

Health Committee

Chair	Helen Ingher
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Our goals and objectives are to develop and maintain educational information targeted to provide optimal health care, for making wise choices in managing breed-specific health care issues; to develop and maintain a knowledge base of PBGV-specific medical problems. Clinical resources to assist diagnosis, treatment and management are provided. We offer resources to aid PBGV breeders and owners in making decisions for the health and welfare of the breed.

- * We offer and provide DNA (OFA CHIC) blood draws and CAER eye clinics given by a canine ophthalmologist at our National Specialty. Laura contacts National Chairs to find their choice of a best suited Health Speaker or seminar.

2023 National in Texas. Laura will extend an invitation to Sarah Hamer, MS, PhD, DVM, DACVPM (epi) Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Veterinary Integrative Biosciences, and Veterinary Pathobiology at Texas A&M University. Dr. Hamer specializes in veterinary ecology, particular the emergence of pathogens shared by humans and animals. Her current research is focused on Chagas Disease caused by Trypanosome cruzi.

Breeder Education is an AKC recommended event at a Parent Club National Specialty.

- * PBGV Help Desk, on the website, was created and is maintained by Veronica Scheer. Questions by owners are responded to from qualified members who offer clinical documentation wherever possible.
- * The website Reference Center (RC) contains clinical medical articles, mostly targeted for PBGVs. HC members refer breed-specific articles and obtain permission for Veronica to include. Additional articles of general interest to owners are selected for the RC. For example a clinical spay/neuter article is included for breeders and puppy buyers.
- * Puppy Talk articles in Saber Tails are written by our breeders, referred by HC.
- * Saber Tails articles of current health interest are written by HC members. Laura recently addressed Genetic Diversity Testing and its relationship to the PBGV being a low-entry breed. HC members refer articles to the editor to be published.
- * PBGV Pedigree and Health DB includes clinical health clearances and diseases on individual dog records. Veronica and Helen contact owners to update individual records, to include anecdotal and clinical documentation.
- * Membership Committee on-going communication with Associate Members. After initial Regional Rep contact, routine communication may be achieved by HC members and members who are familiar with the Associate's interests indicated on their application. Applications that indicate an Associate is interested in breeding will be encouraged to abide by the Club's Code of Best Practices.

- * Breed Ambassador Program. Directed HC member response encourages CBP participation.
- * Facebook PBGV Preservation Breeders Group. Posts include clinical health and current interest articles for the benefit of the Group.
- * Research Review. Laura reviews CHF projects for potential Foundation funding.

Health Committee Members will continue to serve PBGVCA, its members and the PBGV Community.

We do not anticipate needing funding. The budget of \$175. is sufficient for printing of material, if needed for the National Specialty.

Helen Ingher, Chair
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