



PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation

The mission of the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Health and Rescue Foundation is to promote the welfare of the breed. This shall be accomplished by promoting and funding research into the health, care, and breeding of purebred Petits Bassets Griffons Vendéens as well as by promoting through educational means the proper care of the breed and providing funding for the rescue of purebred Petits Bassets Griffons Vendéens if they should be neglected or abandoned.

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Fundraising

During the past year, emphasis was placed on developing possible new avenues for raising money to support the Foundation objectives. Many have contributed original, creative ideas that have generated funds and involved the community thus creating increased awareness regarding our mission.

A new, online PBGV Foundation store offering unique PBGV items was opened for business by Foundation Board member Sue Smyth in November 2011 with the assistance of Board member Pam Helmer. Ms. Smyth and Ms. Helmer imported gold and silver PBGV jewelry from England (we are the only U.S. agent for these beautiful items), obtained hand-painted PB items from artist Jackie Adams, added note cards, ceramic wine coolers, socks, umbrellas, and lots of other things which provided for store inventory. But for an integrated website with store capabilities we thank PBGVCA Webmaster Veronica Sheer and Foundation volunteer Sheryl Bradbury for their endless hours of work setting up the infrastructure for our new store. In little more than a month the store took in enough profit to pay for inventory and sales continued to be strong into 2012. To visit the PBGV Foundation store, go to www.pbgvfoundation.org and click on store.

Successful projects for 2011 included the donation of vacation opportunities including a week at a fabulous vacation home in Vermont (Laura Liscum/Jerry Faust) and for 2012 a vacation week at a Disney property (Linda Murray with thanks to Paula DePalma) with more with more vacation get a ways being developed. The Pennies for PBs project (Carolyn Randell, Alice McGowen, and nursing home helpers) consisted of mailing out piggy banks to those willing to collect spare change and then sending a donation check to the Foundation equal to money collected. Piggy bank owners are starting to send in the results.

We are so pleased to report that two PBGV Regional groups supported the PBGV Foundation this year during the National Specialty. The Texas group made up packets containing a variety of homemade dog cookies, and the Carolina Group sold ringside seats during the National and Regional Specialty shows.

Highlights of our fundraising efforts at the 2011 PBGVCA Nationals included a very successful auction. Along with many wonderful items available during the silent auction, the live auction included gorgeous jewelry donated by Barbara and Gary Oxholm, a week's stay at a beautiful southern Vermont cabin donated by Laura Liscum and Jerry Faust, and a lovely picture of the Skycastle PBGV hunt pack. Carolyn Randel had little plastic cosmetic bags with the Foundation logo and darling PBGV socks made up just for us which were given away in return for a \$20 donation – these were a big draw to our

education table. All in all, we raised \$5,579 at the Nationals this year, \$3,396 restricted to rescue efforts and the remainder for general use. PBGVCA members and others were very generous. Thank you all.

Health Research

The Foundation has worked closely with the PBGVCA Health and Genetics Committee to identify appropriate and meaningful research needing support through the AKC's Canine Health Foundation (CHF) program. CHF generally provides at least 50% funding of research identified by its team of research experts and solicits the remainder of funding from breed clubs and others. The CHF research experts monitor the grant process through completion and provide reports of achievement. Dr. Laura Liscum, Chair of the PBGV Health Committee's Research Subcommittee, and an experienced health researcher in her own right interprets these reports into interesting and understandable language for Saber Tails.

SUPPORTED HEALTH RESEARCH

Grant #	Formal Grant Proposal Title	Agency	Head Researcher	Amount
CHF 1265	Understanding Mechanisms Involved in Canine Autoimmune & Inflammatory Disorders	University of Wollongong, Australia	Ronald Sluyter, PhD	\$2,500
CHF 1497A	Dog Leukocyte Antigen 88 Typing in German Shepherd Dogs Having Pancreatic Insufficiency	Clemson University, SC	Leigh Anne Clark, PhD	\$1,000
CHF 1099	Degenerate PCR for Detection of Viral, Bacterial, and Rickettsial Genera in Pugs and Maltese Dogs with Necrotizing and Granulomatous Meningoencephalitis	University of Georgia	Scott Schatzberg, DVM, PhD	\$5,000
CHF 1113	Canine Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Characterization and Prognostic Value of Cancer Stem Cells	University of Minnesota	Timothy D. O'Brien, DVM, PhD	\$ 5,000

DNA Bank

The Foundation continued to financially support the PBGV DNA Bank at the University of Missouri which includes approximately 500 individual PBGV samples.

In late 2011, the PBGVCA Board of Directors elected to be an OFA CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) breed. "The CHIC DNA Repository, co-sponsored by the OFA and the AKC/CHF, collects and stores canine DNA samples along with corresponding genealogic and phenotypic information to facilitate future research and testing aimed at reducing the incidence of inherited disease in dogs." CHIC also stores their blood DNA samples at the University of Missouri so our existing samples there continue to be an important resource.

We will continue to encourage owners to submit DNA for their dogs and urge breeders to contact all puppy owners to submit DNA. The Foundation will reimburse up to \$75 per dog for veterinary fees and shipping expenses for submitting a DNA sample. See the Foundation web site for information.

Electronic Health Survey

The Foundation continues to fund the PBGVCA's cumulative electronic health survey. Annual snapshot for 2011 is not yet available.

Health Education

The PBGV Foundation was pleased to sponsor Dr. Christopher Mariani, as the health speaker for the 2011 PBGVCA Nationals. Dr. Mariani is Assistant Professor of Neurology, College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University.

The Health Education Committee has submitted health related articles for Saber Tails as well as to promote participation in the PBGV Health Survey and PBGV DNA Blood bank, and there is a commitment to continue to promote all health related information to PBGVCA members and others.

Rescue

The Rescue Committee of the Foundation has worked with the Rescue Committee of the PBGVCA and the treasurers of both organizations to make sure that expenses for fostering, veterinary treatment and

other appropriate expenses were reimbursed. Bob Cohen prepared another successful grant application to the Pedigree Foundation.

Huge amounts of time, energy and emotions go into each rescue. It is not an easy job but needed to protect our breed and give every PBGV a chance for a forever home.

Website Committee

The PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation website may be found at <http://www.pbgvfoundation.org>. Foundation Bylaws, mission statement, and other information are available for download. The website has been set up to accept donations on line via PayPal or a form can be downloaded to send a donation by check. Although the website address is the same, our entire website has become a part of the PBGVCA website overseen by Veronica Scheer, Web Mistress. We are grateful to Veronica and to Sheryl Bradbury for making this happen.

Health and Rescue Foundation of the PBGVCA
Treasurer's Report
Year of 2011

Balance in accounts as of 12/31/10		
Restricted – Rescue	\$10,550.27	
Restricted – Health	\$ -0-	
Unrestricted	\$ 7,932.79	
		\$18,483.06
Balance		
Income for 2011		
Donations – Unrestricted Total	\$ 8,487.46	
Total includes sub categories of		
Int. earned \$64.84 (unrestricted)		
Pennies for PBs - \$423.63 (unrestricted)		
Income –Store - \$1,483.83 (unrestricted)		
Donations – Restricted Rescue	\$ 12,404.71	
Donations – Restricted Health	\$ 800.00	
		\$21,692.17
Total Income		
Expenses for 2011		
Reimbursements for Rescue	\$ 1,664.57	
Reimbursements Postage, Travel, DNA		
Education, Survey, Misc.	\$ 5,138.44	
Reimbursements for Online Store	\$ 1,823.22	
		\$ 8,626.23
Total Expense		
Balance in accounts as of 12/31/11		
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 15,199.06	
Restricted – Health	\$ 800.00	
Unrestricted, including store	\$ 15,549.94	
		\$31,549.00
Balance		

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Belflower,
Treasurer

PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation
Minutes-Annual Meeting
March 9, 2012
Mesa, Arizona

Members in attendance: Lauren Kovaleff, Helen Ingher, Rebecca Belflower, Sue Smyth, Pam Helmer, Bob Cohen, Linda Murray, Julie Shannon, Laura Liscum

Members Absent: Dottie Allen, Carolyn Randel

Visitors: Jill Otto, Christina Kriek, Jo Ann Hacker

Meeting called to order at 8:25 pm by President Lauren Kovaleff

President's report-NNTR

Vice President's report- Helen Ingher-NNTR

Secretary-Sue Smyth: Laura Liscum made a motion for the minutes from the 1/31/12 meeting be approved. Linda Murray seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report-Rebecca Belflower reported:

1. The Fourth Quarter Report was presented. Laura Liscum made a motion that the Fourth Quarter Treasurer's Report be approved. Julie Shannon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
2. The Year End Treasurer's Report was presented. Helen made a motion to approve the Year End Treasurer's Report. Laura Liscum seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
3. The January 1, 2012 to March 4, 2012 Treasurer's Report was presented. Helen made a motion that the 1/1/12 to 3/4/12 Treasurer's Report be approved. Julie seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports

1. Foundation Table at Nationals-Linda Murray reporting- Vermont and Palm Coast vacations will be auctioned live Saturday night at the annual dinner. Tickets are being sold for the Disney Raffle. Donated items (soap, magnets, bracelets) will be moved to the Foundation Store inventory. \$200 taken in for the 50/50 raffle.
2. Fund Raising-Julie Shannon reporting a wonderful response regarding the generous state baskets donated!
3. Advertising-Helen reporting that she is doing everything possible to promote the Foundation.
4. Health Education-Linda Murray reporting about the 2 displays on the Foundation table (CHIC and Breeder of Merit)
5. Health Research-Laura Liscum reporting about 4 grants that were relevant to the PBGV: Inflammatory Bowel Disease; Cataract Surgery (using Cyclosporin); Glaucoma in the Basset Hound; I.P. Shunt in Irish Wolfhounds
6. Policy and Procedures-Sue Smyth NNTR
7. Rescue-Pam Helmer reporting about placing new guidelines on the website regarding procedures, monthly reports, a confidentiality statement, etc.
8. Web Site-Helen Ingher reporting that the site needs some work. Lauren will add the

minutes from 2011 to update. Linda noted that she felt the Foundation to be “buried” on the club site.

Old Business

1. Audit Committee (Lindsey Hansen, Gordon Ramsey, Carolyn Doerge) completed their audit of the Foundation Treasurer’s records with the following recommendations: require original receipts; separate reimbursements; every 3 years hire an individual to do a complete audit. Many thanks to Rebecca for a wonderful job!

New Business

1. Research grant funding-Bob Cohen made a motion to fund grant #1609 \$2,500; grant #1612 a minimum of \$1000 up to \$2,500; and grant #1594 \$2,500 (it was agreed that grant #1601 would not be funded at this time). Julie seconded the motion. All voted in favor. (see motion log 2012 for grant titles)
2. CHIC Health Survey-Linda Murray and Laura Liscum reported about attending a conference in St. Louis in 2011. Club health surveys are important to tailor research regarding specific breed needs.
3. Bob Cohen made a motion to pay the speaker at 2012 Nationals an honorarium of \$200. Helen seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
4. Discussion about addressing the current electronic health survey
5. Elections-8 names on the ballot for 8 positions. Lauren and Helen tallied the votes. All 8 candidates on the ballot were voted into the Foundation. Congratulations!
6. Helen made a motion for Linda Murray to be the new Foundation president. Pam seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
7. Linda Murray made a motion for Lauren Kovaleff to be the new Foundation vice president. Bob Cohen seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
8. Helen made a motion for Sue Smyth to continue as secretary for the Foundation. Lauren seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
9. Julie Shannon made a motion for Jo Ann Hacker to be the new Foundation treasurer. Helen seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Julie Shannon made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm.

New president Linda Murray will send out an email setting the next meeting date.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Sue Smyth

PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation Secretary

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RESEARCH

This past year the Foundation has continued to actively review the current research grants sponsored by the Canine Health Foundation, which might have significance to the breed. Several grants were thought to have relevance to PBGVs and were sponsored.

The subjects of these studies are as follows:

Early Diagnosis of Cushing's Disease

The Rabies Challenge Fund

Identification of Novel Drugs to Halt the Metastasis of Tumors that Cause Cushing's Syndrome

Defining the Genetic Basis of Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Understanding the Flexibility and Limitations of How Dogs Acquire Knowledge and Understanding.

The last three studies are detailed by Laura Liscum in an article in this issue

The Foundation sponsored Dr. Komaromy's attendance at the 2013 National Specialty to lecture and perform eye exams.. The dogs also had blood drawn with samples sent to Dr. Komaromy's lab(Primary Open Angle Glaucoma study) and to CHIC for DNA banking.

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Rescue received quite a boost this year when a T-Shirt campaign was initiated by a PBGV owner, and the proceeds were earmarked for Rescue. We are continuously amazed by the care, concern and generosity of faithful.

FUNDRAISING

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Members of the Fundraising Committee are committed to exploring a variety of alternative ways that members can contribute. Most of us are still feeling the economic squeeze from a stalled economy and the high unemployment rates across the country. Our members are incredibly loyal to the breed and as generous as they can be, and for that we are eternally grateful.

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Please visit the Foundation Store through a link on the PBGVCA website, to see what has been added recently.

The members of the Foundation Board are committed to the mission of the Foundation and are looking forward to the challenges of 2014. We wish all PBGV's and their people a healthy, safe and peaceful year.

Sincerely,
Linda Murray

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Foundation Annual Meeting

The Foundation held its annual meeting at the National Specialty in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. During the meeting officers and directors were elected, the 2014-2015 Class is listed above. We will miss Dottie Allen and Julie Shannon who will not be returning as directors. Needless to say both of these individuals will be greatly missed. They have been valuable members of the Foundation and have contributed their time and talents to further the goals of the Foundation. Of course we will feel free to call upon them to for assistance.

The annual financial audit was conducted by Ingrida Robinson, Vickie Willmann and Carol Doerge and all was found to be in order.

National Specialty

Health Clinics

The most important activity that the Foundation participated in at the specialty was the sponsorship of the eye clinic and dna blood draw. Dr.Andras Komaromy D.V.M. from Michigan State University is actively involved in Glaucoma research specifically as it affects the PBGV. Dr.Komaromy examined dogs at the 2013 specialty also. How fortunate we are that he was able to come again this year to provide an element of consistency.

It was such a privilege for the Foundation to be able to provide the sponsorship for the eye clinic and the DNA submission to CHIC.

Health Speaker

The Foundation also provided financial support for the Health speaker Judith Shoemaker D.V.M. Please see the previous edition of Saber Tails which included an article authored by Dr. Shoemaker. The presentation was very well received and explored some of the Complementary Therapies that can benefit animals. She also challenged us to think outside the box about how important a dog's overall balance is to health and soundness. The word of the day was TOENAILS and how long nails affect a dog in many ways that are rarely considered.

Fundraising

The Foundation store did a very brisk business. Sheryl Bradbury, Jill Otto, Laura Liscum worked diligently to keep the sales flowing. Of course the big bowl of chocolates on the corner of the table, as well as being located right next to the coffee and snack table didn't hurt our business either. Location, location, location!!!

A special thank you goes out to Debbie Perrott who generously donated many unique items to the Foundation from her PBGV collection. Of note were 2 numbered prints from 1990 that were in the live auction for the Foundation and a lovely ceramic rabbit mold in the silent auction that benefited the specialty.

The next thank you goes out to Paul Urban who donated one of his original themed mechanical designs to the live auction to benefit the Foundation directed to rescue.

JoAnne Hacker thank you for your generous donation of a vacation on Bainbridge Island, Washington.

There were two unexpected events that also benefited the Foundation. First a little background, Beverly Childs has a favorite stuffed rabbit named Percy who accompanies Beverly to the events. The unthinkable happened, Percy disappeared, at some point. It soon became apparent that Percy had been abducted, pictures soon surfaced of the rabbit in some strange situations. Eventually a ransom demand was issued. Beverly had to raise a certain amount to get Percy back. Beverly was able to meet these demands by "**persuading**" fellow attendees to contribute funds for the ransom. Fortunately all ended well, Percy and Beverly were reunited. The money was donated to the Foundation and was duly recorded as Income - Rabbit Rescue. \$ 750.00 (I just have to go on record and say that I had nothing to do with the abduction or ransom demand I cannot speak for others !)

The next spontaneous event was initiated by Dottie Allen and Betty Barth. Dottie donated a number of copies of an issue of Saber Tails from when she was editor. The front cover was a photo of Zack Helmer winning as Best Junior at Westminster Kennel Club. The four juniors that were entered in the show were put to the challenge of selling these for a donation to the Foundation. Within about 45 minutes all copies were sold and over \$500.00 was contributed. Katherine Howell was the lead seller. Both of these events were great fun.

Thank You to all involved , thank you for thinking of the Foundation These donations will make a difference in the lives of our wonderful PBGVs through research, education , health related activities, and rescue.

The Officers and Directors of the Foundation want to thank everyone who has made a donation, your generosity has made health, rescue and research funding possible.

I would personally like to thank all of the Foundation Board members for the work that each put in before ,during and after the event. I am looking forward to another productive year working with all of you.

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PBGVs everywhere thank you !!!!

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RESEARCH

In 2015 the Foundation donated \$2,500 to Dr. Ned Patterson's Grant sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation. His research is focused on looking for new genetic markers to identify epilepsy.

A second grant was supported with a \$1000 donation focusing on structural defects/DNA analysis associated with closed angle glaucoma.

A third grant focusing on the development of a vaccine to prevent canine periodontal disease with a \$1000 donation.

All of these grants are sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

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This past year the PBGV community worldwide has gained a tremendous tool to screen our dogs for Primary Open Angle Glaucoma. With the discovery of the marker by the Animal Health Trust we now have the ability to screen our dogs and identify the status of our dogs. Everyone has been on a huge learning curve trying to understand the process and the implications of the results. The Foundation and the Health Committee have collaborated on disseminating information to PBGV owners, helping them negotiate through the testing process.

The Foundation supported these efforts financially also. This support will continue in 2016. This will be reevaluated yearly.

The members of the Foundation Board are committed to the mission of the Foundation and are looking forward to the challenges of 2016. We wish all PBGV's and their people a healthy, safe and peaceful year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Foundation. PBGVs everywhere thank you!!!

Sincerely,

Linda Murray