

Lips edged with black, not pendulous but well brought together, giving a clean finish to the mouth. Jaws must be undershot. The incisors of the lower jaw should protrude over the upper incisors. The lower jaw is prominent, rather broad with an upward sweep. Neither teeth nor tongue should show when the mouth is closed. A wry mouth is a serious fault.

DISQUALIFICATIONS: Bite overshot. Hanging tongue.

AMPLIFICATION:

The upper lip should be short and plush. The upward sweep of the lower jaw is of great importance. It is this "pout" that sets the breed apart.

The underjaw should curve upward producing a prominent chin. The underjaw should be broad to give room for six incisors; however, visible breadth of muzzle and jaw is of primary importance and the Griffon need not be subjected to a Working breed tooth count.

Full cushioning of the upper lip and width of jaw can clearly be seen on the Smooth. Many people feel that Smooths appear to have a narrower muzzle. This may not be true since the Roughs give the illusion of a broader muzzle because of the beard.

PUPPIES: When judging puppies it is important to remember that the jaws grow for almost a year and some teeth may show in puppyhood. Maturity should correct this growth stage. Judges should always check age when in doubt. A retained baby canine may cause the upper lip to get hung up and give the illusion of a wry mouth. (Please see center pictures on page 11)

UNDESIRABLE:

A long upper lip giving a Pug-like look. Protruding tongues. Weak short underjaw. Narrow jaw and muzzle.

Without the correct upsweep, the lips will not meet, giving the clean finish to the mouth. A Griffon with a strong undershot jaw that DOES NOT curve up will no doubt show teeth and tongue. There will be too much space between the upper and lower incisors and the lips will not meet cleanly. (Please see bottom right picture on page 9)

SERIOUS FAULT:

Wry mouth.