



**FCI Standard No. 033**  
**Large Basset Griffon Vendéen**  
*Gran Basset Grifón Vendeano; Grand Basset Griffon*  
*Vendeén; Grosser Basset Griffon Vandéen; Grand Basset*  
*Griffon Vendéen*  
Standard Provided by ABIDS

**CLASSIFICATION:**

Group: VI ..... Scent hounds and related breeds

Section: 1. .... Scent hounds

Subsection: 3. .... Small sized hounds

**Origin:** France.

**GENERAL APPEARANCE:** A well balanced, medium height hound. Rough coated with a familiar and intelligent look and noble bearing.

**CHARACTERISTICS:** A strong, active hound capable of a day's hunting with a good voice freely used.

**TEMPERAMENT/BEHAVIOR:** Happy and outgoing, but thoughtful and not easily agitated, independent, yet willing to please.

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Head & 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. The nose black, large with wide nostrils. Eyes surmounted by long eyebrows standing forward but not to obscure the eyes; lips covered with long hair forming beard and moustache.

**Eyes:** Large, dark, showing no white, with a friendly intelligent expression. Haw not visible.

**Ears:** Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inwards, ending in an oval shape; reaching to the end of the nose; set on low, not above the line of the eye.

**Mouth:** Jaws strong with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaw.

**Neck:** Long and strong, set into well laid shoulders; thicker at the base; without throatiness; carrying the head proudly.

**FOREQUARTERS:** Shoulders clean and sloping; elbows close to the body, never turning out. The 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.

**Hindquarters:** Heavy boned, strong and muscular with moderate stifle. Heavily muscled thighs with well defined second thigh.

**Feet:** Big and tight padded. Pads firm and solid. Nails strong and short.

**Tail (Stern):** 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 saber or slightly turned in, but never falling back over the loins.

**GAIT/MOVEMENT:** Free with great drive. Front action straight and reaching well forward; hind action easy and elastic, hocks should turn neither in nor out.

**COAT:** Rough, long without exaggeration, with a flat structure, never silky or woolly, fringing not too abundant; thick undercoat. Hounds should be shown untrimmed.

**Color:** White with any combination of lemon, orange, tricolor or grizzle markings.

**SIZE: Height:** 39 to 43cms (15.5 to 17 ins); a tolerance of 2cms (0.8in) above the upper limit permissible.

**FAULTS:** Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness of the fault should be in exact proportion to its degree.

**Note:** Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.