

LAT YEAR THE COMMITTEE INVITED PROF PETER BEDFORD TO BE THE NEW BGV CLUB PRESIDENT and, at the AGM on 6 April 2018, the vote of approval was unanimous from those present. Prof Bedford worked with us from the time I took "Hardi" the French-bred PBGV to him as he suddenly at the age of 4 went blind. It was then in November 1996 that Peter told me it was Primary Open Angle Glaucoma and, although he could be a one off, the chances were that it could be inherited.

Those of you involved with PBGVs will know that the work continued with Peter's constant support until in 2014 with DNA testing the mutant gene was discovered by the scientists at the Animal Health Trust.

In the early days every few Saturday mornings several of us went to the Royal Veterinary Hospital at South Mimms for Peter to do pressure testing and check the angle in the eyes of dogs related to Hardi. He worked tirelessly for years for free in this way. The BGV Club initiated an annual eye testing session which was carried out by Peter and we recorded all the eye test results, including the dogs affected. This was subsequently made available in book form. Thankfully now with the DNA test we can ensure no further PBGV pups will be born affected by this disease. We are forever grateful to the work he did with us as a Club. He has, even since the DNA gene was discovered, continued to see affected dogs and assist in the treatment of these dogs with advice on eye medication to prolong their sight for some considerable time.

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