

Health And Rescue Foundation



Annual Report 2004

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Health and Rescue Foundation

Our Mission Statement

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Committee Reports

Development and Finance Committee

The development and finance committee just completed the brochure that was distributed at nationals. The next project that is being considered is a mailing to bring donors up to date on what the foundation is doing and to solicit donations. Early fall may be a good time for such a mailing, since it would give our donor base time to recover from the expense of attending the national, but would hit the mailboxes before many other year end solicitations.

Health Research Committee

The PBGV Health Foundation provided funding for 3 research projects in 2004.

Molecular Genetic Causes for Canine Lens Luxation and Glaucoma. Researcher Gary Johnson, DVM, University of Missouri. (Year 2 of 2 year project complete)

Recombinant Thyrotropin (TSH): Standard for the Next Generation of Canine TSH Immunoassays with Improved Sensitivity Researcher Duncan C. Ferguson, U of Georgia (Year 1 of 2 year project complete.)

Histocompatibility Alleles Conferring Susceptibility To Canine Diabetes, Immune-Mediated Thyroiditis And Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia. Primary Researcher Wayne Potts, PhD (PI). U of Utah (Beginning of a two year project complete)

Health Education Committee

The mission of the Health Education Committee is to provide PBGV enthusiasts with access to educational resources to properly care for their dogs and to assist them in participating in making health care decisions for their dogs when necessary.

To date we have provided health related articles and links that appear on the PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation website. We have also used PBGVCA website, Saber Tails, PBGV-L and private correspondence to promote and educate owners on the ongoing research studies that the Foundation is helping to fund and to also encourage participation.

Policy and Procedure Committee

The mission of the Policy and Procedure Committee is to maintain and revise as necessary the policy and procedures of the Health and Rescue Foundation.

A Policy and Procedure revision was completed for the Foundation. Copies of these "Revised Policy and Procedures" were handed out to all attendees at the meeting held in Rhode Island (at Nationals). Since the meeting, there have been 2 requests for copies of the Revised Policy and Procedures from Foundation members who were unable to attend the meeting (Julia and Helen). Copies were mailed to both immediately.

Domestic and Foreign Correspondence Committee

The mission of the Domestic & Foreign Correspondence committee is to promote and maintain contacts between our foundation and the foreign PBGV clubs or organizations.

We have been utilizing the website and Saber Tails to accomplish this. It was discussed doing a newsletter, but the Foundation decided on the brochure instead. We collected some contact information at the World Congress, and now need to decide how to use that information.

Rescue Committee

The mission of the Rescue Committee is to provide policy and guidance for the rescue program for purebred Petit Basset Griffon Vendeens.

Rescue forms have been revised by the committee and have been reviewed by an attorney for liability issues.

Website Committee

The mission of the Website Committee is to maintain and update the Health and Rescue Foundation website <http://www.pbgvfoundation.org>.

Website layout and design was approved by the Foundation's board and the website was published to the public in July, 2004. Set-up for on-line donations through Pay-Pal has also been completed and we are now accepting on-line donations. Site development remains in progress. Areas have been allocated for the Organization's Information, Research, Donations, Health Help, Rescue, News, Links, Store, Affiliates and Contributors.

Health and Rescue Foundation
 Financial Report
 Year End Summary for 2004

Money market Account #5877949 as of 12/31/03

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 450.00	
Restricted – Health	\$ 275.00	
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 16,266.32	
		\$ 16,991.32

Income for Year 2004

Restricted – Health	\$ 40.00	
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 746.49	
Unrestricted	\$ 2,345.00	
Interest income	\$ 62.42	
Raffle Proceeds	\$ 697.00	
		\$ 3,890.91

Expenses for Year 2004

CHF PBGV DAF donations	\$ 2,550.00	
Education / H&G info sheets (Natl)	\$ 251.38	
Rescue Expenses	\$ 688.14	
Website	\$ 96.00	
Misc	\$ 164.85	
		\$ 3,750.37

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Committee Reports – All reports detailed below have been submitted by the respective committee chair.

Development and Finance Committee

The Development and Finance Committee is holding a raffle at the national for the benefit of the Foundation and as usual will have some items in the auction being held at the Saturday night banquet. There will be additional income from sale of wine and wine glasses at the Nose Knows event . It is anticipated that income from the sale of wine glasses will continue after the conclusion of the event.. It has been reported that there are 85 reservations for this event which exceeds expectations and estimates for success and income to the foundation.

A poster will be displayed at the National recognizing this year's donors .

A test is planned the summer for an on an online auction using Ebay. It is hoped that this will provide the backbone for an extensive auction in November. There are several items already promised for this summer's auction.

Health Research Committee

Health Research is one of our mission critical areas. We are currently supporting three active research projects, the PBGV DNA bank, pursuing other projects relevant to the PBGV and working with several researchers to design potential future specific studies. Additional efforts have been undertaken to identify possible study participants, encourage participation, increase DNA bank submissions and generally encourage health screening for the PBGV population.

The top diseases that have been identified include: Autoimmune Disease complex, lens luxation, glaucoma, and epilepsy. Diseases thought to be autoimmune in nature include, atopic dermatitis, chronic hepatitis, inflammatory bowel disease, neck pain syndrome, thyroiditis and others. The number of occurrences identified in our 2000 comprehensive health survey, autoimmune diseases represent the number one health concern in the PBGV.

Histocompatibility Alleles Confering Susceptibility to Canine Diabetes, Immune-mediated Thyroiditis, and Immune-mediated Hemolytic Anemia. University of Utah. Wayne Potts, PhD- lead investigator

This study was begun in 2005. The objective of phase one is the collection of qualified samples and identification of the gene sequence for autoimmune mediated disease across breeds. It is expected that it will be common as was found in humans.

Earlier in the year, UOU reported difficulty in securing qualified samples for the study and requested an extension to address the issue from the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The extension was granted. Their next formal status report to CHF and breed clubs will be finalized in July of 2006. Dr. Wayne Potts shared with me most of what will be presented in that report for the purposes of making this report. The original goal was to secure 100 qualified samples of each disease. Currently, they have met their objectives with immune mediated thyroiditis samples (135) and Diabetes(115). Only 7 immune mediated hemolytic anemia are currently included. Dr. Potts feels that it will be extremely difficult to reach their objective with hemolytic anemia. They are sequencing the samples of all that they have and will in mid summer begin to analyze that data. Based upon those findings, they will decide how to use the remaining funds this year in this research phase (1). It is their hope that they will be able to identify a common gene sequence for canine autoimmune mediated disease. Samples cross many breeds so it is also their hope to validate a hypothesis that the sequence has common segments across breeds as well. Currently, there are three PBGV in the diabetic study samples with one being submitted as of this report and one qualified sample in the immune mediated thyroiditis with another pending antibody confirmation. Several other samples have been submitted, but ultimately rejected for failing to meet the specific study criteria. Due to our early assistance in redesign of sample acquisition portion of the study, Dr. Potts had hoped we could provide twenty PBGV samples so

that we could be a focus breed for study in phase two where a marker. We have struggled to meet this objective for many reasons. Dr. Potts has revised the objective with the continued goal of having the PBGV be a focus for phase two. It is his hope that we can secure ten qualified thyroid or diabetes samples. He would be even more grateful for hemolytic samples if they can be identified given his difficulty in securing those generally. In addition to sequencing the samples currently included in the study, Dr. Potts is finalizing a plan for the use of Controls. This will be finalized for inclusion in his July report to CHF.

In response to this new objective and with Dr. Potts' continued desire to enable us to be a focused breed for study, I plan on the following:

1. Expand written and oral communications to breeders within the US and abroad.
2. I now have DNA kits for those identified to overcome the early problems we had securing from Utah. (sixteen in possession)
3. Add detail to the web study descriptions with commonly asked questions regarding thyroiditis and testing parameters for inclusion in the study
4. Pursue possible hemolytic anemia samples in UOM or any others that remain possibilities.
5. Renew publication of Foundation support of testing on case by case basis to identify possible candidates. Explore request to expand to other diseases if deemed appropriate upon further evaluation.

Summary-Autoimmune Study

We are fortunate to still have the opportunity to become a focus breed in this research study. Given autoimmune mediated disease is our number 1 health concern in the breed when one adds up the occurrences of presumed autoimmune diseases identified in our 2000 health survey, we have much to gain from this study. The PBGV will benefit whether we meet our participation objective or not. However, we would lose the added benefit of what early identification of a marker might mean to the PBGV in later phases. This is where we really have much to gain. We must find a way to reach those owners and breeders who can help us achieve our participation goals in every way possible.

The PBGVCA Health and Rescue Foundation agreed to evaluate on a case by case basis the financial cost of Thyroid testing where a possible study participant may be identified and costs serve as an impediment. One such individual has been included thus far and another is pending.

Recombinant Thyrotropin(TSH): Standard for the Next Generation of Canine TSH Immunoassays with Improved Sensitivity- University of Georgia. Duncan Ferguson, DVM, PhD- lead investigator

The objective of this project is to improve the testing methods for Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH). Current methods result in a moderately high number of false positives and negatives complicating diagnosis and treatment. This update is derived from the eighteen months report.

Researchers report that they are able to produce satisfactory amounts of recombinant canine TSH in the laboratory of high purity. This objective has been met. A permanent cell line capable of producing canine TSH may also be possible. Recent work with reagents and substrates has resulted in some additional efforts to minimize cross reactivity. Researchers continue to be hopeful that their work will enable creation for future more highly sensitive and accurate serum immunoassay for TSH.

DNA Bank, Lens Luxation/Glaucoma Study and Epilepsy Projects, University of Missouri, Gary S. Johnson DVM, PhD

DNA Bank

Currently banked here are 259 PBGV, sent for any reason. During 2005, nineteen were added. In 2006, with our increased focus on submissions another thirty-nine have been added. This is prior to the 06 national specialty. All of the new data has not been entered into the database, but of the total sampled dogs, seven are reported with epilepsy, three with lens luxation, four with glaucoma, and two with both lens luxation and glaucoma.(unclear which occurred first). Also, reported by the sampled dogs are a wide variety of health traits-autoimmune, aseptic meningitis, cataracts, PPM's , allergies, hernias, heart defects, hip dysplasia, cancers and tumors, arthritis, tooth abnormalities, etc. Nothing appears to look pervasive, but there seems to be a low occurrence of a wide variety of health issues. There is not enough information to determine if there is a trend or not. More samples and information are needed.

Active efforts are underway to increase our DNA bank submissions. The University of Missouri is and will continue to store all blood DNA samples. OFA and the Canine Health Foundation undertook a pilot project in conjunction with the University of California Davis in 2005 for a Centralized Canine DNA project utilizing cheek swabs as an alternative collection method. This was purposely done to overcome the obstacles of blood collection. U.C.Davis has serves as the centralized DNA bank for the National Racehorse Association and the dairy cattle industry already. This project is not intended to replace UOM or compete with it. It is intended to complement it with the expectation that UOM will continue to store blood samples while Davis will store cheek swabs. The benefits of cheek swab collection enable breeders to collect and store entire kennels and litters greatly increasing the access to qualified samples for use by researchers. Both DNA blood and cheek swab collection methods will be offered at the 2006 specialty health clinics. To encourage broader participation, the PBGVCA Health and Rescue Foundation is underwriting the costs of this effort at the 2006 national specialty and any other DNA blood collection by an individual or group up to a current maximum of \$75 per dog or \$5,000 maximum.

Lens Luxation and Glaucoma Study

Based upon the final results of the initial study, UOM is submitting a proposal to the Canine Health Foundation to study the mutations responsible for lens luxation and glaucoma in several breeds(including). If PBGVCA would like this study to be approved, a club/foundation letter of support would be beneficial. They are currently assembling a mapping family in Jack Russel Terriers with lens luxation which should be helpful in mapping the disease, utilizing a new marker panel they have had recent mapping successes with (see chf web). If successful in mapping the JRT, it is believed

that they will also be successful in doing so with Mini Bulls, Sealyhams, and Tibetan Terriers. There are also good family groups for Glaucoma in bassets, Bouviers, Dandie Dinmonts, and Welsh Terriers. PBGVs are confusing at this time given the mix of findings. It is unclear what the primary problem is whether one or two diseases or a mutation. Findings in the other breeds may help sort out the issues in the PBGV.

Epilepsy

We do not currently fund this ongoing project, but it is mentioned here as we do support participation and have interest in its progress. UOM is currently mapping seizure like episodes in Chinooks. When complete in about one month or so, mapping of several other breeds will be undertaken. In the breeds where a simple recessive gene is presumed (there are a few), they will map using the existing marker panel that UOM has. For the breeds that may be polygenic, it will take a more extensive marker panel to figure out where the mutations may lie, and UOM is working with the Broad Institute (at MIT) and the researchers at NIH to develop a working "chip" of 20,000 SNP markers. This panel, when developed, should be able to map out most any trait that can be clearly defined.

Opportunities for further efforts

Under consideration are several potential studies and projects with potential benefit for the PBGV. A research project that is currently seeking funding under NIH based at Cornell will focus on the genetic inheritance of Cryptorchidism in the canine. Given penetrance of epilepsy in the PBGV, possible funding to the UOM project may be desirable. While in the planning phases, results of our updated online survey may reprioritize health concerns in the resulting in other study priorities or breed specific research. In the latter area, two such potentials seem of current interest. One would be cardiac defects. The second might entail global participation in gathering ocular testing data and clinical diagnostic data pre and post diagnosis with the objective of better understanding of the PBGV lens luxation and glaucoma problem(s). Exploration of these potential projects are in study design process and pre proposal within PBGVCA or the Foundation. Another project was defined late last year as an epidemiology database. That project was put on hold by the H/G committee pending success of tangentially related titleholder project.

Earlier in 2006 the Canine Health Foundation provided us with a list of proposed possible projects for our consideration. Sadly, it was determined by the Board of Directors and this committee that none of those projects represented significant relevance to the PBGV for our funding support. We have been pursuing other alternative projects including breed specific accordingly. The recent announcements regarding the Canine Genome is exciting news. Opportunities for research progress is substantial with our individual and collective efforts.

Recommendations:

There is much significant information that can either support breeder/owner education, responsible breeder practices and research project input with health screening support and data accessibility/reporting. It is the opinion of this author that the foundation should consider ways in which to support broader use of health screening amongst the population. Coupled to this is the need to find a way to codify and store gonioscopy and

tonometry data which is currently not done by ACVO in conjunction with the CERF exam record.(Separate exams not uniformly resulted) Potential to build a global research committee with representatives from other PBGV countries would have enormous value in knowledge, information sharing and current research benefit if formed.

Health Education Committee

Since the last annual meeting in spring, 2005, the Health Education committee has continued to promote all ongoing health research and the PBGV DNA Bank to all PBGV owners. This has been accomplished through use of announcements posted on the Foundation website, the PBGVCA website and in Saber Tails as well as postings on the PBGV email lists, individual emailing to breeders and owners and phone calls to individual breeders and owners. This has brought an additional 30+ samples in to date for 2006 to the PBGV DNA Bank at the University of Missouri. PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation paid all expenses for several DNA Bank collections (Meadowlands show and the NC Hunt Test)

The Health Education committee also continues to provide health related articles of interest to our website coordinator so that they may be posted on the Foundation's webpage.

There is much overlap between the chair's duties as the PBGVCA Health and Genetics Chair and chair of the Foundation Health Education committee. The following is portions of the H/G committee report.

H/G has provided paperwork and support for the DNA Bank blood draw at the National Specialty.

The H/G committee provides OFA and CERF results to editor of Saber Tails for publishing.

Lauren Kovaleff and Julia Kuni with the support of Saber Tails have been providing health related articles for each issue of Saber Tails for educational purposes.

Julia Kuni remains the Club liaison with OFA, so the committee continues to receive Quarterly and Annual reports from OFA.

H/G committee members have continued to receive inquiries from PBGV owners regarding the health problems of their PBGVs. These owners are looking for resources to offer them more information on the health problem of their individual dog. H/G committee members assist owners in identifying resources that may offer advice needed.

The H/G committee has reviewed potential research projects and identified for both the Club and Foundation appropriate candidates.

The H/G committee has promoted research to all PBGV owners through the use of Saber Tails, the PBGVCA and PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation websites, mass emailing to the PBGV email lists, and mass emailing to individual breeders and owners.

The H/G committee has advised individuals of DNA Bank blood opportunities (Meadowlands show and the NC Hunt Test) and provided the paperwork required.

PBGVCA has become a member Breed Club with CERF.

A Health Survey subcommittee has been put together to form a new online, ongoing health survey. The subcommittee consists of members Helen Ingher, Barbara Oxholm, Bob Cohen, Elizabeth Cates, Lauren Koveleff, Jeanne Dumestre and Julia Kuni. It is anticipated that this survey will be a very valuable asset to our breed and club in determining what present health trends are, how these trends will change in the future, and where we need to invest research dollars. The model for our proposed survey is the Spaniel Club's Health Survey.

Policy and Procedure Committee

The mission of the Policy and Procedure Committee is to maintain and revise as necessary the policy and procedures of the Health and Rescue Foundation. Policy and Procedures are continually being revised to facilitate continued growth in our organizational structure.

Domestic and Foreign Correspondence Committee

During the 2005 World Congress the Domestic and Foreign Correspondence Committee asked for contact names from PBGV enthusiasts in hopes to develop an international exchange of information. Letters have been sent to these contact people to facilitate this exchange.

Foundation brochures are available at appropriate functions such as Meet The Breed events, and PBGVCA events.

Rescue Committee

There was only one PBGV that came into rescue and adopted in the last year. The Health and Rescue Committee have assisted several breeders and owners in placing their PBGVs into new homes. Advice and support were provided to owners that have experienced problems with their dogs. In some instances the dogs were not PBGVs but the owners were under the impression that they were based on information given by the shelters or rescue organizations. Information received about possible PBGVs in shelters is followed up and action taken as necessary.

Inquiries about adopting a rescue continued throughout the year. There are currently 38 applications on file.

Website Committee

The mission of the Website Committee is to maintain and update the Health and Rescue Foundation website <http://www.pbgvfoundation.org>. As a result of continuing efforts by this committee our bylaws, mission statement, financial reports and meeting minutes are available this site.

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. The Foundation raised over \$4000.00 for Katrina, much of it by way of the internet. A list of all 2005 donations are listed under

contributors. PBGV owners can find info on the research we are supporting on this website.

The officers and directors of the Foundation are listed along with information and dial in instructions for our teleconference meetings. Instructions on how to apply to the Foundation is also provided on the website

Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA
Treasurer's Report
2005 Calendar year

Money market Account #5877949 as of 12/31/04

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 508.35
Restricted – Health	\$ 315.00
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 16,308.51

\$ 17,131.86

Income for 2005

All Donations	\$ 8609.40
Interest income	\$ 74.59
Misc income	\$ 220.49
Raffle/Auction (national) proceeds	\$ 1034.00

Total income \$ 9,938.48

Expenses for 2005

Disaster Relief	\$ 3,300.00
Grant 305 Mediated Thyroid	\$ 1,250.00
Promotion	\$ 598.32
Thyroid project	\$ 117.00
Misc expenses (website, conf calls, etc)	\$ 352.95

Total expenses – \$ 5,618.27

Money market Account #5877949 as of 12/31/05

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,868.35
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 19,583.72

Total amount in checking account \$ 21,452.07

Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA

Treasurer's Report
Fiscal Year End 10/1/04 – 9/30/05

Money market Account as of 9/30/04

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 358.25
Restricted – Health	\$ 315.00
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 17,432.72

Total cash assets	\$ 18,105.97
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Income for 10/1/04 – 9/30/05

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1606.49
Restricted – Health	\$ 95.00
Unrestricted	\$ 4,581.89
Restricted – Disaster	\$ 2,195.00
Interest income	\$ 70.59
Raffle / auction proceeds 2005	\$ 1,034.00
Misc income	\$ 220.49

Total income Fiscal Yr	\$ 9,803.46
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Expenses for 10/1/04 – 9/30/05

Donation to AKC/Car Disaster Relief Fund	\$ 3,300.00
PBGV Donor advised Fund – grant 305	\$ 1,250.00
2005 National – promotion	\$ 598.32
Rescue expenses	\$ 96.39
Misc expenses (corp report, conf calls, web)	\$ 387.95

Total expenses Fiscal Yr	\$ 5,632.66
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Money market Account #5877949 as of 9/30/05

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,868.35
Restricted – Health	\$ 410.00
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 19,998.42

Total cash assets 9/30/05	\$ 22,276.77
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Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2006 – April 24, 2006

Money market Account #5877949 as of 12/31/05

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,868.35
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 19,583.72

Total cash assets	\$ 21,452.07
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Income

Restricted – Rescue	\$ - 0 -
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Unrestricted	\$ 1,906.19
Nose Knows	\$ 4,600.00
Interest income	\$ 19.64
Pay Pal verification deposits	\$ - 0 -

Total income	\$ 6,525.83
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Expenses

Restricted Health- (DNA blood draw support)	\$ 612.38
Conference Call	\$ 35.00
Insurance	\$ 1,384.50
Website	\$ 60.00

Total expenses –	\$ 2,091.88
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Money market Account as of 4/24/06

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,868.35
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 24,017.67

Total amount in checking account	\$ 25,886.02
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