

**BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN (GRAND)
BREED STANDARD – FINAL**

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.
CHARACTERISTICS	A strong, active and courageous hound, possessing great stamina, 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.
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. Bridge of nose very slightly roman. Nose protruding, well developed and 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.
EYES	Large, dark and oval, showing no white, with a friendly, intelligent expression. Haw not visible. Long eyebrows, standing forward but not obscuring eyes.
EARS	Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inwards, ending in an oval shape, reaching beyond end of 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, 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.
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	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	Large and tight padded. Pads firm and solid. Nails strong and short.
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.
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 stylising should be penalised.
COLOUR	White, with any combination of lemon, orange, sable, grizzle or black markings. Tri-colour.
SIZE	Height at withers: dogs: 40-44cm (15¾ -17½ ins), bitches: 39-43cms (15½-17 ins). A tolerance of 1cm (¾”) 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 and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.
Note:	Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.