MISSION STATEMENT
The American Kennel Club is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Founded in 1884, the AKC and its affiliated organizations advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership.

Attention Delegates
Notice of Meeting
The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, beginning no earlier than 10:00 a.m. It will follow the 9:00 a.m. Delegates Forum.

Delegates Credentials
Paul Bodeving, Cave Junction, OR, Rogue Valley Kennel Club
Lonnie Carroll, Greer, SC, Spartanburg Kennel Club
Carlene Dowell, Cumberland, MD, Upper Potomac-Valley Kennel Club
Debby Fowler, Carrollton, TX, Trinity Valley Kennel Club
Jon M. Green, Westerville, OH, Central Ohio Kennel Club
Eugenia Hunter, Makanda, IL, Irish Wolfhound Club of America
Helen Ingher, Weeki Wachee, FL, Pasco Florida Kennel Club
Julie King, Atlanta, MA, New England Dog Training Club
Jack McDaniel, Bothell, WA, Irish Water Spaniel Club of America
Mary McDaniel, Babson Park, FL, Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club
Nancy O’Neal, Albuquerque, NM, Rio Grande Kennel Club
Ronald Readmond, Trappe, MD, Westchester Kennel Club
Nancy Shaw, Fredericksburg, TX, San Antonio Kennel Club
Erin Tallon-Carr, Raleigh, NC, Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America

Notice
As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual’s suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

Mr. David Williams (Red Oak, TX)

Notice
Mrs. Jennifer Kerr (Englewood, CO) Action was taken by the Plum Creek Kennel Club for conduct at its February 16, 2013, event. Mrs. Kerr was charged with abusive or foul language/verbal altercation. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the report and set the penalty at a one month event suspension and $500 fine, effective February 27, 2013. (Pomeranian)

Notice
Ms. Kitty Clerico (Orlando, FL) Action was taken by the Atlanta Kennel Club for conduct at its April 12, 2013, event. Ms. Clerico was charged with failure to follow a judge’s instructions and inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the report and set penalty for her conduct at a reprimand and $50 fine. (Vizsla)

Notice
Mr. Alan Allmon (Sedalia, MO) Action was taken by the Kansas City Retriever Club for conduct at its April 13, 2013, event. Mr. Allmon was charged with improper treatment in connection with event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a $100 fine. (Labrador Retriever)

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Mr. Bruce Snow (Standardsville, VA) from AKC event privileges for six months and imposed a $1000 fine, effective June 3, 2013, for physical abuse of a dog in connection with an event. (Beagle)

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Miss Peggy Weissfuss (South Bend, IN) for signing on behalf of another without a properly completed POA on file. (Beagle)

Notice
The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has reprimanded Ms. Jean Bell (Castroville, CA) for her submission of an online litter application and four dog registration applications, on behalf of another
without a properly completed POA on file. (Great Dane)

**Notice**

The AKC’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Maureen Ryan (Jamestown, NY) from all AKC privileges for ten years and imposed a $2000 fine, effective June 3, 2013, for conduct prejudicial to purebred dogs, purebred dog events, or to the best interests of the American Kennel Club based on their violation of the AKC’s Judicial or Administrative Determination of Inappropriate Treatment Policy. (Multiple Breeds)

**PROPOSED PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDEÉN STANDARD FOR COMMENT:**

In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:

Mari-Beth O’Neill
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mbo@akc.org

**GENERAL APPEARANCE**

The Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen is a French scent hound developed first and foremost to hunt small game over the rough and difficult terrain of the Vendéen region. To function efficiently, he must be equipped with certain characteristics. He is bold and vivacious in character; compact, tough and robust in construction. He has an alert outlook, lively bearing and a good voice freely and purposefully used.

The most distinguishing characteristics of this bold hunter are: his rough, unrefined outlines; his proudly carried head displaying definitive long eyebrows, beard, and moustache; his strong, tapered tail carried like a saber, alert and in readiness. Important to breed type is the compact, casual, rather tousled appearance, with no feature exaggerated and his parts in balance.

Any deviation from the ideal described in the standard should be penalized to the extent of the deviation. Structural faults common to all breeds are as undesirable in the PBGV as in any other breed, regardless of whether they are specifically mentioned.

**SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE**

*Size* – PBGVs measure between 13 and 15 inches at the withers. Height over 15 inches is a disqualification. Height under 13 inches is a disqualification at one year of age or older.

*Proportion* – When viewed in profile, the body is somewhat longer than tall when measured from point of shoulder to buttocks, as compared to the height from withers to ground. *Substance* – Strong bone with substance in proportion to overall dog.

**HEAD**

The head is carried proudly and, in size, must be in balance with the overall dog. It is longer than its width in a ratio of approximately two to one. A coarse or overly large head is to be penalized. *Expression* – alert, friendly and intelligent. *Eyes* – large and dark with good pigmentation, somewhat oval in shape, showing no white. The red of the lower eyelid should not show. The eyes are surmounted by long eyebrows, standing forward, but not obscuring the eyes. *Ears* – supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inward and ending in an oval shape. The leathers reach almost to the end of the nose. They are set on low, below the line of the eyes. An overly long or high-set ear should be penalized. *Skull* – domed, oval in shape when viewed from the front. It is well cut away under the eyes and has a well developed occipital protuberance. Stop clearly defined. *Muzzle* – The length of the muzzle from nose to stop is slightly shorter than the length from the stop to occiput. The underjaw is strong and well developed. Nose black and large, with wide nostrils. A somewhat lighter shading is acceptable in lighter colored dogs. A butterfly nose is a fault. *Lips* – The lips are covered by long hair forming a beard and moustache. *Bite* – It is preferable that the teeth meet in a scissors bite, but a level bite is acceptable.

**NECK, TOPLINE, BODY**

*Neck* – The neck is long and strong, without throatiness, and flows smoothly into the shoulders. *Topline* – The back is visibly level from withers to croup. There is a barely perceptible rise over a strong loin. Viewed in profile, the withers and the croup should be equidistant from the ground. *Body* – muscular, somewhat longer than tall. Compact, casual in appearance, with no feature exaggerated and its parts in balance. Chest rather deep, with prominent sternum. Ribs moderately rounded, extending well back. Loin short, strong, and muscular. There is but little tuck-up. *Tail* – of medium length, set on high, it is strong at the base and tapers regularly. It is well furnished with hair, has but a slight curve and is carried proudly like the blade of a saber; normally pointing at about two o’clock. In a curved downward position the tip of the tail bone should reach no further than the hock joint.

**FOREQUARTERS**

Shoulders clean and well laid back. Upper arm approximately equal in length to the shoulder blade. Elbows close to the body. Legs – The length of leg from elbow to ground should be slightly more than ½ the height from withers to ground. Viewed from the front, it is desirable that the forelegs be straight, but a slight crook is acceptable. In either case, the leg appears straight, is strong and well boned, but never coarse nor weedy. Improperly constructed front assemblies, including poor shoulder placement, short upper arms, out at elbows, lack of angulation and fiddle fronts, are all serious faults. Pasterns strong and slightly sloping. Any tendency to knuckle over is a serious fault. Dew claws may, or may not, be removed. Feet not too long, between hare and cat foot, with hard, tight pads. The nails are strong and short.

**HINDQUARTERS**

Strong and muscular with good bend of stifle. A well-defined second thigh. Hips wide, thighs well muscled. Hocks are short and well angulated, perpendicular from hock to ground. Feet are as in front. Except that they must point straight ahead.

**COAT**

The coat is rough, long without exaggeration and harsh to the touch, with a thick shorter undercoat. It is never silky or woolly. The eyes are surmounted by long eyebrows, standing forward but not
obscuring the eyes. The ears are covered by long hair. The lips are covered by long hair forming a beard and moustache. The tail is well furnished with hair. The overall appearance is casual and tousled.

The rough, unrefined outline and tousled appearance of this rustic hunting hound is essential. Any sculpting, clipping, scissoring or shaping of the coat is contrary to PBGV breed type. The PBGV coat should be clean, neatened as necessary, but always remain casually disarrayed. Any deviation from the ideal described here and in the General Appearance Section of the official standard should be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

COLOR
White with any combination of lemon, orange, black, sable, tricolor or grizzle markings, providing easy visibility in the field.

GAIT
The movement should be free at all speeds. Front action is straight and reaching well forward. Going away, the hind legs are parallel and have great drive. Convergence of the front and rear legs towards his center of gravity is proportional to the speed of his movement. Gives the appearance of an active hound, capable of a full day's hunting.

TEMPERAMENT
Confident, happy, extroverted, independent yet willing to please, never timid nor aggressive.

DISQUALIFICATION
Height over 15 inches is a disqualification. Height under 13 inches is a disqualification at one year of age or older.

CONFORMATION JUDGES
As a result of the October 2010 Board Meeting, publication notice in the Gazette was combined into one notice, therefore the judging approval process continues to include an opportunity for the fancy to respond to each permit judge.

Letters concerning judges and permit judges should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion Events Department in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received by AKC concerning their qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and JS judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges' record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations at (919) 816-3593 or email, judgingops@akc.org.

PERMIT JUDGES
The following persons have been approved on a Permit basis for the designated breeds in accordance with the current judging approval process. They may now accept assignments and the fancy may still offer comments to Judging Operations.

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Toy Fox Terriers, Schipperkes, JS  

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Coonhounds, Ibizan Hounds,  
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Komondorok, Leonbergers,  
Neapolitan Mastiffs, Saint Bernards,  
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Anatolian Shepherds, Black Russian  
Terriers, Great Danes, Mastiffs,  
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Mr. Robert B. Lawson  

EMERITUS CONFORMATION JUDGE  
Mrs. Lenora M. Riddle  

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Ms. Sandra Goose Allen  
Mr. William Bergum
DECEASED CONFORMATION JUDGES
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Mrs. Martha (Pat) K. Huber
Mr. Harrold McDermott

PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/
RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES
The following persons have been
approved as a judge on a Provisional
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accordance with the Provisional judging
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Obedience – Utility

PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/
RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES COMPLETED
The following persons have com-
pleted their Provisional Judging assign-
ments and their names have been added
to the list of regular approved judges

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Obedience – Open

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Rally – All

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Obedience – Open

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Tracking – Tracking Dog

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DECEASED TRACKING JUDGES
Ms. Kelly Dygert

DECEASED OBEDIENCE JUDGES
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