



National Brussels Griffon Club

Membership Application Form

Type of Membership:

- Single (US) \$25.00
 Couple/Family (US) \$30.00
 Junior (available only if at least one adult in the household is a paid member) \$ 5.00
 Foreign, including Canada & Mexico (Please make payable in USA FUNDS) \$35.00

Please print the following information for the NBGC Membership and address labels for *Brussels Sprouts*. Return this form to the following with your check MADE PAYABLE TO NBGC:

Edy Wheeling, NBGC Membership Chairperson
2826 Honeywell Lake Road
Milford, MI 48380-2015
Home Phone: 248-685-7897 E-Mail: Griffedy@aol.com

Name(s) (as you want it to be listed)

Address _____

City _____ State or Province _____

ZIP +4 (Must have all 9 digits) _____ Country _____

Phone Home: _____ Work: _____

Fax Number: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Website: _____

Kennel Name (if you want it to be listed in directory): _____

Referred by: _____
(Print the name of the NBGC member in good standing who is referring you)

Please check all your current activities:

- Conformation Therapy/Companion Dog
 Breeder Own Rescue Dog
 Obedience/Agility/Rally Pet Owner Only

As a member of the National Brussels Griffon club, I agree to abide by the following code of ethics:

(The NBGC Code of Ethics is continued on page 2 & 3)

NBGC Code of Ethics

In the service of achieving the objectives of the National Brussels Griffon Club, this Code of Ethics is established as a model of behavior for the membership. It is our aim to provide guidelines that will facilitate responsible breeding and selling of Brussels Griffons, further conscientious and enlightened ownership of the breed, and foster cordial, mutually supportive relations between Club members and between the Club and the public with regards to the Brussels Griffon breed. Circumstances do arise that call for flexible, innovative behavior and matters of judgment. Therefore, in all questions of ethics, covered or not covered by this Code, the member shall act solely in the best interests of the breed, in good conscience and motivated by good intentions.

1. A primary consideration in all breeding will be the improvement of the breed.
2. If planning a breeding program, members will conscientiously strive to use the very best dogs (sires and dams), free from known physical and mental defects, including breed disqualifications. We recommend that breeding stock be screened using all applicable genetic testing and be certified free from hereditary eye defects, patella luxation and hip dysphasia.
3. Owners of stud dogs will give thoughtful consideration and use discretion when accepting bitches for breeding their stud dogs only to quality bitches free from known hereditary defects, serious faults, and breed disqualifications. The owner of the sire is as responsible as the owner of the dam in all matters of the welfare of the offspring.
4. No bitch shall be bred before her second season or before she is 18 months old nor shall she be bred after her eighth birthday.
5. No member will sell a dog or supply stud service to a pet shop, broker, to any person buying the dog for resale, or any person having an USDA number. No member shall have an USDA number.
6. No member will malign competitors or fellow club members by making libelous, slanderous, or malicious statements regarding another's dog(s). All action concerning the dogs, fellow members and the public must consider the best interests of the breed.
7. No member will make statements about his/her dogs, which are false or misleading, nor will he/she misrepresent stock to potential buyers.
8. The seller will put any guarantee in writing. The seller will provide the buyer with printed instructions concerning the care of the dog including vaccination records and all pertinent facts concerning the dog. The seller will provide the buyer a copy of the Code of Ethics.
9. Each puppy will be at least 12 weeks old before it is sold or released to a new home and will have proper inoculations for his/her age.
10. The seller will furnish the buyer with a three-generation pedigree and American Kennel Club registration application or certificate, unless there is a written agreement stating that the buyer is not to receive papers.
11. Each member will be responsible for the welfare of every dog he/she breeds, sells, or places. This means following up on each dog to be sure the new owners are happy with the dog and the dog has adjusted well to his/her new home. This also means having an understanding with the new owner that any time in the future, the owner is unable to keep the dog, the owner is to contact the seller and the seller will have the responsibility to either take the dog back or find it a new home.
12. Each member owning a Brussels Griffon pledges to provide lifelong quality care for his/her animal(s), to give proper immunizations as recommended by their veterinarian, to carry out all terms of contracts signed by breeders, and, if one cannot keep a dog, return it to the breeder. If this is not possible, then the dog shall be neutered or spayed and placed in a loving home.

I have read the above National Brussels Griffon Club Code of Ethics and I agree to abide by this Code as a member of the National Brussels Griffon Club.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION. AFTER COMPLETION, SIGN AND RETURN THE FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW.

1. How long have you owned Brussels Griffons?
2. How many Griffons do you own or co-own?
3. What other breeds do you have?
4. How many dogs do you own or co-own in these breeds?
5. How many litters do you breed or co-breed per year?
6. Describe where your dogs are housed.
7. Will you ship dogs on approval?
8. Will you sell litter lots of puppies?
9. Will you or have you ever sold puppies to pet shops, wholesalers or through agents or brokers?
10. Do you have an USDA License? License Number: _____
11. Will you allow a board member (or board designate) to visit your entire home or kennel?
12. Do you understand that if the NBGC learns that your answers to these questions are not true, that at the discretion of the club, your membership in the club may be terminated?
13. Do you agree that if your membership should be terminated, you will not hold the club or any of its officers or members responsible?

I DO ATTEST BY MY SIGNATURE THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE. I AGREE NOT TO HOLD THE CLUB OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS OR MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE IF MY MEMBERSHIP IS TERMINATED FOR NOT UPHOLDING THE NBGC CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, CODE OF ETHICS, OR THE RULES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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The Membership Chair shall forward the name(s) of the applicant(s) to the editor of the *Brussels Sprouts*. The name(s) of the applicant(s) shall be published in the *Brussels Sprouts*. If the NBGC Secretary receives no letter of objection to the applicant's membership within 60 days of publication, the applicant shall become a member in good standing. Once the applicant has become a member in good standing, he/she will receive *Brussels Sprouts* quarterly.

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