

Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America

2024 SPRING Edition Newsletter



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It's a GRAND Spring!

A Message from the President:

Dear GBGVCA Members,

It appears summer is upon us with record-breaking temperatures all over the country. Just a simple reminder to keep mindful of our noble hounds and keeping them from harm in any extreme circumstances. We published an article in the summer edition of our newsletter in 2022 titled, "Is the Weather Too Hot for Your Dog to Handle" by Stanley Coren, PhD. There are many good points and recommendations in this article so refer back to it if you have a chance. If anyone does not still have a copy, please reach out to our newsletter team and they will be more than happy to send you another copy.

Well, the 2024 GBGVCA National Specialty & Sweepstakes and the 2024 GBGVCA Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes in Perry, GA held back on April 11 – 13, 2024 were a huge success. A special shout out to our show committee who did an outstanding job making sure everything was in place down to the smallest detail. A sincere thanks to our judges, Elizabeth Muthard (Regional Specialty,) Terri Berrios (National Specialty,) Carol Hathaway (Regional Sweepstakes) and Lynn Sobin-Comstock (National Sweepstakes) for sharing their time and expertise with us. Please read on to see the official results of the specialties and sweepstakes in addition to many candid photos of the Welcome Party, 2024 Awards Reception/Silent Auction and GBGVs in action or just having fun. I would like to commend our members and exhibitors for their comradery, sportsmanship and support of one another. We welcome any member, along with family and friends, to join us next year.

In addition, I would like announce that a concurrent 2024 Regional Specialty, in association with the Bluegrass Classic Dog Shows in Lexington, KY on August 31, 2024, has been approved. This cluster is held at the Kentucky Horse Park and more specific details will follow in club eblasts as well as the 2024 Bluegrass Dog Shows Premium List, which comes out very soon.

Lastly, I would like to thank our generous donors and supporters of the 2024 Trophy Fund and the 2024 Silent Auction. It is by your generosity and support that we are able to promote our grand ambassadors and host opportunities to showcase our breed.

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

Corey Benedict
GBGVCA President

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Kitty Steidel

Cindy Wilt

Rip's GRAND Caribbean Adventures

These past few months have been interesting! Mom and Dad have gone on a health kick and found a dog activity tracker. I'm now being constantly monitored. I thought I was getting enough activity by darting away from Dad on walks occasionally, but I guess it wasn't enough. So, they've got a Fi tracker on my collar now. This thing measures everything! It knows when I'm napping, sleeping, and even how many steps I take a day. The next time I try to run off, they will be able to find me without any issue as it tracks my every location. How crazy is that!



I know they mean well; they are getting ready to go on a vacation, and this seems to be the newest way to keep an eye on me, so I guess it's cool that they care. I'm not doing great at keeping up with the number of steps my Bichon brother, Bernard, or my terrier mix, Noriega, gets in daily – but they have shorter legs, even than I do, and get more steps.



There are seven GBGVs currently on the Fi app. I've met a new friend, the GBGV Eloise. She is kicking my butt in the number of steps per day and has a way more positive attitude about this device. Eloise says, "The Fi collar tracks my steps and daily activity! I'm not just chasing my tail; I'm reaching my daily 'pawsome' fitness goals one sniff at a time!"

At the beginning of May, I was able to do a trial run of this thing's tracking ability. It took Dad half the time it usually does to track me down! I didn't even get a chance to run with the neighbor's dogs.

Adios for now, I've apparently got to go for a walk!
Until next time,

Rip



*Click logo for more information on fi tracking collars.

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 Sobin-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 Sobin-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

GBGVCA Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2024

Roll Call - Present: Barbara Miller, Brent Humphrey, Gail Sievert, Tiffany Cannon, Micky Ford, Cindy Wilt
Excused Absence: Kitty Steidel, Corey Benedict **Absent:** Laura Offerdahl

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm (Eastern), by the Vice President Barb Miller

Report of the President: Corey was absent.

Report of the Vice President: Barb questioned if we need a motion to have Nick Frost designated for honorary member status in order to do ringside mentoring. Brent said motion not needed. Corey already contacted Nick and he was OK to do the mentoring.

Report of the Secretary: The minutes of the November 15, 2023, Board meeting minutes were circulated to the Board members prior to the meeting for review. Micky brought up a typo that had been corrected for the final minutes and that Corey was added at a non-judge ringside mentor.

Motion #01-1-24 Brent moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Gail seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Treasurer: The report reflected an ending balance as of 12/31/2023 of \$14,108.49. Brent reported that the trophies have been purchased for the upcoming specialty. He said there had been a few expenses. Donations have been low so far. Report will be committed to file.

Committee Reports

2024 National/Regional: Brent stated that he has been working on a caterer for the award dinner and silent auction. The welcome party and annual meeting will probably have to be in the grooming area or by an RV, Brent will follow up. Due to low donations, the trophies will probably have to be funded by the club. The host hotel (Hampton Inn) phone number has been corrected. Gail started discussion on Judges Ed at the Blue Grass Specialty Club and nationals. Brent has received the judges panel from Gail and will send the list to the board and submit for review.

Foundation: The resignation of Michelle Clark has been accepted. We are now down 1 member.

Newsletter: Brent stated the next issue is being worked on, no date given for delivery.

Membership: None

Judges Ed: Corey and Kitty have done some remote mentoring for judges. Gail asked about the possibility for Judges Ed at the Kentucky shows and Brent informed her that the minimum attendance needed to be 6 participants with a 90-minute presentation and 60-minute hands-on period. Barb initiated discussion on partnering with the Fauve Club which has FSS status in AKC and cannot partner at this time.

Health: Gail led discussion on trying to contact breeders not in the club but who have GBGVs and sending them a health survey. Brent said he spoke to his attorney who advised against doing this. The OFFA can do the health survey and let us know the results.

Breed Preservation: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Micky received an AKC/PAC letter requesting donations. The board has chosen in the past not to support a monetary contribution and has agreed to continue to not support any donation.

Micky opened discussion on the letter from Samantha Adkins inviting the club to be in the March issue of Showsight. It was questioned if the article would be free and if it was also possible submit 1-2 articles with the possibility of revamping Corey's article for the UK and having Judges Ed come up with a second topic.

Announcements: Brent reminded us that we are short on funds for trophies for the National event and encouraged everyone to donate.

Adjournment: Motion #02-1-24 Brent moved to adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38pm (Eastern).

AKC Canine Health Foundation: Your organization's 2024 fourth quarter Donor Advised Fund (DAF) statement with the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is attached, showing activity through 3/31/2024. Your support of good health for dogs through CHF enables us to work together for research grants that impact better health for dogs.

Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America Donor Advised Fund

1ST Quarter 2024 Statement (1/1/2024 – 3/31/2024)

1/1/2024 Balance	\$1,196.20
Contributions	\$0.00
PPCPP Contribution	\$0.00
Investment	\$70.82
Earnings/(Losses)	
Research Support*	\$0.00
3/31/2024 Balance	\$1,267.02

*To obtain a history of your organization's research support or to learn about research areas in need of sponsorship, please email chfgrants@akcchf.org.

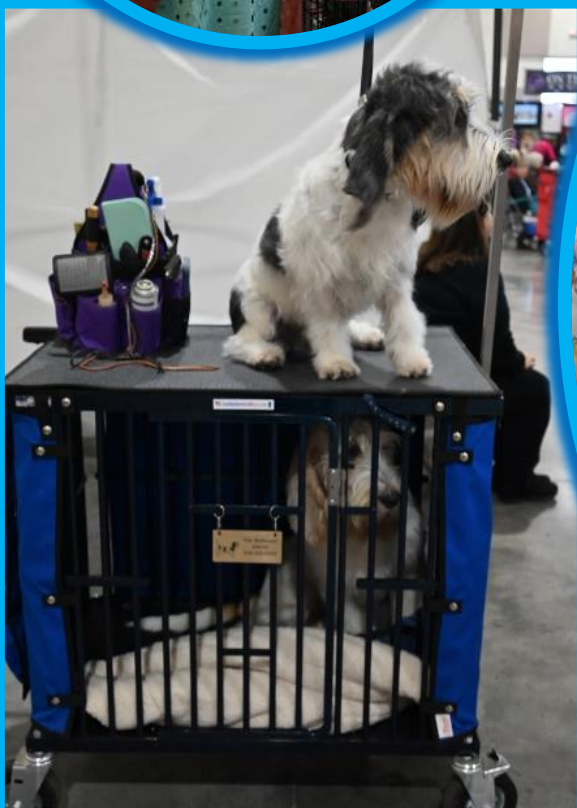
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NEW ASSOCIATE
MEMBERS
SUSAN MOODY
Atlanta, GA
PARKER PRESSNELL
New Tazewell, TN
DENISE TAGAMI
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
SUSAN THOMAS
Jamestown, NC

Welcome Party





Groomed & Prepped



2024 GBGVCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

12 April 2024 ~ Honorable Judge: Ms. Elizabeth Muthard



BEST OF BREED – WINNERS DOG – BEST OWNER HANDLED CH SIDEKICK'S AMOUR THE GROOVY KIND

Owned by: J. & L. Reaume, B. Humphrey, & C. Benedict

Bred by: C. Benedict & B. Humphrey



BEST of OPPOSITE – BEST VETERAN GCHS CH SIDEKICK'S ICE QUEEN AT R-N-B CM

Owned by: L. Green, B. Humphrey, & B. Miller

Bred by: B. Humphrey, C. Benedict, & L. Offerdahl

2024 GBGVCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

12 April 2024 ~ Honorable Judge: Ms. Elizabeth Muthard



BEST of WINNERS – WINNERS DOG SIDEKICK'S OSO BODACIOUS COURAGE LIKE A BEAR

Owned by: T. Perkins, B. Humphrey, & C. Benedict

Bred by: C. & P. Wilt, B. Humphrey, & C. Benedict



WINNERS BITCH – AWARD of MERIT – BEST PUPPY ARAGONEZ DU GREFFIER DU ROI

Owned by: L. Green, B. Humphrey, J. Paquette-Garcini & J. Huisman

Bred by: J. Huisman

2024 GBGVCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

12 April 2024 ~ Honorable Judge: Ms. Elizabeth Muthard



SELECT DOG GCHB CH SIDEKICK'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

*Owned by: B. Humphrey & L. Offerdahl
Bred by: B. Humphrey, L. Offerdahl, & C. Benedict*



SELECT BITCH CH TALUS SIDEKICK PERFECT STORM

*Owned by: Cindy & Philip Wilt
Bred by: C. & P. Wilt, B. Humphrey, & C. Benedict*

2024 GBGVCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

12 April 2024 ~ Honorable Judge: Ms. Elizabeth Muthard



AWARD of MERIT CH SIDEKICK'S ULTRA TRUE GRAND

Owned by: B. Humphrey & P. Pressnell
Bred by: G. Sievert, B. Humphrey, & C. Benedict

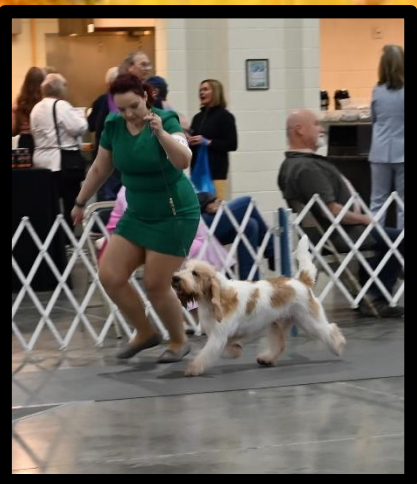


2024 GBGVCA REGIONAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD TABLE

Our sincere appreciation to our 2024 Sponsors

Dave & Lisa Ann Moore
Tiffany & Jeff Cooper, Owner GBGV & PBCV
Cade Copeland
Misty Paul
Shari Fennell-Duncan
Lance Green, Co-owner GBGV & LSS
Shari Green
Julie & Richard Sanchez
Jodi Strong
Thomas Howard
Doreen Hayslip & Craig Benedict, Shikha GBGV
Doreen Miller
Catherine Moulton-Bennett
Sara Rocco's Treas
Carl Stewart
Lynn Siskin-Coxworth
Chloe & Greg Strickland
Cynthia & Gerald Tancian
Crista & PMAW, Tiki GBGV & PBCV





2024 GBGVCA REGIONAL SWEEPSTAKES

12 April 2024 ~ Honorable Judge: Ms. Carol Hathaway



BEST in SWEEPSTAKES SIDEKICK'S COURAGE OF THE NORTH AT CROSSROADS

Owned by: L. Green, B. Humphrey, & J. Paquette-Garcini
Bred by: C. & P. Wilt, B. Humphrey & C. Benedict



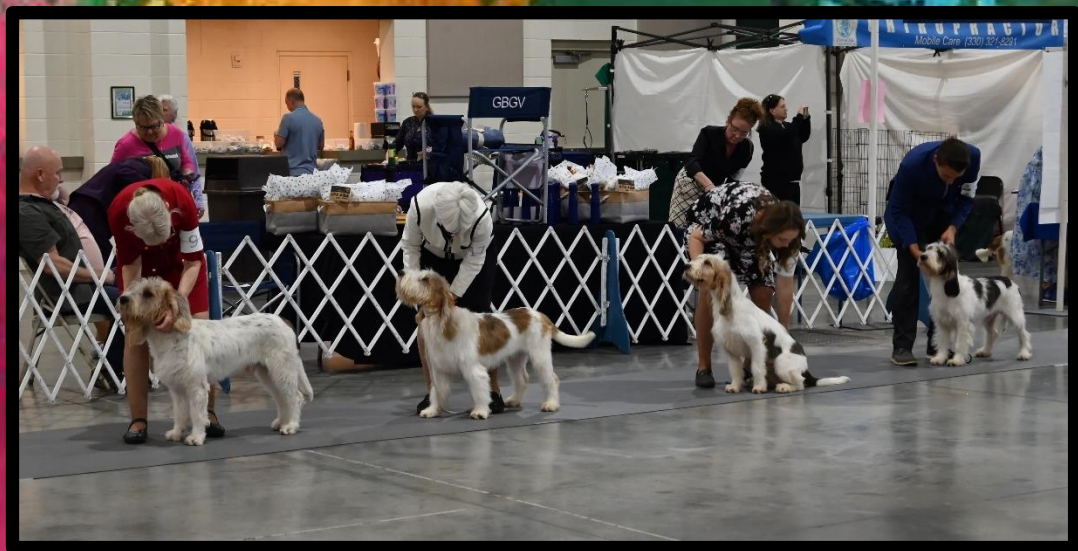
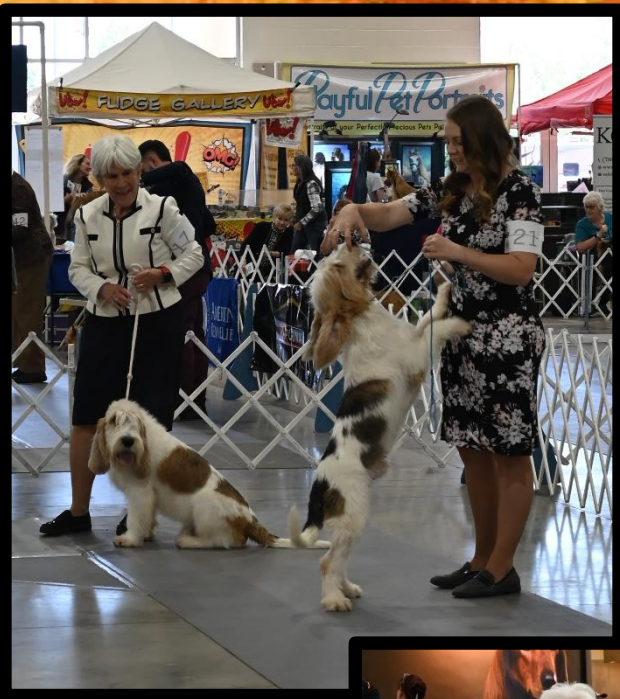
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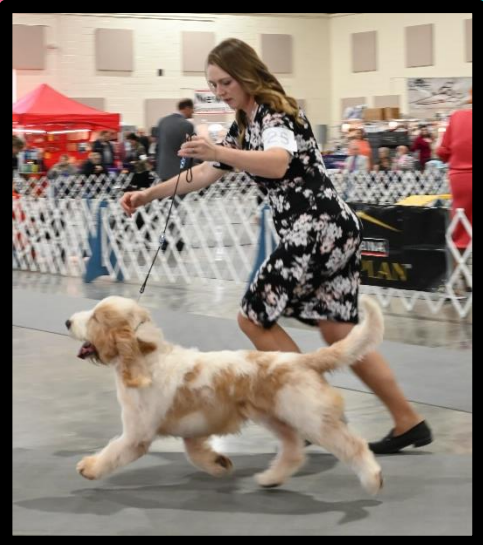
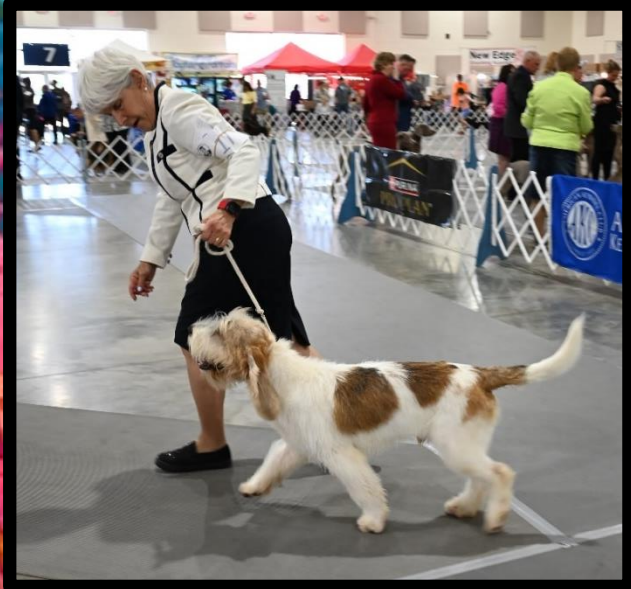
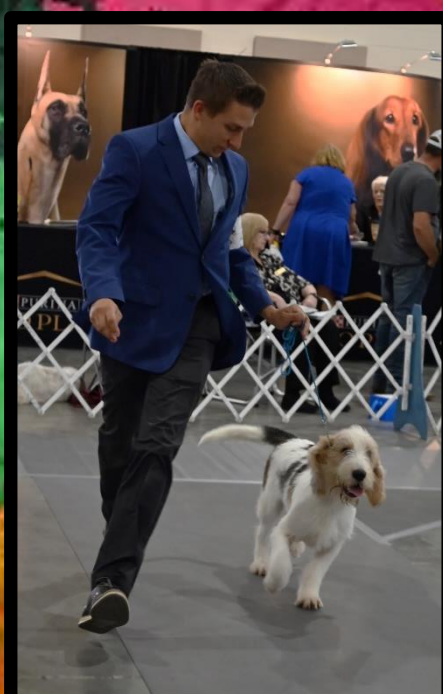
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GCH CH SIDEKICK'S ICE QUEEN AT R-N-B CM
Owned by: L. Green, B. Humphrey, & B. Miller
Bred by: B. Humphrey, C. Benedict, & L. Offerdahl

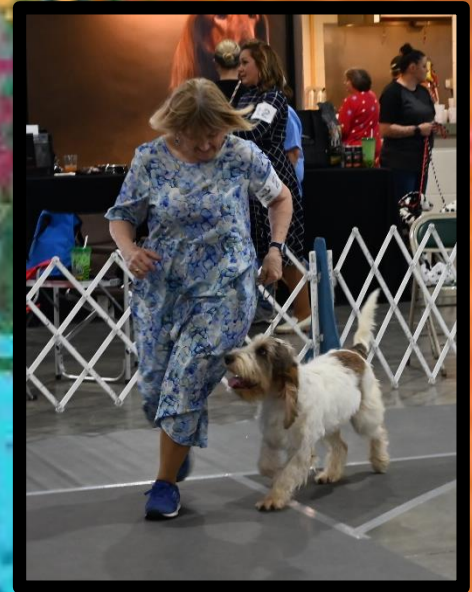
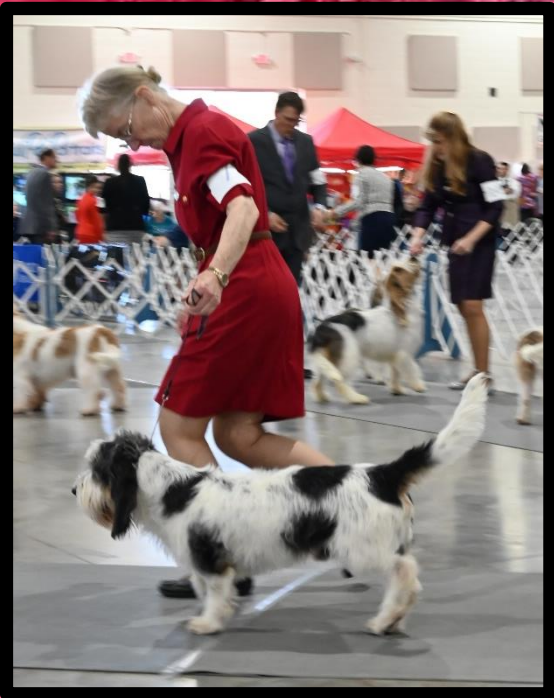
BEST OPPOSITE VETERAN in SWEEPSTAKES
GCHB CH SIDEKICK'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE
Owned by: B. Humphrey & L. Offerdahl
Bred by: B. Humphrey, L. Offerdahl & C. Benedict

BEST of OPPOSITE in SWEEPSTAKES ARAGONEZ DU GREFFIER DU ROI

Owned by: L. Green, B. Humphrey, J. Paquette-Garcini & J. Huisman
Bred by: J. Huisman







2024 GBGVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

13 April 2024 ~ Honorable Judge: Mrs. Terry L Berrios



BEST OF BREED – BEST OF WINNERS – WINNERS BITCH – BEST PUPPY **CH ARAGONEZ DU GREFFIER DU ROI**

Owned by: L. Green, B. Humphrey, J. Paquette-Garcini & J. Huisman

Bred by: J. Huisman



BEST OF OPPOSITE – BEST VETERAN – BEST VETERAN in SWEEPSTAKES **GCHB CH SIDEKICK'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE**

Owned by: B. Humphrey & L. Offerdahl

Bred by: B. Humphrey, L. Offerdahl, & C. Benedict

2024 GBGVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

13 April 2024 ~ Honorable Judge: Mrs. Terry L Berrios



SELECT DOG

GCH CH SIDEKICK'S THIS YEAR'S EYE CANDY BCAT

Owned by: T. Turner & B. Humphrey

Bred by: B. Humphrey, C. Benedict, K. Kellum, & J. Rose



SELECT BITCH

GCHS CH SIDEKICK'S ICE QUEEN AT R-N-B CM

Owned by: L. Green, B. Humphrey, & B. Miller

Bred by: B. Humphrey, C. Benedict, & L. Offerdahl

2024 GBGVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

13 April 2024 ~ Honorable Judge: Mrs. Terry L Berrios



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**AWARD OF MERIT
GCH ALWAYS SIDEKICK
GRAPES OF WRATH**

*Owned by: A. Reeves, T. Cannon & M. Reeves
Bred by: T. & B. Cannon, C. Benedict & B. Humphrey*

**AWARD of MERIT – BEST OWNER HANDLED
CH SIDEKICK’S AMOUR THE GROOVY KIND**

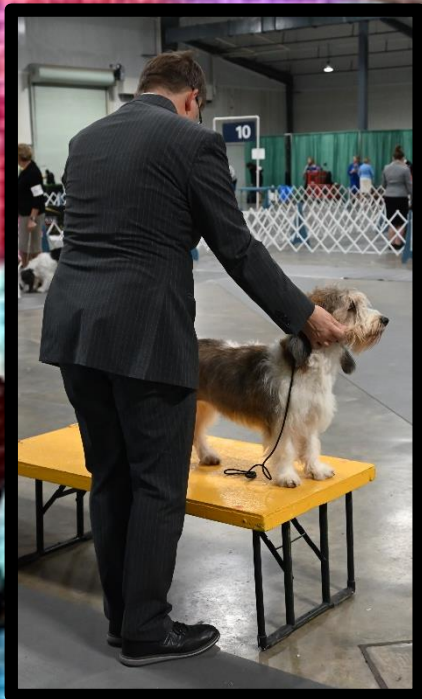
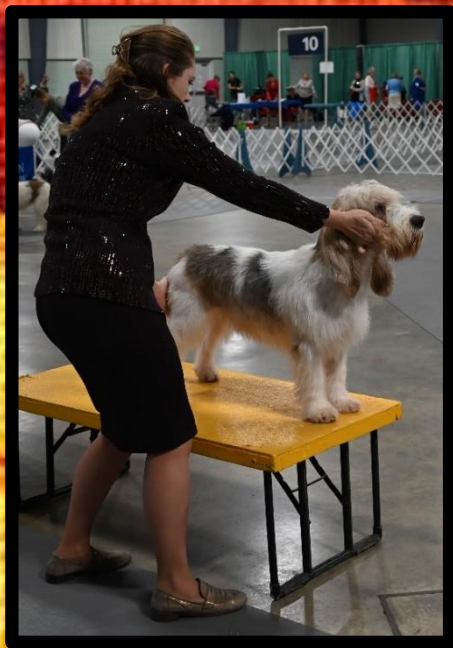
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Bred by: C. Benedict & B. Humphrey*



**WINNERS DOG
SIDEKICK’S THE STRENGTH OF COURAGE**

*Owned by: R. Schmoll & S. Moody
Bred by: B. Humphrey & C. Benedict*





2024 GBGVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

13 April 2024 ~ Honorable Judge: Mrs. Lynn Sobin-Comstock



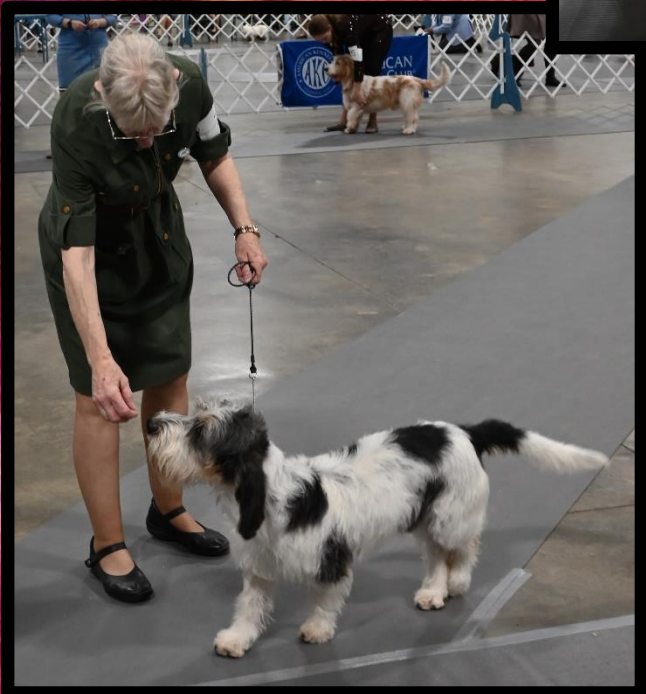
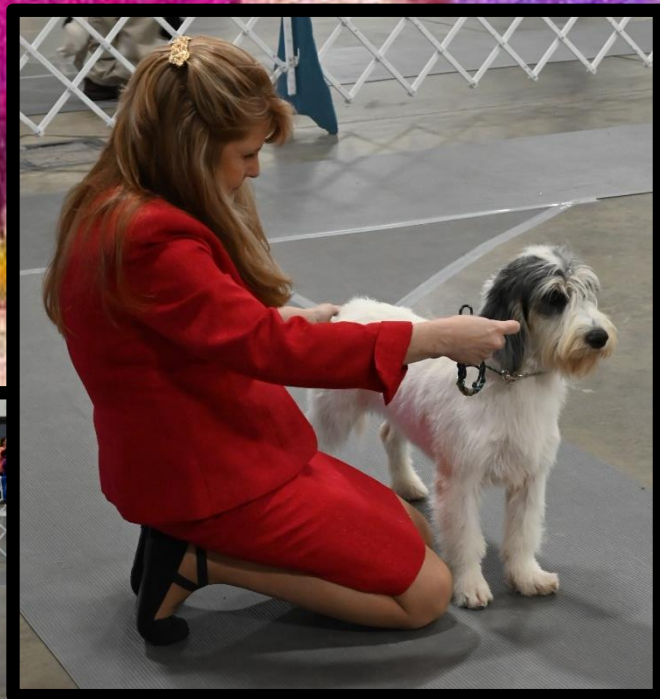
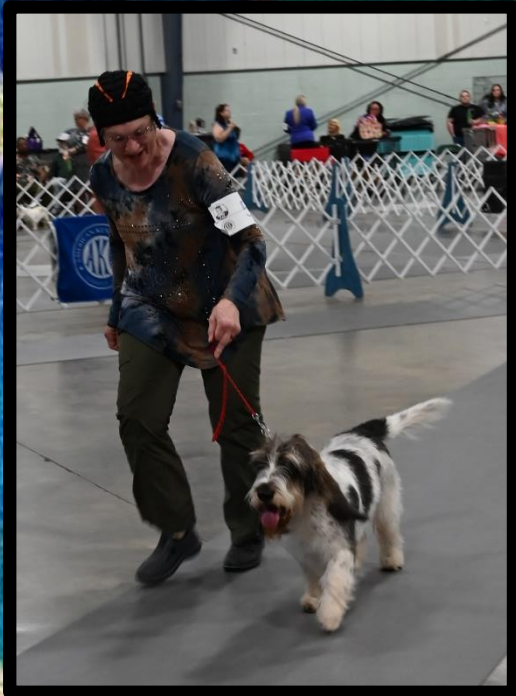
BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES CH SIDEKICK'S AMOUR THE GROOVY KIND

Owned by: J. & L. Reaume, B. Humphrey, & C. Benedict

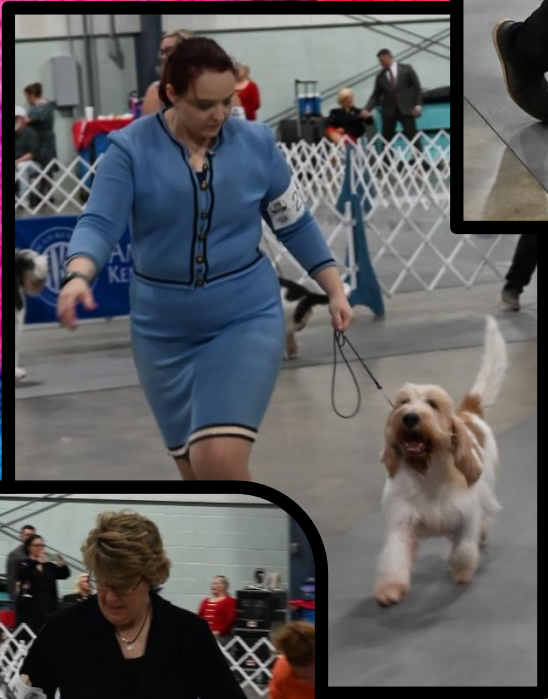
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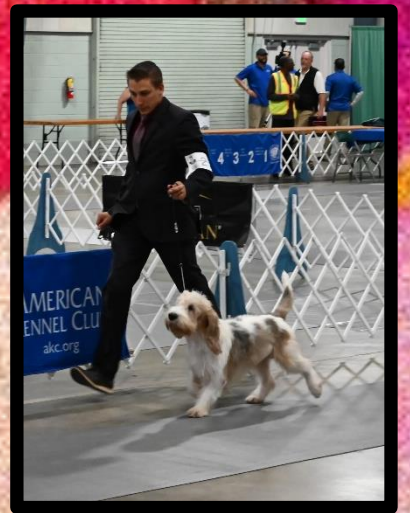
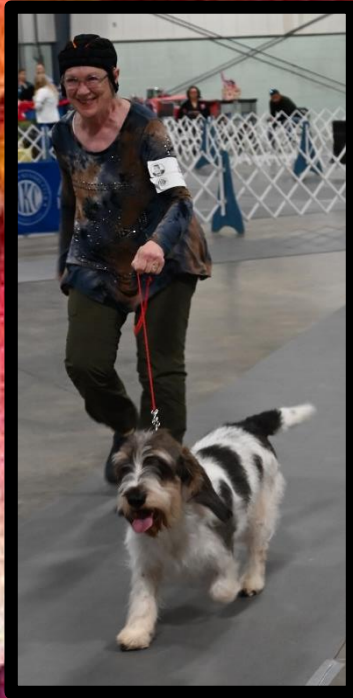
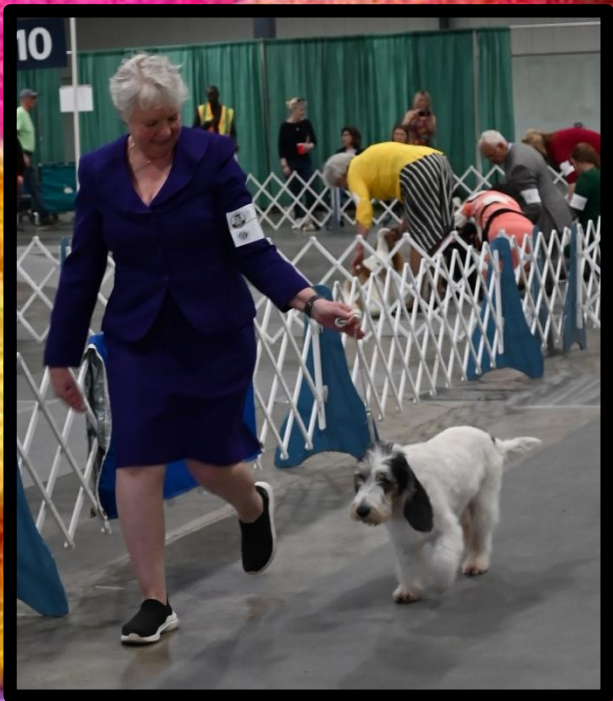


2024 GBGVCA NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD TABLE









Awards Banquet





#1 COLT
GCHB CH SIDEKICK'S SECRET WEAPON



#2 ELLIOT
CH SIDEKICK'S THIS YEAR'S EYE CANDY



#3 MOLLY
CH SIDEKICK'S
THROUGH THE YEARS



#4 BECK
GCH CH ALWAYS SIDEKICK
GRAPES OF WRATH



#5 LIZ
CH SIDEKICK'S BLIZZARD OF TALUS

2024 GBGV AKC Titles of Record

In chronological order by date title earned from January 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024

AKC Title	Registered Name	Owner(s) of Record
Champion	CH Sidekick's This Year's Eye Candy BCAT	T Turner, C Benedict & B Humphrey
Grand Champion	GCH CH Sidekick's This Year's Eye Candy BCAT	T Turner, C Benedict & B Humphrey
Grand Champion Bronze	GCHB CH Sidekick's Secret Agent	B Humphrey & A Tremblay
Scent Work Buried Excellent	Ethos Let's Go Crazy DCAT SWA SCM SEM SBE RATO CGC TKN	J Schneider & Na McLean
Advanced Canine Good Citizen	Etho's League Of Her Own! CGCA TKN	N Whobrey, E Whobrey & N McLean
Champion	CH Sidekick's Fortune Favors The Brave	B Humphrey & S Green
Grand Champion	GCH CH Sidekick's Ultra True Grand	P Pressnell & B Humphrey
Open Agility Preferred	Sidekick's Secret Femme Hors La Loi VCD1 BN RA OAP OJP ACT1 TKN	J Jonas
Scent Work Container Excellent	Always Sidekick Black Tie Affair BCAT SWN SCE SIA SEA	L Megli
Champion	CH Aragonez Du Greffier Du Roi	L Green, B Humphrey & J Paquette Garcini
Champion	CH Sidekick's Amour The Groovy Kind	J Reaume, C Benedict, B Humphrey & L Reaume
Grand Champion Bronze	GCHB CH Always Sidekick Grapes Of Wrath BCAT	A Reeves, T Cannon, B Humphrey & M Reeves
Rally Novice	Sidekick's Years Of Le Grande Chorale RN CGC ATT	A Prokopczyk, C Benedict & B Humphrey
Rally Intermediate	Sidekick's Years Of Le Grande Chorale RI CGC ATT	A Prokopczyk, C Benedict & B Humphrey
Scent Work Interior Excellent	Ethos Let's Go Crazy DCAT SWE SCM SEM RATO CGC TKN	J Schneider & N McLean
Scent Work Excellent	Ethos Let's Go Crazy DCAT SWE SCM SEM RATO CGC TKN	J Schneider & N McLean
Scent Work Container Master	Ethos Intel Inside TD NAP NJP FCAT2 SWE SCM SBM RATCH CZ8B CGC	J Schneider
Scent Work Interior Master	Ethos Intel Inside TD NAP NJP FCAT2 SWE SCM SIM SBM RATCH CZ8B CGC	J Schneider



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 health survey committee comprised of Terry Howell, Gretchen Tannenbaum and Julie Hamilton have been busy at work. Terry and Gail have done extensive research/work to find the best way to implement this health survey for the GBGV. They have had phone calls/discussions with representatives of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) www.offa.org OFA works exclusively with the American Kennel Club (AKC) to record health test results on the OFA website and on AKC pedigrees and registration papers. The OFA website has several surveys, a generic survey that is wide on overreaching and specific breed surveys.

Our survey is in draft form and should be wrapped up within the next few weeks. Data is collected anonymously by the OAF to encourage the most participation possible of GBGV breeders and owners. Correspondence will be sent out to all individuals currently owning or previously owning a GBGV. This letter reviews the purpose and importance of the survey and encouraging participation. Keep your eyes open for correspondence regarding this extremely important project! The board would like to thank Terry and Gretchen for their dedication and time, pushing this project to fruition.

The Foundation Board and Silent Auction Chair would like to express gratitude and thanks to the amazing support provided by Brent's staff, Amanda and Jenna. These two ladies do so many things behind the scenes to keep this project rolling. The Foundation Board thanked them with gifts of Totellini Bags for everything they do to keep this event rolling!

The Silent Auction held at the GBGV Nationals in Perry was a huge success. Many fabulous items were donated by Foundation Board and Club Members alike. Below are a few photos of some of the items auctioned off.



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Julie Hamilton, Secretary *Brent Humphrey*, Treasurer

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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 noting in the remarks section "FOUNDATION"

2024 BLUEGRASS CLASSIC

Saturday August 29, 2024

*The GBGVCA will be hosting a designated concurrent specialty
with the Northern Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.*

Kentucky Horse Park
Alltech Arena (Exhibit Hall)
Lexington, KY 40511

Show Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Judging will be Indoors



For more information [CLICK](#) on
Bluegrass Classic Logo above.

