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Welcome to the sixth 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.

## Westminster Kennel Club Awards PBGVCA Rescue

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The Westminster Kennel Club has rewarded PBGVCA for our rescue program.

On November 28, 2023, Sandy Bustin submitted an application to be among those breed clubs considered for awards being given to breed club rescue groups. In it she stated what our club does for rescue along with other information about our breed rescue efforts, our budget, the number of dogs placed, etc.

On January 29, 2024, Sandy received a letter saying our club was selected to receive \$5,000 breed rescue allocation from the Westminster Kennel Club, in support of our rescue efforts for PBGVs in need.

Quoting Sandy - "There is nothing more gratifying and heartwarming than helping PBGVs in need find their new forever home. Receiving this wonderful recognition from The Westminster Kennel Club in support of our efforts in rescue is both inspiring and greatly appreciated."

Sandy Bustin  
PBGVCA Rescue Chair

THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB



January 29, 2024

Sandy Bustin  
PBGVCA Rescue Chair

Via email and US Mail: sbustin1@verizon.net

Dear Ms. Bustin:

Thank you for your application to The Westminster Kennel Club's breed rescue allocation program.

We are pleased to advise that the PBGV Club of America was selected to be awarded \$5,000 to support your rescue services for 2024. Your care of PBGV's in need is commendable and appreciated.

For the check to be mailed, The Westminster Kennel Club requires a copy of your club's W9 form. The W9 can be mailed to our office at the address on this letter or scanned to: [Linda@westminsterkennelclub.org](mailto:Linda@westminsterkennelclub.org). After receipt of your W9, the check will be mailed to the address on the W9.

Thank you for all you do. Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

President & Show Chairman

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## Newsletter Team

Please contact the reporter in your region with pictures and accomplishments of you and your PBGV to be included in the **March** 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.

We are now **less than 2 months** from the 2024 PBGVCA National Specialty and entries are open for all events. The hunt will probably fill very quickly and Fast CAT is likely to fill, so getting those entries in should be your first priority. The closing date for the show, obedience, rally, scent work, and agility is March 13. Please note that this is an early closing date. Activities registration closes on the same day.

The recording of the Zoom Q&A is available at <https://youtu.be/pHiGWgRtdro>

Thank you to everyone who has supported the trophy fund! The trophies for the Regional will feature a rabbit theme and the National trophies for the major awards will be hand made PBGV items by Furrytale Studios.

We will need volunteers for every event. Please consider helping out, even if it's just for a few hours. We will have a volunteer raffle with some great prizes and volunteers often get the best seat in the house for the performance events.

If you have any questions, please email Megan Esherick at [ClancyPBGV@gmail.com](mailto:ClancyPBGV@gmail.com). As we get closer to the show and things get busier, it gets harder to monitor messages coming in from different sources (texts, Facebook messages, etc), so using email really is the best way to ensure that your message isn't lost in the shuffle.

Megan

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# In the Ring



Wilson's Award of Merit at the PBGVCA Speciality 12.15.23. Owned by Karen Clugston and Nan Edwards.



Thurston received a Group 4 NOHS January 21, 2024. Owned by Teri King



OH Group 3 on January 28th in Louisiana on January 28th for GRCH Centerstage Talus Juliet. Owned by Donna Pangburn.



At the Chicago International Kennel Club Paris received a Group 1, January 21st. Owned by Nick Frost



Britney Group 1 on January 28th and Group 2 on the January 27th at the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club.. Owned by Janice Hayes, Eric Ciceron and Donna Moore.



Greg Strong the Ultimate Ravens fan shows Cameron to a Group One on January 28th. Owned by Lynne Florian and Jeanne Hurty





## *In the Ring*



BOS and NOHS BOB for GTCH Centerstage Talus Juliet at the Lone Star State Classic in Dallas February 10th & 11th. Owned by Donna Pangburn

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Chuck went Winners Dog both days at the Lone Star State Classic in Dallas February 10th & 11th. Owned by Patti Whitlock



Paris won 2 Group One's and a Group 2 in Denver, February 17 18th. Owned by Nick Frost



Quest won Best of Opposite on February 17th and Select on February 18th at the County Kennel Club dog show in Des Moines. Owned by Deb Pearthree



## *The Tail of Shammy*

Once upon a time there was a destitute PBGV who was in need. Two Dames heard of this PBGV and drove to the shelter where he had taken up temporary residence. The Dames thanked his shelter friends for all they had done for him and off they drove in their carriage to their castle.




He was in shambles from head to tail but after visiting a most wondrous doctor, he was on the mend. He discovered the Dames were calling him a word he had never heard before.....Shammy. He was delighted with this new word as it was usually followed by food.

Shammy delighted in making many new PBGV friends at the castle. He acquired new coats as his was in tatters.

Two Knights in shining armor petitioned the court and the Queen to give Shammy his forever home and so off he went bag in hand to a land far, far off...South Carolina.

Cast of Characters: Dames-Teri King & Shea Braune  
Doctor-Dr Pam Doubek  
Knights-Michael Edwards & Robert Sweeney  
Queen-Sandy Bustin

## *Puppies - Birth Announcements*

 Katagnik Ranch (Terry Dennison) had a litter of puppies born on February 1st. Proud parents Odie and Paizley had 2 boys and 3 girls.



6 /12 week old adorable puppies. Owned by Patti Whitlock

## Meet the Breed-New York City

On January 27, 6 PBGVs Gigi, Camille, Jenette, Shiner, Lillie and 'Nilla participated in the AKC Meet the Breeds event at the Javits Center in NYC. The dogs greeted thousands of event attendees and happily received lots of petting and gave out kisses and tail wagging. Meanwhile, their humans (Nick and Pat Reading and Sara Graziano) answered lots of questions about PBGVs from members of the public curious about our adorable and happy hounds." Most of the time we had 2 dogs on tables and sometimes 1 on the floor also to greet the people at the show. In spite of this there were times when there was a bit of a wait to greet the furry French Hounds.



Pat Reading is with Camille.

On the table we had the info cards available that PBGVCA supplied as well as my own kennel cards that had a pronunciation guide on them. There were other handouts and people treats as well along with some of their National Award figurines.

Thanks all, we had a great time and I would be happy to do it again if they have the event in or near NYC again.

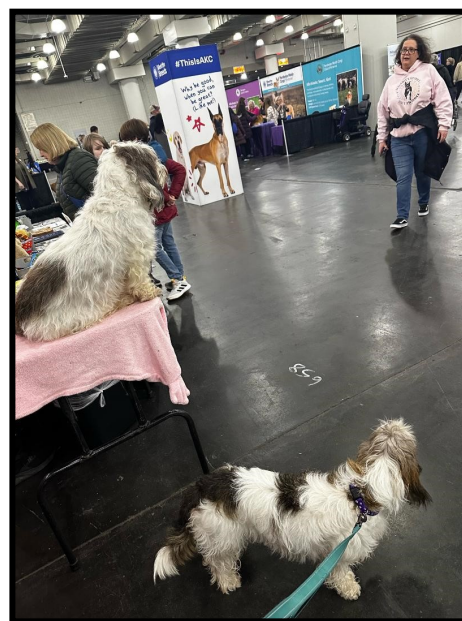
Submitted by Sara Graziano



Gebeba's Gianna "Gigi".



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Gebeba's Gianna "Gigi" on the table and "Shiner" on floor.



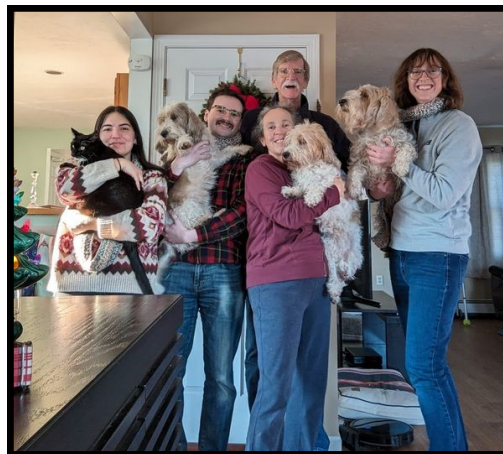
Francesca Fucci holding Gebeba's Gianna "Gigi".



## *Junior Handlers-where it all began*

Coady Egan started showing dogs as a part of 4-H with the family mixed breed, Rocky, before getting into AKC Junior Showmanship. She definitely did better in 4-H because of her involvement with AKC teaching her how to handle dogs properly. Rocky HATED showing of any type, but he did a lot for her. If not for Rocky, she wouldn't be the handler she is today. Rocky was relieved when the family brought Sadie home and he got to (mostly) retire from any obedience/rally/showmanship Coady dragged him to. Sadie went on to be her winning Showmanship at

Juniors dog, but again they did better in 4-H, the Eastern States Exposition her last year in 4-H. Coady now owns Rowan, Aurora and Fiona.



Brianne Major-Weber was awarded Best Junior Showmanship at the Basset Club of Portland Or the summer of 1996. Then with her heart dog, Poppy. Sired by, still, one of my all time favorite goldens, Kirby, who was bred and owned by Tonya Struble. Poppy and Brianne had many adventures together. Now she owns and competes with a pack of 8, Iceage, Picasso, Cabbage, Snickers, Shelby, Tater, Tot, Weezy .

# Junior Handlers-where it all began



Megan Esherick started in Juniors showing CH Gebeba’s Adorable Dottie and my her sister Casey McCullon with CH Dehra Sirene CD. Megan now owns and competes with CC, Gromit, Muse, Spice, Wally, Cara, Alice, Ginny and her “non” PBGV’s Ari, Silk and Elf.



Shea Braune

Shea Braune along with her monther Teri King compete with Findley, Elphie, Thurston, Biscuit, Strut, Tootie, Sparky, Chatter and Gilly.



### *Junior Handlers-where it all began*



Kristina Kriek's juniors dog, 4h dog and second PBGV was her super star Gator. This picture is from the PBGVCA National win in Sacramento, California. Her parents showed Rottweilers and her first 4h dogs were Rottweilers. Then she was lucky enough to add a PBGV then another PBGV to her family.



Junior Handler Rylie and CH Black Majesty Unlok the Majik "Guapa"



As a Junior, Anna Vosko handled Kahula for a couple of years

Eden Swaine started in Juniors in 2021. The PBGV National Specialty was her first show as a Junior. Eden expressed interest in showing dogs and her grandmother transported her pack to a dog show in Boise, Idaho from Phoenix, Arizona to see if it was something she would enjoy. She took one class before the show and grandma gave her pointers and helped her practice. In her first show, we didn't plan for the table to be higher than the grooming table she was practicing on, and nearly dropped Cosmo on the floor. After that, she practiced picking the dog up higher. Despite this rough start, Eden finds that she enjoys showing and has continued to show Cosmo. Cosmo now lives with Eden in Oregon. He has earned his Grand Champion title with her at the lead. Eden also has an Australian Shepherd which she plans to show in Juniors in Puerto Rico. She continues to show in Juniors whenever she can.



Ezra and Eden- Junior Handlers trying to get warm at the January Texas Hunt.

Ezra Reed, Eden's brother, has also taken up the dog show sport. He has been showing Angie and with him at the lead, Angie has earned her NOHS Bronze recognition. Ezra now has his own PBGV puppy, Pepper. Ezra and Pepper will be at the National. We will see which dog he wants to show in juniors - Angie or Pepper.



Junior Handlers Shelah Swaine and Ezra Reed



Madison Schlager was awarded Best Junior with Cabbage at the 2020 National Specialty.



Junior Handler Lucas Diogenes assisted with Anchor and Tease during a Fast Cat Competition



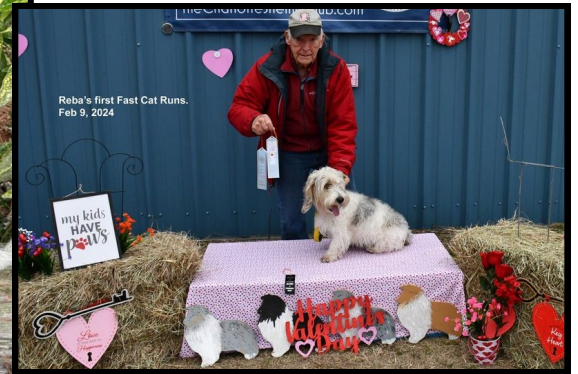
# Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient



Gromit got new titles on January 27th and 8th. Ranger 1 and CSS-Level 3  
Owned by Megan Esherick



Reba's 1st ACK Scent Work trial January 26th-28th. She received 3rd place and qualified in Novice Containers and qualified in 2 Buried elements with a 2nd and 3rd places.  
Owned by Paul Urban



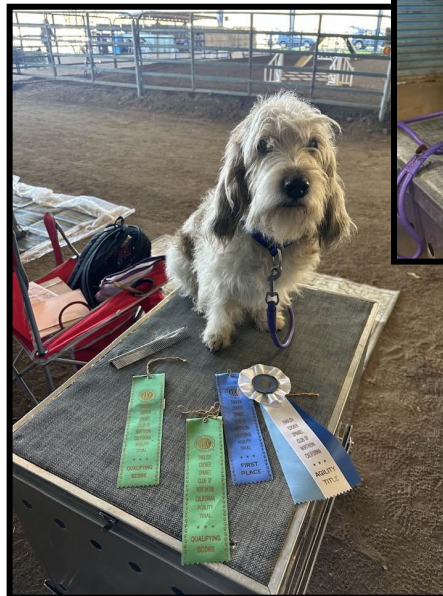
Reba's first Fast Cat Runs. Feb 9, 2024  
Reba qualified twice at her first Fast Cat trial on February 9th at the Moore County Kennel Club in Jackson Springs, MC.. Owned by Paul Urban



Esmee placed 2nd in rally novice with a score of 98 at the Cyclone County Kennel Club dog show, February 17th  
Owned by Julie King



Marcel qualified in jumpers and Fast and finished his Open Standard title at the Agility Trial in Sonoma, CA February 10th and 11th. Owned by Bayje Pomeroy





*Lone Star Dachshund Conservatory, Ladonia, TX Hunt Test-February 16th-18th*



Tiller, Iceage, Cabbage, Tot and Tater with Danuza Diogenes, Brianne and Jesse Weber.



Tiko, Charlie, Roxie, Sparks, Anchor



Shiner and Enya with Rick Walton and Gloria Swaine



Scoter and Grandma Bella with Joe Quaranta, Vickie Willmann, Lora Megli and Tiffany Cannon



Pepper and Charlotte with Babs Reed and Tiffany Cannon



Doug McGee with Roxie and Kellie



Nilla and Shiner with Nick Reading



Shiner and Riley with Rick Walton and Val Casillas



Cooper, Etta Mae, Elee with Vickie and Tim Willmann



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A perfect pack run caught on camera by Sarah Murray! Whimsey was working a hot odor, popped a bunny, gave voice, began pursuit and was joined by Kyleigh and puppy Daphne, handled by Tiffany Cannon.





## Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date(s)
Hunt Test	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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PBGVCA would like to remember and honor club members who have recently passed away.

**Those members who passed away in 2023 are:**

- ◆ Jane Swanson

Please notify [Sandy Bustin at sbustin1@verizon.net](mailto:sbustin1@verizon.net) if you know of a member who has passed away so that we can include their name.