

Neck, Topline, Body: Neck medium length, gracefully arched.

AMPLIFICATION:

The neck joins a large impressive head to a substantial body. The most desirable neck is on the thick side and of medium length with a graceful arch. It should make a smooth line as it blends into the shoulders.

UNDESIRABLE:

Long, thin neck. Short neck giving a hunched, cloddy appearance.

Topline: Back level and short.

AMPLIFICATION:

The topline should be level from the withers to tail set with no dipping at the shoulders or roaching over the loin.

Body: A thickset, short body. Brisket should be broad and deep, ribs well sprung. Short-coupled.

AMPLIFICATION:

The brisket should be broad between the front legs. It should have enough depth to reach to the elbows. Griffons are a slow-maturing breed; good depth of brisket and spring of rib may not be fully developed in a young dog.

The Griffon should look broad and square with the rear and shoulders being approximately the same width when you look down on it. A well-sprung rib cage contributes to the overall look of substance in the body. The ribs should be well covered and the body should feel solid. The ribs should extend well back to a short, strong loin. Some accommodation is tolerated in this area with bitches.

UNDESIRABLE:

There should be no obvious tuck-up. A narrow front usually accompanies a slab-sided rib cage. Barrel chest or slab sides. Sloping croup or dip at withers. Any part in extreme that throws off overall balance of the entire picture.