

BASSET GRIFFON VENDEEN (GRAND) BREED STANDARD – FINAL

(As agreed at GBGV Open Meeting on 16 January 2005)

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.
CHARACTERISTICS	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.
HEAD	A noble head, carried proudly.
Skull	Without heaviness, domed, elongated and not too wide. Well cut away under the eyes. Occipital bone well developed.
Stop	Clearly defined.
Nose	Protruding, well developed. Wide open nostrils. Solid colour. Black, except in white/lemon, white/orange coats where brown is tolerated.
Muzzle	Square at its extremity, noticeably longer than from stop to occiput, very slightly roman.
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.
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.
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.
NECK	Long and strong, set into well laid shoulders; thicker at the base; without dewlap.
BODY	Slightly elongated without exaggeration
Back	Of good length and level topline with slight rise over well-muscled loins.
Loin	Solid, well muscled, slightly arched.
Chest	Good forechest, broad and deep, well let down to elbow.
Ribs	Moderately rounded, extending well back.
Flanks	Rather full, belly never tucked up.
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.
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.
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.
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. 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.
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.
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
Note:	Males animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum