Susannah Cooper
Breeder Judge

First I would like to thank the Top 20 committee for inviting me to judge. It is truly an honor to be asked and I look forward to judging our wonderful breed.

I have been in the breed since 1997, attended my first National in 2002 and have attended every year since then. I have shown in conformation since I began in the breed, and most of my dogs have been finished owner-handled by me. I met the breed through my friend, and horse trainer at the time. Her father was a professional handler and was showing a PBGV. I was instantly in love with the breed and had to have one. I have had many more than one since then and really enjoy having my house full of these fabulous hounds.

I started out co-breeding with my friend Sandy Bustin in 2009. The first litter that I whelped and raised in my home was born in 2012, with the assistance of co-breeders Sandy Bustin and Diana Sadler. I am honored that four of those puppies have finished their AKC championships, garnering WD at the 2013 PBGVCA National and additional titles in performance events along the way. I am thankful that I have had wonderful friends and collaborators along my journey in the PBGV world. I am also very proud to be an AKC Breeder of Merit.

On a personal note, I was born in New York but have lived in many different states and Canada due to my family's involvement in the hotel business. After getting my bachelor's degree from the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, I worked in the hotel business in Canada before moving back to California in 1995. My husband of 20 years, Tony, the house full of PBGVs and I live in San Diego, CA.

Jessica Rotondo
Handler Judge

Jessica began showing dogs as a junior handler and quickly became interested in learning about new breeds. In 2013, Jessica began showing PBGVs with George and Betty Barth of Gebeba. Since that time, she has enjoyed learning about the breed's structure, origin, and type, as well as the unique personality. She has found that the PBGV truly lives up its nickname as the "happy breed" and each dog has their own special personality.

She has shown several PBGVs to their Championships, Top 20 spots, and multiple Group placements. She now co-owns and has co-bred several PBGVs with the Barths. Throughout the years, Jessica has also worked for several handlers to continue learning and has enjoyed attending shows in different parts of the country.

In addition to showing the PBGVs, Jessica also breeds, owns, and shows Russell Terriers.