

# Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America

2023 FALL - 2024 WINTER Edition Newsletter

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**PHIL**

*Photo submitted by J. Reaume*

**Rolling into a  
GRAND New Year!**

# A Message from the President:

Dear GBGVCA Members,

I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you healthy and happy in the New Year. I know most of the country has experienced many polar blasts over the last month or so be mindful of keeping you and your rustic, happy hounds warm and free from harm. We included an article published by the American Veterinary Medical Association in the Fall 2022 Edition of our newsletter titled "Cold Weather Animal Safety." There were some great ideas for focusing on safety, prevention, and wintertime care of our four-legged family members. I encourage everyone to look back and take another quick read.

We are looking forward to the 2024 GBGVCA National Specialty & Sweepstakes and the 2024 GBGVCA Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes in Perry, GA on April 11 - 13, 2024. I previously announced that Elizabeth Muthard has agreed to judge our Regional Specialty and Terry Berrios our National Specialty. In addition, Carol Hathaway has accepted the assignment to judge our Regional Sweepstakes and Lynn Sabin-Comstock our National Sweepstakes. We sincerely thank each one of them for sharing their time and expertise with us.

An updated flyer of the specifics of the specialties and events, along with a complete schedule, is published later in this edition so please read on. We are still in need of donations to the 2024 Trophy Fund to help fund these type events and other promotional opportunities throughout the year. We sincerely appreciate everyone for their continued generosity and support.

Lastly, if you are joining us in Perry in April 2024, please make sure and make reservations to attend the 2024 Awards Reception and Silent Auction. It is truly a wonderful evening visiting with other GBGV enthusiasts and honoring those for their accomplishments in 2023.

Stay safe... stay healthy...stay GRAND!!! *Corey*

Corey Benedict  
GBGVCA President

**DEXTER**  
Photo Submitted by D. Fernandez

## GBGVCA Officers

### President

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## GBGVCA Directors

Tiffany Cannon

Kitty Steidel

Laura Offerdahl

Cindy Wilt

Gail Sievert



# Rip's GRAND Caribbean Adventures



Life in the Caribbean has been quite an adventure for me, a Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen (GBGV) dog. My family and I live in a remote area that the locals call "the bush," so we don't have to worry too much about traffic. My dad has started letting me have some off-leash time, which has been a lot of fun for me. I love being a scent hound, and once in a while, I'll dart off into the jungle to chase an iguana or go visit some workers digging up rocks. When I take off, I usually bellow so that my dad can keep up with me. But these jaunts also mean that I get dirty, and I hate getting baths. Unfortunately, Dad has had to start giving me one every week, and I'm an absolute bear for these

baths. I mope in the tub, but the worst part is the drying! I'm incredibly talented at keeping my head from getting dry. I bounce all over, jump on Mom and Dad, and carry on like it's the end of the world. It's actually kinda fun being a bit of a booger! The salon here is a bit different than the one we had in the US. It's set up on the porch outside, and Mom had locals build custom wooden cage banks for the dogs. They're different than the cage banks we had in the US, but the other dogs and I enjoy visiting each other while we're getting groomed. I wish my family would teach me to ride on the scooters and motorcycles like the local dogs do, but they haven't tried that with me for some reason. Instead, when we go for rides, I have to ride in an enclosed trailer made for dogs that attaches to the bicycle. It's still a nice ride, and I can howl at dogs as we go by without worrying about them getting to me. All in all, life in the Caribbean has been a lot of fun. I love lounging on the porch most days, but I'm always ready for an adventure when the mood strikes.

Until next time,

*Adiós! Rip*



# Please join us...

...for the 2024 GBGVCA Annual Awards Reception & Silent Auction on Friday evening, April 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM in association with the 2024 GBGVCA National and Regional Specialties. 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. The cost is \$30.00 per person and reservations must be made in advance as follows:

Make your reservations by sending funds via PayPal to treasurer@gbgv.net indicating the guest names in the remarks section or mailing a check made payable to the GBGVCA to GBGVCA Treasurer, 3495 US Highway 27/441, Fruitland Park, FL 34731 noting the guest names in the "for" section.

We are still in need of donations to the 2024 General Trophy Fund. Even if you are not able to attend our events, please consider submitting a donation for the support of our upcoming events in addition to promotional and education opportunities. If you have already donated, we sincerely appreciate your support.

Donations can be made by sending funds via PayPal to treasurer@gbgv.net indicating 2024 Trophy Fund in the remarks section or mailing a check made payable to the GBGVCA to GBGVCA Treasurer, 3495 US Highway 27/441, Fruitland Park, FL 34731

## Shout Out!

Congratulations to Josie and Jane Jonas for achieving a 100% pass rate in her FOUR, successful runs at the Boulder County Fairgrounds Agility Trials!



# 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



**HOMER & Finn**  
Photo submitted by B. Still

## GBGVCA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2023 (Rescheduled from September 20, 2023)

**Roll Call - Present:** Corey Benedict, Barbara Miller, Brent Humphrey, Laura Offerdahl, Gail Sievert  
**Absent:** Betty Barth, Tiffany Cannon, Kitty Steidel, Cindy Wilt  
**Excused:** None      **Guest:** Mickey Ford (regular Member in good standing)  
Meeting called to order at 7:05pm (Eastern), by the President, Corey Benedict  
**Report of the President:** It was brought before the Board by a Board member that Betty Barth had communicated her desire to resign as the Vice President. After due discussion the following motion was made:  
**Motion #01-09-23** Brent moved to accept the verbal resignation of Betty Barth for the office of Vice President, effective immediately. Gail seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A letter from the Secretary will be sent about this action to Betty.  
The Board continued their discussion on fulfilling the vacancy with the following motion brought before the Board:  
**Motion #02-09-23** Brent moved to have Barbara Miller assume the office of Vice President immediately and Mickey Ford to assume the office of Secretary immediately. Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Both Barbara and Mickey accepted the respective offices.  
**Report of the Secretary:** The minutes of the July 26, 2023, Board meeting were circulated to the Board members prior to the meeting for review.  
**Motion #03-09-23** Brent moved to accept the minutes as circulated. Laura seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  
**Report of the Treasurer:** The report reflected an operating balance of \$13,845.58. The report will be placed on file.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**2024 National/Regional:** Brent encouraged everyone to support the fund-raising efforts to help defray costs of these events. Terry Berrios will judge the National and Elizabeth Muthard will judge the Regional. Brent also said the Annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the welcome event.

**Foundation:** There is a vacancy on the Foundation Board. If you know anyone who would be interested in participating on this important Board, please have them send a letter of intent to the Foundation Secretary, Julie Hamilton.

**Newsletter:** Brent is working on the next issue, hopefully featuring puppies. He recently had 3 puppies at a photo shoot for Chewy's Christmas advertising campaign. If you have any puppy pictures, please send them to Brent. The column "Ask Polly" is not available, however will be replaced by Rip's Caribbean Adventures.

**Membership:** The renewal period ended September 15th and we now have a total of 84 members.

Associate members - 21      Regular members - 59      Lifetime members - 1

Honorary members - 2      Foreign members - 1

**Judges Ed:** Corey is currently doing virtual presentations, that have been well received.

**Health:** No updates

**Unfinished Business:** Discussion held on having either a support entry or Regional Specialty at the Lexington, KY shows. It was discussed on possibly partnering with the Fauve Club. Brent will check with AKC to see if we can partner with the Fauve Club before we approach them with the idea.

**New Business:** Brent submitted two applicants to move from Associate members to Regular members. Terri Perkins and Alison Prokoczyk. Their applications have been sent to the Board for review prior to this meeting.

**Motion #04-09-23** Brent moved to accept both into Regular Member status. Barbara seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

According to the By-laws the President needs to appoint a nominating committee chairman. That Chairman can then name committee members. The slate is due to the Secretary by December 1, 2023. Corey appointed Laura as the Chair.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion #05-09-23 Barbara moved to adjourn  
Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm (Eastern).

November 15, 2023

**Roll Call - Present:** Corey Benedict, Barbara Miller, Brent Humphrey, Gail Sievert, Tiffany Cannon, Kitty Steidel, Micky Ford  
**Excused Absence:** Laura Offerdahl, Cindy Wilt      **Guest:** Brent brought up that Betty Barth had been sent a letter stating that the board had accepted her resignation. Micky Ford received the registration mail card that Betty had accepted and signed.  
**Motion #01-11-23** Brent moved to accept the minutes as circulated. Kitty seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  
**Report of the Treasurer:** The report reflected an operating balance of \$14,688.70. The report will be placed on file. Brent will resend the report, some members did not receive it.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**2024 National/Regional:** Approval notices have been given by the Peach Blossom. Barb brought up that the block of reserved rooms (15) for the Nationals has changed. The Hampton Inn is the new venue. Brent explained the reasoning behind the change. Brent will work on securing an area/room for the Welcome Party and suggested having the Annual Meeting at the same time to keep members there. Judges (Kitty & Nick) have agreed to do Ringside Mentoring at these shows.

**Foundation:** The vacancy on the Foundation Board has been filled by Terry Howell from upstate New York. Brent explained the process for the clinical trials (Long Legs and stated the first trial is underway. Hopefully a report will be generated soon, a second trial has been approved.

**Newsletter:** Brent led a discussion on the possibility of having Obedience & Hunt Work at shows. Anything you want in future Newsletters should be sent to the Committee.

**Membership:** Brent presented Jane Milaschewski from Florida, a new applicant for Associate Membership. With **Motion #02-11-23** Brent moved to accept; Gail seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

**Two other new Associate Members:** Susan Greenberg and Martin Uram were both approved through an email generated by Brent.

**Judges Ed:** Nick Frost did not renew, but indicated that he would like to continue doing presentations on behalf of the club. Corey proposed that Nick become an honorary member which is a requirement to do the presentations. As a non-member, he would not pay dues and cannot vote.

Kitty led discussion on ringside mentoring, Corey will send rules documents to her. She will work on developing a form for prospective mentors which would include experience and willingness to attend shows. Kitty also led a discussion on a laminated card for judges and mentors with photos and breed specifications.

**Health:** Gail initiated discussion on how the OFFA works, she would like to see statistical analysis of their data which they currently don't provide. She's working on a new survey for members. And she discussed possibly doing studies with other clubs on diseases like Epilepsy, Thyroid, Meningitis.

**Breed Preservation:** Corey reported that the committee is working with the Judges Ed Committee to promote the breed among judges and new owners.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Brent led discussion on the new show site at the Blue Grass Specialty in Kentucky as a possible site for future National or support entry. He'll check with AKC regarding partnership with the Fauve Club which has FSS status. Corey will contact the Fauve Club to see if they're interested in partnering with us for a specialty event.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion #03-11-23 Brent moved to adjourn  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm (Eastern).

# *The One, Two, Threes of*

I began my journey to France, with a side trip to the Netherlands, when I wanted to create a 3-generation pedigree of my GBGV, T-Bear (CH Sidekick's Brijolne Cor de Chasse Is Oso Bodacious). His co-breeders sent me a copy of his sire's Export Pedigree, but alas, it was all in French! So, I, with my rudimentary French, and Google Translator, dug in. I learned some very interesting facts.

The picture to the left is the key to what the abbreviations on the pedigree mean. This key pertains to ALL breeds accepted in France, not just GBGVs.

The titles in Red are Conformation titles.

The titles in Blue are certain working “tests” that can be completed by defined groups of dogs.

The information in the brown area lists colors and patterns available for all the breeds registered in France.

The smaller brown box defines the genetic testing and/or verification done.

The final maroon box is for “Breeders Quotes (Ratings)” pertaining to breeding.

# The One, Two, Threes of Export Pedigrees

France's registry system is the "Livre des Origines Francais" (LOF). It is the French version of the AKC.

France uses the 10 Categories of breeds set forth by the "Federation Cynologique International" (FCI). The 10 Categories are like the 7 Groups in the United States.

The Categories are:

1. Sheepdogs and cattle dogs (except Swiss cattle dogs)
2. Pinschers and schnauzers - molossoid breeds - Swiss mountain and cattle dogs and other breeds
3. Terriers
4. Dachshunds
5. Spitz and primitive types
6. Scent hounds and related breeds
7. Pointers and setters
8. Retrievers - flushing dogs - water dogs
9. Companion and toy dogs
10. Sighthounds

I was able to decipher the page of keys to the point that I understood what most of the abbreviations stood for that could appear on a dog's pedigree, both Conformation and Working titles. I was able to determine which group of dogs the working tests pertained to. I figured out all of the colors and markings they used. And I translated the Breeders Quotes (Ratings) 1-6.

So, I took this information back to the pedigree itself and continued researching.

By entering the names of the dogs in the pedigree in a search engine, I was able to find show results on some of them on a couple of French show pages just as we can here in the USA find dogs listed on different superintendent's pages.

I learned that in France, ALL pets must be microchipped. If you take an animal into France, one of the first things a vet will do is locate an existing microchip or insert one if the animal is not chipped already. I found the French microchip registry and once I determined what numbers on the pedigree corresponded to microchips (that was a palm plant to the head – DUH moment), I was able to look up the numbers and see the dog's information entered in the registry. The microchip registry in France is "Identification des carnivores domestique" (I-CAD).



This is the entry on the pedigree for R' Force One, T-Bear's sire. As you can see, he is a male born on 23/09/2020 (September 23, 2020). The dog for whom the pedigree is issued is the only dog showing a birth date.

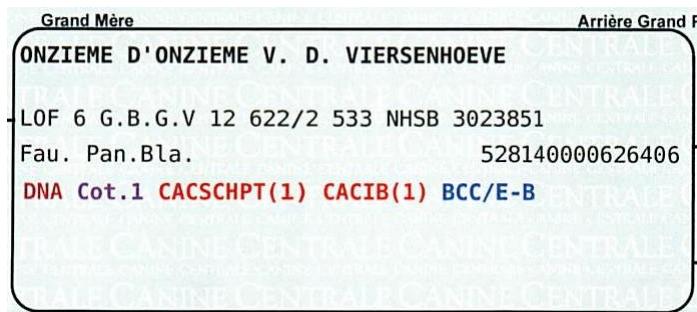
This pedigree was produced (written) on 24/11/2020 (November 24, 2020). His color is designated as Black (noir (Noi.)), Variegated (panachure (Pan.)) White (blanche (Bla.)).

His French registration number, LOF 6 G.B.G.V. 12848/0, means he is registered with the Livre des Origines Francaise. The 6 is the FCI Category he belongs to, Scent hounds and related breeds, the G.B.G.V. is his breed, and 12848/0 is the number of his registration.

# ***The One, Two, Threes of Export Pedigrees***

You will note that his entry also shows he was imported to the Netherlands 14 Juli (July) 2021. The Netherlands registry is the “Nederlands Honden Stamboek” (NHSB, Dutch Dog Studbook). Several of the dogs in this pedigree show NHSB registration numbers meaning they are separately registered in 2 countries.

The 15-digit number 250268743490852 is R’ Force One’s microchip number. Not all microchip numbers in this pedigree are 15 characters. Some are 6 and 7.



This entry on the pedigree is for R’ Force One’s Grandmother. The V. D. in the name is short for “Van De” I found that out when I found show results for her.

As you can see, she is registered both in France and the Netherlands (both LOF number and NHSB number).

She is Tawny, Variegated White (Fau. Pan. Bla.)

The brown “DNA” on her entry means that the genetic identification of the subject has been carried out.

“Cot. 1” is a Breeders Quote (Ratings) of 1, meaning she has been confirmed as a possible breeding female.

The two red conformation abbreviations (CAC SCHPT(1), CACIB(1)) mean she is a French Champion and an International Champion.

And the blue BCC/E-B mean she was in a hunting test and received an Excellent against Wild Boar.

It was an extremely interesting web trip to say the least. I feel that I learned a great deal about French and Dutch registries, and I even learned a few more bits and pieces as I was writing this article.

*Written by  
Terri Perkins  
22 January 2024*

# 2023 GBGV AKC Titles of Record

In chronological order by date title earned from January 1, 2023 through December 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  
BCAT  
DCAT  
FCAT2  
Canine Good Citizen  
Canine Good Citizen  
Rally Novice  
Rally Intermediate  
Rally Advanced  
DCAT  
FCAT2  
Scent Work Container Master  
Scent Work Exterior Master  
Canine Good Citizen  
Canine Good Citizen  
Advanced Canine Good Citizen  
Trick Dog Novice  
Trick Dog Novice  
Rally Advanced  
Rally Excellent  
BCAT  
Canine Good Citizen  
Trick Dog Novice  
Trick Dog Novice  
AKC Temperament Test  
Open Agility Jumper Preferred  
BCAT  
Canine Good Citizen

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  
Sidekick's This Year's Eye Candy BCAT  
Ethos Let's Go Crazy DCAT SWA SCE SEE RATO  
Ethos Loving The Northland FCAT2 SWD SWM RATO CGC  
Etho's League Of Her Own! CGC  
Right On Target CGC  
Sidekick's Secret Femme Hors La Loi VCD1 BN RN ACT1 TKN  
Sidekick's Secret Femme Hors La Loi VCD1 BN RI ACT1 TKN  
Always Sidekick Red Red Wine VCD1 BN RA AXP AJP ACT2 TKN  
CH Ethos Faire La Paix RA DCAT CGCA  
Ethos Intel Inside TD NAP NJP FCAT2 SWE SBM RATCH CZ8B CGC  
Ethos Let's Go Crazy DCAT SWA SCM SEM RATO CGC TKN  
Ethos Let's Go Crazy DCAT SWA SCM SEM RATO CGC TKN  
Ethos Let's Go Crazy DCAT SWA SCE SEE RATO CGC TKN  
Talus Sidekick Ace Of Hearts CGC  
Talus Sidekick Ace Of Hearts CGCA  
Ethos Let's Go Crazy DCAT SWA SCE SEE RATO CGC TKN  
Ethos Loving The Northland FCAT2 SWD SWM RATO CGC TKN  
Sidekick's Secret Femme Hors La Loi VCD1 BN RA ACT1 TKN  
Always Sidekick Red Red Wine VCD1 BN RE AXP AJP ACT2 TKN  
Ethos Lovefool BCAT  
Ethos Just Like Heaven BCAT CGC TKN  
Etho's League Of Her Own! CGC TKN  
Ethos Just Like Heaven BCAT CGC TKN  
Sidekick's Years Of Le Grande Chorale ATT  
Sidekick's Secret Femme Hors La Loi VCD1 BN RA OJP ACT1 TKN  
Right On Target BCAT CGC  
Sidekick's Years Of Le Grande Chorale CGC ATT

## Owner(s) of Record

Jane Jonas  
Jane Jonas  
Jane Jonas  
Lora Megli  
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean  
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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  
Teresa Turner, Corey Benedict & Brent Humphrey  
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean  
Joy Schneider  
Nancy Whobrey, Edward Whobrey & Nancy McLean  
Marcia L McGinnis & Steven L Roche Ph.D.  
Jane Jonas  
Jane Jonas  
Jane Jonas  
Karen Schaffer Meldrum, Claire Stretch & Nancy McLean  
Joy Schneider  
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean  
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean  
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean  
Bonnie Alonzo  
Bonnie Alonzo  
Joy Schneider & Nancy McLean  
Joy Schneider  
Jane Jonas  
Jane Jonas  
Nancy McLean  
Nancy Whobrey, Edward Whobrey & Nancy McLean  
Nancy Whobrey, Edward Whobrey & Nancy McLean  
Nancy Whobrey, Edward Whobrey & Nancy McLean  
Alison Prokopczyk, Corey Benedict & Brent Humphrey  
Jane Jonas  
Marcia L McGinnis & Steven L Roche Ph.D.  
Alison Prokopczyk, Corey Benedict & Brent Humphrey

## 2023 NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

*Ben Brummerhop,*  
Thornton, CO

*Susan Greenberg,*  
Hobe Sound, FL

*Jane Milaschewski,*  
Placida, FL

*Martin Uram,*  
Hobe Sound, FL

## 2023 NEW REGULAR MEMBERS

*Terri Perkins,*  
Enterprise, AL

*Alison Prokopczyk,*  
Rockford, IL



**GEORGIA**

Photo Submitted by J. Underwood



## 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 is thrilled to announce our newest board member, Terry Howell! You may have seen Terry Thanksgiving Day on the National Dog Show with his beautiful GBGV 'Liz' (Ch. Sidekick's Blizzard at Talus) representing our wonderful breed in the Hound group. Or perhaps you saw the two of them competing for Best Show Owner/Handler group at the GBGV Nationals this past April in Perry, GA.

Terry's love of dogs began when he was in high school, he became fascinated with learning about dog genetics and the show world. His first show dog was a Basset Hound, he finished owner handler at Eastern Kennel Club in Boston. He then fell for a Rhodesian Ridgeback who was finished in the New England area. After 13 years of love and family companionship with this dog, he started looking for a new breed, his close friend Fred Vogel, a long-time hound person and judge pointed him in the direction of the GBGV. The connection was made, and Liz came into his life.

Professionally, Terry has a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science and a Master's degree in Business Administration. He is Director of Quality for a clinical research team at Upstate Medical university. He is involved with keeping clinical trials moving forward to protect the public from infectious disease. This experience and knowledge will provide the Foundation Board support and insight to our projects of the Long Leg Study, Health Committee, and fundraising.

Outside of the dog show world Terry has a husband, two children, and a small hobby farm. His farm has poultry and livestock that are all considered rare by the Livestock Conservancy.

Welcome Terry!!

### 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 GBGVCA Foundation,

mailed to Brent Humphrey, Treasurer

3495 US Hwy 27/441 Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Through **PayPal** by sending funds to [treasurer@gbgv.net](mailto:treasurer@gbgv.net) noting in the remarks section "FOUNDATION"



# *Falling For Puppies*





# *Falling For Puppies*

# 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](mailto:bmiller4740@centurylink.net)

Brent Humphrey, 2024 Show Secretary/Hospitality Chair, [bhumphrey@bairdcorp.com](mailto:bhumphrey@bairdcorp.com)

Shari Green, 2024 Trophy Chairs, [luvofaspringer@gmail.com](mailto:luvofaspringer@gmail.com)

Julie Hamilton, 2024 Silent Auction Chairs, [julie.hamilton365@gmail.com](mailto: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

#### Hampton Inn – Perry, GA

102 Hampton Court, Perry, GA 31069 Tel: 478-987-7681

The hotel group rate is \$120.00 plus tax with a onetime pet fee of \$75.00 if dogs are in the rooms. Our block consists of rooms with both king beds and double occupancy. Reservations need to be made through the hotel directly at 478-987-7861. Mention the GBGVCA block when you make the reservation. The hotel is located less than 3 miles from the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agriculture Center. Amenities include free hot breakfast, business center, pool, fitness center, Connecting Rooms, free Wi-Fi with free parking.

### RV Parking

RV reservations can be made through the **Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter** online at the GNFA website, [www.gnfa.com](http://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.

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## 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**

**2024 GBGVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY:** The Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America, Inc. will host a concurrent specialty, in conjunction with the **Atlanta Kennel Club** for Conformation

**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.