

Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America

**A Presentation of the
Judges' Education Committee**

The Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen – scent hound developed to hunt small game over rough and difficult terrain of the Vendéen region of France



What's in a Name?

“Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen”

Petit-	Small
Basset-	Low to ground
Griffon-	Coarse hair- strong coated
Vendéen-	A region in W. France (Breed's Origin)

Pronounced:

**“Puh-TEE....Bah-SAY...Gree-FOHN...
VON-day-uhn”**

Basset Hound and PBGV have little similarity



The word 'Basset' means '*low to ground*' in French and therein lies the similarity today !

For many years the PBGV had the same standard as the GBGV, only the height and crook were different.

Over time it was determined that PBGV **was no longer a small Vendeen hound based simply on reduction of the leg length, but rather it was a small basset harmoniously reduced in ALL its proportions.**

*Having been reduced in all his
features,*

**the PBGV is not considered
achondroplastic**

Conformation



Reviewing the Standard

The PBGV is a **scent hound** developed to hunt **small game** over **rough and difficult** terrain.

He is **bold and vivacious** in character; **compact, tough and robust** in construction. He has an **alert outlook, lively bearing**

Reviewing the Standard

The most distinguishing characteristics of this bold hunter are his rough, unrefined outline; his proudly carried head, displaying definitive long eyebrows, beard, and moustache; his strong tapered tail carried like the blade of a sabre, alert and in readiness.

The **natural, casual and tousled** appearance of the breed is vitally important.



*The most distinguishing characteristics
of this bold hunter are:*

- Rough, unrefined outline
- Proudly carried head, long eyebrows, beard, and moustache
- Strong, tapered tail carried like a sabre, alert and readiness
- Alert outlook, lively bearing and good voice, freely and purposefully used

Overall Outline



For correct balance, move front left leg
back under withers

Compact and Casual



Casual



Note how hair length, and handler's stack affect perception of angulation

Casual



Head & Expression



Lovely Expression
Created By:

Dark oval eye
Oval skull
Low set ear;
Long eyebrows,
moustache and beard
Black nose & muzzle
Length:width is 2:1

Head



- Muzzle shorter than distance from stop to occiput
- Notice the little fan going up the muzzle to eyes

Head carriage when moving



Note head in motion - head up but out and tail about two o'clock

Neck, Topline, Body

- **Neck** long and strong
- Flows smoothly into shoulders
- **Topline** - back is visibly level from withers to croup
- Rise over **loin** felt rather than seen
- **Tail** medium length, carried like blade of a sabre, at about 2 o'clock



Overly long in body
for ideal PBGV type



More compact





Deep Chest &
Prominent Sternum

Coat

- Overall appearance, casual and tousled
- Rough, long without exaggeration
- Harsh to the touch: “goat-like”
- Thick, short undercoat

Coat

- Never silky or wooly
- Eyes surmounted by long eyebrows, standing forward, not obscuring eyes
- Lips covered by long hair forming moustache and beard

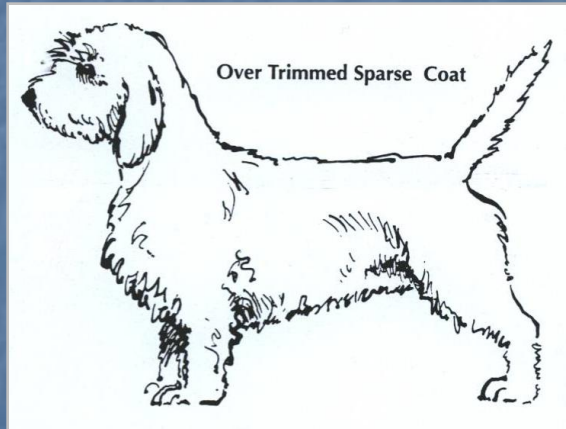
The perception of “natural, casual, tousled” will probably always be a matter of educated opinion.

Take a common sense approach as you assess the whole dog.

Incorrect Coats



Too much coat is a hindrance in the field and hides conformation in the show ring.



Too little coat isn't protective.

Colored patches do not grow hair as profusely as white areas.

Color

- White with any combination of Lemon, Orange, Black, Sable, Tricolor or Grizzle markings
- Provides easy visibility in the field

Acceptable colors



Gait

- Free at all speeds. Front action is straight and reaches well forward.
- Going away, hind legs are parallel and have great drive.
- Convergence towards the center of gravity proportional to speed of movement.
- Gives appearance of an active hound capable of a full day's hunting.

Balanced Side Gait



Free at all paces, with great drive. Front action straight and reaching well forward. Hocks neither turning in nor out.



Converges toward a center line but does not single track.

Disqualification

Height of both sexes, at one year of age or older, over 15 inches or under 13 inches at the withers is a disqualification

-2005 PBGV Breed Standard

PBGV Virtues!

- Fabulous hunting skills and agility-enthusiasm
- Happy outgoing demeanor
- Overall soundness
- Overall handsome appearance
- Great voice freely used
- We are distinctly one of four Vendeen Hounds still in existence today