Dogs #: _____

Judges #: _____

9 - 10 pts	Excellent Quality dog. Rarely seen, very few minor faults
8 - 9 pts	Outstanding dog, well above average seen in the ring
7 - 8 pts	Average show quality dog
5 - 6 pts	Below average quality, some major faults present
3 - 4 pts	Poor overall type but still looking like breed
0 - 2 pts	Totally lacking in merit, 0 if dog has disqualifying faults

Sections Covered	Description	Score
General appearance	Compact, casual, rather tousled appearance, with no feature exaggerated and his parts in balance. Overall balance of dog	
Size, proportion, substance	Profile, somewhat longer than tall, correct length of leg	
Head	Head carried proudly, muzzle from nose to stop slightly shorter than distance from stop to occiput, ears reach no further than nose.	
Neck, topline, body	Neck long and strong. Back visibly level. Overall appearance compact	
Forequarters, angulation, legs, feet	Front legs appear straight, slight crook permitted but not preferred, correct length	
Hindquarters, overall balance in angulation	Strong, muscular, good bend of stiffle, angulation in balance with front	
Coat quality and presentation	Harsh to the touch, thick shorter undercoat, long eyebrows, beard and moustache, hair on ears	
Color	White with any other listed color	
Gait, overall movement	Gait free at all speeds. Legs tend to converge towards center of gravity as speed increases. Strong rear with hocks facing neither in nor out	
Temperment	Happy, extrovert, independent, not shy or lacking in confidence	
	Total Score	

Official Standard of the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen

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 his 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.