

KORTHALS GRIFFON CLUB OF AMERICA

Welcome to the New Club!



Formed to preserve the
Authentic Korthals Griffon!

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Officers



President:
Carol Ptak



Vice President:
Katherine March



Secretary/Treasurer:
Barbara Young



What is a Purebred Dog?

“It is commonly accepted that a purebred dog is a dog with known and documented ancestry from a breed’s foundation stock. A hybrid is not considered purebred, although crossbreeds from the same two breeds of purebreds can have “identical qualities”. The difference is that hybrids do not breed true (meaning that progeny will show consistent,

replicable and predictable characteristics), and can only be reproduced by returning to the original two purebred breeds. Only documentation of the ancestry from a breed’s foundation stock determines whether or not a dog is a purebred member of a breed.”

Source: Wikipedia

President's Message



Dear Fellow Enthusiasts,

It was with great honor that I agreed to serve as the first president of the KGCA. The club was formed to preserve the authentic Korthals Griffon – the way Edward Korthals intended – without any outcross to “improve” the breed. Since the publication of my white paper (Breed improvement or destruction) identifying the nexus of the observed tan point color, the phone calls that I have received have been quite interesting to say the least! Some are truly interested in the additional effects from the outcross that was discovered by the identification of tan point griffons. Others called to chastise me for calling these dogs hybrids. It is never my intent to insult or inflame – only to educate and create awareness. My paper merely logically links the publicly available data.

During the conversation with the folks who were dismayed to hear the correlation between the hybrid breeding stock and the dramatic increase in hip dysplasia, the identification of elbow dysplasia and previously unknown cancers. OFA testing shows that griffon breeders are testing for additional items that were never a concern for the breed. Clearly the situation is urgent to unite the sportsmen that have so enjoyed hunting over an authentic Korthals Griffon, the breeders with remaining authentic stock and other interested parties for the breed. The KGCA was not formed to tell anyone what to do or to chastise current or previous breeding decision. The KGCA was formed to educate the purchasing public of the differences between the hybrid griffon and the authentic Korthals griffon, makes breeders aware of the implications of potential breeding decisions and to bring together the community of available authentic breeding stock. This is clearly defined in the objects of the club from the club constitution, which is published later in this newsletter.

Personally I am not a breeder – I am an end user. I live with 2 authentic Korthals griffons and one hybrid – trust me when I say there is a difference. I train, compete and absolutely adore all three but when I am ready for my next hunting dog I want to still be able to choose an authentic Korthals griffon. I got my dogs primarily to hunt – yes, I do other things with them but if those other things were my goal, I would not have a griffon. I have a griffon because I hunt and this is supposed to be the ultimate foot hunter's companion.

Please let me hear from you. Get involved on the Yahoo discussion group. List your available authentic breeding stock. Consider serving on the KGCA board. Make other breeders aware of your breeding plans. Give your puppy buyers a membership application. There is only one group that can preserve this breed – a group of dedicated breeders. In fact that is all that ever has saved a breed. The breed was saved from the Cesky Fousek outcross not all that long ago. Together we can save it again! Let's keep the breed healthy and long-lived. That is what the KGCA is all about.

A note from the Vice President

Excited, relieved, humbled, hopeful are only a few of the words I would use to describe the start up of the KGCA and my position on the Board. The dedication, energy and accomplishments of my fellow Board members give me assurance that we will make a difference in sustaining this superb breed. Membership is already building, and it is greatly encouraging to know that we have partners in this mission.

I am not a breeder, but have two Griffons that have convinced me that Korthals must be preserved. My dogs hunt, run in agility, and run the household as much as the perfect dog can be allowed to. Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions. I am always happy to talk about these dogs.

My interest in health and genetics of the breed, and the awareness of the importance of education of owners and buyers will continue to drive me to do the best for this club.



<http://griffonhealth.com/>

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Secretary/Treasurer Message

I just wanted to *Thank Everyone* for the tremendous support we have received on this new venture. We all love our Authentic Korthals Griffons and wish all the future puppies to be as wonderful and healthy as our current dogs. There is no greater reward for a breeder than to hear about the success in the field of the pups they have produced. After all that is the focus of these wonderful dogs.

I urge all of you to get involved! We need lots of support in growing this club and the important task ahead of saving the purebred Authentic Korthals Griffon. We need several more active board members....please volunteer and work with us. It does not involve travel due to Carol's great "gotomeeting" program. It can all be done on the internet at home.

This newsletter was mostly about education and official club information. Please feel free to send hunting or training tips or pictures for the next newsletter. Again Thanks to everyone! Barbara

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Board Meeting 2/17/2013

Present: All officers in attendance and meeting called to order at 3:11 pm through Jointomeeting.com.

The board unanimously decided to:

1. Reimburse Barbara Young for all out of pocket expenses as a first priority. This was discussed and Barbara donated the \$50.00 to the Club. This was matched by Carol Ptak \$50.00 and Katherine March \$50.00 so the IRS c (6) non-profit determination Filing could be mailed.
2. The Board voted on obtaining a debit card for Carol Ptak to be used for starting a club website. This was unanimously approved. Carol reserved the domain names and donated the first year of hosting to the club.
3. Adding Carol Ptak as a second signer on the checking account was approved.
4. Produce a newsletter as quickly as possible to be distributed to the members electronically. Barbara volunteered to work on this in the coming week.
5. Implement a club website and reach out to the other authentic Korthals groups around the world. The color scheme will be red, white and blue with a Google translation button on each page. Carol will head up this project.
6. Add a stud dog and brood bitch database to the Yahoo Group where people can add their own dogs. The KGCA does not endorse or approve any breeding stock and this will be noted on the page.
7. Announce a training day where additional board members can be recruited to add to the officers. This was discussed at length, and will be planned for a spring or summer club sponsored event.

The motion was made to adjourn at 4:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Young

What is DNA Testing?

Many Veterinary Genetic Services are now testing DNA for purebred and mix breed identification. This is a new science in the dog world but it has become a lucrative market for the industry. The VetGen organization has established data on approx. 150 AKC breeds that they can identify from the over 300 breeds worldwide. In the WPG where there is research to show that a hybrid cross has taken place, the testing is only accurate if the other breed is identified in their database. This would seem unlikely since the cross was done outside of the U.S. The AKC (American Kennel Club) does not rely upon DNA testing to establish the purebred status of the dogs they register. However, they do use the DNA panel to identify individual dogs used in breeding.

What is Color Testing?

A litter of tan marked puppies (like red Doobie markings- which indicated a misalliance had taken place in a WPG breeding) were whelped in the U.S. There are tests which identify DNA color and coat used in many breeds to select for or against breeding preferences. The test being used by many Griffon owners/breeders to determine if their dogs have the tan or red markings is the VetGen ChromaGene "k" test. If a dog does not contain the red gene it is KBKB. If the dog is a carrier of the gene which could produce marked puppies when bred with another carrier it is classified as KBky. A marked dog showing the tan or red markings is a kyky.

More information on this can be found at: www.vetgen.com

All three of these can be produced in the same litter, which is an indication of a misalliance in breeding according to the authority on the breed Jean Castaiang in his book *Le Griffon D'Arret A Poil Dur Korthals*. In the breed standard first established by Edward Korthals, any indication of red or tan markings were not included and have since been disallowed in all WPG breed standards.

A white paper on the tan appearing in the U.S, which traces the affected dogs to a single source can be found at:

<http://gryphonranch.com/Breed%20improvement%20or%20destruction%20v2.1.pdf>



KGCA Constitution

SECTION I: The Name of the club shall be the Korthals Griffon Club of America.

SECTION 2: The Objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Korthals Griffons and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (b) to urge members and breeders to accept the approved KGCA standard of the breed as the only standard of excellence by which the Korthals Griffon shall be judged;
- (c) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at all events which the breed may qualify for.

Bylaws

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Eligibility. There shall be four (4) types of membership open to all persons 18 years of age and older who subscribe to the purpose of this Club.

Regular (Individual) — Enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.

Household — Two (2) adult members residing in the same household, each eligible to vote and hold office.

Foreign — for those individuals who are not U.S. residents (or its territories and possessions). Shall be entitled to all club privileges except voting and office holding.

Life — For those individuals who have been members for a long period of time (20+ years); Life members pay no dues but are eligible to vote and hold office.

SECTION 2. Dues: Membership dues shall not exceed \$50.00 per year, payable on or before the 1st day of January per year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of December the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

SECTION 3. *Election to Membership*. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the board of directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws of the Korthals Griffon Club of America. The application shall state the name, address, and occupation of the applicant and it shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. Accompanying the application, the prospective member shall submit dues payment for the current year.

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All applications are to be filed with the Secretary and each application will be published in the newsletter. Any member having an objection to the proposed membership has 30 days after the newsletter publication to make the reason known to the President. The board shall then decide on the membership.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

SECTION 4. *Termination of Membership.* Memberships may be terminated:

(a) *by resignation.* Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the club. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.

b) *by lapsing.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

(c) *by expulsion.* A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II - Meetings and Voting

SECTION 1. *Club Meeting.* The club will meet once annually between the months of May or June as determined by the Board and approved by the majority of the membership. Meetings may be electronically at such hour and place as may be designated by the board of directors. Written notice of each such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 2. *Special Club Meetings.* Special club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the board; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings. Written notice of such a meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least five days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting, and said notice shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other club business may be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3. *Board Meetings.* Meetings of the board of directors shall be held bi-monthly via telephone conference call or via video conference at such hour and place as may be designated by the board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

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SECTION 4. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the board. Such special meetings shall be held at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be sent by the Secretary at least five days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

SECTION 5. Voting. Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the club at which he is present. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any club meeting or election.

ARTICLE III - Directors and Officers

SECTION 1. *Board of Directors.* The board shall be comprised of the officers and three (3) other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for two - year terms at the club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the board of directors. Election of the President, Treasurer, and 2 board members will be held on even numbered years, with the VP, Secretary and one Board Member elected on odd numbered years.

SECTION 2. *Officers.* The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board and its meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.
- (b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and of the board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club; have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses, which shall be sent to any member in good standing, upon written request, not more than once every club year, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the board and a report shall be given at every meeting on the condition of the club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the board of directors shall determine.
- (e) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

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SECTION 3. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of the members of the board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by board election.

ARTICLE IV - The Club Year, Annual Meeting, Elections

SECTION 1. Club Year. The club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December. The club's official year shall begin immediately at the conclusion of the election at the annual meeting and shall continue through the election at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held during the months of May or June at which officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected by secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section 4 of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon the conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to the successor in office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.

SECTION 3. Elections. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4. Nominations. No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated. During the month two months prior to the scheduled annual meeting, the board shall select a Nominating Committee consisting of three members and two alternates, not more than one of whom may be a member of the board. The Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen and alternates of their selection. The board shall name a chairman for the committee and it shall be such person's duty to call a committee meeting, which shall be held on or before one month prior the scheduled annual meeting.

(a) The committee shall nominate one candidate for each office and positions on the board and, after securing the consent of each person so nominated, shall immediately report their nominations to the Secretary in writing or electronic mail.

(b) Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, at least two weeks before the annual scheduled meeting, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated. This notification can be accomplished via e-mail.

(c) Additional nominations may be made at the scheduled annual meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

(d) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided in

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ARTICLE V - Committees

SECTION 1. The board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as competition events, trophies, annual prizes, membership, and other fields which may well be served by committees. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the board. Special committees may also be appointed by the board to aid it on particular projects.

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the board upon written notice to the appointee; and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

ARTICLE VI - Discipline

SECTION 1. American Kennel Club Suspension. Any member who is suspended from all the privileges of The American Kennel Club automatically shall be suspended from the privileges of this club for a like period.

SECTION 2. Violation of the Objects of the Club . Any member who violates the Objects of the club shall be suspended from the privileges of the club.

SECTION 3. Charges. An individual member may prefer charges against another individual member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$500, which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the board or present them at a board meeting, and the board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club or the breed. If the board considers that the charges do not allege conduct, which would be prejudicial to the best interests of the club, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it shall fix a date for a hearing by the board not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges and the specifications to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.

SECTION 4. Board Hearing. The board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the board may by a majority vote of those present reprimand or suspend the defendant from all privileges of the club for not more than six months from the date of the hearing. And, if it deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his fellow members at the ensuing club meeting which considers the board's recommendation. Immediately after the board has reached a decision, it's finding shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify

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SECTION 5. Expulsion. Expulsion of a member from the club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the club following a board hearing and upon the board's recommendation as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the club to be held within 60 days but not earlier than 30 days after the date of the board's recommendation of expulsion. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the board's finding and recommendation, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his own behalf if he wishes. The members shall then vote by secret ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the board's suspension shall stand.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be proposed by the board of directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary signed by 20 percent of the membership in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the board of directors and must be submitted to the members with recommendations of the board by the Secretary for a vote within three months of the date when the petition was received by the Secretary.

SECTION 2. The constitution and bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 secret vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the proposed the meeting and mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - Dissolution

SECTION 1. The club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 2/3 of the members in good standing. In the event of the dissolution of the club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the club shall be distributed to any members of the club, but after payment of the debts of the club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs selected by the board of directors.

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ARTICLE IX - Order of Business

SECTION 1. At meetings of the club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

Roll Call

Minutes of last meeting

Report of President

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Reports of committees

Election of officers and board (at annual meeting)

Election of new members

Unfinished business

New business

Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

Reading of minutes of last meeting

Report of Secretary

Report of Treasurer

Reports of committees

Unfinished business

New business

Adjournment

ARTICLE X - Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised," shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules of order the club may adopt.

Korthals Griffon Club of America

“Preserving the purebred Ultimate Hunting Companion”

Membership Application

\$30 per year per individual \$35 per year per household

Name(s) _____

As you wish the mailing label to read.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Numbers: Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Fax (____) _____ Email address: _____

Your interests are: _____

What would you like to see, do or get from KGCA? _____

Make your checks payable to: **KGCA**

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE January 31.

By this application you agree to the club objective of maintaining and breeding only the purebred Korthals Griffon. This is defined by the pedigree of the individual dog.

JOIN THE KGCA

A Club dedicated to retaining the Authentic Korthals Griffon as a hunting dog!



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