

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.

Breed Preservation. In this issue of Saber Tails, you will find an update on the activities of the Breed Preservation Committee. The Committee was formed in 2020 when the PBGV was deemed a 'low entry breed' by AKC due to the decline in both the number of PBGVs and PBGV litters registered with AKC.

The Committee Chair is Jo Anne Hacker; committee members are Helen Ingher, Veronica Scheer, and Robert Sweeney. Their goal has been to implement strategies that may result in increased AKC registered PBGV litters per year while preserving the health and character of the breed.

The goals of the Breed Preservation Committee align perfectly with the mission of the Foundation to promote the health, care, and breeding of purebred PBGVs. They have made tremendous strides towards their goals and some of their accomplishments are the following:

- Developed tools that will support new and experienced PBGV breeders. PBGV.org now has a Breeder's Tool Chest, Puppy Packet, and a list of experienced breeder mentors.
- Published Saber Tails articles to inform the PBGVCA membership about breed preservation issues.
- Enhanced communication about the breed in order to recruit new members to the Club and to educate current members. A video was produced that demonstrates the hunting skills of the PBGV. The video was made possible by donations to the Foundation earmarked for Breed Preservation.
- Suggested ways to safeguard the breed for the future. Plans for a PBGV Reproductive Bank and genetic diversity analysis have been discussed.

Kudos to the Committee members for their dedication to the breed!

Hello 2022! I am writing this on New Year's Eve. The headlines focus on the omicron variant, disruptions to airline schedules, and cancelled events. By the time you are reading this, 2022 will be in full swing. I hope that, like me, you are vaccinated, masked, and planning to attend the National Specialty. *Meet me in St Louis!*

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