

Health And Rescue Foundation



**Annual Report Fiscal Year
2006/2007**

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Our Mission Statement

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Committees

Fund Raising	Chairman Member Member Member	Jeanne Hurty Shirley Knipe Dottie Allen Barbara Oxholm
Health Research	Chairman Co-Chair Member	Julia Kuni Helen Ingher Barbara Oxholm
Health Education	Chairman Member Member	Julia Kuni Dottie Allen Susan Smyth
Policy and Procedure	Chairman Member Member Member	Susan Smyth Betty Barth Cheryl Steinmetz Nancy McQuillan
Rescue	Chairman/Liaison Member	Megan Esherick Bob Cohen
Website	Chairman	Betty Barth

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

Fundraising Committee

Coffee Tins Fund Raising Project		
Coffee Tins Available for Sale		90
Sales Price per Tin	\$	10.00
Potential Gross Proceeds	\$	900.00
Delivery Charges Donated by Jeanne Hurty	\$	50.00
Cost per Coffee Tin	\$	6.00
Delivery Charge (Florida and Connecticut)	\$	85.00
Total Cost of the Coffee Tins (Amount Owed to Jeanne Hurty)	\$	625.00
Profit	\$	325.00
Sales Activity as of March 19, 2007		
Coffee Tins Sold, Delivered and Paid For:		
20 Tins at Florida Hunt Test (Knipe)	\$	200.00
20 Tins Sold Direct and Via Mail (Hurty)	\$	200.00
50 Tin Sold Direct	\$	500.00
*Delivery Charges	\$	50.00
Coffee Tins Sold not yet Delivered:		
None	\$	-
Coffee Tins Available for Sale:		
None	\$	-
Proceeds Sent by Jeanne Hurty	\$	950.00
*Included in checks		

Jeanne has ordered more coffee to sell at the National.

Mackie Rader has sold products at dogs shows (Plush Puppy) and is giving us a portion of the sales. The amount has reached \$200 so far. She will give us the same percentage of her sales at the NJ shows. No amount submitted yet. She plans to give us the money at the National. The committee is very happy with the amount of money that this has raised and thanks Mackie and Don for their participation and support of the Foundation.

The committee has had baskets made by some board members and others from around the country to be auctioned at the National. The committee had decided to fill baskets representing the areas of the country where we live and sell them or auction them at the National. The committee will provide a list of members who will who made up baskets from their areas or states.

Jeanne has quite a few auction items which are being taken to the National by Betty Barth. The auction items can be silent auctions or live and it will be determined by the committee at the National. The committee is open for suggestions on how exactly to handle the auction.

Health Research Committee

The following is an overview of the activities of the Research Committee of the PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation. We continue to review Canine Health Foundation Grants for Grants that are relative to the health of our PBGVs. Now with the online PBGV Comprehensive Health Survey, we will have access to up to date health issues that are affecting our breed.

**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.

There has been a 1 yr no cost extension given to the Univ of Ga which ended 12/06. To date no final report has been submitted to the Canine Health Foundation. Part of the reason for the delay is that Duncan Ferguson,DVM.PhD has moved from the Univ of Ga to the Univ. of Illinois.

*We do continue to support the University of Utah research study and hope to be a focus breed for the Diabetes portion of this study. Presently we have 5 PBGV DNA samples included and we are actively trying to find (if they exist) 5 additional samples from PBGVs affected with diabetes. The following is a report submitted by Lauren Kovaleff, Project Manager for the University of Utah research study.

Grant # 305: Histocompatibility Alleles Conferring Susceptibility to Canine Diabetes, Immune-Mediated Thyroiditis and Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia – Year 2 mid-year report.

**Primary investigator Wayne Potts, PhD, Dept. of Biology, University of Utah.
Synopsis by Lauren Kovaleff, Health & Genetics Committee, PBGVCA**

This project goal was to determine through genetic evaluation whether a few common alleles could be identified with each of the study's immune system related diseases. An initial objective was to collect 100 specimens for each of the 3 study diseases. Although 250 samples were collected by the end of this reporting period, the 100-sample/disease goals had not been met.

The grantor, the Canine Health Foundation (CHF) worked with the University to revise project objectives based on samples collected. Although hemolytic anemia samples may be sequenced, this disease will likely be dropped as a "study disease" as only 34 all

breed samples were available (none of PBGV's). Ten samples for at least 3 different breeds for each of the 2 remaining diseases will be the goal for further study.

Diabetes: The top 3 breeds represented in this category are Australian Terrier (15 samples), Labrador Retriever (7) and **PBGV (5)**. The primary investigator, Dr. Wayne Potts, is very interested in working with the PBGVCA Health & Genetics Committee in trying to obtain 5 additional samples so that work in this area may be completed.

Immune Mediated Thyroiditis: There were 3 breeds with over 10 samples available and 4 others with almost 10. As only 2 of 137 affected samples were from PBGV's, we unfortunately will not be a focus group for this problem. As our past health surveys have identified hypothyroidism as a top problem in our breed, one may wonder why so few PBGV samples were submitted in this category. For a dog to be eligible for the immune-mediated thyroiditis part of the study, the owner must have provided documentation of positive results for both the Low Total/Free T4 by ED and Thyroglobulin autoantibodies blood tests. It is my understanding it is not at all unusual for veterinarians treating dogs for hypothyroidism, to form their treatment plans based on the results of tests showing hypothyroidism without undertaking the depth of testing needed to determine whether or not the definitive cause of the hypothyroidism was immune-mediated thyroid disease.

*The following is a report from Liz Hansen of the University of Missouri regarding our PBGV DNA Bank.

Gabrielle Prandoni-Project Manager

We currently have DNA stored from 283 individual PBGV's at the University of Missouri-Columbia. As in the past, most of these dogs are reported as essentially normal by their owners with some reports of various diseases commonly seen in dogs reported, but nothing outstanding or alarming in terms of frequency of report. The 2 research projects that are ongoing at UMC that include PBGV's are Epilepsy and Glaucoma/Lens Luxation research. In the epilepsy research, we have 47 dogs currently included in the project – 9 dogs affected with epilepsy (5M, 4F), and 38 normal relatives of these affected dogs. In the glaucoma and lens luxation research, we have 77 dogs included – 3 affected with primary glaucoma, 4 with primary lens luxation, and 2 with both conditions (and it's not clear which came first), plus 68 normal relatives. For both of these studies we have some good information, but not enough affected dogs and normal relatives to map them on their own at this time. However, we are moving forward with mapping epilepsy in several breeds, in collaboration with canine genetics researchers in Finland and Canada, and what we learn from mapping other breeds may give us a region to look for mutations in PBGV's even without going through the mapping process. For the eye diseases, we are continuing our search for a lens luxation mutation in several breeds, and have just sent a revised glaucoma grant to CHF for continuation of that work as well. Because the primary disease is unclear in PBGV's, we may have to wait for discoveries in breeds that are more distinctly affected with either lens luxation or glaucoma, and use the mutations found there to help sort things out in PBGV's. We are definitely interested in samples and information from any additional affected dogs (epilepsy, lens luxation, or glaucoma) and their normal relatives to assist in moving the research forward in this breed. With the new mapping technologies just now becoming available, the next couple years are likely to be quite exciting in the field of canine genetics. By being pro-active in setting up a DNA repository and collecting samples from many dogs, the PBGVCA has a "head start" on the opportunities on the horizon. We look forward to continuing to work with the PBGV club and fanciers towards healthier dogs in future generations!

Liz Hansen

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*The following is from CERF regarding changes made to the recommendations regarding the breeding status of PBGVs with certain types of PPM. The PBGVCA BOD has written to the CERF Genetics committee for further clarification and explanation. Persistent blood vessel remnants in the anterior chamber of the eye which fail to regress normally during the first three months of life. These strands may bridge from iris to iris, iris to cornea, iris to lens, or form sheets of tissue in the anterior chamber. The last three forms pose the greatest threat to vision and when severe, vision impairment or blindness may occur. The incidence of iris to lens PPMs have increased four-fold when comparing CERF data from 1991-1999 to data from 2000-2005. Iris to cornea PPMs have also increased when comparing data from 2000-2004 to data from 2000-2005 for this breed. These forms of PPMs are suspected to be inherited, however the inheritance is not defined. I suspect that these trends were what prompted the genetics committee to change the recommendation for these types of PPMs from "breeder option" to "no" on breeding advice. If you would like specific information from the genetics committee please forward a request to the ACVO genetics committee. It is my understanding that they will discuss and address issues from specific breed clubs annually at their meeting (October 2007). Please let me know if I may be of any more help to you and thank you for your patience in this matter.

Carrie Breaux, DVM, MVSc, DACVO
CERF Liaison
Assistant Professor Ophthalmology
University of Illinois

* The following is from Barbara Oxholm- Project Manager for Eye Consent form project.

The Eye Disease Consent Forms are being sent in from owners of affected dogs. Unfortunately there is much confusion. Many dogs seem to have been diagnosed with diseases, yet more information may be needed for a definite diagnosis. For example, young dogs are being sent in with eye diseases that are commonly seen in older ones. It is my recommendation that these forms be made available to any research studies involving the specific eye disease in the breed. It is also my recommendation that the information not be made available elsewhere. I would like to send the owners a letter thanking them for their participation, explaining about any ongoing research and the need for updates.

*The following is from Helen Ingher- Project Manager for the Dwarfism Study at UC Davis. To date, UC Davis has received 24 samples from owners and breeders. They have 30 additional samples from the general population and do not need further unaffected. The main issue that UC Davis feels is needed at this point is a line on more affected dogs. They will not be able to proceed until they have more samples from affected dogs. Owners and breeders may be assured that all information collected is strictly confidential and they are welcome to submit samples to UC Davis directly if they prefer. If DNA swab kits are needed, contact me (Helen Ingher PBGV@Charlen.com) and I will mail them. Two swabs are needed for each dog and there is an instruction form and a registration form to accompany the submitted swabs.

* The Foundation is financially supporting Canine Health Foundation Grant# 779- Characterization of the Canine Y Chromosome Identifying Genes that Cause Male Infertility- Dr William J Murphy- Texas A&M University

* The Research Committee will continue to review new CHF Grants in search of any Grants that may directly relate to the health problems of PBGVs.

* The Foundation is supporting collection of DNA at the 2007 National Specialty for both the Univ. of Missouri PBGV DNA Bank (blood samples) and the OFA DNA Repository (cheek swabs). And the Foundation has invited Liz Hansen from the University of Missouri to be our educational speaker.

Health Education Committee

The Health Survey has approx 100 dogs already entered. There were a few 'bugs' once it went online, but all seem to be worked out now. We need to continue to support this project and encourage owners to enter their dogs-all PBGVs alive or born on or after 1/1/2001.

Confirmed with Liz Hansen her being at the national.

All DNA collection materials are on their way to Julia to have at the national and Mary Fluke is bringing blood collection supplies.

We still need DNA samples of diabetic PBGVs for the Univ of Utah research study. If you know of any, please let Lauren know.

Julia is working on a chart for website of past DNA clinics.

Policy and Procedure Committee

Committee has been working to update the PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation Policy and Procedures. See Web Site for current Policy and Procedures.

Rescue Committee

Since August 2006, we have rescued three PBGVs.

On December 5, 2006, Veronica Scheer picked up Oliver from the Golden Bridge Veterinary Care Center. Melissa Cooper and Jeanne Hurty assisted Veronica with finding Oliver a forever home. On January 7th, Oliver went to live with Sarah Lively in Connecticut. Reimbursable expenses amounted to approximately \$40 for microchip registration.

On January 4, 2007, 7-year-old Marco was surrendered by his owner to Julia Kuni. We were fortunate to have a complete history on him including his health history and pedigree. He needed to be neutered so he stayed with Julia for about a month before going to a forever home in south Georgia. Reimbursable expenses amounted to approximately \$285.

In early January 2007, Lucy was picked up from the Washington Humane Society in Washington, D.C. by Rosemary Panas. Rosemary was kind enough to transport Lucy to Megan Esherick's home in Pennsylvania for fostering. After a few days at Megan and

Dave's home, Lucy was adopted by Gail Thacher. To the best of my knowledge, the expense incurred for her rescue was \$35 to get her out of the shelter.

I would like to thank Karen Kennedy and Dottie Allen for mentoring me as I get comfortable as the rescue coordinator. It is more difficult than I could ever have imagined it would be, both emotionally and in paperwork management. Pam Helmer and Melissa Cooper are the first to step up to the plate when we are notified of a possible rescue. Rescue could not function without them. Thank you Veronica Scheer, Julia Kuni, Rosemary Pana and Megan Esherick for rescuing and re-homing three lucky PBGVs. They all have wonderful new homes. Thank you to all of those who have offered their expertise when identifying reported dogs, whether at shelters or through pictures sent to us. Rescue only works well when you have people who truly care and are willing to go above and beyond what is expected to ensure our PBGVs are safe and placed in loving homes.

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 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
 1st Quarter FY 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		

Income for 1st Quarter 2006

Restricted – Rescue	\$	- 0 -
Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Unrestricted	\$	1806.19
Nose Knows	\$	750.00
Interest income	\$	19.64

Total income		\$ 2,575.83
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Expenses for 1st Quarter 2006

DNA Blood Draws support	\$	473.98
Meeting expense - Conference Call	\$	35.00

Total expenses –		\$
508.98		

Money market Account as of 3/31/06

Restricted – Rescue	\$	1,868.35 *** add
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\$120.00

forgot deposit

Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	21,650.57

Total amount in checking account		\$
23,518.92		

Respectfully Submitted

Dottie Allen,
 Treasurer
 Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA

Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA
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		

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		

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		

Respectfully Submitted

Dottie Allen,
Treasurer
Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA

Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA
Treasurer's Report
2nd Quarter FY 2006

Money market Account as of 3/31/06		
Restricted – Rescue	\$	1,988.35
Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	21,650.57

	Total amount in checking account	\$
23,638.92		

Income for 2nd Quarter 2006		
Restricted – Rescue	\$	- 0 -
Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Unrestricted	\$	1,684.75
Nose Knows	\$	10,469.45
Auction & Raffle sales	\$	1,137.00
Interest income	\$	25.29
voided ck from 12/05	\$	117.00

	Total income	\$ 13,433.49
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Expenses for 2nd Quarter 2006		
DNA Blood Draws support	\$	138.40
<i>Thyroid Project support (voided ck)</i>	\$	117.00
Insurance	\$	1,384.50
Meeting expenses / conference calls	\$	70.00
Nose Knows	\$	3,251.05
Website	\$	216.00

	Total expenses –	\$
5,176.95		

Money market Account as of 6/30/06		
Restricted – Rescue	\$	1,988.35
Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	29,907.11

	Total amount in checking account	\$
31,895.46		

Respectfully Submitted

Dottie Allen,
Treasurer
Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA

Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA
Treasurer's Report
3rd Quarter FY 2006

Money market Account as of 6/30/06			
	Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,988.35	
	Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -	
	Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 29,907.11	
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	Total amount in checking account		\$
31,895.46			
Income for 3rd Quarter 2006			
	Restricted – Rescue	\$ - 0 -	
	Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -	
	Unrestricted	\$ 610.10	
	Nose Knows	\$ 358.00	
	Interest income	\$ 28.20	
	Total income		\$ 996.30
Expenses for 3rd Quarter 2006			
	DNA Blood Draws support	\$ 57.90	
	Nose Knows	\$ 679.72	
	Thyroid project / testing	\$ 120.00	
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	Total expenses –		\$
857.62			
Money market Account as of 9/30/06			
	Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,988.35	
	Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -	
	Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 30,045.79	
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	Total amount in checking account		\$
32,034.14			

Respectfully Submitted

Dottie Allen,
Treasurer
Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA

Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA
Treasurer's Report
4th Quarter FY 2006

Money market Account as of 9/30/06		
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,988.35	
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -	
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 30,045.79	
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Total amount in checking account		\$
32,034.14		
Income for 4th Quarter 2006		
Restricted – Rescue	\$ - 0 -	
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -	
Coffee Tin Fund Raising effort	\$ 515.00	
Unrestricted	\$ 558.92	
Interest income	\$ 27.91	
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Total income		\$ 1,101.83
Expenses for 4th Quarter 2006		
Coffee Tin Expenses	\$ 49.06	
DNA Cheek Swabs	\$ 249.77	
Eye Project expenses	\$ 1,128.09	
Health – Dwarfism vet bills	\$ 581.50	
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Total expenses –		\$
2,008.42		
Money market Account as of 12/31/06		
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,988.35	
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -	
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 29,139.20	
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Total amount in checking account		\$
31,127.55		

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Dottie Allen,
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Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA

Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA
Treasurer's Report
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Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	19,583.72

Total cash assets		\$
21,452.07		

Income 2006

Restricted – Rescue	\$	- 0 -
Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Coffee Tin Fund Raising effort	\$	515.00
Unrestricted	\$	558.92
Interest income	\$	27.91

Total income		\$ 1,101.83
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Expenses 2006

Coffee Tin Expenses	\$	49.06
DNA Cheek Swabs	\$	249.77
Eye Project expenses	\$	1,128.09
Health – Dwarfism vet bills	\$	581.50

Total expenses –		\$
2,008.42		

Money market Account as of 12/31/06

Restricted – Rescue	\$	1,988.35
Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	29,139.20

Total amount in checking account		\$
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Respectfully Submitted

Dottie Allen,
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	Lauren Kovoleff	2009
	Julia Kuni	2008
	Maggie Lutz	2009

Committees

Fund Raising	Chairman	Jeanne Hurty
	Member	Shirley Knipe
	Member	Dottie Allen
Health Education	Chairman	Julia Kuni
	Co-Chair	Elizabeth Cates, Ph.D
Health Research	Chairman	Helen Ingher
	Co-Chair	Julia Kuni
	Member	Dottie Allen
Policy and Procedure	Chairman	Nancy McQuillan
	Member	Betty Barth
	Member	Dottie Allen
Rescue	Chairman/Liaison	Jeanne Dumestre
Website	Chairman	Betty Barth
	Member	Dottie Allen
	Member	Nancy McQuillan

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

Fundraising Committee

Jeanne and her committee are still selling coffee at all events as well as a new item. The new item is an umbrella, green with a PBGV depicted on it. It is also being sold at all events.

The committee has decided again to make baskets made by members to be auctioned at the National. The committee had decided to fill baskets.

Jeanne has quite a few auction items which are being taken to the National . The auction items can be silent auctions or live and it will be determined by the committee at the National. The committee is open for suggestions on how exactly to handle the auction.

Health Research Committee

The Foundation continues support of the DNA blood draw as often as requested. Some of the Grants that we have donated to this year are as follows;

Donation of \$2,000.00 to AKC CHF Grant #779 - Characterization of the Canine Y Chromosome: Identifying Genes that Cause Male Infertility

Donation of \$2,000.00 to the Rabies Challenge

Donation of \$3,000 to ACK CHF Grant #593 - Mapping Genes Associated with Canine Hemangiosarcoma

Health Education Committee

Attached please find the initial review and summary of our new PBGV online Health Survey prepared by Dr. James Wright, Auburn University. The survey has been active for a little over a year and as Dr. Wright notes, 312 dogs have been entered to date.

The very good news is that PBGVs as reported in this survey are a very healthy breed. There were no serious reactions to vaccinations reported of 312 dogs, which tells us that of the pet population, most of whom are getting regular vaccines, we do not have a problem. In regard to diseases, Hypothyroidism and PPMs were the main diagnoses reported and both were reported at the low level of 4%. Epilepsy was only reported in 5 of 312 dogs. That is very good news. Hip dysplasia was only reported in 4 of 312 dogs.

Only a small percentage of the dogs were used for breeding and a total of only 39 litters were entered. This is disappointing since the number of litters registered with the AKC just since the beginning of 2003 was 425. For the time period the survey covered, there were likely between 500-600 litters registered and we have only 39 reported. This tells us that while the overall number of dogs entered in the survey is good, these dogs represent the pet population primarily and not the breeding population. It appears that the owners responsible

for the 500+ litters have not entered their dogs in the survey. Therefore, the data regarding reproduction cannot be extrapolated to the whole population of breeding dogs as the sample is too small.

Another disappointing bit of information is that of the 358 owners only 100 were members of the PBGVCA. The club members themselves have not participated fully in the survey of the club.

Also disappointing is that only 68 dogs (22%) of the 312 PBGVs entered in the survey have submitted DNA to the University of Missouri PBGV DNA Bank.

While the Health Survey is off to a very good start and it is incredibly exciting to see that this sample of PBGVs is healthy overall, we clearly have much more work to do as a breed organization to encourage our members and the breeders of our dogs to participate in this very important endeavor. At this point based on these results one cannot really justify many expenditures in research since the evidence does not support that these problems exist in large enough numbers to warrant our participation or contribution of funds.

PBGV-COMPREHENSIVE BREED HEALTH SURVEY (updated 3/28/08)

Introduction / Background

A convenience survey of PBGV owners was conducted through the internet. A total of 312 dogs and 358 owners were represented in responses to the survey.

Only 100 of 358 owners (28%) were members of a breed organization. A majority of the owners (66%) had owned PBGVs for 1 to 10 years. Primary interests in owning PBGVs were as a pet and for show (92% and 23% respectively). One owner responding to the survey indicated "performance entertainer" as a reason for ownership and "watchdog" and "therapy" were also mentioned once. Forty four of the breeders indicated frequency of breeding and 80% indicated that they bred their dogs either occasionally or once. Eight bred their dogs 2 to 4 times and only 1 bred the dog more than 4 times. Responses to the question about contact with puppy buyers were interesting. There were 141 responses to the question indicating that a large number of owners who sell puppies do not consider themselves "breeders". Fifty-nine (42%) indicated that they always maintained contact and 32 (22%) indicated that they never or rarely maintained contact with buyers.

Table 1. Years of ownership of PBGVs

Years of ownership	Number	Percent
Less than 1	49	14
1 to 5	138	38
6 to 10	100	28
11 to 20	66	18
Greater than 20	5	2
Total	358	100

Table 2. Number of PBGVs owned

Number owned	Number	Percent
1 to 5	337	94
6 to 10	16	4
11 to 20	2	1
Greater than 20	3	1
Total	358	100

Table 3 Primary interests in breed.

Interest	Number	Percent
Pet	331	92
Show	82	23
Agility	48	13
Breeder	48	13
Assistance	46	13
Obedience	44	12
Field	35	10
Tracking	25	7
Rescue	11	3

One hundred thirty four (134, 43%) of the dogs were female and 178 (57%) were male. Most (290; 93%) of the dogs reported in the survey were AKC registered. Ninety percent (281) of the dogs represented in the survey were born in the United States. Other birth countries represented in the survey were the Great Britain, Scotland, France, Finland, Denmark, Canada and Australia. Two hundred seventy-eight of the dogs lived in the United States. Sixty-eight (22%) of the dogs in the survey are in the DNA Bank at the University of Missouri.

An average height of 14 inches (minimum 10; maximum 30) was reported for 196 adults at least 2 years of age. One hundred ninety-eight (198) adults at least 2 years of age were reported to weigh an average of 33 lbs (minimum 14; maximum 63).

Owners of 289 (93%) of the dogs either obtained the dog from a breeder or bred dogs themselves. Fifty five percent (55%) of the respondents to the survey maintained contact with the breeder. Interestingly 7 (2.2%) of the dogs reported in the survey were obtained from

shelters. Most of the dogs (244; 78%) represented in the survey were obtained before they were 6 months of age.

Table 4. General health of dogs reported in the survey.

Health	Number	Percent
Excellent	226	73
Good	47	15
Fair	23	7
Poor	15	5
Total	311	100

Table 5. Age at which general health began to decline

Age of health decline	Number	Percent
0-6 months	4	8
6-12 months	2	4
1-4 years	8	17
4-7 years	13	27
Over 7 years	21	44
Total	48	100

PARASITE CONTROL

Use of flea prevention was reported in 204 (65%) of the dogs. Only 3 reactions were reported to flea prevention products and these were: sluggishness, hair loss, and seizure. Flea treatment was reported on 26 (8%) of the dogs and no reactions to flea treatment were reported. Use of products for tick prevention was reported in 149 (48%) dogs and only one reaction (sluggishness) was reported. Fifteen dogs (15; 5%) were treated for ticks and no reactions were reported.

Use of heartworm prevention was reported in 193 (62%) of the dogs and reactions to the preventive were indicated in 6 (3%). Heartworm treatment was reported in 7 (2%) of the 312 dogs and no reactions to the treatment were indicated.

Giardia treatment was reported in 8 (2%) dogs. Diarrhea and vomiting were reported as a reaction to treatment in one of the dogs; however this reaction would be difficult to distinguish from the effects of the giardia alone.

Other parasite treatments reported in the last year by 12 respondents to the survey included Canex wormer, Panacur, Revolution wormer and pyrantel pamoate suspension.

VACCINATIONS

Owners of twenty dogs (6.4%) reported changing vaccination protocols within the last year. Titters were used in 54 dogs (17%). Twenty-one owners (21) used titters yearly, 7 every two years, and 22 every 3 to 5 years. Two reported using titters only once in a lifetime. Use of nosodes was reported in only 1 dog.

Vaccination reactions were reported rarely in the survey and were mild. Ten dogs were reported to have "soreness at the injection site and lethargy" following vaccination.

Table 6. Use of vaccines in 312 dogs reported by the survey.

Vaccination	Number	Percent
Puppy series	289	93
Rabies	284	91
Distemper	250	80
Bordetella	182	58
Parvo (killed)	182	58
Hepatitis	118	38
Leptospirosis	105	34
Coronavirus	101	32
Parvo (live)	65	21
Lyme disease	42	14

Table 7. Change in vaccine protocols

Protocol	Number	Percent
No change	174	56
No longer vaccinate	32	10
Vaccinate for fewer diseases	18	6
Vaccinate less frequently	82	26
Vaccinate more frequently	6	2

Table 8. Frequency of vaccination for selected diseases. Values in table given as percent of number reporting. N/A=not applicable

Frequency	Rabies	Distemper	Bordetella
Number reporting	239	177	157
Every 6 months	N/A	2	20
Yearly	30	55	63
Every 2 years	5	N/A	N/A
Every 3 years	65	31	7
> every 3 years	N/A	12	10

EXPOSURE TO COLORANTS AND PESTICIDES

Only one dog in reported in the survey was exposed to colorants and 23 of 312 (7%) were exposed to pesticides.

REPRODUCTION

One hundred eighty-eight (188) of the 312 dogs (60%) were reported to be neutered (spayed or castrated). Ten dogs were neutered at 7-9 years of age. Birth control was used on only 1 dog reported in the survey.

Table 9. Age at neutering for 188 dogs reported to be neutered in the survey.

Neuter age	Number	Percent
< 6 months	25	13
6 months – 1 year	90	48
> 1 year	73	39
Total	188	100

Table 10. Reasons for neutering in 180 dogs reported in the survey.

Reason for neutering	Number	Percent
Personal preference	101	56
Medical	34	19
Breeder requirement	22	12

Policy and Procedure Committee

The committee continues to monitor and update as needed the Health and Rescue Foundation's Policy and Procedures. Please see Web Site for current Policy and Procedures.

Rescue Committee

For the Rescue Committee Report please refer to PBGVCA Committee Report submitted to PBGVCA Board on 2 April 2008.

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 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

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1st Quarter FY 2007

Money market Account as of 12/31/06

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,988.35
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 29,139.20

Total amount in checking account	\$ 31,127.55
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Income for 1st Quarter 2007

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 300.00
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Coffee Tin Fund Raising effort	\$ 552.00
Unrestricted	\$ 2,585.10
Interest income	\$ 28.34

Total income	\$ 3,465.44
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Expenses for 1st Quarter 2007

AKC CHF / grant#779	\$ 2,000.00
Elements Software Engineering	\$ 500.00
Non Profit Corp report and fees	\$ 112.50
Rescue Expense	\$ 35.00

Total expenses –	\$ 2647.50
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Money market Account as of 3/31/07

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 2,253.35
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 29,572.14

Total amount in checking account	\$ 31,825.49
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Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA
Treasurer's Report
2nd Quarter FY 2007

Money market Account as of 3/31/07

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 2,253.35	
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -	
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 29,572.14	
Total amount in checking account		\$ 31,825.49

Income for 2nd Quarter 2007

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 310.00	
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -	
Coffee Tin Fund Raising effort	\$ 360.00	
Unrestricted	\$ 185.00	
Interest income	\$ 26.85	
Foundation Shirt Sales	\$ 68.00	
National Specialty fundraising	\$ 3,171.00	
Total income		\$ 4,120.85

Expenses for 2nd Quarter 2007

Rabies Challenge Donation	\$ 2,000.00	
Insurance / Liability & Directors	\$ 1,342.50	
H & R Foundation Shirts	\$ 581.65	
Transfer to checking	\$ 1,500.00	
Total expenses –		\$ 5,424.15

Money market Account as of 6/31/07

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 2,563.35	
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -	
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 27,958.84	
Total amount in checking account		\$ 30,522.19

Opened up checking account with \$1500 from Money Mkt Account

Expenses	Liz Hansen/Honorarium & Expenses	\$ 322.00	
	Julia Kuni/Rescue exp, mailing	\$ 350.97	
	OFA/submission & Mailing	\$ 104.00	
	Dottie Allen/hotel Liz Hansen	\$ 124.53	
	Betty Barth/web hosting	\$ 96.00	
	Elements Software/ invoice 4/6/07	\$ 68.66	
			\$ 1,066.16

Balance in checking account \$433.84

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3rd Quarter FY 2007

Money market Account as of 6/31/07

Restricted – Rescue	\$	2,563.35
Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	27,958.84

Total amount in checking account		\$ 30,522.19
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Income for 3rd Quarter 2007

Unrestricted	\$	350.77
Interest income	\$	27.04

Total income		\$ 377.81
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Expenses for 3rd Quarter 2007

Elements Software fees	\$	74.00
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Total expenses –		\$ 74.00
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Money market Account as of 9/31/07

Restricted – Rescue	\$	2,563.35
Restricted – Health	\$	- 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	28,262.65

Total amount in checking account		\$ 30,826.00
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NO ACTIVITY IN CHECKING ACCOUNT - BALANCE \$ 433.84

Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA
Treasurer's Report
4th Quarter FY 2007

Money market Account as of 9/31/07

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 2,563.35
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 28,262.65

Total amount in money Mkt account	\$ 30,826.00
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Income for 4th Quarter 2007

Donations Unrestricted	\$ 316.75
Coffee Tin Fundraiser	\$ 50.00
Donations Health restricted	\$ 75.00
Donations Rescue Restricted	\$ 265.00
Interest income	\$ 27.46

Total income	\$ 734.21
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Expenses for 4th Quarter 2007

Elements Software fees	\$ 53.66
DNA Blood Draw support	\$ 55.80
Website / site pal	\$ 90.00

Total expenses –	\$ 199.46
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Money market Account as of 12/31/07

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 2828.35
Restricted – Health	\$ 75.00
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 28,262.65

Total amount in checking account	\$ 31,360.75
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NO ACTIVITY IN CHECKING ACCOUNT - BALANCE \$ 433.84

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Money market Account as of 12/31/06

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 1,988.35
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 29,139.20

Total amount in checking account	\$ 31,127.55
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Income for 2007

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 875.00
Restricted – Health	\$ 75.00
Unrestricted	\$ 3,537.62
Interest income	\$ 28.34
Coffee Tin Fund Raising effort	\$ 962.00
H & R Foundation Shirt Sales	\$ 299.00
Interest Income	\$ 109.69
Auction and Raffle	\$ 2,840.00

Total income

Total income	\$ 8,698.31
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Expenses for 2007

DNA Blood Project support	\$ 55.80
Donation – CHF grant #779	\$ 2,000.00
Donation – Rabies Challenge	\$ 2,000.00
H & R Foundation shirts	\$ 581.65
Health Survey	\$ 627.66
Taxes & Insurance	\$ 1,362.50
Rescue Expenses	\$ 35.00
Website	\$ 90.00
Non Profit Corp report	\$ 92.50
Transferred to checking acct	\$ 1,500.00

Total expenses

Total expenses	\$ 8,345.11
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Money market Account as of 3/31/07

Restricted – Rescue	\$ 2,253.35
Restricted – Health	\$ - 0 -
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 29,572.14

Total amount in checking account	\$ 31,480.75
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Health and Rescue Foundation

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Health and Rescue Foundation is to promote the welfare of the breed. This shall be accomplished by promoting and funding research into the health, care, and breeding of purebred Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens as well as by promoting through educational means the proper care of the breed and providing funding for the rescue of purebred Petits Bassets Griffons Vendeens if they should be neglected or abandoned.

Officers and Board of Directors

President	Nancy McQuillan (resigned 3/09)
Vice President	Lauren Kovaleff (Acting President)
Secretary	Megan Esherick
Treasurer	Dottie Allen
Directors	Betty Barth Bob Cohen Jeanne Hurty Helen Ingher Shirley Knipe Maggie Lutz Pegi Shriver Susan Smyth

Committees

Fund Raising	Jeanne Hurty (Chair), Pegi Shriver, Dottie Allen
Health Education	Maggie Lutz (chair), Helen Ingher, Lauren Kovaleff
Health Research	Lauren Kovaleff (chair), Maggie Lutz, Helen Ingher
Policies & Procedures	Nancy McQuillan (chair), Susan Smyth, Dottie Allen
Rescue	Bob Cohen
Website	Betty Barth (chair), Dottie Allen, Nancy McQuillan

Activities

Fundraising

Green umbrellas with the PBGV Foundation logo screened on it have been sold during the past 18 months and some are still available. Samples will be available at the 2009 Nationals for ordering and mailing. Live and silent auction items are being collected for auctioning during the 2009 Nationals. A 50-50 raffle is also planned.

Health Research

CURRENT RESEARCH AND HEALTH PROJECTS

Grant #	Grant Name	Organization	Researcher	Amount
CHF 779	Characterization of the Canine Y Chromosome: Identifying Genes that Cause Male Infertility	Texas A & M	William J. Murphy, PhD	\$ 2,000
CHF 759	Investigation of Antigenic Causes of Vaccine-Associated Allergic Reactions in Dogs	Purdue	George Moore, DVM	\$ 500
CHF 747	The Mapping and Characterization of Mutations Responsible for Canine Glaucoma	University of Missouri	Elizabeth A. Giuliano, DVM, MS, DACVO	\$ 2,920
CHF1113	Canine Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Characterization and Prognostic Value of Cancer Stem Cells	University of Minnesota	Timothy D. O'Brien, DVM, PhD	\$ 5,000
CHF1147	Identifying Mutations in Genes Associated with Canine Hemangiosarcoma	Tufts University	Chieko Azuma, DVM, PhD	\$ 2,500

DNA Bank: With all the “cheerleading” done this year, including the coupon contest the DNA samples submitted are up. We have a total of 406 individual PBGV samples. In 2008, 86 were submitted, and we have 13 submitted so far in 2009. We will continue to encourage owners to submit DNA and urge breeders to contact all puppy owners to submit DNA and complete the PBGV Health Survey. The 2009 “snapshot” of our PBGV Health Survey results is included in this report. With increasing numbers of dogs entered into the health survey, data becomes more and more meaningful when making research decisions.

Health Education

The Health Education Committee has submitted health related articles for Saber Tails as well as to promote participation in the PBGV Health Survey and PBGV DNA Blood bank, and there is a commitment to continue to promote all health related information to PBGVCA members and others. A contest with prizes for submitting DNA and for completing the health survey was recently advertised in a mass mailing which appears to have played a part in increased Health Survey and DNA participation. The Foundation will continue to encourage everyone to participate in DNA collection and survey participation.

Rescue

The Rescue Committee of the Foundation has worked with the Rescue Committee of the PBGVCA and the treasurers of both organizations to make sure that expenses for fostering, veterinary treatment, and other appropriate expenses were reimbursed. The committee chair prepared a successful grant application to the Pedigree Foundation resulting in a \$1,740.80 grant to be used for the purpose of breed rescue.

Website Committee

A PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation website may be found at <http://www.pbgvfoundation.org>. Foundation 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.

Health and Rescue Foundation of PBGVCA - Treasurer's Report

1ST QUARTER FY 2008

Money market Account as of 12/31/07

Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 28,262.45
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 2,828.35
Restricted – Health	\$ 75.00

Total amount in money market account	\$ 31,360.75
Balance in checking account	\$ 433.84
Total cash assets in accts	\$ 31,794.59

Income for 1st Quarter 2008

Donations Unrestricted	\$ 1,853.55
Donations Rescue Restricted	\$ 2,550.00
Donations Health restricted	\$ 175.00
Interest income	\$ 25.91
Transfer into checking	\$ 2,000.00

Total income \$ 6,604.46

Expenses for 1st Quarter 2008

Elements Software fees	\$ 103.04
DNA Blood Draw support	\$ 218.88
Donation – Rabies Challenge Fund	\$ 3000.00
Donation – AKC CHF / Grant #593	\$ 3000.00
Mailing / AKC for general PBGV owners	\$ 570.46
Insurance	\$ 935.00
Transfer from MM to Cking	\$ 2000.00

Total expenses – \$ 9,827.38

Both checking & Money Market Accounts as of 3/31/08

Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 23,193.32
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 5,378.35

Balance \$ 28,571.67

** From this point on both accounts will be combined in the treasurer's report

2ND QUARTER FY 2008

Balance in accounts as of 3/31/08

Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 23,193.32
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 5,378.35

Balance \$ 28,571.67

Income for 2nd Quarter 2008

National Specialty Fundraising	\$ 2,078.80
Donations Unrestricted	\$ 795.15
Donations Health restricted	\$ 75.00
Fundraising (umbrella sales)	\$ 130.00
Interest income	\$ 24.56
Transfer from MM to checking	\$ 4,000.00

Total income \$ 7,103.51

Expenses for 2nd Quarter 2008

DNA Blood Draw support	\$ 549.53
Donation – AKC CHF / Grant #747	\$ 2,920.00
Fundraising expenses	\$ 840.68
Mailing Services	\$ 506.27
Elements Software fees	\$ 152.17
Data Analysis / Health Survey	\$ 800.00
Insurance / liability	\$ 532.50
Web site expenses	\$ 96.00
Transfer from MM to checking	\$ 4,000.00

Total expenses – \$ 10,397.15

Balance in accounts as of 6/31/08

Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 19,899.78
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 5,378.35

Balance \$ 25,278.03

3RD QUARTER FY 2008

Balance in accounts as of 7/1/08		
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 19,899.78	
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 5,378.35	
Balance		<u>\$ 25,278.03</u>
Income for 3 rd Quarter		
Donations – Rescue Restricted	\$ 115.00	
Donations – Unrestricted	\$ 1,720.15	
Interest earned	\$ 21.31	
Total income		<u>\$ 1856.46</u>
Expenses for 3 rd Quarter		
DNA support	\$ 774.95	
Treasurer’s expenses / checks	\$ 91.98	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 866.93</u>
Balance in accounts as of 9/30/08		
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 20,889.21	
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 5,378.35	
Balance		<u>\$ 26,267.56</u>

4TH QUARTER FY 2008

Balance in accounts as of 10/1/08		
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 20,889.21	
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 5,378.35	
Balance		<u>\$ 26,267.56</u>
Income for 4th Quarter		
Rescue Restricted (Pedigree Foundation)	\$ 1,740.80	
Donation – Rescue restricted	\$ 100.00	
Donations – Health restricted	\$ 100.00	
Donations – Unrestricted	\$ 1,095.15	
Interest earned	\$ 23.57	
Total income		<u>\$ 3,059.52</u>
Expenses for 4th Quarter		
DNA support	\$ 186.29	
Health Survey Management	\$ 92.06	
Mailing – Survey & DNA promo	\$ 158.34	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 436.69</u>
Balance in accounts as of 12/31/08		
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$ 23,412.04	
Restricted – Rescue	\$ 5,478.35	
Balance		<u>\$ 28,890.39</u>

Quarterly Reports Prepared by Dottie Allen, Treasurer, Health and Rescue foundation of PBGVCA

PBGV-COMPREHENSIVE BREED HEALTH SURVEY (updated 3/2009)

INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

A convenience survey of PBGV owners was conducted through the internet. A total of 486 dogs and 449 owners were represented in responses to the survey.

Only 134 of 449 owners (30%) were members of a breed organization. A majority of the owners (65%) had owned PBGVs for 1 to 10 years. Primary interests in owning PBGVs were as a pet and for show (92% and 21% respectively). One owner responding to the survey indicated “performance entertainer” as a reason for ownership and “watchdog” and “therapy” were also mentioned once. Forty-four (44) of the breeders indicated frequency of breeding and 80% indicated that they bred their dogs either occasionally or once. Eight bred their dogs 2 to 4 times and only 1 bred the dog more than 4 times. Responses to the question about contact with puppy buyers were interesting. There were 141 responses to the question indicating that a large number of owners who sell puppies do not consider themselves “breeders”. Fifty-nine (42%) indicated that they always maintained contact and 32 (22%) indicated that they never or rarely maintained contact with buyers.

Table 1. Years of ownership for 449 PBGVs

Years of ownership	Number	Percent
Less than 1	72	16
1 to 5	176	39
6 to 10	115	26
11 to 20	77	17
Greater than 20	9	2
Total	449	100

Table 2. Number of PBGVs owned

Number owned	Number	Percent
1 to 5	419	93
6 to 10	23	5
11 to 20	4	1
Greater than 20	3	1
Total	449	100

Table 3 Primary interests in breed for 449 dogs reported in the survey.

Interest	Number	Percent
Pet	413	92
Show	111	25
Agility	62	14
Breeder	67	15
Assistance	51	11
Obedience	57	13
Field	47	10
Tracking	34	8
Rescue	14	3

Two hundred twenty (220, 45%) of the dogs were female and 266 (55%) were male. Most (454; 93%) of the dogs reported in the survey were AKC registered. Seventy-seven percent (77%;373) of the dogs represented in the survey were born in the United States Other birth countries represented in the survey were the Great Britain, Wales, Holland, Scotland, France, Finland, Denmark, Canada and Australia. Three hundred seventy-eight (378) of the dogs lived in the United States. One hundred twelve (23%) of the dogs in the survey are in the DNA Bank at the University of Missouri.

An average height of 14 inches (min 10; max 30) was reported for 314 adults at least 2 years of age. Three hundred five (305) adults at least 2 years of age were reported to weigh an average of 32 lbs (min 14; max 63).

Owners of 452 (93%) of the dogs either obtained the dog from a breeder or bred dogs themselves. Fifty eight percent (58%) of the respondents to the survey maintained contact with the breeder. Interestingly 14 (3%) of the dogs reported in the survey were obtained from shelters. Most of the dogs (373; 77%) represented in the survey were obtained before they were 6 months of age.

Table 4. General health of 485 dogs reported in the survey.

Health	Number	Percent
Excellent	357	74
Good	69	14
Fair	36	7
Poor	23	5
Total	485	100

Table 5. Age at which general health began to decline

Age of health decline	Number	Percent
0-6 months	6	8
6-12 months	6	4
1-4 years	16	20
4-7 years	21	26
Over 7 years	30	38
Total	79	100

PARASITE CONTROL

Use of flea prevention was reported in 295 (61%) of the dogs. Only 8 reactions were reported to flea prevention products and these were: sluggishness, hair loss, and seizure. Flea treatment was reported on 31 (6%) of the dogs and no reactions to flea treatment were reported. Use of products for tick prevention was reported in 193 (40%) dogs and 5 reactions (sluggishness and burning or discomfort) were reported. Nineteen dogs (19; 4%) were treated for ticks and no reactions were reported.

Use of heartworm prevention was reported in 268 (55%) of the dogs and reactions to the preventive were indicated in 9 (2%). Few described the reaction, but the two who did indicated sluggishness or vomiting of 1 form of the medication. Heartworm treatment was reported in 11 (2%) of the 486 dogs and no reactions to the treatment were indicated.

Giardia treatment was reported in 11 (2%) dogs. Diarrhea and vomiting were reported as a reaction to treatment in one of the dogs; however this reaction would be difficult to distinguish from the effects of the giardia alone.

Other parasite treatments reported in the last year by 18 respondents to the survey included Canex wormer, Panacur, Revolution wormer Comfortis, Drontal, Flagyl and pyrantel pamoate suspension.

VACCINATIONS

Owners of one hundred seventy-five dogs (36%) reported changing vaccination protocols within the last year. One hundred sixty-eight vaccinated less and 7 vaccinated their dogs more. Titers were used in 70 dogs (14%). Twenty-four owners (24) used titers yearly, 8 every two years, and 36 every 3 to 5 years. Five reported using titers only once in a lifetime. Use of nosodes (homeopathic alternatives to vaccination) was reported in 11 dogs.

Vaccination reactions were reported rarely in the survey and were mild.

Table 6. Use of vaccines in 486 dogs reported by the survey.

Vaccination	Number	Percent
Puppy series	440	90
Rabies	420	86
Distemper	370	76
Bordetella	246	50
Parvo (killed)	264	54
Hepatitis	163	34
Leptospirosis	123	25
Coronavirus	120	25
Parvo (live)	109	22
Lyme disease	63	2

Table 7. Change in vaccine protocols

Protocol	Number	Percent
No change	259	53
No longer vaccinate	52	11
Vaccinate for fewer diseases	21	4
Vaccinate less frequently	147	30
Vaccinate more frequently	7	2

Table 8. Frequency of vaccination for selected diseases. Values in table given as percent of number reporting.
N/A=not applicable

Frequency	Rabies	Distemper	Bordetella
Number reporting	420	262	218
Every 6 months	N/A	2	21
Yearly	25	49	61
Every 2 years	5	N/A	N/A
Every 3 years	70	32	7
> every 3 years	N/A	17	11

EXPOSURE TO COLORANTS AND PESTICIDES

Only one dog in reported in the survey was exposed to colorants and 23 of 312 (7%) were exposed to pesticides.

REPRODUCTION

Two hundred sixty-five (265) of the 486 dogs (54%) were reported to be neutered (spayed or castrated). Twenty five dogs were neutered at 7-9 years of age. Birth control was used on only 2 dogs reported in the survey.

Table 9. Age at neutering for 261 dogs reported to be neutered in the survey.

Neuter age	Number	Percent
< 6 months	25	10
6 months – 1 year	111	42
> 1 year	125	48
Total	261	100

Table 10. Reasons for neutering in 217 dogs reported in the survey.

Reason for neutering	Number	Percent
Personal preference	113	52
Medical	46	21
Breeder requirement	25	13
Unsuitable	15	7
Behavioral	5	3
Adoption requirement	3	2
Age	10	2
Total	180	100

Thirty-four dogs in the survey were reported to have whelped. Natural breeding was used in 32 of 39 breedings (82%) and AI with fresh semen was used in 7 (18%). The sire was registered by the AKC (29) or the CKC (1) in 77% of the breedings.

The 34 dogs in the survey were responsible for 58 litters. A C-section was conducted in 12 of 58 (21%) whelpings. The average litter size born alive reported for 54 whelpings was 4.6 (median 5) with a minimum litter of 1 and a maximum litter of 9. The number of puppies weaned was reported for 54 whelpings and the average weaned was 4.6. The maximum number of puppies reported to be weaned was 8. Stillbirths occurred in 11 of 54 (20%) whelpings. The number of still births ranged from 1 (6 whelpings) to 3 (2 whelping). Over 95% of the puppies born were weaned.

HEALTH STATUS

Mortality

Fifty-seven (57; 9%) of the dogs reported in the survey were dead. Average age of death for 41 of the dogs was 9.7 years (minimum-5 months; maximum 17 years). The median age of death was 12 years. Of dogs that died from an accident, 2 were hit by a car and 2 were attacked by another dog. When illness was the cause of death, diagnosis was confirmed by a veterinarian in 22 of 23 dogs. Necropsy (autopsy) was performed on 26 of the 29 dogs (90%) that died (The survey this year indicates that only 6 dogs were given a necropsy). Thirty-eight of 57 dogs (67%) that died were euthanized. One dog was euthanized because of biting and aggression.

Table 11. Cause of death in 56 dogs reported in the survey.

Cause of death	Number	Percent
Illness	37	66
Old age	13	23
Accident	6	11

Table 12. Fatal disease conditions reported for 37 dogs.

Disease	Number	Percent
Cancer	12	32
Cushing's disease	5	14
Lyme disease	3	8
Bloat	1	3
Congestive heart failure	3	8
Bleeding problems	3	8
Kidney failure	2	5
Hydrocephalus	1	3
Vestibular disease	1	3
Whelping (toxicity)	1	3
Epilepsy	2	5
Cardiomyopathy/endocarditis	2	5
Pancreatitis	1	3

Pathology

General disease conditions / organ systems affected are given in Table 13. Respondents to the survey indicated that disease diagnoses were made either by a veterinarian or laboratory in 91% of the cases.

Table 13. General disease conditions reported in the survey.

Disease / organ system	Number	Rate / 100 dogs
Eye	31	6
Endocrine	26	5
Coronary	21	5
Skin	16	3
Neurological	15	3
Reproductive (female)	13	3
Cancer	13	3
Orthopedic	13	3
Gastro-intestinal	11	2
Ear	10	2
Urinary	7	1
Immune system	6	1
Behavioral	5	1
Birth defects	4	<1
Teeth / mouth	3	<1
Hepatic	3	<1
Reproductive (male)	2	<1

Table 14. Top fifteen definitive pathological diagnoses indicated by the survey.

Pathology	Number	Rate/100 dogs
Hypothyroidism	20	4
Persistent pupillary membrane	15	3
Idiopathic epilepsy	9	2
Heart murmur (no diagnosis)	9	2
Allergic dermatitis	7	1
Ear infections (yeast)	6	1
Immune mediated meningitis	5	1
Sebaceous adenoma	5	1
Glaucoma	5	1
Hip dysplasia	5	1
Hyperadrenalcorticism	4	1
Inflammatory bowel disease	4	1
Mitral insufficiency	4	1
Pancreatitis	4	1

Hip dysplasia and elbow problems

Sixty dogs were reported to have had their hips x-rayed. Of 51 dogs with reported OFA status 2 (4%) were graded excellent, 23 (45%) were graded good and 24 (47%) were graded fair. Twelve dogs were reported to have either mild (10) or moderate (2) dysplasia. [NOTE: only 5 dogs were reported with dysplasia in the above table from the file on pathology]

Only 33 of the dogs in the survey were reported to have had their elbows x-rayed. There were very few owners who indicated elbow problems.

Summary

The survey this year includes an additional 174 dogs and 91 owners. Changes reported in vaccination protocols in the survey this year reflect a movement away from yearly vaccinations in veterinary medicine.

The survey indicates that the breed in general is healthy. The median age of death reported for 41 of the dogs was 12 years. Disease conditions affecting the eye, endocrine system and cardiovascular system all were reported at a rate of 5-6 per 100 dogs surveyed. Specific disease conditions with the highest rates were hypothyroidism (4 per 100 dogs) and persistent pupillary membrane (3 per 100 dogs).

Only sixty dogs were x-rayed for hip dysplasia and 47% of 51 dogs were graded fair. Dogs with poor hips should not be bred and hip x-rays for all breeding dogs should be encouraged.



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ACTIVITIES

Fundraising

Several new ongoing fundraising programs were put in place in 2009. Individuals may join www.iSearch.iGive.com online at no cost and help the Foundation when shopping at a large number of online stores. Individuals may also elect to use www.iSearch.iGive.com or www.goodsearch.com as your search engine with the Foundation identified as your recipient and the Foundation earns a penny each time you perform a search. We received \$26 in our first month, December 2009 using this program. We also have a new online store at www.cafepress.com/PBGVFoundation with logo items as well as several cute PBGV graphics. New designs are in the works so check back often.

Health Research

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Dr. Liscum attended the September 2009 Tufts Canine and Feline Breeding and Genetics Conference and the October 2009 CHF National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St. Louis and wrote reports on several of the presentations for Saber Tails. Lauren Kovaleff represented the Foundation at the 2009 CHF Conference.

CURRENT RESEARCH AND HEALTH PROJECTS

Grant #	Grant Name	Organization	Researcher	Amount
CHF1099	Degenerate PCR for Detection of Viral, Bacterial, and Rickettsial Genera in Pugs and Maltese Dogs with Necrotizing and Granulomatous Meningoencephalitis	University of Georgia	Scott Schatzberg, DVM, PhD	\$5,000
CHF 1227A	Specificity and Sensitivity of the Pancreatic Lipase Immunoreactivity (SPEC cPL) Test for the Diagnosis of Canine Pancreatitis	University of California, Davis	Stanley L. Marks, BVSc, PhD	\$2,500
CHF 779	Characterization of the Canine Y Chromosome: Identifying Genes that Cause Male Infertility	Texas A & M	William J. Murphy, PhD	\$ 2,000
CHF 759	Investigation of Antigenic Causes of Vaccine-Associated Allergic Reactions in Dogs	Purdue	George Moore, DVM	\$ 500
CHF 747	The Mapping and Characterization of Mutations Responsible for Canine Glaucoma	University of Missouri	Elizabeth A. Giuliano, DVM, MS, DACVO	\$ 2,920
CHF1113	Canine Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Characterization and Prognostic Value of Cancer Stem Cells	University of Minnesota	Timothy D. O'Brien, DVM, PhD	\$ 5,000
CHF1147	Identifying Mutations in Genes Associated with Canine Hemangiosarcoma	Tufts University	Chieko Azuma, DVM, PhD	\$ 2,500

DNA Bank

The Foundation continues to financially support the PBGV DNA Bank at the University of Missouri includes 449 individual PBGV samples. PBGV DNA is also being collected in cheek swab form, and 98 samples have been collected in this manner. Cheek swab DNA is stored at the University of California, Davis. We will continue to encourage owners to submit DNA and urge breeders to contact all puppy owners to submit DNA.

Health Survey

The Foundation continues to fund the PBGVCA's cumulative electronic health survey. The complete 2009 "snapshot" of our health survey database is available online at www.pbgvfoundation.org. With increasing numbers of dogs entered into the survey, data becomes more meaningful when making research decisions. There are now a total of 512 dogs represented in the electronic health survey.

A few points of interest in the survey results include:

- ▶ Only 21 owners entered 26 dogs in the survey this past year resulting in no significant changes from last year.
- ▶ Only about 30% of survey responders indicated that they were members of a breed organization.
- ▶ Primary interests in owning PBGVs were as a pet (92%), for show (21%), for agility (13%), for obedience (12%), for field (10%), and for tracking (7%).
- ▶ Age at neutering for 271 dogs was < 6 mo (9%), 6 mo – 1 yr (44%), and > 1 yr (47%).
- ▶ Median age of death was 12 years. Fatal disease was reported for only 37 of the 60 deceased dogs, cancer being the major problem mentioned.
- ▶ Top definitive pathological diagnoses included hypothyroidism at the rate of 4/100 dogs, persistent pupillary membrane (PPMs) of some degree at the rate of 3/100 dogs, idiopathic epilepsy at the rate of 2/100 and heart murmur (no diagnosis) at the rate of 2/100. Allergic dermatitis, immune mediated meningitis, glaucoma, pancreatitis, Cushings, hip dysplasia, and mitral insufficiency were mentioned at the rate of 1/100 dogs.

Health Education

The health seminars at the PBGVCA National Specialties are funded by the Foundation. We were fortunate to have Dr. Ned Patterson, in 2009. Dr. Patterson did a great job talking about basic genetics and current research in areas that will benefit PBGV's. A DVD of Dr. Ned Patterson's presentation is available for \$15; earnings to further support Foundation projects.

We are fortunate to have booked well known speaker Dr. Jerold Bell, Clinical Associate Professor, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine as the health program for the 2010 Nationals. Dr. Bell's research and interests are in genetic disorders, epidemiology of defective genes in purebred populations, and breed improvement/breeder education. Dr. Bell is being provided with PBGV related information including data from our PBGV Health Survey so his comments will be relevant to our breed. The dinner buffet following last year's health program was such a success, another is planned this year. Details will be available shortly. Do plan to attend the health program and the buffet. Both of these speakers are well known researchers in their fields.

The Health Education Committee has submitted health related articles for Saber Tails as well as to promote participation in the PBGV Health Survey and PBGV DNA Blood bank, and there is a commitment to continue to promote all health related information to PBGVCA members and others.

Rescue

The Rescue Committee of the Foundation has worked with the Rescue Committee of the PBGVCA and the treasurers of both organizations to make sure that expenses for fostering, veterinary treatment and other appropriate expenses were reimbursed. Bob Cohen prepared another successful grant application to the Pedigree Foundation, although less money was available in the 2009 grant than previous years.

Pam Helmer, PBGVCA Rescue Chair and a PBGV Foundation Board member reports that 2009 was an extremely active year for Rescue. "We had a total of 15 dogs in foster homes, 15 assists to owners who found it necessary to place their pets (assists do not involve Foundation funding) and investigated 3 reports of PBGV's in puppy mills. We have had many more rescues this year than in the last few years combined! (As a side note all rescues were placed in forever homes and none had to be euthanized.) Why this increase in the number of PBGV's needing rescue? There are a number of reasons. Breeders have done an excellent job in the last 25 years keeping these adorable, tousled guys out of the hands of breeders who might breed frequently and indiscriminately. However along the way a few have fallen into the wrong hands and have been bred primarily for financial gain. Such breeders do not screen their buyers and frequently sell over the internet. Their new buyers receive little guidance on what a PB is really like and how to cope with them. We all know that it is not a breed suited to everyone. Some end up in mills. And so the cycle begins again. The economic situation-with foreclosures, evictions and job losses-has also added to people having to relinquish their dogs. This year owners with health problems also played a part. The large number of dogs also made former Standard Operating Procedures out of date and the clerical work involved with each rescue became harder to handle. New procedures to account for expenses for each dog were put into place. Some did not work out as planned so new procedures will now be initiated. All these growing pains are being resolved through cooperation among all the individuals involved.

Expenses for vet bills, behavior modification, etc. in 2009 totaled \$5878.00. Income in 2009 for Rescue in the form of adoption fees and donations totaled \$3397.00. The income fell far short of the actual expenses. There was however Foundation money from previous years designated for Rescue, along with two Pedigree grants that helped make up the difference. Will 2010 prove to be quieter? We can hope so but in the first 5 weeks of 2010 we have already had 5 assists. Raising funds for Rescue needs to become a priority!"

Huge amounts of time, energy and emotions go into each rescue. It is not an easy job but needed to protect our breed and give every PBGV a chance for a FOREVER home. To the chair, assistant chairs, regional reps, foster homes, and volunteers, a big THANK YOU. You are what make everything work!

Website Committee

A brand new PBGV Health and Rescue Foundation website may be found at <http://www.pbgvfoundation.org>. Foundation Bylaws, mission statement, and other information are available for download. 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. Although we were unable to upload current information including financial reports and meeting minutes to the site in 2009, the new Foundation website was opened in early 2010 which includes complete and current documentation of Foundation business. We have Wendy Martin, our new web mistress to thank for this beautiful new site.

Health and Rescue Foundation of PBGVCA - Treasurer's Report

2009

Balance in accounts as of 12/31/08			
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	23,412.04	
Restricted – Rescue	\$	5,478.35	
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Balance			\$ 28,890.39
Income for 2009			
Donation – Rescue restricted	\$	1,656.53	
Donations – Health restricted	\$	15.00	
Donations – Unrestricted	\$	3,525.86	
DVD Sales	\$	15.00	
Interest earned	\$	54.55	
Fundraising	\$	1,962.00	
Misc income (ret ck replaced)	\$	250.00	
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Total income			\$ 7,478.94
Expenses for 2009			
DNA support	\$	320.16	
Research / Rabies Challenge Fund	\$	13,500.00	
Health Survey fees	\$	318.00	
Bank fees	\$	265.00	
Education costs	\$	1,744.35	
Insurance	\$	1,982.50	
Rescue Expenses	\$	5,880.26	
Misc Expenses	\$	391.45	
Web site fees	\$	111.00	
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Total Expenses			\$ 24,512.72
Balance in accounts as of 12/31/09			
Unrestricted (includes interest income)	\$	10,851.96	
Restricted – Rescue	\$	1,004.65	
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Balance			\$ 11,856.61

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Fundraising

Fundraising at the 2010 PBGV National Specialty Show coordinated by Dottie Allen and Pam Helmer was quite successful and included income from live and silent auctions as well as a 50-50 raffle. The winner of the 50-50 auction, Karen Clugston, immediately donated back her \$400 prize! A group of wonderful PBGV lovers in Texas who hope to form a regional PBGV Club got together and hand-made 100 PBGV key chains out of beads which they sold raising over \$600 for Foundation rescue activities.

A 10-day holiday on-line auction, coordinated by Dottie Allen through eBay was a first for the Foundation and hopefully this will become an annual event. This auction was open to all PBGV lovers, not just those able to attend the National Specialty. Over \$850 was raised from the online auction.

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SUPPORTED HEALTH RESEARCH

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CHF 1265	Understanding Mechanisms Involved in Canine Autoimmune & Inflammatory Disorders	University of Wollongong, Australia	Ronald Sluyter, PhD	\$2,500
CHF 1497A	Dog Leukocyte Antigen 88 Typing in German Shepherd Dogs Having Pancreatic Insufficiency	Clemson University, SC	Leigh Anne Clark, PhD	\$1,000
CHF 762	The Mapping and Characterization of Canine Epilepsy Loci	University of Missouri	Gary S. Johnson, DVM, PhD	\$2,500
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Unrestricted use	\$10,851.00
Rescue restricted	\$ 1,004.65
Health restricted	\$ 0.00
Balance in Foundation accounts as of December 31, 2010	
Unrestricted use	\$10,550.27
Rescue restricted	\$ 7,932.79
Health restricted	\$ 0.00

Expanded quarterly Treasurer's reports may be found at www.pbgvfoundation.org.