

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.

Empathy – Impact – Trust

What motivates you to make a donation to the PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation? From my interactions with PBGV owners, I think that a major reason is **empathy**. You have the ability to imagine what others (either PBGVs or their owners) might be going through and want to help them through a hardship. You are thankful for the wonderful PBGVs that you have loved and want all PBGVs to be equally cherished.



You also recognize the **impact** that your donations make. They provide the funding for urgent care to PBGVs who are being fostered or rehomed by the Rescue Committee. The gift you give provides financial incentives to other PBGV owners to participate in health clinics sponsored by the Club's Health Committee. Your donation underwrites research into health problems affecting our breed and helps educate the PBGV community on those issues.

Finally, I hope that your donations are built on **trust** in the Foundation's Board of Directors. We are the stewards of your money. The Foundation website (<https://pbgvhrf.org/>) has an About Us page with financial statements, meeting minutes, and motion logs. Every dollar that we spend is accounted for in a motion that has passed the Board. Our financial statements undergo rigorous review each year by two PBGVCA members who ensure that each expenditure represents the will of the Board and, as such, you the donor. Thank you to Susannah Cooper and Ingrida Robinson for serving as reviewers for the past fiscal year.

And thank you for your donations! <https://pbgvhrf.org/donate>

Gift to host city. With my beloved PBGV, Zoe, snoozing next to me, life is at its best. I find it unimaginable to think that something might happen to her that is out of my control. Yes, she has diabetes and a heart murmur and her eyesight is getting cloudy. To tackle those, we have regular veterinary endocrinologist, cardiologist, and ophthalmologist visits. By 'out of my control' I mean a catastrophe like a fire. A neighbor's apartment recently filled with smoke while she wasn't home when her dog tried to reach for some food left on the stovetop and turned on the flame. Thankfully, the dog survived. Such an accident could happen to any of us.

Each year the Foundation and PBGVCA join together to make a donation to the city that hosts the National Specialty. This year together we donated 15 Wag'N O2 Fur Life pet oxygen masks to the St. Louis Fire Department. Each battalion chief will have a kit in his vehicle and be able to help a pet suffering from smoke inhalation.

Transitions. Sheridan Weinstein has stepped down from the Foundation Board and we thank him for many years of dedicated service. We welcome Kevin Curran to the Foundation Board.

Thank you!

Laura