

# 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.*



The PBGV community lost two revered breeders in May, Pam Helmer and Jan Zigich, both of whom were longtime members of PBGVCA and dedicated to the breed.

Pam Helmer was chair of the Rescue Committee and the Club's National Show Advisor. She chaired the Regional and National in 2014 and co-chaired in 2021.

Pam's Celestial Petits are in the pedigrees of 46 PBGVs in the Pedigree Database, including my beloved Zoe.

Jan Zigich was currently Vice President of the Club and active in judge's education. She, too, had an enormous impact on the breed. Her Mirepoix kennel is in the pedigrees of 89 PBGVs in the Pedigree Database.

My letter usually focusses on PBGV health, but I'd like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to glance in the mirror and point to the person whose health is critical for the well-being of their dogs. Yes, you. If you are like me, you've let your doctor visits slide this past year. Your dogs have undoubtedly had all of their usual checkups, but yours may have been put off 'until the pandemic is over'. Well, it is time. Please take care of yourself.

*Turning back to PBGV health . . .*

**Eye Health.** We were thrilled with the number of PBGVs who received Foundation-subsidized eye exams from the veterinary ophthalmologist at the PBGVCA National Specialty. For those of you who could not attend the National, the Foundation has extended our eye exam reimbursement program.

Learn about all of the Foundation's health initiatives here:

<https://pbgvhrf.org/health>

**Health Survey.** Please look in this issue of *Saber Tails* for the snapshot of my beloved Zoe and learn how you can fill out a health survey for each of your cherished PBGVs. All responses are confidential.

We need to know about each PBGV's health to plan health programs and seminars, and to fund relevant research.

**Foundation Website.** Visit the new Foundation website at <https://pbgvhrf.org/>. Learn who we are, what we do, and how you can participate. Please contact me if you have experience in website design and would like to help. Thank you!

*Laura*