

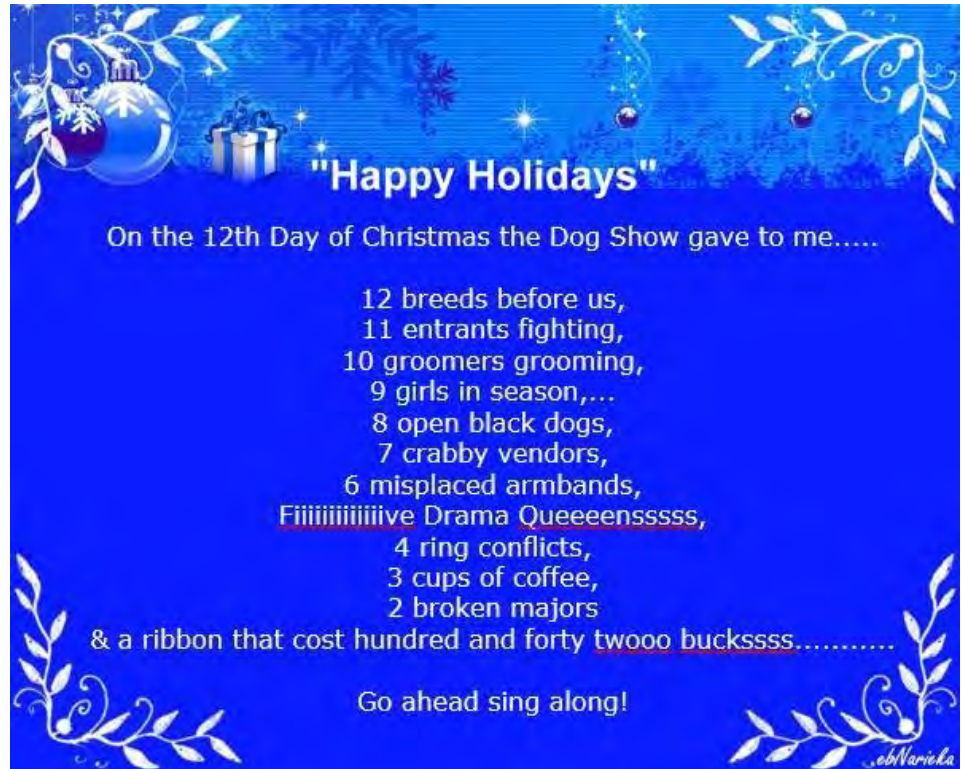


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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America's monthly newsletter. Our goal is to celebrate our members' successes of all things PBGV.

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Please contact the reporter in your region with pictures and accomplishments of you and your PBGV to be included in the **December** issue of **Braggs & Wags**. **We want to celebrate all things PBGV!!**

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2024 National Specialty



"Preserving our Future" will be held April 2—9, 2024 at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio. Contact the Roberts Center at 937-283-3200 extension 3 for room reservations.

The countdown is on to the 2024 PBGVCA National Specialty. Trophy donations are currently open to last year's winners. If you had a successful show in 2023, please consider supporting next year's show. On January 1, trophy donations will open up to all- please set a New Year's Resolution to support the trophy fund.

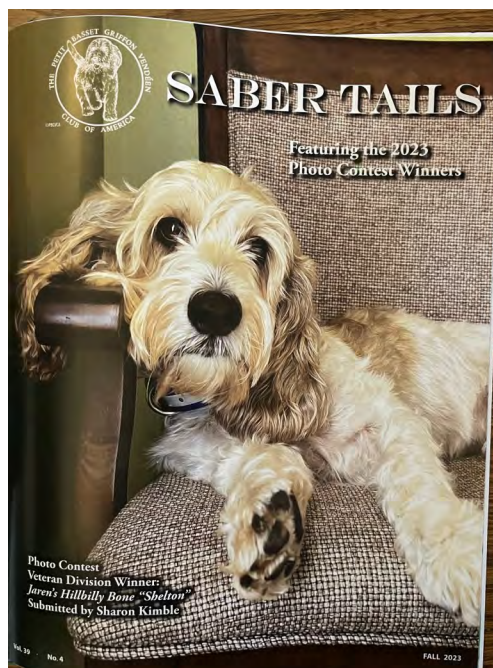
We are currently at work on the premium lists and are finalizing details for show activities. Registration will be available on the PBGVCA website in early 2024 and the opening date for all events is February 13. Entering early is especially important for hunt and Fast CAT, as the hunt will fill quickly and PBGVs are given preferential entry in Fast CAT between February 13 and 16.

Volunteers are needed for all of the events. No experience is needed, we will be happy to train you. Volunteering for the performance events is a great way to learn and usually guarantees you the best seat in the house.

We are looking forward to an exciting show with a lot of competition and education opportunities as well as a lot of fun with PBGV friends. Please contact Megan Esherick at ClancyPBGV@gmail.com.



Wally ready for Christmas. Owned by Julie Korenchuk.



Congratulations Sharon Kimble and Shelton on winning the 2023 PBGVCA Photo Contest.

Honored by being on the cover of the latest Saber Tails.

In the Ring



At the Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club, November 3rd-6th, Wilson, Owned by Karen Clugston and Nan Edwards, received a NOHS Group 1 and two NOHS Group 4's. Wilson is CH Jaren's Here for the Party CGC, TKN, RN, BCAT, RA



CH Centerstage Talus Juliet received a BOS and NOHS BOB and a NOHS Group 3 at the Penn Treaty Kennel Club in Oaks, PA on November 16th-19th and another NOHS Group 1 December 6th. Owned by Donna Pangburn.

In the Ring



December 1st at the Michigan Hound Association show, CH. Jaren's Red Solo Cup, Parti went BOB, BOH, BV. Parti was also awarded a Group 3 Veteran. She is being comfy on her trophy!!! . Owned by Karen Clugston



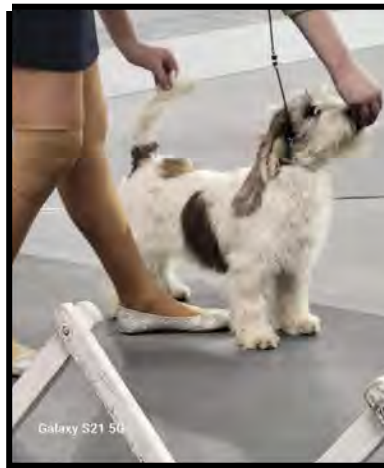
Cara showed in conformation at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Enter on December 10th owned by Megan Esherrick



Group 2 for Cameron in Salisbury on November 13th. Owned by Lynne Atkinson Florian and Jeanne Hurty.



Gherkin was BOB at his first shows the weekend of November 25th and 26th. Owned by Tammy Hensley and Tammy Taskey.



Rip won the puppy group 3 at the Council Bluffs Dog Show on November 25th & 26th. Owned by Denise Carroll



NOHS Group 3 at Lehigh Valley Kennel Club on December 16th. Owned by Donna Pangburn.



National Dog Show

The National Dog Show is broadcast every Thanksgiving Day at 12 noon on NBC. Little does the viewing audience know that it's actually the Kennel Club of Philadelphia's annual show on Saturday and Sunday taped the weekend before Thanksgiving, as part of a cluster including The Greater Philadelphia Dog Fancier's Association on Friday and the Penn Treaty Kennel Club on Thursday.



This year, there were 6 PBGVs entered at the Saturday show. Best of Breed was CH CJ's Home Court Advantage on Five Mile River, "Cameron", handled by Greg Strong, and owned and bred by Jeanne Hurty and Lynne Florian. Cameron won breed all four days and garnered a Group 3 on the



National Dog Show day! For complete results on all four days, visit infodog.com.

It's a fun show weekend, with great vendors and great competition. Submitted by Shelley Barclay



Jerry Barlet and Taffy



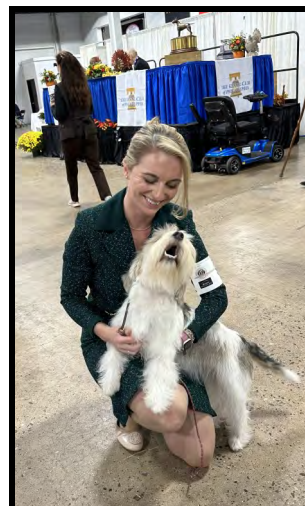
Eloise owned by Gretchen Tanenbaum



Greg with Cameron and Donna with Juliet



Adam Bernardin and Archie



Anna Gracie and Ellie



Adam and Archie


PBGV's in action

Puppies - Birth Announcements



Iceage served as the Flower Girl Ring Leader at Brienne Major and Jessie Weber's wedding on October 29th. Owned by Brienne Major



 CJ and Five Mile Island Kennels (Jeanne Hurty and Atkinson Florian) had a litter of puppies born on December 2nd. Proud parents Jolly and Snickers had boy "Hank" and a girl



Buddy had another fun weekend with his Mayoral duties in Palm Springs December 2nd & 3rd! He started with the lighting of the Christmas tree down town with Santa and Mrs Claus!! The next night he was the Grand Marshal of the Christmas parade!

Needless to say Buddy was loving all the people calling his name and cheering him on! He was made for celebrity status and it was so good to hear so many people ATTEMPT to say PBGV right! This boy loves being able to represent our breed! Happy holidays to all!



PBGVCA-Specialty Orlando, FL - December 15th

PBGVCA is one of the few parent clubs consistently invited to hold a specialty on Friday in Orlando leading onto the famed AKC Invitational in December. This year our esteemed breeder/judge and founding breed club member was Barbara Pepper.

There was an entry of 7 class dogs and 10 class bitches for a 5 point major in both sexes. Also entered was one veteran dog and one veteran bitch. There were 13 specials entered permitting the awarding of one Award of Merit.



Black Majesty Superstitious

Entries came from all over the US, including California, Indiana, Delaware, Iowa, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida, New York, Texas, Utah, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Maryland, Washington, and two foreign entry (Italy and Croatia).

The Winners Dog was from the Bred By Exhibitor class and was bred, shown and owned by Iva Raic: "Black Majesty Superstitious".



Stellar M&M Irish I Had a Name

Winners bitch was from the Open Bitch class, bred by Pat Koprovic and Betty Barth, owned by Pat Koprovic and expertly handled by Karen Clugston: "Westwinds Bunny Baying Binxie".



GCHS CH Soletrader Dean Martin

Best of Breed was GCHS CH Soletrader Dean Martin owned by Nick Frost and Clint/Karen Livingston

Best Of Winners was the Winners Dog, Best of Opposite Sex was Stellar M & M's Irish I Had a Name, bred by Donna Moore/Janice Hayes, owned by Tonya Struble/Janice Hayes.

Select Dog was GCHB CH RACH M & M Stellar Shazam At Bare Tree CD RM SWE bred by Sara Robertson, Donna Moore, Wendy Doherty, owned by Mike Williquette/Janice Hayes.

Select Bitch was CH Stellar With Love, From California, bred by Janice Hayes/Eric Ciceron and owned by



CH Stellar With Love



PBGVCA-Specialty Orlando, FL - December 15th

Anna Gracie/Janice Hayes.

Award of Merit was CH Jaren's Here For The Party RA CGC TKN BCAT bred by Karen Clugston and owned by Karen Clugston/Nan Edwards



Best Owner Handled was Black Majesty Superstitious

Best Puppy was Trio Bugaboo's Peaky Blinders

Best Veteran was CH MACH Clancy's Curse of the Were-Rabbit VCD1 RAE BN MXG MXP MJC MJP OF T2B SWA BCAT PCMH CGCA TKP

Show Chair was Sue Nelson Smyth

Our Exceptional Steward was Dawn Eisle

Trophies selected and donated by Shea Braune, and donated by Sue Nelson Smyth

and Tiffany Cannon.

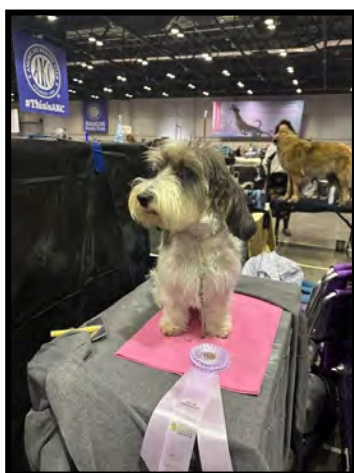
A huge THANK YOU to all who supported our 2023 specialty! Submitted by Sue Smyth.



CH MACH Clancy's Curse of the Were-Rabbit



Grand-Voile's I'm a Big Dill owned by Tammy Hensley and Tamara Taskey.



GCH Black Majesty's Ballet De Chantilly. Owned by Bayje Pomeroy.



Esmee and Mimi owned by Julie King.



Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient



Ellie, CH Stellar With Love from California earned her BCAT title on October 11th. Owned by Anna Gracie.



Conway passed his HIT at the Mid-New Jersey Hunt text at the Carlisle Beagle Club on November 4th. Owned by Cheryl Champion.



On November 19th. Wally had an awesome day of sniffing at the Rocky Creek Scent Work Club of Lancaster County CPE Scent Sport Trial. He qualified on all 5 of his searches and finished his CPE Sniffing Team Champion (C-SNITCH) title. This requires 1000 points in Level 5, where the dog has to find 4 hides with no mistakes. I think that Wally is the first PBGV to do this !



Porter earned his RM# title at the Bella Vista Dog Training Center in Lewisberry PA on October 25th. Owned by Cheryl Champion



Petty played Obedience and Rally on December 9th and received a 1st in Beginner Novice and 2nd and 4th in Novice Rally. Owned by Mike Williquette.



Strut had a great weekend, November 25th & 26th, 4 out of 5 O's in Masters Barn Hunt and 140 points in Crazy 8s. His last Crazy 8 run was near perfect with a climb, tunnel and 7 rats. Owned by Teri King.

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CH AGCH
MACH8 Spice

Agility Grand Champion CH MACH7 Clancy's Pumpkin Spice Ale VCD1 RAE MXG2 MJC2 MFG T2B5 PADS PJDS SWA SCE SBE SHDE BCAT RATN PCMH THDN CGCA TKP

On October 28th, Spice and Megan did the impossible thing and reached the big audacious goal of finishing Spice's Agility Grand Champion title on Jay Kessel's FAST course at Premier Sports Center in Vincentown, NJ. **Spice is the first PBGV to earn this title.**

The AGCH is a lifetime achievement title that requires 450 qualifying runs in specific classes.



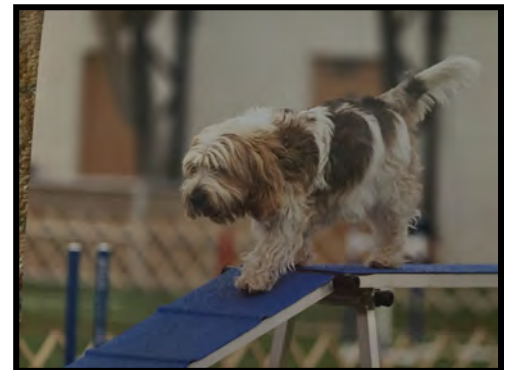
- 100 Master standard Qs
- 100 Master jumpers Qs
- 50 Premier standard Qs (Premier courses are more difficult than master, with international elements and more handling challenges)
- 50 Premier jumpers Qs
- 75 Time to Beat Qs
- 75 Master FAST Qs, which felt like a million.

FAST is a distance game where the dog has to work at distances up to 25 feet from the handler. This is harder for small dogs and was especially hard for Spice since she has always understood that her job in agility is to follow Megan.



At the Thanksgiving Cluster November 24th-26th. Gromit QQd, made challengers round for NEAC, had some other Qs over the weekend, and learned that he likes chicken tenders.

Spice was a superstar. She QQd Friday and Saturday and Qd in jumpers everyday, finishing MACH8, and placing 3rd in the NEAC finals. Spice also got the Versatility Award for the Highest



Porter earned his Open Jumpers Preferred, Open Standard Preferred and Novice Fast Preferred titles at the Net sponsored by Dauphin Dog Training Club in Palmyra, PA on October 20th and 21st. Owned by Cheryl Champion.

Scoring Dog with a Tracking title, which is a good reminder that scent hounds can do sniffy things and still be awesome at agility.

Ginny Qd in Time 2 Beat on Friday and FAST on Sunday, finishing her Master FAST title.

Cara was Best of Breed Owner-Handled Sunday and Monday and did all 3 contacts and weave poles in the match on Friday night. Owned by Megan Esherick.

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12 year old CC got her Advanced Handler Discrimination Scent Work title and Cara got her CPE Level 2 title and her Advanced Buried title at the Rocky Creek Scent Work Club of Lancaster County Trials the weekend of November 18th & 19th. Owned by Megan Esherick.



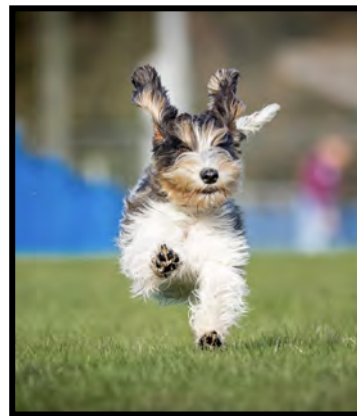
Thurston earned his Master Hunter title at Roscoe Hunt Test, November 20th. Owned by Teri King.



Ginny had a great day on November 19th, qualifying in excellent buried, container, and handler discrimination. She found the hide early in the search, but left it and checked the rest of the deck before giving a strong alert. This seems to happen a lot on HD searches. Owned by Megan Esherick.



Strut earned two Novice Interior Q's at the DMOTC Scent Work Trial December 2nd & 3rd. Owned by Teri King



Tipsy Pompette getting her Fast Cat BCAT in Hull, GA. At the Metropolitan Atlanta Whippet Club and Salty Dogs Coursing on November 19th. Owned by Beverly and Tony Childs.



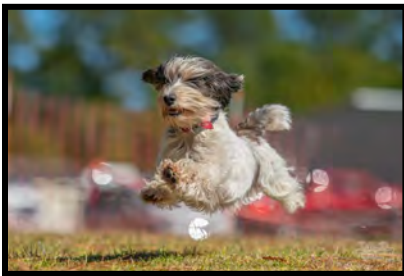
Fletcher completed his BCAT at the Conroe Kennel Club dog show in Conroe, Texas on December 3rd. Owned by Marcia McGinnis.



Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient



Muse loves to do therapy dog in the local community with her Australian sister, Silk. They went to Country Meadows in Wyomissing, a retirement community to spread some love on December 7th (left). Alice and Ginny both triple qualified in Rally on December 9th with their golden sister, Elf (middle). And not to be left out. Cara completed her first intermediate leg of Rally virtually and qualified with 85 points. (right) Megan Esherick.



Tilly earned her BCAT, owned by Bayje Pomeroy.



Marcel earned his BCAT owned by Bayje Pomeroy.



At the Northeast Agility Championship Finals November 25th & 26th.

Spice had a clean run on a challenging course and ended up with a third place finish.

Ginny first time running at such a huge event (the biggest agility trial in the country) and it's held on dirt which is always hard when you are a PBGV. She Qd in Time 2 Beat she finished her Master FAST title with a second place. Owned by Megan Esherick.



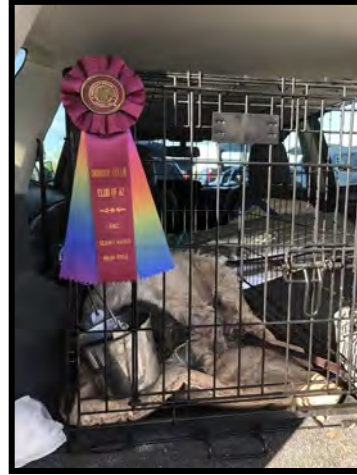
Melon got her Rally Novice owned by Kiersten Donovan



Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient



Tilly (left) qualified in Interior Advanced and Marcel (right) 2nd Q in containers, 2nd Q in Advanced Exterior Scent Work on December 10th. Owned by Bayje Pomeroy



GiGi received her first Scent Work Title placing 2nd in Novice containers December 17th. Owned by Jo Quintenz



Alice and Ginny represented PBGV's at the AKC Fast CAT Invitational in Orlando, FL on December 15th, 16th and 17th. They ran against each other in the and Ginny edged out Alice for the Best of Breed ribbon. Both had great runs considering they had just come from agility. Alice has represented PBGVs at every Fast CAT Invitational and was #1 PBGV for several years, but today was her retirement run. She'll focus on agility and rally now and leave the fake bunnies for her daughter. Owned by Megan Esherick.

Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient



Spice, Jenny and Alice represented PBGV's at the 2023 AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando, FL the week of December 13th –17th. On the 2nd round Spice was ranked 22nd out of 117 twelve in dogs. Alice was clear in jumpers but got sill in standard and Ginny really, really liked the tunnels.

After 4 Rounds of the agility, Spice made the Finals for the second time. Spice is the only PBGV to have ever made finals at this event.

In the 2020 finals, the entry was smaller and the building was quiet due to COVID. Spice ended up ranked #10 out of 117 of the most consistent twelve inch dogs in the country. She didn't only make finals because of the "one dog of each breed rule". She made it because she is fabulous. Spice is the most amazing dog

Megan has ever had the privilege of running and because they have worked incredibly hard this year.

Spice had a great time running in the finals. She had a clean ran and even got to spend a few minutes in the hot seat before ending up in 8th place overall.

Congratulations Spice and Megan Esherick!!



Roscoe, IL Hunt Test November 18th-19th

From previous hunts we know the weather can be unpredictable at the **Northern Illinois Beagle Club** in mid-November. We were fortunate this fall to have temperatures in the 50's during the day and partly sunny skies. Dry leaves and grasses made it possible for the handlers and judges to hear the rabbits when the hounds



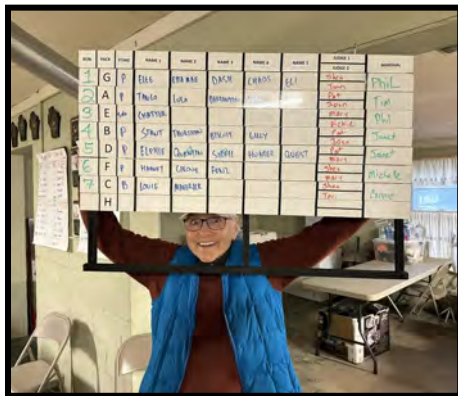
pushed them out of cover. Sightings of large rabbits, often mistaken for small dogs, were reported from numerous handlers over the course of the weekend.

Tally ho! The chase was on for the hunting hounds on both Saturday and Sunday.

Our hounds explored the brush piles and various types of cover in search of rabbits. Rabbits broke from cover directly in front of the judges and gallery. And to the right. And to the left. We witnessed many exciting pursuits. The hounds were in PBGV heaven!

Thanks to our marshals (Phil, Connie, Tim, Janet, & Michelle) and our chief marshal, Dawn Curley, who, in addition to keeping everyone on schedule, brought delicious treats for us. Thanks to Connie and Shea for running a terrific raffle. They make the raffle so much fun. We had an all-female crew of judges at this hunt (Teri, Shea, Mary, Pat, Vickie, & Joan). Thank you to the judges for their great attitude and hard work. Pat K gets many thanks for bringing the delicious kringles. Our hunt secretary, Deb, was reliable and efficient as always. Everyone chipped in to make this hunt fun and successful.

Thanks to our marshals (Phil, Connie, Tim, Janet, & Michelle) and our chief



We got to meet Joan's sister Molly & her very impressive rescue dog, Odin. We also met two new PBGVs that would like to register for a hunt someday, Ella and Monty. Their handlers, Rick and Grace, visited Friday and learned a little bit about what a Midwest PBGV hunt is all about. Submitted by Mary Sogol



Pat with Norman and Oliver



Joan Burke's Harvey, Giroux and Fonz had a great weekend hunting at the Hunt trial in Roscoe, IL November 18th & 19th.



Cleveland, North Carolina Hunt Test

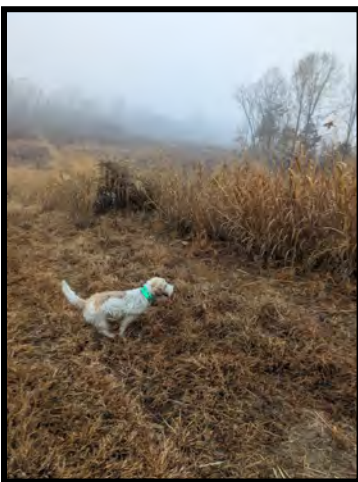


I've been fortunate to live close to our Texas hunt field site, with its variety in cover and wonderful hosts. However, I always love the opportunity to shake it up and visit new hunt fields and see fellow enthusiasts, while giving my pack new challenges doing what they were bred to do. The Carolina PBGV Club hunt in North Carolina earlier this December did not disappoint! With nearly zero arm twisting, I was able to wrangle my fellow Texas PBGV fanatic and breeder, Tiffany Cannon, to come on this adventure, and what a great time was had by all! After a warm welcome by the club members and our host, the Tarheel Beagle Club, we headed out on our first day of hunting. Beautiful, damp, cool conditions, met with rolling hills of dense brush; a proverbial theme park for our packs. It took no time at all before they were deep in brush and bramble, doing what they do best. Bunnies may have been sparse, but that didn't stop our packs from giving 100% with a huge smile on their face and loud, resounding «AROOO!». Getting to spend time with new and old friends, supporting and celebrating what our

happy hounds love most of all, is a true highlight and testament to our wonderful breed and its community. How lucky we all are. With blissfully tired hounds, great memories, and a basket of qualifying ribbons, we made the 20+ hour trip home, excited to plan for our next hunting adventure. Thank you Carolina PBGV Club and Tarheel Beagle Club for such a warm welcome and fantastic time! Submitted by Brianne Major-Weber.



Saturday's run order on the 2 fields



Rowan and Aurora hunted their hearts out at the Cleveland NC Hunt Test! Rowan earned his Rabbit Hunter Excellent 2 today - good dude! Aurora qualified today but is still working on some things to get the scores she needs for her next title.



Tatoo has two Qualifying runs



Judges Tony Childs and Michael Edwards



Kyleigh with Nick Judging



Whimsey a hunting rock star



Tony and Beverly Childs getting ready to go out in the field.



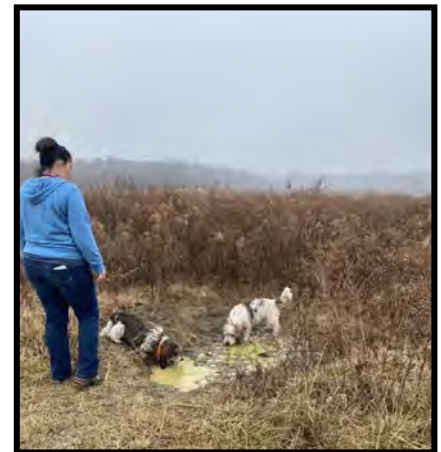
Snickers



Tater, Snickers and Cabbage



Cabbage



Snickers and Tater taking a drink break with Brianne Major-Weber



Master Hunter Excellent WILLETT is working on her Rabbit Hunter title and received two qualifying scores. Saturday she had the highest score at the hunt with a 172. SAVVI SAVEUR found her voice and qualified both days. TIPSYPOMPETTE (the laid-back one) hunted well and had some good scores but did not voice so NQed both days. Lots of burrs and "beggar's lice" with Savvi Saveur collecting more than her share!



Snickers, Shelby and Tater

Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date(s)
Hunt Test	Carolina PBGV Club Hunt Test Tarheel Beagle Club, Cleveland, NC	January 12th—14th, 2024
Hunt Test	Texas PBGVCA Lone Star Dachshund Conservatory Ladonia, TX	January 12th—14th, 2024
Hunt Test	Texas PBGVCA Lone Star Dachshund Conservatory Ladonia, TX	February 16th—18th, 2024
Hunt Text	Carolina PBGV Club Tokeena Beagle Club, Seneca, SC	March 8th—10th, 2024
2024 National Specialty	Wilmington, Ohio	April 2nd—9th, 2024
PBGVCA National Hunt	Belmont Jefferson Beagle Club St. Clairsville, OH	April 7th—9th, 2004

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In Memory



Dora wasn't too sure about Santa especially since she has been on his naughty list a few time. Owned by Ligita Smalkais



CH Wufwire's Fannie Mae PCSH Register of Merit - February 4, 2011 to December 4, 2023. She will be missed. Owned by Gloria Swain

