

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.

Breeders are amazing!

This September I lost my beloved Zoe to pancreatitis and arthritis. She was in pain and treatments failed to offer her relief. She also had diabetes, but that was in excellent control. When our hounds are in pain, we are in pain. Thankfully, I am able to cherish memories of 11 wonderful years with my girl.



Thinking about when (not if) I will bring another dog into my life has reminded me of visiting breeders to watch the litters and choose amongst the puppies.

When we visited Helen and Charlie Ingher in 2001, one bruiser trampled his littermates to get over to us; he bonded instantly with Jerry. Helen knew exactly what this pup's temperament would be – dominant, adventuresome, a hunter, a bit of a handful for the first-time PBGV owner – and she was right.

When we visited Pam Helmer in 2011, we had two girls to choose between. Again, Pam knew the pups. She thought we would want the adventuresome one, like our first PBGV, but we chose the sweet cuddle bug. Pam said that the girl we chose would not hunt and, bingo, she was right.

We dearly loved both of our PBGVs, with their yin and yang personalities, and often thought back to the trust we placed in the breeders. They wanted each placement to be a success.

These are two examples of the amazing PBGV breeders who have shaped our breed. As PBGV lovers, we don't have an abundance of breeders to contact when we want a puppy. But the breeders that we do have are dedicated to improving the breed, maintaining the PBGV's excellent health status, and raising healthy, well-socialized pups.

What does this have to do with the PBGV Foundation? The Foundation strives to help PBGV breeders achieve their goals. Is there a health problem that needs research? A health initiative that needs funding? A seminar that you would like to hear? A health clinic that should be offered at the National Specialty? We can help.

The Foundation accepts applications to fund needs that fit our mission. View our mission and download an application from our website

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