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Welcome to 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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A new PBGVCA Membership Directory will be produced soon. Please review the information in the Member Only section of the website. Make any needed updates through the website at [pbgv.org](http://pbgv.org) or you can contact Jill at [sunspotspin@suddenlink.net](mailto:sunspotspin@suddenlink.net) to update. The goal is that everyone's information will appear accurately in the upcoming directory.

Membership Chair: Jill Otto

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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!!**

### Reporters for each Region

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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.



1996 Best of Breed

We are just 2 weeks away from the **2024 PBGVCA National Specialty**. I'm thrilled to say that we have a terrific entry, with record numbers in the triathlon and several of the performance events. The larger than expected entry is going to mean some schedule adjustments and long days, but it's going to be a fun week to celebrate PBGVs.

We will be using a text message system to make announcements and send updates during the week of the specialty. If you would like to be added to the list to receive these updates, please send an email to Megan Esherick

at [ClancyPBGV@gmail.com](mailto:ClancyPBGV@gmail.com) with your name and cell number. Please try to do this prior to March 31.

Once the judging programs are completed, I will send out a signup link for volunteers. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time. No experience is needed and helping out can be a lot of fun.

Is this your first PBGV national? Please email Megan or let us know at check-in. If you see someone with a pawprint sticker on their name badge, that will mean that person is attending their first PBGVCA National—please take the time to make them feel welcome.

Megan

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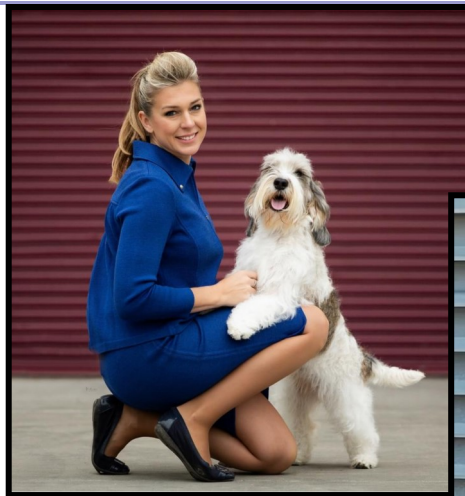
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### *In the Ring*



GCH Black Majesty Ballet De Chantilly won BOB and OH BOB at the Tarhill Cluster in Raleigh, NC on March 3rd Owned by Bayje Pomeroy



Britney received a Grou1 and a Group 2 in Phoenix, AZ. on March 3rd Janice Hayes, Eric Ciceron and Donna Moore.



Mirepoix's Every Vote Counts "Archie" won BOB on February 18th at Howard County Maryland Kennel Club. Owned by Shelley Barclay



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GCH. CH BlackMajesty Ballet de Chantilly TKN CGCA SIN, SBN SCN BCAT went BOB five days at the NC State Fairgrounds and 3 qualifying Fast Cat runs March 7th-10th. Owned by Bayje Pomeroy.

# POAG Testing

## POAG in the PBGV

*Clear by Parentage: To test or not to test? That is the question.*

By Laura Liscum, Assistant Chair, PBGVCA Health Committee

**What is POAG?** Primary open angle glaucoma (POAG) is a painful, blinding disease. The normal eye has cells that produce fluid and the drainage of this fluid from the eye must match its production in order to maintain normal pressure within the eye. When drainage is blocked, the increased intraocular pressure damages the optic nerve and results in pain and impaired vision.

**How does my dog get POAG?** POAG is an inherited disease in the PBGV. If your dog's sire and dam are carriers of the POAG mutation, it is possible that your dog will develop glaucoma. There is a genetic test that can determine your dog's POAG status.

<b>CLEAR:</b> Your dog inherited good genes with no mutations from both parents. S/he will not develop POAG and will not pass the disease to offspring.
<b>CARRIER:</b> Your dog inherited a good POAG gene from one parent, but a bad POAG gene from the other parent. S/he will not develop POAG but can pass the defective gene to offspring.
<b>AFFECTED:</b> Your dog inherited bad POAG genes from both parents. S/he is very likely to develop POAG and will pass the defective gene to all offspring.

**Breeder Alert!** A PBGV litter may also be designated as 'clear by parentage' if the sire and dam have been tested and are clear. Let's look at when a POAG test is needed.

**Clear by Parentage.** If a sire who was tested and is CLEAR is bred to a dam who was tested and is CLEAR, then the litter is considered 'clear by parentage' and is designated CBP1. If a PBGV with CBP1 status is bred to a CLEAR or CBP1 PBGV, then the litter is designated CBP2.

**PBGVCA policy is that CBP1 and CBP2 litters do not need to be POAG tested.**

Is that clear? (pun intended). Let's recap:

CLEAR X CLEAR ® CBP1 Litter

CBP1 X CLEAR ® CBP2 Litter

CBP1 X CBP1 ® CBP2 Litter

If the same CLEAR X CLEAR breeding is performed a second time, the litter is still CBP1.

If the CLEAR sire is bred to a different CLEAR dam (or vice versa), the litter is CBP1.

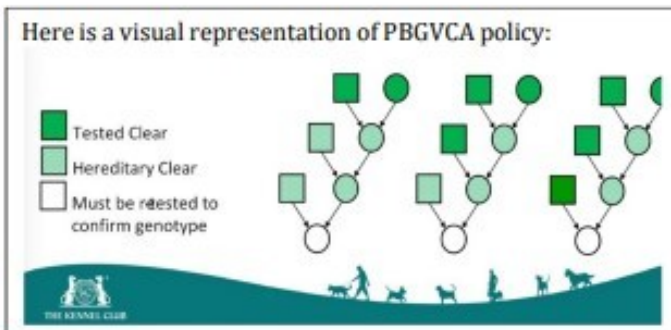
The above litters do not need to be tested.

**However,**

CBP2 X CLEAR ® Litter must be tested

CBP2 X CBP1 ® Litter must be tested

CBP2 X CBP2 ® Litter must be tested





## POAG Testing

**If you have a CBP1 or CBP2 litter, please send that information to**

**Jo Quintenz at [jquintenz@gmail.com](mailto:jquintenz@gmail.com)**

**so that the litter's clear status can be entered into the PBGVCA Pedigree Database.**

**Do you need a POAG test kit?** As of January, 2023 here is where POAG tests are available:

**Animal DNA Diagnostics, Ltd.** Cambridge UK.  
<https://www.animaldnadiagnostics.co.uk/breed/dog/255>

**Canine Genetic Testing,** Cambridge UK  
<https://www.cagt.co.uk/breed/basset-griffon-vendeen-petit/>

**Wisdom Panel Premium, Mars, Inc. US.**  
<https://www.wisdompanel.com/en-us/dog-dna-tests/premium>

For up-to-date labs, [SEE POAG testing lab information](https://pbgvhrf.org/poag) <https://pbgvhrf.org/poag>

Note that the Animal DNA Diagnostics test is much less expensive and only tests for POAG. The Wisdom Panel tests for many genetic traits that are not relevant to our breed.

**What do I do with test results?** Please submit your test results to the Orthopedic Foundation of America (OFA) open database. Find out how to submit test results *and* be reimbursed for the cost here: <https://pbgvhrf.org/poag>

**Have POAG tests made a difference?** YES! The gene responsible for POAG in the PBGV was discovered in 2015 by the laboratory of Dr. Catherine Mellersh at the Animal Health Trust, UK. The PBGVCA pedigree database has incorporated POAG test results ever since. Let's compare PBGVs in the PBGVCA pedigree database born from 2010 to 2015 (before the test) and 2016 to 2021 (after the test).

2010-2015: 456 PBGVs tested, 240 clear, 182 carriers, 34 affected.

2016-2021: 325 PBGVs tested, 189 clear, 134 carriers, 2 affected.

Breeders have done a fabulous job of sharply reducing the incidence of POAG in our breed (with only one 'oops' litter). You might be disheartened to see that the number of POAG carriers remains high, at 40% of the tested dogs. But that is actually good news. It means that breeders are maintaining the existing genetic diversity of the breed. Rapid elimination of carriers from the population would reduce our gene pool by half with devastating consequences.

**Are you a puppy buyer?** Ask the breeder for the POAG status of your puppy. You should not buy a PBGV puppy from a breeder who cannot document the POAG status.

**My dog's test indicates that s/he is clear or a carrier. Does that mean s/he will never get glaucoma?** Unfortunately, glaucoma can occur due to other risk factors. For example, if there is a structural problem with your dog's eye, s/he may be susceptible to closed angle glaucoma. The Health Committee recommends having all dogs 2 years and older checked by a board certified ophthalmologist at regular intervals.



# Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient



Petty received a qualifying score and received Rally Novice on February 24th. Owned by Mike Williquette.



Cara received a qualifying score in scent work and earned her Novice Handler Discrimination title with the same glove as great grandmother Maya, grandmother Muse and mother Alice at Rocky Creek Scent Work club of Lancaster County, PA on February 24th & 25th. Owned by Megan Esherick.



Cara received her Advanced Container title and 2 Excellent Buried runs and Ginny had 2 Q's on containers and finished her Excellnt Container title at Rocky Creek Scent Work club of Lancaster County, PA on February 24th & 25th. Owned by Megan Esherick.



Aurora and Rowan earned 2 qualifying runs in Fast Cat on February 24th in Jackson Springs, NC. Owned by Coady Egan




Mimi had a perfect score of 11 in Rally Novice and placed 3rd on time March 2nd at Des Moines Obedience Training Club. Owned by Julie King

Scooter ran 6 qualifying Fast Cat runs in Vinita, OK on March 16th & 17Th... Owned by Carole Quaranta





## *Puppies - Birth Announcements*

 Sonora Kennel (Jo Quintenz) had a litter of puppies born on February 27th. Proud parents Spotify and Gigi had 4 boys and 3 girls.



The Storm 'N Norman litter 9 weeks old. Owned by Donna and Ed Pangburn ready for their forever homes.



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Throughout March 2024

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**Crufts2024**

\*Excludes Wisdom Panel and tests outsourced to a partner lab.

### **Online Crufts sale**

If you are unable to make it to Crufts you don't have to miss out. Head over to our website throughout the month of March and get an additional 20% of all CAGT DNA tests by using the discount code "**Crufts2024**".

\*Excludes tests that are outsourced to a partner lab and Wisdom Panel.

## *The Exciting World of PBGV's at the 2024 Crufts Dog Show*

The Crufts Dog Show, one of the quintessential events in the world of canine competitions, has once again captivated dog lovers from around the globe in 2024. My 4th time attending over the pond, in Birmingham, England, I had the pleasure of immersing myself once again in the world of our charming hounds.



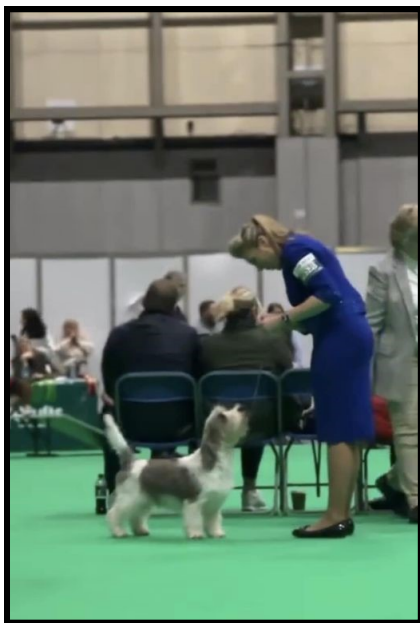
From the moment I entered the venue, the vibrant energy enveloped me, as it always seems to do. The air buzzed with excitement as PBGV enthusiasts from every corner of the world greeted one another with smiles and hugs abound. Amidst the flurry of activity, the cheerful disposition and boundless energy of these loveable hounds didn't skip a beat.

I always treasure my time at Crufts, as it allows me to not only see PBGV friends from all over the world, but also see our breed represented at one of the most international venues available. Dogs I have followed with interest over the previous year(s) come from nearly every continent to compete. It gives us a brief moment to exchange ideologies and hopes and dreams for the breed; to pat one another on the back for past wins, and accomplishments, and to share in the excitement for the future.

For the second year in a row, American-bred, owned, and handled, "Hemi", UKCh Ch M&M Stellar Mayhem and Madness, won Best of Breed! Bred by Janice Hayes and Donna Moore and owned by Janice Hayes, Donna Moore, and Elizabeth Cadmore. A beautiful and impactful win for an equally so representative of our breed! Congratulations to all involved! His future continues to shine!

As I bid farewell to the Crufts Dog Show, I couldn't help but feel grateful for the opportunity to witness the magic once again – a truly unforgettable experience for any PBGV lover.

Submitted by Brianne Major





## Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date(s)
2024 National Specialty	Wilmington, Ohio	April 2nd—9th, 2024
PBGVCA National Hunt	Belmont Jefferson Beagle Club St. Clairsville, OH	April 7th—9th, 2024
Hunt Test	Carlisle Beagle Club Carlisle, PA	April 19th-21, 2023
Hunt Test	Northern Illinois Beagle Club Roscoe, IL	April 26th-28th, 2024

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