

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.

Canine Health Foundation. In this issue of Saber Tails, you will find an article on AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) grants that we have recently sponsored. CHF is the largest nonprofit funder of canine health research. Research proposals that are submitted to CHF undergo a rigorous review aimed at selecting high quality research targeted at important health areas. The PBGV Foundation Board looks at the CHF research portfolio once a year. Typically there are no research projects that directly involve PBGVs as subjects because our breed is so wonderfully healthy! We have identified projects that are focused on the following health issues that periodically afflict PBGVs:

Epilepsy – Cushing’s – Periodontitis – Diabetes – Osteoarthritis – Pancreatitis

Our sponsorship sends a signal to CHF and the canine research community that these health issues are important to our breed.

Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Health

Conference. The CHF National Parent Club Health Conference takes place every other year in St. Louis and I have had the privilege of being the Foundation representative to the conference several times. This year the conference was virtual so I was able to ‘attend’ from the comfort of my recliner. Bob Cohen and Helen Ingher also participated in the conference. In this issue of Saber Tails, you will find an article describing several of the presentations on:

Atopic dermatitis – Cancer – Epilepsy – Cardiomyopathy

The keynote address focused on the hero dogs of 9/11. Their story is inspiring and made me want to hug Zoe even tighter.

Amazon Smile. When you receive this issue of Saber Tails, you might be beginning to think about holiday shopping. I like to ‘shop local’ as much as possible but sometimes that special something is only available on Amazon. If you shop on Amazon, please make sure your purchases benefit the PBGV Foundation. Shopping through Amazon Smile means that 0.5% of all qualified purchases is donated to the Foundation. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select Health & Rescue Foundation of PBGVCA as your charity of choice. Every donation helps.

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