

PBGVCA Health Committee / PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation Eye Exam Reimbursement Program

The PBGVCA Health Committee and the PBGV Health & Rescue Foundation wants every PBGV to be examined by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist in 2022. We have heard a lot about primary open angle glaucoma (POAG) in PBGVs; however, POAG is not the only eye problem that afflicts PBGVs. PBGVs are occasionally born with persistent pupillary membranes or develop cataracts, lens luxation, or other forms of glaucoma.

To reward owners who take their PBGVs for an eye exam, we provide the following incentive:

Who	PBGVs 1 year of age or older who are owned by PBGVCA full and associate members.
What	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eye exam by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist, who must fill out a Companion Animal Eye Registry (CAER) form.• The CAER form will be supplied, filled out, and signed by the ophthalmologist. S/he will give you the form for your files. The CAER form must be sent to the PBGVCA Health Committee for inclusion in the open pedigree database. The result is either:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ one \$50 reimbursement per PBGV for full PBGVCA members, or◦ one \$25 reimbursement per PBGV for associate PBGVCA members.• Each PBGV is eligible for ONE reimbursement for an exam in 2022.
When	Exam must occur sometime between January 1 and December 31, 2022.
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send a copy of the CAER form to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Helen Ingher, 6817 Plumpjack Court, Port Orange FL 32128.• Either the form or an accompanying note must include the owner's name, mailing/contact info, dog's registered name, AKC number (or litter #, or limited registration #), date of exam, and name of the ophthalmologist.• Also, please send a pedigree, unless your PBGV is already in the Pedigree Database.• Rescue PBGVs may not have a pedigree or AKC registration. That's okay. We still want them to have healthy eyes. Just let us know that your hound is a rescue.• Alternatively, you may send the requested information and a scanned copy of the CAER form and pedigree to pbgv5@icloud.com
Why	Because all PBGVs deserve the best health care!

We realize that the reimbursements will not cover the full cost of an eye exam, but we hope that it will be an encouragement for all PBGV owners to get this important exam for their PBGVs.

You may find a veterinary ophthalmologist at your local animal hospital or running a clinic at a nearby dog show. Or find a nearby veterinary ophthalmologist at www.acvo.org

We encourage all PBGV owners to submit CAER forms to the OFA Registry. Follow the instructions on the CAER form to submit results to OFA.

If you have any questions about the program or your submission, please contact Helen Ingher pbgv5@icloud.com or Laura Liscum laura.liscum@tufts.edu