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Welcome to the third 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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*PBGV Calendar' are here!!*

**The PBGVCA calendar has arrived and is now available for sale!** Each year the PBGVCA holds a fundraising event where we invite club members to submit print quality photos in a contest for the chance to have their image be the cover photo for an upcoming *Saber Tails* magazine. We also use photos submitted to create our annual calendar. Thanks to everyone who participated in the PBGVCA photo contest this year.



We have 2024 Calendars for sale for \$27.00 which covers the cost of production and shipping, with the remainder going toward offsetting costs related to our upcoming National Specialty. These would make great stocking stuffers for Christmas or a nice present to yourself. Get yours before January so you can enjoy every month!

[Click Here](#) to order your 2024 PBGVCA Calendar.

Also, a heartfelt "Thank You" to Shelley Barclay for putting the calendar together. It looks fantastic!!! (Note: We are NOT showing the cover here so it will be a surprise when *Saber Tails* is published in early 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024.)

*Newsletter Team*

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.

We are less than 5 months from the 2024 PBGVCA National Specialty! The trophy committee has been working hard to make sure this year’s trophy table looks fabulous. Over the next month they are likely to contact you about making a donation- please consider helping out in any way that you are able to.

This year’s theme is **Preserving Our Future**. A big part of this theme will be educational opportunities for anyone who wants to dive deeply into the world of PBGVs. If you have questions or suggestions for topics that you would like to see covered, please feel free to send an email to Megan Esherick at [ClancyPBGV@gmail.com](mailto:ClancyPBGV@gmail.com).

The Specialty Week will include a lot of competitive events as well as social and educational opportunities. Navigating the schedule and the signup process can be daunting, especially for newcomers to the dog world. Over the next 2 months, 3 free webinars will be offered in the 2024 PBGVCA National Specialty Facebook group to provide some suggestions and guidance on the process. The first 2 will be more general in nature and the third will be very specific to our event.

“Attending Your First Dog Event” will provide general information for anyone new to the dog world or considering trying a new sport or activity. Tips on when you are ready to enter, what to pack, and how to evaluate your performance afterwards will be addressed.

“Preparing for Triathlon Events” will address some of the challenges and considerations relating to competing in multiple events in the same week.

The first two webinars are pre-recorded, but if there are a lot of questions a Live Q & A will be scheduled. The third webinar will be presented live (date TBA) after the premium lists and activities registration are posted. Megan will go through the steps to register for each event and answer any questions from the audience.

If you have any questions about the national or would like to volunteer to help with any of the events, please email Megan Esherick at [ClancyPBGV@gmail.com](mailto:ClancyPBGV@gmail.com).

# In the Ring



"Miss Gazpy" Grand-Voile's Spice of my Life goes Best Puppy in Show (6-9 months) and took the adult group at Texano October 29th. Owned by Tammy Hensley and Tamara Taskey



Aurora goes Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite and Best of Breed Owner Handled on November 12th in Winston Salem. Owned by Coady Egan



New Champion, "Sally", Center-stage Sally. Owned by Patti Whitlock



Talus Dirty Martini "Olive" won Breed and a very nice Puppy Hound Group 1 on November 4th. Owned by Cindy Wilt



New Champion, "Juliet", Centerstage Talus Juliet. Owned by Donna Schick Pangburn



Gazby won another 6-9 months Puppy Best in Show November 5th at the Sarape Canofilo Club. Owned by Tammy Hensley and Tamara Taskey.



## *In the Ring*



CH M&M's Stellar Hot Mess Express "Britney" won BOB and Group 3 at the San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, BOB and Group 1 at the Long Beach Kennel Club on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and won BOB, Group 1 and Reserve BIS on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Antelope Valley KC. Owned by Janice Hayes & Tom Sikora & Eric Ciceron.

## *PBGVCA held all breed Fast Cat trial*

An event that many PBGV owners have recently discovered is FAST CAT. CAT doesn't have anything to do with a 4-legged feline. It stands for Coursing Ability Test. And it's FAST because it's a straight line 100 yard dash. One year ago, the PBGVCA put on its first FAST CAT all-breed event. We held another in conjunction with the national specialty and had our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FAST CAT event at Top Dog Training Center over the Halloween weekend.



Danuza, Lucas and Anibal Diogenes with Anchor and Tease, Vicki Ford and Oliver, Tiffany Cannon with Kyleigh and Tatoo and Mendy Marshall with Bullet.

went off without a hitch. As always Renee Fitch and her husband Gerald who own Top Dog were fantastic hosts and their daughter Shelby worked her magic at the start line releasing dogs and keeping us in order. I love running my dogs in FAST CAT but I'm also in awe seeing just how fast the big sight hounds can move! Greyhounds and Borzois are insanely fast. It's also an event that is truly family friendly. One couple in attendance had dad and the 4 year old daughter releasing the family dog, while mom stood at the finish line with her 4 month old baby in a wrap carrier strapped to her chest waiting to catch at the end of the run.

The event wasn't as well attended this year as last, but there were still about 160 runs in total over the course of the two day trial. We had great representation from several PBGVCA members who brought a bunch of happy hounds. Bullet and Anchor cried out their hunting barks all the way down the track like always letting everyone know they were serious about getting the bunny. Kyleigh ran well for her second time on the track. Whimsey, Lego, Tattoo and Oliver all ran well with great qualifying runs. Even baby Tease came along and ran a couple of practice runs. She was too young to officially compete at 11 months, but she had fun!

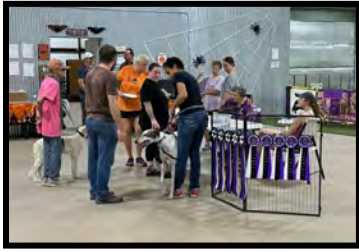
Club members Lora Megli, Mendy Marshall, Danuza & Anibal Diogenes (and their son Lucas, Vicki Ford, Tiffany Cannon and Jerry all spent their weekend making sure the event



Vicki Ford, Anibal Diogenes and Tiffany Cannon ready for check in.



FAST CAT isn't difficult to put on as far as AKC events go. It's a time commitment, but the dogs love it and it makes a bit of money for the club. In Texas, we plan to offer our FAST CAT event annually and hope it will draw a bigger entry next year. If you live in Texas, we hope you'll join us sometime. It's a fun activity for the whole family!



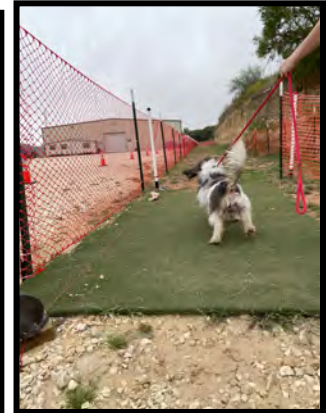
Folks checking in.



Danuza Diogenes ready to yell "Tally Ho"



Finish Line



Bullet taking off



Oliver and Vicki Ford with 2 successful runs



Anibal, Lucas and Danuza Diogenes with Anchor and Tease



This Greyhound completed the fastest runs of the weekend—truly beautiful watching her run



Participants waiting their turn



# Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient



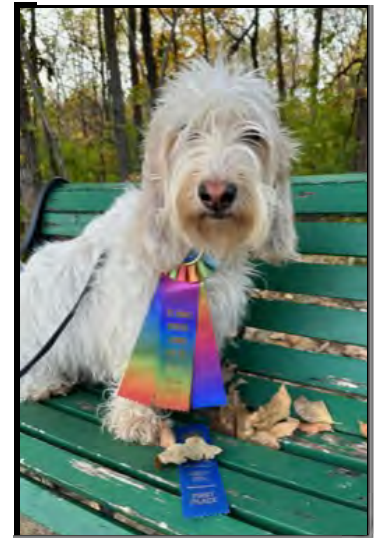
"Marcel" CH Norway des Vignes Poupres TNK CGCA SWN SAI RA NA NAj NF SIA competed in the two day Agility Trial in North Carolina October 28th and 29th. He had a fun and successful two day, 5 Q's, 4 first places, 1 second. Competed received 2 qualifying runs in Fast, 2 qualifying runs in Standards and 2 qualifying runs in Jumpers. Marcel is owned by Bayje Pomeroy



Coco went 3 for 3 at the Agility Trial on October 17th in Master Preferred JWW, Open Stand and Time 2 Beat. Coco is owned by Cheryl Champion



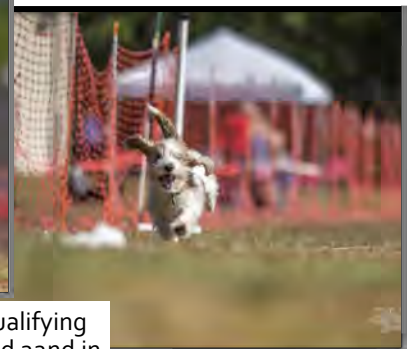
Bond earned his Advanced Sprinter title on October 22nd. Bond is owned by Sharon Betker.



Findley earned his first Agility Novice Title on October 22nd. Findley is owned by Shea Braune



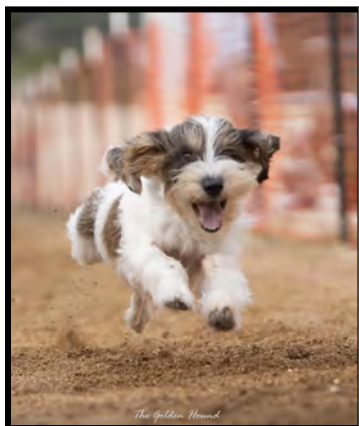
Coco competed in Rally—20 triple Q's and RM2, RAE2 on October 28th. Received 4th place and advance in a competitive group of dogs. First Masters Jumpers preferred Q. Coco is owned by Cheryl Champion.



Marcel and Tilly both earned 2 qualifying runs in Fast Cat October 21st and 22nd in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Both are owned by Bayje Pomeroy.

# Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient

The StoneHouse girls had a great Fast Cat weekend on October 21st and 22nd at the Clemson Kennel Club.



"Willett" GCHB CH Crepu Visage Aged To Perfection At StoneHouse SWN PCMH CGCA CGCU TKI

"Savvi Saveur", GCH CH StoneHouse CrepuVisage Yesterday's Wine CGCA CGCU TKA

"Topsy Pompette", StoneHouse CrepuVisage Whiskey River CGCA CGCU TKA



Savvi Saveur took second in Novice Interiors at the Dog Obedience Club of Greenville's Scent Trial on November 4th. She is owned by Beverly and Tony Childs.



Cara ran a speedy 22.85 MPH in Fast Cat owned by Megan Esherick



Ch, Norway des Vignes Pourpres TNK CGCA "Marcel" received his BCAT title in Ocala on November 7th. Owned by Bayje Pomeroy



## *Willowa Beagle Club Hunt Test—October 20th—22nd*



TEAM	FIELD	STAGE	NAME 1	NAME 2	NAME 3	NAME 4	NAME 5	RELATIONSHIP
1	A	B	Fence	Giroux				None
2	B	P	Casper	Eliot	Emo Blue			None
3	F	P	Zizou	Lulu	Ricky			None
4	D	P	Nita	Shinar	Lilla	Jenke	Carolee	None
5	C	P	Thor	Spencer	Brighton	Katana		None
6	E	P	Harvey	Pink	Dash	Duke		None
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## *Carlisle, PA Hunt Test November 3rd-5th*

We (Shea and I) just returned from a gratifying hunt with the Mid New Jersey PBGV Club. Long trip, over 2000 miles, and lots of gas \$\$\$ equaled 12 Qs out of 14! We came home with a Junior Hunt Title, 2 Senior Hunt Titles and to top it off an Elite Hunt Title (pending Robert's approval)!

This was our first trip to PA, so we were excited to see new fields and new people.

The two fields were vastly different. The terrain on Field A had beneficial hills for viewing the dogs at work with extremely dense cover. The vines tripped me up twice, once landing in a large brush pile (I have the bruises to prove it). Field B sported many more trees, slightly less cover and deer.

The club worked very hard to accommodate all the runs, which was very appreciated by all.

We reconnected with old friends and made new ones which is always delightful. As the Awards Chair for the National I enjoy putting faces with names.

Thanks to all who worked hard and especially Pennsylvania for the marvelous weather but boo for the price of gas.

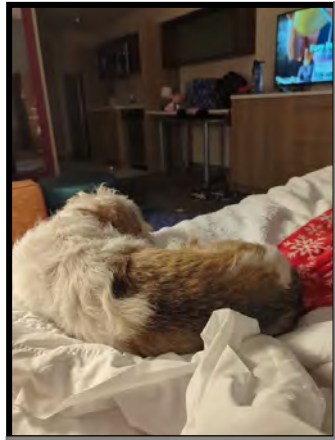
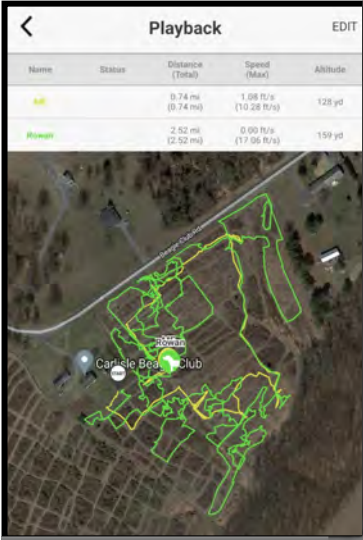
Teri King and Shea Braune Amivelu PBGVs





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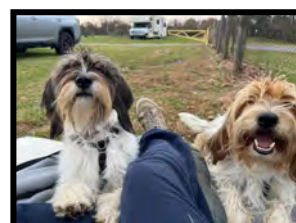
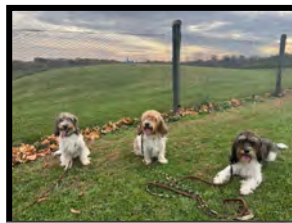
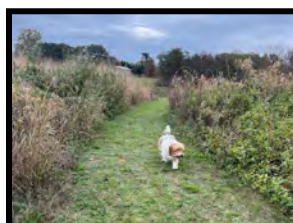
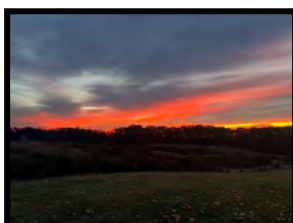
Coady Eagan with Aurora and Rowan enjoyed a whirlwind hunt weekend! A very small rabbit population meant no qualifying scores on Saturday for either dog, despite their best efforts. Sunday morning, Aurora decided to come into season so she was pulled and Rowan moved to a pack. He managed to bump a rabbit and get a pursuit, so Q#9 towards his Rabbit Hunter Excellent 2! Always good to spend the weekend with some wonderful folks!



Megan Esherick and her pack had a good time at the Mid New Jersey Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Association hunt. Muse and Spice weren't entered but they got to do a practice run. It was cool to see baby Cara open on a rabbit and Spice confirmed that she was correct .



Kiersten Donovan with Dublin and Melon had fun looking for bunnies with Cara.





# Halloween Fun





## *Certificate of Insurance - Important Notice*

We need to have a Certificate of Insurance (COI) on file with our insurance company for any event sponsored by the PBGVCA or for any event where the PBGV Club of America is a participant in any way. Applying for this certificate puts our insurance company on notice that we are holding an event, or attending an event, and ensures we have coverage for any incident that would be covered by our club's event-related insurance policy. To obtain a COI, simply contact Treasurer, Mendy Marshall, at [mendy1009@aol.com](mailto:mendy1009@aol.com). She needs a bit of information to complete the online application, which is free to the club. We'll make sure you have an email copy prior to your event. Even if your event is taking place in conjunction with another entity that may have insurance coverage, the club's interests must be protected with a COI as well.

**What types of events need a COI?** Just to be on the safe side, and to ensure the club is completely covered, COI's should be obtained for things like:

1. Conformation Events, such as a National specialty – every site/location that will be involved (hotel, agility facility, Orlando Convention Center, etc.)
2. Supported entries – if the PBGVCA has a presence at a larger show where the club is sponsoring a supported entry
3. FAST CAT run in the name of the PBGVCA
4. Hunts (whether run by the PBGVCA or by a local PBGV club that facilitates a PBGVCA sponsored hunt)
5. Meet the Breeds where the PBGVCA is advertised as a participant (AKC sponsored MTBs such as those in Los Angeles, Dallas, Chicago or Javits Center NYC)
6. Scent competitions sponsored by the PBGVCA

### **What types of events do NOT need a COI?**

1. Meet the Breed where an individual member or members participate on behalf of the "breed" and not representing the PBGVCA (such as local kennel club shows where they ask participants to attend with representatives of their breed as part of their show)
2. Westminster where individuals are benched with their PBGVs but are not part of a club sponsored meet up
3. Hunts sponsored by a non-PBGVCA sanctioned event (such as Basset Hound hunts in TX or CA)
4. AKC sponsored judge's education seminars
5. Meet ups where members come together with their dogs for a "play" day that is not sponsored by the club

If you have any questions about whether or not your event should be covered by the club's insurance, please reach out to Treasurer Mendy Marshall or a member of our newly created Compliance Committee. Compliance Committee members include Tiffany Cannon ([alwayspbgv@aol.com](mailto:alwayspbgv@aol.com)), Susannah Cooper ([Susannahpbgvca@gmail.com](mailto:Susannahpbgvca@gmail.com)), Shelley Barclay ([shelbar@aol.com](mailto:shelbar@aol.com)), and Bruce Toenjes ([btoenjes@gmail.com](mailto:btoenjes@gmail.com)).

Thank you for helping us safeguard the club!  
Tiffany Cannon, President - PBGVCA

## *Upcoming Events*

Event	Location	Date(s)
Hunt Test	Tarheel Beagle Club Cleveland, NC	December 1st—3rd
Specialty Show	Orlando Florida	December 15th
Hunt Test	Tarheel Beagle Club Cleveland, NC	January 12th—14th, 2024
Hunt Test	Lone Star Dachshund Conservatory Ladonia, TX	January 12th—14th, 2024
Hunt Test	Lone Star Dachshund Conservatory Ladonia, TX	February 16th—18th, 2024
Hunt Text	Tokeena Beagle Club Seneca, SC	March 8th—10th, 2024
<b>2024 National Specialty</b>	<b>Wilmington, Ohio</b>	<b>April 2nd—9th, 2024</b>

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