



PBGV Breed Preservation

PBGV Club of America



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Fleetwood Mac said it best: *Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow*. Well maybe they did not say it best; however, they did say it in song. And if you are of a certain age, you are now singing that song!



While it is important to keep thinking about the future, if we do so without also examining our past, we may not create the future we envision. Your PBGVCA board charged Jo Anne Hacker to review AKC data with respect to registered litters/puppies and concluded that, while we know the PBGV is a rare breed, the evidence suggests the PBGV is also an endangered breed. For example, in 2008, 83 litters were registered resulting in 263 registered puppies. By 2019, the numbers of litters and puppies registered fell to 32 and 87, respectively.

With this as a clarion call to action, The Breed Preservation Committee began designing a set of interconnected strategies to ensure PBGVs remain a viable breed while preserving the health and characteristics of the PBGV.

I will, on behalf of the Breed Preservation Committee, be sharing with you the various breed preservation strategies that have been developed to increase the number of litters, to develop new breeders and to slightly





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increase the demand for PBGVs. The Committee would love your feedback and, where you find a particular strategy of interest to you, your enthusiastic involvement.

As a brief prelude to what is to come, here are some of the Breed Preservation Committee's major conclusions. In no particular order: We need to work with the membership to ensure any roadblocks to breeding are removed, that we offer acceptable incentives to breeding such as financial support for health testing and that we are developing new breeders through various programs. In addition, we need to work with the public to generate demand for the puppies. To broaden the public's awareness. To be able to answer one question we have all had: "What kind of dog is that?" Finally, if we are really committed to the future, we need to formalize a program for juniors to celebrate their involvement and get them to continue to be committed either as participants in sports or as junior breeders. Be it rally or obedience, conformation or agility, scent work or hunting, etc., providing a pathway for the next generation to become involved is critical to the success of breed preservation.

Please feel free to email me at cromwellgardens@aol.com with your ideas or to volunteer. (Please include Breed Preservation in the subject line.) I will make sure the Committee sees them right away. Together we will build a stronger tomorrow for our breed.

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