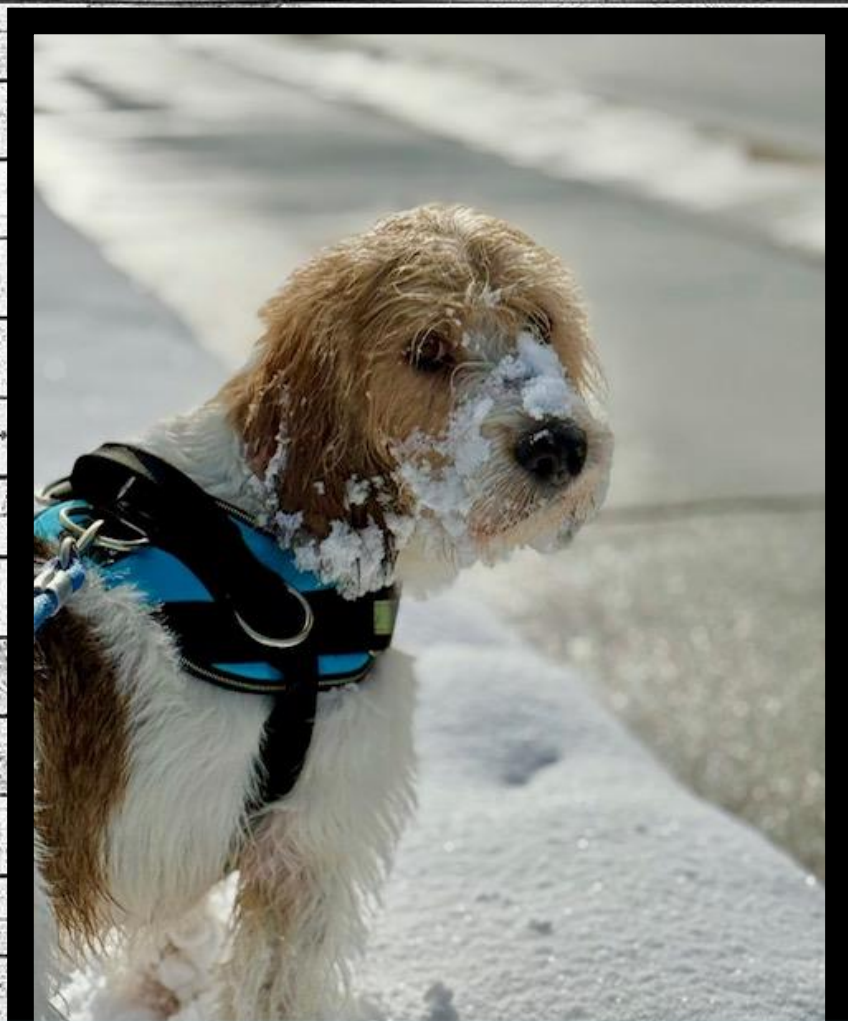


Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America

2024 / 2025 WINTER Edition Newsletter



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A GRAND New Year!

A Message from the President:

Dear GBGVCA Members,

Spring is on the way and we have much to look forward to in 2025. I would like to introduce a **NEW column** added to our newsletter called **"In The Ribbons"** created and submitted by Jane Jonas. We sincerely thank Jane for sharing her time and talent and we encourage all members to share their experiences, wins, almost wins and chuckles for the enjoyment and celebration of all.

The 2025 GBGVCA National & Regional Specialties and Sweepstakes are fastly approaching and read on to see further details later in this issue in regards to the schedule of events, accommodations, etc. This annual event is more than just an opportunity to compete with your GBGV no matter what your passion is. It is a wonderful time to share and spend time with fellow GBGV enthusiasts. Since our membership is spread out across the US, being able to bring our members together is a priceless time to make memoires, see old friends and build new relationships

The parent club, along with the Foundation, are continuing to spear head dialog and move forward to establish protocol in regards to breed preservation. The intent of this initiative is to preserve the longevity of the breed in the US for future generations.

In closing, if you have not made a donation to the 2025 General Trophy Fund, please consider doing so to help in funding our 2025 events. It is by the support of our membership that we are able to continue to promote our Grand ambassadors.

Stay safe...stay heathy...stay Grand!!!

Corey

Corey Benedict
GBGVCA President



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Rip's GRAND Caribbean Adventures

Hola! Friends,

I have some bad news from the Caribbean. What started as a routine vet visit on the island turned far more sinister.

The day began with a fun ride in my wagon attached to Dad's bike. I enjoy these rides. My sister, Noriega, had to squeeze in, too. Because we're getting older, Mom and Dad decided we should get a senior blood panel done, which is good practice for older dogs. Noriega threw a fit for the blood draw, but I was an angel, as always. See the photo for proof!

Vet visits here are different, with everyone needing to see the vet waiting in the lobby, and the visits are conducted in the lobby, for everyone to see. Here, the vet knows Mom can hold us for a blood draw, so we get her instead of someone we don't know.

In Utila, heartworms are a serious problem. Many dogs are heartworm-positive, increasing the likelihood of dogs like me, on monthly heartworm prevention, contracting it. The presence of positive dogs and numerous mosquitoes is concerning.

Sad news: my sister and I have heartworms. I was stunned as Mom and Dad take such good care of us! Bernard tested negative, and I'm happy for him. He's lucky he has a lot of hair, making it harder for mosquitoes to sting him and pass along the heartworms. The good news is, because this is such a problem here, the vet's office is experienced in treating it! They treat heartworm slowly for safety. I will be on medication for about five months, and once I test negative, I'll get heartworm prevention twice a month for life. They recommend all dogs get prevention twice a month.

I always knew heartworms were a concern when I lived in the United States, so be sure your parents stay on top of prevention and annual testing. If you happen to contract heartworms, they are easier to get rid of the smaller amount of time you've had them. My sister and I will be fine and get through this; we're tough! I wanted to be sure to share this with my friends as a reminder about the importance of heartworm prevention.

Adios for now,

Rip



Disaster PREP

BY *Julie
Hamilton*

Creating your “Go Bag” for your Pets

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t doesn't matter if it is a Hurricane, Wildfire, Flash Flood, Tornado, Blizzard or any other weather/disaster

situation, you need “Go Bags” for your family. If you have not thought about what you need to have in place for your beloved GBGV and other family pets now is the time.

Living in SW Florida we encounter numerous weather emergencies and we have come under mandatory evacuations for both fire and hurricane on several occasions. All of us living in the house have 'Go Bags' at the ready; including Bailey Boo our GBGV. In his bag I have collar/harness, leash, wipes, poop bags, towels (the small micro travel ones are perfect, they are in their own case) travel water and food bowls, empty large water bottle, copy of vaccines, license, vet info/phone numbers.

In addition to his go bag, I always have a minimum of one extra 40lb unopened bag of food as a part of his disaster plan. (I typically have two in the house) His medications are kept in one location, in a small bin, that can be grabbed quickly. I have a reminder list in the bag for review to ensure I have it all before heading out the door.

A new addition was added just this past fall – Contact Information on friends and/or potential boarding locations who can assist if I need to place him. As Hurricane Milton approached in

Sept 2024, we had an acquaintance who was traveling out of the country. The business where they boarded their dog, contacted them and said they were closing and all dogs needed to be picked up within five hours!

Through frantic calls and FB posts they were able to find someone to pick their pup up and care for her until they returned stateside. This was a very prominent dog care facility in our town, and a very unexpected action. *If nothing else, it is something to make note of when boarding, what is their disaster plan? Are they going to expect your dog to be picked up on a moment's notice?*

I can tell you from experience when the sheriff's car pulls in to tell you to get out because of wildfire your brain goes to a different place. Having your bag and list ready makes it much easier. I just grabbed Bailey's medication bin from the cabinet, put it in his go bag, threw his 40lb bag of unopened food and crate into the SUV. Now he is ready to load up.

Hopefully you may never have to use your disaster plan, however it sure is easier when the plan and go bags are at the ready. Make your Grand Plan today.

https://www.petmd.com/dog/care/evr_multi_hurricane_safety_tips

In The Ribbons

This is a new column to shine the spotlight on those who have gone where no handler has gone before. More aptly put, where no handler with a GBGV has gone before, and to invite those that are being the ambassadors of the breed in these events to share their photos, experiences, videos, training journeys, wins or “oh so close but no ribbons yet” adventures with their Grands.

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ince 2018 when our breed was Recognized, titles have been earned in at least one of every category in the Events listing: Conformation, Companion Sports, Performance Sports, Juniors, AKC Family Dog Program, and Title Recognition Program. And prior to that, in the 10 years we were in Miscellaneous, the first pioneers to exhibit with Grands also achieved some remarkable titles that can serve as inspiration to us all. I know they were encouraging for me.



But first I want to introduce myself briefly. This photo was taken at a show in fall, 2019, in my unlikely good fortunate to meet Terry Fieldler totally by happenstance. I was walking around the venue with my boy when a woman came running from a corridor, exclaiming “You have a Grand Basset” (in perfect French dialect). I was

then to learn she had owned my dog’s grandsire: “Nobel Mortz of Gentle Touch”. After a long hour of conversation, I learned about the contribution Mortz made to our foundation stock in this country. How he was campaigned internationally, and also, the fact he became a deployable SAR dog! I felt a sense of honor and pride to own a member of his lineage. I left the building feeling elated and it was then I felt I was a member of this GBGV Family! And that is exactly what we all are when we decide to share our lives with this fascinating breed.

But who knew they were also so talented? I spent over 50 years with Bassets before jumping into

this new breed. I thought I knew hounds. I do know hounds, but not ALL hounds. So, I joined the learning curve to find the sweet spot for becoming a team with mine, and take our efforts into the rings and fields and see what we can do together. And the opportunities are wide open and plentiful. There are approximately 200 suffix titles listed on the AKC website. YIKES!!. Not all are available to all breeds, but enough of them are that there is something for everybody. So, this is “our family page” for sharing our brags, sharing our insights, asking questions, congratulating ourselves for being ambassadors with our Franch Hounds. And answering all those questions about them, that we often get when we show up with them.

For now, I will invite you to share YOUR experiences., and/or pictures, so we can all know and applaud what our family of hounds are doing, please email me at janejonas46@gmail.com

I also share a couple links to inspire you. Joy Schneider has provided permission to include her website; mygbgvlife.com It was one of the sites that blew me away with how brilliant our breed is, as well as how GORGEOUS. Joy and her group have excelled in many venues!! And also, a link to some amazing documentation Terry Fieldler did with her beloved Mortz: Ottaray.com/Mortz Its a trip down memory lane.

Next issue, we’ll showcase any photos, and articles we get and also take a deeper dive into what some of those “initials ”mean....and what it involves to earn those titles. If your dogs are natural retrievers like mine are...I would HIGHLY encourage you to look at the new FETCH DOG titles AKC just rolled out. Your dog could be the first ever GBGV to do this and we’d LOVE to shine the spotlight on them in **IN THE RIBBONS**. Let’s do this together.

TILL NEXT ISSUE....

Jane Jonas

Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

18 September 2024

Roll Call - Present: Corey Benedict, Barbara Miller, Brent Humphrey, Jane Jonas, Cindy Wilt, Tiffany Cannon, Kitty Steidel, Micky Ford **Excused Absence:** Laura Offerdahl
Meeting called to order at 7:05pm (Eastern), by the President, Corey Benedict

Report of the President: Corey reported that the Blue Grass Specialty in Lexington was great. We had fourteen entries and six shows.

Report of the Vice President: No report at this time.

Report of the Secretary: The minutes of the July 17th, 2024 Board meeting were circulated to the Board members prior to the meeting for review with a corrected version also sent. Motion #01-09-24 Brent moved to accept the minutes as circulated. Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Treasurer: The report reflected an operating balance of \$12,906.80. The majority of the money spent this year went to the trophy fund and donations to the specialties. Brent has already sent three letters for membership renewal dues which is the main income throughout the year. He's had very little response. More discussion follows in Membership. The report will be placed on file.

Committee Reports

2025 National/Regional: Under the Specialties, everything is in order. Applications have been given to the judges; both are pending with AKC and just waiting for approval. Jolanda Huisman will judge the Nationals on Saturday, we need a judge for Friday Sweepstakes. Any information should be sent to Barbara or Brent

Foundation: Barb said there is nothing new to report.

Newsletter: Brent is waiting for result photos from the Nationals before he finishes the Newsletter which should only be a couple more weeks.

Membership: Brent stated that we lost twelve members who did not renew. Four of those were regular members, eight were associate members. There was discussion about how to get more members with suggestion of calling owners and trying to persuade them to join or renew their membership. Jane led discussion about who dropped out, were they associates who got a puppy, read the Newsletter and just dropped out. Brent said that two were no longer breeders, puppy buyers get excited, but they don't understand why we need the to continue their membership. Tiffany offered information on how the PBGVs (which is a bigger group) handle membership by use of their magazine having photo contests for the cover and a calendar. Brent suggested a motion to extend membership renewal by another 30 days and reaching out to members who did not renew. Cindy said she'd make the calls to those members. Motion #2-09-24 Discussion continued with Cindy suggesting a calendar which Brent said did not sell well previously. Cindy also suggested setting up a new Facebook account and running a contest with a theme and putting the winner's dog on the new fb page for a month or two. Prior to the contest the information would be put in the Newsletter. Cindy offered to look into calendar costs. Jane suggested t-shirts for members who bring in new members and also having the breeders include the membership fee in the sale price. Brent and Corey had previously tried that but found that buyers didn't renew. A new discussion breeder in the US, the lack of commitment, breeders didn't have the success that they had anticipated so they gave up. Meeting the breed was also discussed as well as how we can attract and retain members.

Judges Ed: Kitty did a session in Houston with Cindy and Kitty supplying the dogs. Corey did four ringside sessions with judges and has been doing several virtual sessions every 3-4 months.

Health: After long leg blood samples were submitted, it was indicated that there was a need for certain dogs in the pedigrees to submit DNA samples. All owners were asked and graciously submitted blood samples. We are waiting for Liz to respond with information.

Breed Preservation: Covered in previous discussions.

Unfinished Business: None

Other: None

New Business: Gretchen Tanenbaum an AKC delegate and meet the breed representative wants to address the board with her concerns about breed preservation. Motion #02-09-24 Brent motioned to let Gretchen speak at the November meeting, but only in her part of the meeting. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2024 Nominating Committee: Corey, Cindy, Laura, and Micky are all up for re-election. Brent suggested Barbara chair this year and pick her members, Barbara agreed to be the chair. Motion #03-09-24 Brent motioned to accept Barbara; Micky seconded it. Motion passed.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Motion #04-09-24 Brent moved to adjourn
Meeting Adjourned at 7:54pm (Eastern).

20 November 2024

Roll Call - Present: Corey Benedict, Brent Humphrey, Barb Miller, Micky Ford, Kitty Steidel, Jane Jonas **Excused Absence:** Laura Offerdahl, Cindy Wilt, Tiffany Cannon
Meeting called to order at 7:00pm (Eastern), by the President, Corey Benedict

Report of the President: Corey welcomed Jane who in turn gave a summarization of her background. Corey also reported that Allison did a Pet Fair, she was sent information from the Grand Club, and she was able to hand out pamphlets.

Report of the Vice President: No report currently.

Report of the Secretary: The minutes of the September 18th, 2024 Board meeting were circulated to the Board members prior to the meeting for review with a corrected version also sent. Motion #01-11-24 Brent moved to accept the minutes as circulated. Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Treasurer: The report reflected an operating balance of \$11,496.91. We did receive some money; Cindy called the members who had not previously renewed. The report will be placed on file.

Committee Reports

2025 National/Regional

The Nationals will be held in Perry, Ga in April. Brent reported that we have received approval from AKC, and both judges have accepted. Sidney will judge the Sweepstakes and Jolanda Huisman will be the judge for the National. There will be more information coming. Brent noted that we need money for trophies, Corey asked about the foundations donating and it was stated that they do support by providing items for the auction. Brent stated that part of the combined cluster is to help support the entries and the cluster provides many opportunities to show dogs and see our dogs.

Motion #02-11-24 Barb moved to have a Specialty at the Blue Grass Cluster in August/September of 2025, Brent seconded. Motion passed. Discussion started on cutting back pack classes (Bitch & Dam) if there are not any entries.

Motion #03-11-24 Brent motioned to eliminate them; Kitty seconded. Motioned passed.

Foundation: Barb reported there is nothing new, the Foundation is looking for areas to donate money. Corey mentioned that Gretchen wanted to donate to the canine Health Foundation which led to discussion about keeping the money in the breed and in research on long legs. Jane inquired about seizure disorders of the breed, asking if it is a concern in the breed, how it affects pet owners. Corey noted that epilepsy is not breed specific. It was noted that epilepsy and seizures are two different illnesses.

Newsletter: Brent led this discussion by saying that it is hard to get content. He encouraged others to submit items. Jane suggested that Corey do a section on grooming, not just for show dogs but also for companion dogs. It was suggested to call the section "Groomers Corner." Brent suggested that Jane write a third person article on the requirements for VCD1.

Membership: As previously mentioned, Cindy called non-renewal members and was able to get some of them to renew. When Corey saw Gretchen in Philadelphia, she mentioned that dogs from Tamara will be joining the club. Brent suggested that all breeders should include membership papers with the puppy purchase papers. It was suggested that the membership fee be included with the purchase price. Brent said he and Corey had tried that but found that buyers did not renew their membership. Discussion turned to lack of breeders in the US, the lack of commitment, breeders did not have the success that they had anticipated so they gave up. The topic wrapped up with discussion about meeting the breed and how to get and retain more members.

Judges Ed: Kitty said there is not anything new to add, she doesn't get many requests for information. She will have some donations for the hound group show on February 1. Corey has done several virtual sessions, Nancy has presented a few from her kennel.

Health: Nothing new to report.

Breed Preservation: Corey reported that Gretchen wants to support entry for the Charleston shows in January, there will be 4-5 grans at that show.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Corey started the discussion on Meet the Breed at Westminster. Gretchen will spearhead it for 2026. Discussion centered around the challenge of getting people on the east coast who are willing to travel to Westminster with their dogs, it's a lot to deal with in Manhattan in loading and unloading the dogs, having dogs that are a good representation of the breed, with good temperament. Jane added that AKC's website has photos, we could showcase the dogs on the club website giving breeder information, have a section of grans in the ring, with ribbons showing how well they are doing with rally and scent work, that they are more than just a pretty face. Photos could show companion events for potential puppy owners, a broader purpose other than just companions. Also showing our hounds titled. Jane offered to compile information on barn hunt and rally so people can see our hounds do more than show and confirmation, etc. Brent said he has that information from AKC. It was suggested to put in the Newsletter a section that Joy has on a site which is about Life with Grans as an incentive for puppy owners to see what the dogs can be trained to do and what it is like to live with them. Corey started discussion on expanding the website with a tab for GBGV Success and Wins showing all activities of the breed, rally, barn hunt, etc. Also showing stats and photos from confirmation and companion events. The site needs to be more informative. We'll see if Terry and add a tab so content can be provided.

Announcements: Nothing

Other: Nothing

Adjournment: Motion #04-11-24 Brent moved to adjourn
Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm (Eastern).

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are still in need of donations to the 2025 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 made a donation, 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 addressed to GBGVCA Treasurer, 3495 US Highway 27/441, Fruitland Park, FL 34731

2025 NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Joli Morales

Raleigh, NC

Ashley Olt

Haddon Heights, NJ

2024 GBGV AKC Titles of Record

In chronological order by date title earned from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 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 & N. 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 SBM RATCH CZ8B CGC	J. Schneider
Champion	CH Sidekick's Courage Of The North At Crossroads	L. Green, B. Humphrey & J. Paquette-Garcini
Champion	CH Sidekick's Oso Bodacious Courage Like A Bear	T. Perkins & B. Humphrey
Beginner Novice	Talus Sidekick Ace Of Hearts BN CGCA	B. Alonzo
Grand Champion	GCH CH Sidekick's Brijolne Cor De Chasse is Oso Bodacious	T. Perkins & B. Humphrey
Beginner Novice	Sidekick's Years Of Le Grande Chorale BN RI CGCA ATT	A. Prokopczyk, C. Benedict & B. Humphrey
Excellent Agility Jumper Preferred	Sidekick's Secret Femme Hors La Loi VCD1 BN RA OAP AJP ACT1 TKN	J. Jonas
FCAT	Ethos Let's Go Crazy FCAT SWE SCM SEM RATO CGC TKN	J. Schneider & N. McLean
Canine Good Citizen	Kaizen's Absolut Trouble CGC TKN	A. Olt
Advanced Canine Good Citizen	Sidekick's Years Of Le Grande Chorale BN RI CGCA ATT	A. Prokopczyk, C. Benedict & B. Humphrey
Trick Dog Novice	Kaizen's Absolut Trouble CGC TKN	A. Olt
Grand Champion	GCH CH Talus Sidekick Perfect Storm	C. & P. Wilt
FCAT3	Ethos Intel Inside TD NAP NJP FCAT3 SWE SCM SBM RATCH CZ8B CGC	J. Schneider
FCAT3	Ethos Loving The Northland FCAT3 SWD SWM RATO CGC TKN	J. Schneider
Scent Work Buried Master	Ethos Let's Go Crazy FCAT SWE SCM SEM SBM RATO CGC TKN	J. Schneider & N. McLean
Grand Champion	GCH CH Aragonez Du Greffier Du Roi	L. Green, B. Humphrey, J. Paquette-Garcini & J. Huisman
Scent Work Exterior Master	Ethos Intel Inside TD NAP NJP FCAT3 SWM RATCH CZ8B CGC	J. Schneider
Scent Work Master	Ethos Intel Inside TD NAP NJP FCAT3 SWM RATCH CZ8B CGC	J. Schneider
Tracking Dog	Ethos Let's Go Crazy TD FCAT SWE SCM SEM SBM RATO CGC TKN	J. Schneider & N. McLean
BCAT	Kaizen's Absolut Trouble BCAT CGC TKN	A. Olt
Trick Dog Novice	Talus Sidekick Ace Of Hearts BN CGCA TKN	B. Alonzo
Grand Champion	GCH CH Sidekick's Courage Of The North At Crossroad	A Lancaster, L. Green, B. Humphrey & J. Garcini

GBGVCA, Inc. Committees

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

Breeder Referral: Cindy Wilt, Chair; Tiffany Cannon

Breed Standard: Corey Benedict; Kitty Steidel

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

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Rescue: Cindy Wilt, Chair; Deborah Howd

Social Media: Corey Benedict, Chair; Terrence Howell

Website: Terrence Howell, Chair



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Mission Statement....

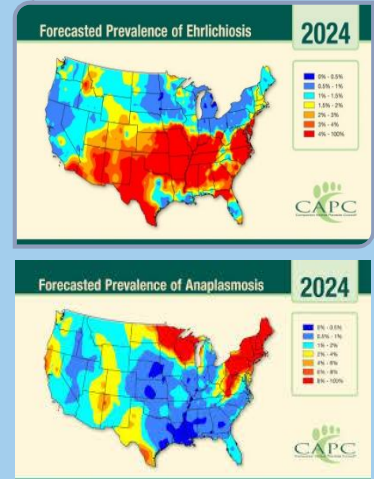
The Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America Foundation, Inc., was established to protect, support, defend, promote, educate, and preserve the health, breeding, well-being, and integrity of the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen through the receipt and administration of funds for charitable, scientific,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

The GBGVCA Foundation Board has donated \$2500.00 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Fund to support the following study on Tick-borne diseases. The Foundation Board believes this is vital research for the betterment/improvement of GBGV health.

Title-02981: Genome-wide Identification and Characterization of Peptide Epitopes from Ehrlichia canis and Anaplasma platys with Potential to be used as Vaccine Candidates

- Ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis are tick-borne bacterial infections that can affect dogs, cats, and people. They are related to rickettsial diseases and can cause serious health issues if left untreated:
- Dogs with ehrlichiosis or anaplasmosis often experience fever, lethargy, joint pain, and weakness. Other symptoms include depression, anorexia, weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea, and coughing. In more severe cases, dogs may experience bleeding disorders, anemia, seizures, or coma.
- A veterinarian can diagnose ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis by considering tick exposure and running a series of diagnostic tests, including blood tests to check for antibodies.
- A veterinarian will typically treat ehrlichiosis and anaplasmosis with antibiotics such as doxycycline or tetracycline. Dogs should be treated daily for four weeks.

The GBGVCA Foundation Board would like to thank board member Terry Howell for his research and presentation on the study. We are excited to finally be in the position to donate and support this worthy Canine Health Foundation project.



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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"

Upcoming Events

2025 GBGVCA National & Regional Specialties

April 9 – April 13, 2025



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, 2025 Show Chair, bmiller4740@centurylink.net

Brent Humphrey, 2025 Show Secretary/Hospitality Chair, bhumphrey@bairdcorp.com

Shari Green, 2025 Trophy Chairs, luvofaspringer@gmail.com

Julie Hamilton, 2025 Silent Auction Chairs, julie.hamilton365@gmail.com

Judges

Mrs. Molly Martin - Regional Conformation (April 11, 2025)

Mrs. Sydney Good – Regional Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes (April 11, 2025)

Mr. Randy E. Garren - National Conformation (April 11, 2025)

Ms. Jolanda Huisman – National Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes (April 12, 2025)

Host Hotel

Hampton Inn – Perry, GA

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

Hotel group rate is \$115.00 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 thru the hotel directly at 478-987-7681. 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 WiFi with free parking.

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.

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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
No living rooms. No rugs. No Lounge Chairs
No strollers in exhibitor buildings

One X-pen per four dogs
NO SOFT SIDED CRATES IN GROOMING AREA.
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 11TH at 7:00 pm. 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. \$30 per person.

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS *(Tentative)*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

Atlanta Kennel Club All Breed Show

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

Valdosta Kennel Club All Breed Show

GBGVCA Welcome Party & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

Valdosta Kennel Club All Breed Show

2025 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

2025 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 12, 2025

Atlanta Kennel Club All Breed Show

2025 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

2025 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.