

**Temperament: Intelligent, alert and sensitive. Full of self-importance.**

**AMPLIFICATION:**

Temperament is influenced greatly by environment and experience. Griffons are very sensitive to harsh handling and due to their high intelligence, will never forget it. They can never be forced to do anything. Patience and a gentle manner will be rewarded because they are anxious to please and they love praise. Whether or not the puppy is pet or show, the owner needs to socialize and expose their Griffon to new experiences so he can grow emotionally and mentally. Being devoted to people they know, they often won't show for strangers. Griffons exhibiting poor temperaments should not be used for breeding.

**UNDESIRABLE:**

Shyness, sharpness or nervousness.



***RING PRESENTATION***

Griffons are usually happy showmen and should always be shown on a loose lead. Ideally they should be shown free standing. Should re-examination be necessary, please do not lean over the dog on the floor but rather place the dog back on the table. When examining the mouth, please remember that forcibly pushing up the upper lip can cut off the nasal passage, causing the Griffon to panic. It is often better to ask the handler to show the bite.