

PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation

Letter from the President



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The mission of the Health & Rescue Foundation is to promote the welfare of the breed by providing funding for research, education, and rescue.

PBGV Clinical Database

When you hear the word *database*, perhaps your eyes glaze over. You think back to some data you had to collect for a high school science fair project and you shiver. As a retired research scientist, collecting data and making sense out of it was my life's work. But even I am amazed at the dedication of Veronica Scheer, who maintains the PBGV clinical database.



Years ago, Veronica recognized the value of noting whenever a PBGV owner reported a health issue. When PBGV groups were created on Facebook, she scoured the social media site daily for any mention of a problem. She was not alone in this quest. Members of the Health Committee were her 'wingwomen', always on the lookout for her.

Whenever a health issue surfaces, Veronica contacts the owner and asks for more information. If the owner agrees, the health info is added to the Club's open pedigree database. If the owner wishes to keep the info confidential, Veronica abides by that request. But all information goes into a deidentified, confidential clinical database.

If your PBGV sneezes, expect a call from Veronica.

What does this have to do with the PBGV Foundation? The clinical database has been a very important resource that the Foundation has used to identify new health issues as they crop up. It helps us prioritize our funding of canine health research and to determine which health seminars or clinics should be offered at the National Specialty.

We are very grateful to Veronica and her team for maintaining the PBGV clinical database!

Thank you to our donors. The objective of the Foundation is to promote and fund activities that are directed at preserving this wonderful breed. To do this, we receive contributions that allow us to further understanding of health issues that affect PBGVs, to support research that is relevant to PBGV health, to fund the rescue of PBGVs when they are neglected or endangered, and to educate the PBGV community on the proper care of PBGVs.

All of this is only possible thanks to the generosity of our donors. PBGVs everywhere join me in howling a sincere *AHROO* to all who donated in 2022.

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Laura