stifle. Heavily muscled thighs with well-defined second thigh.	Hindquarters. Well boned, strong and muscular with moderate bend of stifle. Heavily muscled thighs with well-defined second thigh. Hocks turning neither in nor out.	Hindquarters. 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.	Feet. Big and tight padded. Pads firm and solid. Nails strong and short.	Feet. Large and tight padded. Pads firm and solid. Nails strong and short.
Tail. 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.	Tail. Rather long. Set on high, thick at the base, tapering gradually, well furnished with hair; carried proudly sabre fashion or slightly curved but never too far over the back or bent at the tip.	Tail. Rather long. Set on high, thick at the base, tapering gradually, well furnished with hair; carried proudly sabre-like or slightly curved but never 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.	Gait/Movement. Free with great drive. Front action straight and reaching well forward; hind action easy and elastic, hocks turning neither in nor out.	Gait/Movement. Free with great drive. Front action straight and reaching well forward; hind action easy and elastic, hocks turning neither in nor out.

<p>Coat. Rough and long without exaggeration, with a flat structure, never silky or woolly, fringing not too abundant; thick undercoat. Hounds should be shown untrimmed.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Coat. Rough of moderate length, with a flat structure, never silky or woolly, fringing not too abundant; thick undercoat. The coat may be tidied, but over-trimming or styling should be penalised.</p>
<p>Colour. White with any combination of lemon, orange, tricolour or grizzle markings.</p>	<p>Colour. White with any combination of lemon, orange, sable, grizzle or black markings. Tricolour</p>	<p>Colour. White with any combination of lemon, orange, sable, grizzle or black markings. Tricolour</p>
<p>Size. 39 - 43 cms (15 ½ - 17 ins); 2 cms (¾ in) above the upper limit permissible.</p>	<p>Size. Height at withers: Males 40-44 cms (15¾-17½ ins), females 39-43 cms (15½-17 ins). A tolerance of 1 cm (½in) more or less is permissible.</p>	<p>Size. Height at withers: dogs 40-44cms (15¾-17½ ins), bitches 39-43cms (15½-17 ins). A tolerance of 1cm (3/8in) more or less is permissible.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Note. Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles descended into the scrotum.</p>	<p>Note. Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles descended into the scrotum.</p>	<p>Note. Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles descended into the scrotum.</p>