

Basset Griffon Vendéen (Petit)

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IT WON'T HAVE ESCAPED YOUR ATTENTION that, from 25 May, there will be a change in data protection with the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) coming into force within the EU. This aims to harmonise data protection laws and allow for free movement of data within the EU. The GDPR immediately replaces data protection legislation in the UK. However, the UK is currently preparing its own draft Data Protection Bill; to allow for permitted variations from the GDPR and so that the provisions of the GDPR will remain as part of UK law after Brexit.

The central principles for data processing will not change. These principles are:

- * Lawful, fair and transparent processing
- * Specific and legitimate purpose
- * Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary (no more than is needed/not 'just in case')
- * Accurate and up to date
- * Retained only for as long as is necessary
- * Data security
- * Accountability –not just important to comply but to be able to demonstrate/to be seen to be compliant.

This is all pretty dry stuff and I have no doubt there has been a lot of head-scratching amongst dog clubs as to what exactly they need to do as we don't come into the same category as companies or other large organisations. However, they do have a duty to comply with these more stringent regulations and the KC has posted guidance on the subject.

As a non-profit-making body, the Basset Griffon Vendéen Club has limited data processing activities. Our club rules already say "names and contact details shall be stored securely, either electronically or manually, used appropriately by the Membership Secretary in cognisance of data protection requirements and made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and Members of the Society if so requested". It follows that we acknowledge the importance of how we, as a breed club, handle member, judge and exhibitor data within GDPR requirements. We recognise the importance of:

- * the way our data is stored,
- * having good reason for storing it; and
- * bearing in mind breed historical relevance of some records, ensuring we do not hold information for any longer than necessary.

The following explains what data the club holds:

· Who?	Whose data are we holding?	Members, breed judges, entrants to licensed events.
· What?	What data is being held?	Name/address/telephone number/e-mail/CVs.
· Why?	The purpose/reason for holding data	To communicate with you, provide you with a club newsletter, give details of club events, breed health information, for breed education, to allow your name and contact details to be given if people enquire about rehoming/puppies/stud dog.
· Where?	Where is the data being held?	Limited paper records and electronically (password protected) by the Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer; by the nominated Breed Health Officer for research into health issues and by the nominated Breed Education Co-ordinator.
· When?	For how long is the data held?	Save for any historical data of importance to the club, records are held from year to year and, will be removed when membership or judging of the breed ceases or when breed education is complete.

You are obviously not obliged to give this personal data. However, if you don't, it goes without saying that the club won't be able to perform its administrative function in providing you with news of any sort or helping you with other club services. From now on, when new members join or when subscriptions are renewed, consent will automatically be sought.

Post Brexit? Who knows? I'll worry about it when it happens but, for now, if you have any questions, please, feel free to contact me. I can't promise to be able to answer them but I must say I have learned a lot in the past few days!

SKC takes place this weekend and while exhibitors with 19 PBGVs will be wending their way to Edinburgh, others will be going south to the 45th French Nationale d'Eleavage which this year takes place in Nedde in the Haute-Vienne department and Limousin region about 47 kilometres from Limoges and 351 kilometres from Paris.

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