

Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America

2023 SUMMER Edition Newsletter

GRAND Summer Vibes

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Photo submitted by S. Cory

**2023-2024 GBGVCA Membership
Renewal Due 9/15/2023**



A Message from the President:

Dear GBGVCA Members,

Happy Summer and we hope this edition of our newsletter finds you and your rustic, happy hounds keeping cool. With the record temperatures spreading across the nation, we have to be mindful of keeping our companions safe, cool and hydrated.

Our joint Breed Preservation Committee, established as partnership between the parent club and the GBGVCA Foundation, have done an amazing job and have some fantastic news to report later in this edition. A sincere thank you to Gretchen Tanenbaum and Julie Hamilton for co-chairing this committee and for your diligence in moving things forward.

We are gearing up for the 2024 GBGVCA National Specialty & Sweepstakes and the 2024 GBGVCA Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes in Perry, GA on April 11 – 13, 2024. I am thrilled to announce that Elizabeth Muthard has agreed to judge our Regional Specialty and Terri Berrios our National Specialty. We feel very honored that they are willing to work with us and provide their time and expertise. A complete schedule of events is published later so please read on. To help support our events, we have some fun and successful fundraising campaigns scheduled over the coming months so keep a watch for membership announcements and e-blasts detailing these campaigns. Your support is crucial in supporting our events and promoting our breed. We sincerely appreciate everyone for their continued generosity and support.

In closing, we are currently in the midst of our 2023 – 2024 membership renewal and if you have not submitted your dues, please do not let your membership lapse. Each and every one of you are important to the preservation of our association and our noble breed.

Stay safe... stay healthy...stay GRAND!!!



Corey Benedict
GBGVCA President

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stories,
& updates to our email
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Rip's GRAND Caribbean Adventures

¡Hola! ¡Buenas tardes! Soy un GBGV, mi nombre es Rip.
Oops, wrong language!

I moved to Utila, Honduras, over a year and a half ago. I have some fun stories to share about my new adventure living in a jungle on an island in the Caribbean. My folks, Lara and Paul, came up with this grand plan to move 3000 miles away from Indiana. And because of me being a big boy, they opted to drive from Indiana to Honduras. Driving started out as a joke as they researched everything else possible, from flying to taking a freight boat, but in the end, driving made the most sense. They loaded me and my bichon brother, Bernard, and my terrier mix sister, Noriega, up just before Christmas 2021, and off we went.

Did you know there are rules in every country regarding bringing pets into a country? For Honduras, dogs must have a current rabies and lepto vaccination and proof of deworming and tick prevention. We don't need a USDA vet certificate, although it is recommended to get one. Since we were driving, the USDA wouldn't give us one as we were going through Mexico and Guatemala. Now Mexico doesn't care much about dogs; no one checked anything.



Guatemala, on the other hand, they do care! Mom had to take us to a veterinarian in Mexico and get us examined and bloodwork done. The vet printed this fancy document with his photo, and \$100 later, we were on our way.

He was a friendly veterinarian. Mom had to go to another one first, as we had no appointment. She said she picked a smaller town in Mexico that seemed to have an excess of veterinarians, so we would be sure to find someone to help us. It took three hours to cross from Mexico to Guatemala. Mom was sure to have piles of paperwork for us in triplicate, which satisfied the officers.

It took us eight days to get to Honduras as we were only driving during the day (for the most part. Except for the one-night Mom got us kicked out of a hotel in Palenque, Mexico because we were making noise; that's a story for another time. Mom will tell you, do not compare barking dogs to noisy children in Mexico.) I spent plenty of time being proud of myself, bellowing to keep people away from the car.

My favorite part of the trip was taking the big ferry from the mainland in Honduras to Utila. It took about an hour, and we got to ride up top!

I have many more stories to share with you about my adventures here in Utila! If you have pet-related travel questions, send them my way, and I'll pass them along to Mom to see if she can help.



Lara and Paul Latshaw are the proud owners of Rip (Sidekick Ice Van Winkle.) He's a loving and fun GBGV, and they hope you enjoy some of his stories. Lara moved to Utila to become a SCUBA Instructor and is the local dog groomer on the island as well.

GBGVCA, Inc.

Committees

Awards: Barbara Miller, Chair; Julie Hamilton; Jackie Briscoe

Breeder Referral: Katie Kellum, Chair; Tiffany Cannon, Cindy Wilt

Breed Standard: Betty Barth; Corey Benedict; Kitty Steidel

Breed Preservation: Gretchen Tanenbaum, Chair; Rita Day, Laurie Green, Terry Howell, Katherine Kellum, Donna Lacroix

Companion Events: Claire Stretch, Chair; Judy Wickliffe; Jean Finnegan

Events: Corey Benedict, Chair; Cathy Miskelly-Benedict; Joy Schneider

Health: Gail Sievert, Chair; Brent Humphrey;

Lara Latshaw; Lynn Sabin-Comstock

Historian: B. Miller, Chair

Judges Education: Corey Benedict, Co-Chair; Kitty Steidel, Co-Chair

Public Education/Meet the Breeds: Brent Humphrey, Chair; Betty Barth

Membership: Brent Humphrey, Chair; Barbara Miller, Lynn Sabin-Comstock

Newsletter: Lara Latshaw, Chair; Brent Humphrey, Laura Offerdahl

Nominating (2023): Cindy Wilt, Chair; Shari Green, Gretchen Tanenbaum

Policies & Procedures: Brent Humphrey, Chair; Kitty Steidel; Laura Offerdahl

Rescue: Cindy Wilt, Chair; Deborah Howd;

Social Media: Katherine Kellum, Chair; Corey Benedict

Website: Katherine Kellum, Chair; Terrence Howell



Louie

Photo submitted by K. Windisch

GBGVCA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

Roll Call - Present: Corey Benedict, Barbara Miller, Brent Humphrey, Tiffany Cannon, Gail Sievert, Kitty Steidel, Cindy Wilt. **Absent:** Betty Barth **Excused:** Laura Offerdahl
Meeting called to order at 7:05pm, (EST) by the President, Corey Benedict

Report of the President: Corey reported on the successful National event at the Perry, Georgia shows last month. Corey suggested that next year we combine the Welcome Party and the Annual Meeting so that more members can attend.

Report of The Vice President: No report available

Report of the Secretary: The minutes from the March 15, 2023, Board meeting were circulated to Board, prior to the meeting for review, **Motion #01-05-23** Brent moved to accept the minutes as circulated, Tiffany seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Treasurer: Brent presented his report which reflected an operating balance of \$11,678.23 The report will be placed on file.

Committee Reports:

2023/2024 National/Regional: Julie Hamilton volunteered to Chair the Silent Auction this year and it was a success thanks to all her hard work. The 2024 National/Regional will again be held at the Perry, Georgia Peach Blossom Cluster. The dates are 4/12 & 4/13. Cindy will look into the possibility of a call-in wine auction.

Foundation: No updates.

Newsletter: Next issue will have the National events and pictures.

Membership: No updates.

Judges Ed: Corey has received 2 requests for virtual presentations. There is a need for Mentors for Ringside Mentoring. Corey will develop criteria and requirements for Mentors. Brent will update the Breed information cards that we currently have.

Health: Long Leg Statistics are needed for the University of Missouri. Corey has been in contact with them and they have requested that blood samples be collected and sent to them. They prefer littermates to develop genetic profiles.

Breed Preservation: Gretchen Tanenbaum and Julie Hamilton are working together on this committee and will have a report for the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: There is no new information on the status of this operation.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding Board Members who do not participate / attend Board meetings. It was decided that if a member misses 3 meetings they will not be invited to stay on the Board.

Announcements: Gail announced that the Blue Grass Cluster in Lexington, Kentucky will be held on 8/31 -9/4. Gail would like to explore the possibility of a supported entry. Also, Laurie Green and Gretchen Tanenbaum are also exploring the possibility of a supported entry at the New Jersey Club show on 9/23.

Adjournment: **Motion #02-05-23** Brent moved to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm (eastern)



Bailey Boo

Photo submitted by J. Hamilton

INAUGURAL CLINICAL STUDY

Respectfully submitted by: Gretchen Tanenbaum and Julie Hamilton
Joint Breed Preservation Committee, Co-Chairs

There is exciting news to report on the commencement of the first “GBGV breed specific” clinical study through the efforts of the partnership between the GBVGVA Breed Preservation Committee and the GBVGVA Foundation.

Since the formation of the Foundation in 2016, there have been specific fundraisers hosted by the parent club whose proceeds were designated for a future long leg study and those funds gifted to the Foundation. In addition, there have also been donations from private individuals directly to the Foundation earmarked specifically for the long leg research. The joint committee determined there was a need and adequate funding to begin researching the parameters of an initial clinical study.

With the tenure that Corey and Brent have had over the years with the staff at the University of Missouri on numerous other projects, they have assisted in facilitating extensive communication with Dr. Gary Johnson, Associate Professor/Veterinary Genomics and Liz Hansen, DNA Research Information Specialist, of Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory at the University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine. These talented professionals have been very generous with their time and knowledge to educate our joint committee and have provided the protocol necessary to conduct a Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) of the long leg study for our noble hounds.

Long Leg

Brent and Liz have had extensive email discussions, questions and answers about this study and the probable expectations and outcomes. We felt providing the following actual quote would be more transparent to our membership of the process:

‘It is important to understand that mutation discovery isn’t like manufacturing widgets. It’s not as simple as put stuff in this end, and an answer spits out the other end! Sometimes it gives us a good answer, we identify a mutation and everything is good. But it’s also not unusual that we cannot find what we’re looking for with today’s technology. The sequence data doesn’t go away, and continues to be useful, so as new analysis tools become available, we go back and re-analyze our unsolved cases, to see if something shows up now, with better tools. We have recently found some mutations that had been pretty elusive years ago when we first ran the sequences. We use cutting edge analysis tools, and have probably identified more disease-causing mutations than any other lab doing this sort of research – but we also do have unsolved problems that we keep revisiting, and will keep poking away at until we do figure out the answers. There is not a way to know if this is going to be an easy find, or one that makes us scratch our heads and have to keep working on for a while, until we try. We want to solve it, we throw everything we know at it, but sometimes it’s not a simple answer and it takes more time than we’d ideally like it to.’ Liz Hansen

INAUGURAL CLINICAL STUDY

To begin the process, Dr. Johnson and Ms. Hansen have identified specific dogs to be used for the initial study and the DNA samples which will be needed. The scope of the project as described is as follows:

University of Missouri states that for the study to be initiated they need the following:

- A sample of the sire and dam of a specified litter that produced "affected" dogs
- From that litter 2 samples of "affected" dogs
- From that litter 2 samples of "non-affected" dogs
- All samples must be from the same litter

We are pleased to report that many of the requested DNA samples have already been collected and are in the possession of the University of Missouri, Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory. The remaining few are in process and we sincerely appreciate the cooperation of our breeders and their assistance in providing these requested DNA samples.

Our joint committee has spent significant time and effort through numerous phone meetings, emails and texts to compile the information the Foundation Board of Directors needed to support the approval and funding of this project since the needed funds lie under the aspic of the GBCVCA Foundation, Inc. In closing, the joint committee is pleased to report that the Foundation Board of Directors approved the following at their last meeting on July 12, 2023:

The GBCVCA Foundation, Inc. has approved to partner with the Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory at the University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine and commission an initial Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) of the long leg study. Should the initial study not produce anything plausible, a second study has been approved with DNA samples of specific dogs as identified by the staff at the Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory. The Foundation Board of Directors has also approved to provide funding to reimburse the breeder/owner the costs of collection/shipping of any DNA blood samples of any dog identified needed for continuation of the first clinical study or to initiate the second clinical study. For reimbursement valid receipts/invoices must be remitted to the GBCVCA Foundation Treasurer.

On behalf of the joint Breed Preservation Committee, we wish to thank all who have assisted in bringing this first clinical study to fruition and also to the Foundation Board of Directors for their vision in protecting the future of our noble breed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gretchen Tanenbaum and
Julie Hamilton
Joint Breed Preservation
Committee, Co-Chairs

2023 GBGV AKC Titles of Record

In chronological order by date title earned from January 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023

AKC Title

Companion Dog
Agility Course Test 1
Novice Agility Jumper Preferred
BCAT
Scent Work Interior Advanced
Scent Work Container Excellent
Scent Work Exterior Excellent
Scent Work Detective
Champion
Champion
Grand Champion Silver
Beginner Novice
Open Barn Hunt

Registered Name

Always Sidekick Red Red Wine VCD1 BN RN AXP OJP ACT2 TKN
Sidekick's Secret Femme Hors La Loi TD ACT1 TKN
Sidekick's Secret Femme Hors La Loi TD NJP ACT1 TKN
Always Sidekick Black Tie Affair BCAT SWN SCA SIA SEA
Ethos Let's Go Crazy SWN SEE SCA SIA RATN
Ethos Let's Go Crazy SWN SCE SEE SIA RATN
Ethos Let's Go Crazy SWN SEE SCA SIA RATN
Ethos Loving The Northland FCAT SWD SWM RATO CGC
CH Sidekick's Through The Years
CH Sidekicks' Blizzard Of Talus
GCHS CH Sidekick's Secret Weapon
Sidekick's Secret Femme Hors La Loi BN TD NJP ACT1 TKN
Ethos Let's Go Crazy SWN SCE SEE SIA RATO

Owner(s) of Record

Jane Jonas
Jane Jonas
Jane Jonas
Lora Megli
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean
Joy Schneider
G Tanenbaum, G Tanenbaum, C Benedict & B Humphrey
Terry Howell, Brent Humphrey & Quinn Caldwell
L Green, E Jesseman, B Humphrey & J Paquette-Garcini
Jane Jonas
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean



Mission Statement....

The Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America Foundation, Inc., was established to protect, support, defend, promote, educate, and preserve the health, breeding, well-being, and integrity of the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen through the receipt and administration of funds for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes through contributions from the general public.

The Foundation Board of Directors is honored to share with you our new logo. There has been much time and attention to detail to bring this to fruition and we look forward to future fundraising and promotional opportunities utilizing this new logo.

In addition, the Foundation wishes to commend the joint Breed Preservation Committee for their due diligence in researching and developing the protocol for our first clinical study. A sincere thank you to Gretchen Tanenbaum and Julie Hamilton for co-chairing this committee and keeping everything on task to accomplish our mutual goal.

OFFICERS

*Lara Latshaw, President Gail Sievert, Vice President
Julie Hamilton, Secretary Brent Humphrey, Treasurer*

DIRECTORS

*Michelle Clark Thomas Howard Barbara Miller
Ashlyn Reeves Gretchen Tanenbaum*

Monetary and like-kind contributions can be made as follows:

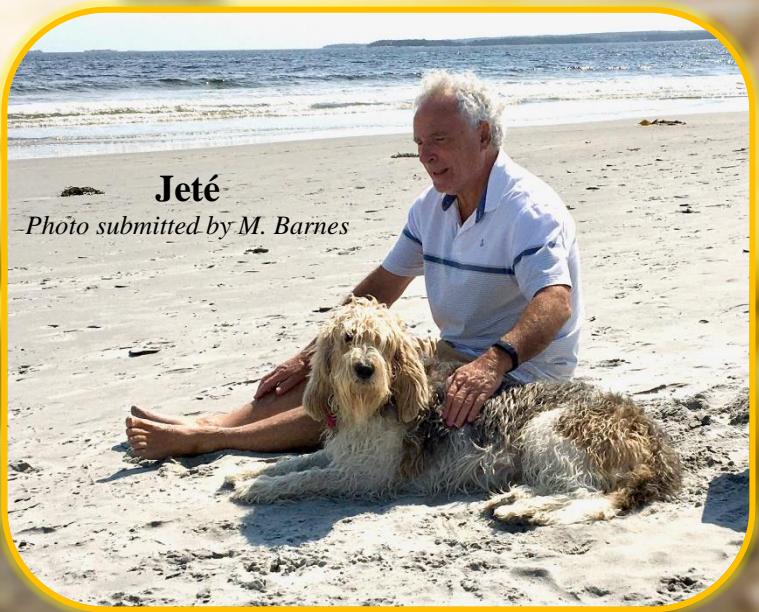
By check, made payable to the GBCVFA Foundation,

mailed to Brent Humphrey, Treasurer

3495 US Hwy 27/441 Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Through **PayPal** by sending funds to treasurer@gbgv.net noting in the remarks section "FOUNDATION"





Upcoming Events

2024 GBGVCA National & Regional Specialties

April 10 – April 14, 2024



Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agriculture Center

401 Larry Walker Parkway, Perry, GA 31069

In association with the Peach Blossom Cluster & The Combined Specialty Clubs of Atlanta, Inc.

Show Committee

Barbara Miller, 2024 Show Chair, bmiller4740@centurylink.net

Brent Humphrey, 2024 Show Secretary/Hospitality Chair, bhumphrey@bairdcorp.com

Shari Green, 2024 Trophy Chairs, luvofaspringer@gmail.com

Julie Hamilton, 2024 Silent Auction Chairs, julie.hamilton365@gmail.com

Judges

Elizabeth Muthard - Regional Conformation (April 12, 2024)

TBD – Regional Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes (April 12, 2024)

Terry Berrios - National Conformation (April 13, 2024)

TBD – National Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes (April 13, 2024)

Host Hotel

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Perry

110 Fairview Drive, Perry, GA 31069 Tel: 478-987-4004

The hotel is located about 1/2 mile from the south entrance to the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agriculture Center.

Further Information to follow soon.

RV Parking

RV reservations can be made through the **Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter** online at the GNFA website, www.gnfa.com. No mail in reservations will be accepted. RV reservation fees will be processed in full at time of reservation. Advance reservation is strongly advised. Limited spaces may be available during the show. If spaces are available, fees must be paid in cash at the gate. Limited 50-amp circuits are available.



Designated Grooming

A designated grooming area has been assigned for the **GBGVCA** exhibitors. Enter EAST GATE to unload for grooming in the Sheep Barn. There will be 24-hour security. Please review and adhere to the **New PBC Rules as outlined at the end of this flyer** in addition to observing the following guidelines requested by the All-Breed Cluster:

Crates must be stacked – name & local contact required on all crates

One X-pen per four dogs

No living rooms. No rugs. No Lounge Chairs

NO SOFT SIDED CRATES IN GROOMING AREA.

No strollers in exhibitor buildings

Dog bathing facilities with hot & cold water provided

GBGVCA Annual Awards Reception & Silent Auction

Please join us for the **GBGVCA Annual Awards Reception & Silent Auction** on Friday evening, April 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM (*tentative*). We invite you, along with your friends and family, to join us for a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our noble hounds, acknowledge GRAND accomplishments, and show support to our parent club and foundation.

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON WITH LOCATION, COST AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Tentative)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

Atlanta Kennel Club All Breed Show

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

Valdosta Kennel Club All Breed Show

GBGVCA Welcome Party & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

Valdosta Kennel Club All Breed Show

2024 GBGVCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY: The Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America, Inc. will host a concurrent specialty, in conjunction with the **Valdosta Kennel Club**, for Conformation as their Regional Specialty

2024 GBGVCA REGIONAL SWEEPSTAKES & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES: The Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America, Inc. will host a Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes, in conjunction with the **Valdosta Kennel Club** as follows. Sweepstakes is open to dogs and bitches, 6 months & under 18 months. Dogs shown in Sweepstakes must also be entered in one of the regular classes at the regular entry fee and on the regular entry form. Veteran Sweepstakes is open to dogs and bitches 7 years & older. Dogs shown in Veteran Sweepstakes need not be entered in one of the regular classes at the regular entry fee.

GBGVCA ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION – 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

Atlanta Kennel Club All Breed Show

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2024 GBGVCA NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES: The Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America, Inc. will host a Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes, in conjunction with the **Atlanta Kennel Club** as follows. Sweepstakes is open to dogs and bitches, 6 months & under 18 months. Dogs shown in Sweepstakes must also be entered in one of the regular classes at the regular entry fee and on the regular entry form. Veteran Sweepstakes is open to dogs and bitches 7 years & older. Dogs shown in Veteran Sweepstakes need not be entered in one of the regular classes at the regular entry fee.