



FCI Standard No. 19
Medium Griffon Vendéen
Briquet Griffon Vendéen; Briquet Griffon Vendéano
Standard Provided by ABIDS

CLASSIFICATION:

Group: VI Scenthounds and Related Breeds

Section: 1. Scenthounds

Subsection: 2. Medium Sized Hounds

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UTILIZATION: Hound.

With working trial.

ORIGIN: France

GENERAL APPEARANCE: A middle-sized Griffon, intelligent and decided, distinguished in shape and gait. Structure short-coupled and well proportioned, robust without heaviness.

DESCRIPTION:

HEAD: Rather short and light, but without exaggeration.

SKULL: Rounded and not too important.

NOSE: Black, strong and well open.

MUZZLE: Wide and straight, the stop well defined and appearing even more accentuated because of the hair standing off at eyebrows.

LIPS: Well covered with bristling moustache.

EYES: Dark, large and lively; the eyebrows well pronounced, but not covering the eye.

EARS: Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, pointed tip, well turned inward and not too long, but set on below the line of the eye.

NECK: Long and light, without dewlap.

BACK: Solid and short, level or, preferably, slightly rising.

LOIN: Straight, muscled and well supported.

CHEST: Fairly deep and not too wide.

RIBS: Moderately rounded.

TAIL: Short, set on high, carried saber tail fashion, but not like a sickle, thick at the root, tapering progressively, with coarse hair underneath.

SHOULDERS: Long, lean and slanting.

FORELEGS: Straight, thick forearm, the elbows descended and close to the body, good bone.

FEET: Not too strong, hard soles, the toes well arched and tight, solid nails.

THIGHS: Long and muscular.

HOCKS: Wide and well let down, never close nor open.

COAT: Long without exaggeration, sometimes shaggy, but rough to the touch; undercoat well-furnished, the belly and the inner side of thighs should not be bare.

COLOR: Fawn, hare-haired, white and orange, white and grey, white and hare-haired, white and black, tricolor according to the shades above mentioned.

SIZE: Males: from 50 - 55 cm. **Females:** from 48 - 53 cm. Tolerance of 1 cm more for top quality dogs.

GAIT/MOVEMENT: Supple and indicating a nervous animal.

FAULTS: Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered as a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.

Exaggeration of a too strong or too light overall appearance, elongated body. Head too strong reminding that of the Basset; prognathism; mucous membranes discolored; ear too long, flat, short-haired and set on high. Body cylindrical, weak back overbuilt, loose elbow. Light bone, thighs insufficient; cowhocks or bowhocks; splayed feet and toes not tight enough. Tail too long, too short or deviated. Coat not harsh enough.

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