Brags & WAGS

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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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Thank you Lora Megli and Tiffany Cannon and everyone that worked to make for a wonderful National Specialty. We all had a wonderful time! See you all next year.

Newsletter Editor

Please contact pbgvcanewsletter@gmail.com with pictures and accomplishments of you and your PBGV to be included in the next issue of **Brags & Wags**.

We want to celebrate all things PBGV!!

In the Ring

GCH CH Storm 'N Hounds Centerstage Fancy Debut was awarded BOB and BOBOH and Stormin'n Hounds Poise'n Ivy was awarded WB at the Baytown Kennel Club in Humble, TX on March 2nd . Owned by Donna and Ed Pangburn.

Centerstage Brad was awarded Best of Winners and Best Opposite at the Greater Humble Kennel Club on February 28—March 2nd. Owned Patti Whitlock

Stormin'n Hounds Poise'n Ivy was awarded BOB and BOBOH and BOW at the Baytown Kennel Club in Humble, TX on March 1st. Owned by Donna and Ed Pangburn.

GCH CH Storm 'N Hounds Centerstage Fancy Debut was awarded NOHS Group 2 in Kerrville, Texas on March 8th and 9th. Owned by Donna and Ed Pangburn

CH Sonora Marielena "Gigi" was awarded Winners Bitch on one day, Best of Winners all 3 days at the Superstition Kennel Club in Phoenix, AZ on February 28th March 2nd. Owned by Jo Quintenz.

In the Ring

Talus Innocent Until Proven Guilty "Parker", Talus Who Dun It "Tricky" and Westwind Talus Dances with Wabbits "Kevin" had fun at their first dog show. Park was awarded WB all three days and Kevin was awarded BOB all three days, February 28th—March 2nd in Pensacola, FL. Owned by Cindy Wilt

CH M & M's Stellar Hot Mess Express "Britney" was awarded Group 1 at the Kern County Kennel Club on March 27th in Bakersfiled, CA. Owned by Janice Hayes, Thomas Sikora, Eric Ciceron, Angelina Castellanos Prada and Maggie Peat.

Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient

Willett won the Turtle Time Ribbon for the slowest dog ribbon at the Tyron Fast Cat Event in Huntersville, NC on March 16th. Owned by Beverly and Tony Childs.

Tipsy Pompette earned her FCAT at the Tyron Fast Cat Event in Huntersville, NC on March 15th & 16th. Owned by Beverly and Tony Childs.

Patty Bateman with Indy Jo and Magic; a lady from Time to Fly; Charlie Johnson and Sharon Kimble with Oliver, Echo, Gigi and Gypsy; Beverly and Tony Childs with Willet, Savvi Saveur, and Tipsy Pompette.

Indy Jo earned her first coursing title in two days/three runs at the Tyron International Equestrian Center for Fast Cat and Coursing Ability Testing Event in Huntersville, NC on March 15th and 16th. Owned by Patty Bateman.

Speed Chasers, Sniffers and those that are Obedient

Gromit, Spice and Silk at the AKC National Agility Championship in Tulsa, OK March 15th & 16th. Owned by Megan and David Esherick.

Gromit had a clear jumpers run at the AKC National Agility Championship in Tulsa, OK on March 15th & 16th. Owned by Megan and David Esherick.

Cara was awarded 1st place in Excellent Standard and FAST and new FAST title March 9th in Vincentown, NJ. Owned by Megan and David Esherick.

Tokeena Beagle Club, Seneca, SC Hunt Test– March 8th—10th

Weekend Full of Wags – The Carolina March Hunt

The sun is barely rising as the brisk chill permeates the air, gravel squealing beneath our tires as we pull onto the grounds. It's difficult to tell who is more excited, the PBGVs pacing in their crates or the owners rushing to roll call. Vickie smiles with glee as the first wooden rabbit marker reveals a 2, indicating she's drawn the 2nd run, the prime time when rabbits are plentiful, yet early enough for the hounds to dart around in cool temperatures. Paul sighs when he picks the #1 rabbit; the 7:30 run won't give us enough time for that second cup of coffee or to amble around for a few minutes.

Naturally, the best part of the day is actually participating in the hunt with the PBGVs as they instinctively race down the trail; "TALLY HO!" A rabbit is spotted, and the chase commences as the hounds dive into the underbrush, weaving through overgrown brambles, saber tails stopping them from pursuing that distinctive rabbit scent. Nothing except the heat, that is.

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However, as the day progresses, we realize how fortunate we have been as the afternoon mid-70's proves too warm to enjoy the chase. "After half an hour, the relentless hounds were so tired and hot that they just stopped, thirsting for water, and it was too hot for the rabbits too," Kevin comments. At once I realize why hunts occur only in cool weather. While the coarse griffon coats protect our hounds from prickly thorns; at the same time, they lead to overheating in warm weather.

Throughout the day, the hunt secretary posts the scores of each pack. Prior to the event, we always remind Lexi and ourselves that we join hunts so that she can race unleashed through 25 acres; we remind her to do her best and have fun, reassuring ourselves that it's for the joy of sport; it's ok if she doesn't qualify. But we must admit there is a marked sense of pride when she receives that emerald green rosette.

Judging is different from most competitive events; each PBGV is scored individually on its own merit, not in competition with others. What is easy for one may be difficult for another. That's why there are ten categories carefully selected because although PBGVs are similar, they also have different strengths. Whereas one may be an instinctive hunter, another may excel at following the pack and returning to its handler when called. And, yes, they are all winners! After all, what better reward than running unencumbered through overgrown 6' weeds and thorn-covered branches while pursuing a rabbit?

Naturally, everyone's favorite part of the hunt is hearing your own PBGV voice in that uncommon tone which can only mean they're on the scent of a rabbit. But a close second is the camaraderie of club members as we share tales in the peaceful natural environment……pausing only when we hear the quiet broken by the sudden staccato voicing—yip, yip, wouaf, wouaf,—distinctive of each hound but familiar to the handlers and judges. Yes, there are rabbits out there, and the hounds are eager in their chase.

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Someone comments that you're supposed to have a PBGV puppy at every hunt for stress relief, and it's true: the only thing more adorable than a PBGV is a PBGV puppy. Feta steals the show, giving everyone hugs and kisses, running in circles around the hunters, tangling leashes while on-lookers giggle and laugh. Almost makes you want to add another puppy to your pack—almost.

Another puppy

At the end of the day, everyone—PBGVs, handlers, friends, and, yes, probably rabbits, too, are tired and happy. The field is the one place PBGVs are totally in their element, doing what they were born and bred to do: hunting hares. Although, I reassure my friends, we don't actually kill the creatures. The hounds seek and flush the rabbits; the Marshal shoots a pop gun with blanks. No harm, no foul.

When people ask, "Why go to a hunt?" my response is, "Why not?" PBGVs are known as "the happy breed," and they are happiest in their happy place, wagging their fluffy white tails as they dash intentionally around the 25-acre field.

As the sun sets, after brushing our scruffy hound and gently pulling out as many thorns as we can find, we collapse on our beds only to be roused by a muffled "yip! yip! yap! yap!" Paws twitching, tail wagging Lexi continues to re-live the hunt in her dreams.

—Betty White, March 2025

Saturday Pack - Lexi owned by Les and Betty White; Tito and Reba owned by Paul and Carole Urban

Saturday Pack - Echo owned by Sharon Kimble and Charlie Johnson; Etta Mae and E-Lee owned by Tim and Vickie Willmann; Curry owned by Phyllis Lindquist.

Saturday Pack - Willet, Tipsy Pompette, and Savvi Savveur owned by Tony and Beverly Childs; Magic and Indy Jo owned by Patty Bateman .

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Saturday Pack - Hopper and Jack Flash owned by Bev Seffrin and Kevin MacDonald; Glee, Zam, and Petty owned by Mike Williquette.

Saturday Brace – Spot and Enola owned by Mary Fluke.

Saturday Brace – Oliver and Gigi owned by Sharon Kimble and Charlie Johnson

Saturday Pack - Aurora and Rowan Owned by Coady Egan; Daisy owned by Mary Fluke.

Sunday Pack – Etta Mae and E-Lee owned by Vickie and Tim Willmann; Enola and Spot owned by Mary Fluke.

Sunday Pack – Esme, Cammie and Jake owned by Bobbe Jackson.

Sunday Pack – Lexi owned by Les and Betty White; Reba and Tito owned by Paul and Carole Urban.

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Upcoming Events

Event	Location	Date(s)
Hunt Test	**Northern Illinois Beagle Club, Inc. Madison, WI**	**April 25-27th**

Puppies - Birth Announcements

Amivelu PBGV (Teri King) introducing Amivelu Giddy up Cowboy @Mirepoix and Amivelu Giddy up Cowgirl @ Mirepoix born on March 21st. Dam– Mirepoix Every Jack Has a Gillian and Sire– Mirepoix's Son Of a Duck.

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