

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.

Hi, are you okay?

This issue of *Saber Tails* has an article by Paula DePalma on the perils of living alone. Actually, Paula lives with her PBGV and Yorkie; however, neither would be any help if Paula fell or had a medical incident that left her unable to reach the phone. Paula has family nearby but they don't check-in with each other on a daily basis.

For peace of mind, Paula has signed up with a smartphone app, Snug, that texts her every day. If she doesn't respond, then an emergency contact is notified.

I, too, live only with pets. My Fauve, Tess, would hopefully be concerned if I were unresponsive, whereas the cat, Skye, would be totally apathetic. Tess and I walk every day with neighbors who have keys to my home, so I hope that my plight would be quickly detected. Nevertheless, Snug would provide extra insurance and I will sign up.

Paula also wrote a document that details everything that someone would need to know if they had to foster her dogs in an emergency. This is a terrific idea! When I adopted Tess through breed rescue after her owner died, I was given a few medical records, but I had no idea of her usual food, any supplements she had been taking, her feeding schedule, microchip number, and personality traits. Now I have a document on my refrigerator describing how to care for this easy-going love-bug. (I fear that the accompanying document describing the irascible Skye may frighten off any potential adopters.)

What does this have to do with the PBGV Foundation? All of our hearts break when we hear about a PBGV in distress. The PBGVCA Rescue Committee does an outstanding job of rescuing and fostering PBGVs in need. The Foundation funds their work.

Each of us can do our part by having a plan in place in case we are no longer able to care for our pets.

Our work is made possible by the generosity of our donors. Thank you!

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura'.

