

# Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America

2026 SPRING Edition Newsletter

**All About  
Grands!!!**

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**It's a GRAND Spring!**

# A Message from the President...

Dear GBGVCA Members,

It is a busy time of year, and we have so much to get caught up on and to share with you. First of all, the 2026 GBGVCA National & Regional Specialties and Sweepstakes in Perry, GA were a huge success and a sincere thank you to our show committee, chaired by Barbara Miller, and all our GBGV exhibitors and enthusiasts who joined us for our events and celebrations. Please read on to see the show results, award winners and view photos of our GBGV's in action. A special shout out to Joy Schneider who hosted a scent/nose work presentation in conjunction with our Welcome Party entitled, "Stepping Stones To A Scent-sational GBGV." Joy was assisted by Olivia and Nelson who performed tasks and demonstrations to the delight of all who attended.

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors, at a suggestion made at our annual meeting, has approved the addition of a second concurrent regional specialty and sweepstakes in conjunction with the Combined Specialty Clubs of Atlanta on Sunday beginning in April 2027. This adds an additional show opportunity for those who have made the effort to travel to Perry each year. In addition to the 2026 GBGVCA Midwestern Regional Specialty and Sweepstakes in Lexington, KY on August 29, 2026, the Board of Directors has also approved supporting the entry of the GBGV at the Mid-Atlantic Hound Shows and Hanover Kennel Club All-Breed Shows October 9-11, 2027. Make sure and mark your calendars! These events are detailed further in the Upcoming Events section later in the newsletter.

As noted on the cover page of this edition of our newsletter, we have a new interactive column entitled, "All About Grands!" This additional column provides the opportunity for our GBGV community to ask questions regarding health, maintenance, well-being and even the history of our noble breed. Please read on and share your questions which can be a valuable resource for the benefit of all GBGVCA members and GBGV fanciers.

As a reminder, just a quick note that I encourage all members to please follow and join the new club Facebook page GBGV-Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America (GBGVCA.) Our administrator, Terry Howell, does an amazing job keeping everyone up to date on current club affairs and events. Please feel welcome to support one another by sharing fun stories and accomplishments as well.



In closing, I would like to share my appreciation to all our committees for their time and efforts on behalf of the GBGVCA and our Grand ambassadors. Every committee plays an integral role in the future success and preservation of our beloved breed. I encourage any member who would like to be more involved, either in general or on a specific committee, to please reach out to me or any member of the Board of Directors for more information. As they say..."it takes a village"!

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

*Corey*

Corey Benedict  
GBGVCA President

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# Rip's GRAND Caribbean Adventures

Hello everyone! It's your favorite GBGV here, and I must tell you — life has been quite the adventure lately. Between sniffing out new trails, supervising the humans, and generally being magnificent, I've also been doing a lot of thinking. Today, I want to share something really important with all of you wonderful pet parents out there.

You already give us the best life. The walks, the belly rubs, the treats when you think nobody's looking — we notice all of it, and we love you for it. But today I want to talk about one more gift you can give us: learning what normal looks like for your pet, so you can spot when something isn't quite right.

Trust me on this one. It matters more than you know.

**What to Look For — Straight From the Dog's Mouth...** We dogs, (and our cat friends), are secretly very tough. We tend to hide when we're not feeling well — it's just our nature. So, by the time something is obvious, we may have been off for a little while already. Here's what I'd love for you to check on us from time to time:

**OUR GUMS.** Go ahead and lift our lip! Healthy gums are pink and moist — just like the inside of your cheek. If they ever look white, pale, or grayish, that means we need a vet right away. This takes about five seconds and is one of the most important things you can do.

**OUR TEMPERATURE.** Normal for dogs and cats is between 101°F and 102.5°F. If we feel really hot, are shivering, or seem unusually sluggish, a quick check with a rectal thermometer tells you a lot. Too high or too low means it's time to call the vet.

**HOW WE'RE EATING AND DRINKING.** Are we finishing our meals? Drinking a normal amount of water? Small changes in appetite or thirst are often the first quiet signal that something is going on.

**OUR BELLY.** Take a gentle look — does it seem swollen or hard? Are we acting restless or trying to be sick without anything coming up? In larger dogs especially, that can be a serious emergency. Don't wait on that one.

**OUR EVERYDAY ATTITUDE.** Are we a little quieter than usual? Less excited about our walk? Sometimes the earliest sign that something's wrong is simply that we're just not quite ourselves. You know us — trust your gut.

## You Are Our Voice — And That Matters

I want to share something personal with you. Some of you met my sweet island sister in the last newsletter. Sadly, she passed away from an illness that wasn't caught in time. The people who loved her did everything they could, but it was a good reminder for all of us: when something feels wrong with your pet, it is always okay to push for answers.

Ask your vet questions. Say "something still doesn't seem right." Seek a second opinion if you need to. We cannot tell you where it hurts — you are our voice, and you are the best one we've ever had.

### Rip's Quick Health Check — Put This on Your Fridge!

- 🐾 **Gums:** Pink and moist — peek once a month
- 🐾 **Temperature:** 101–102.5°F — check when something seems off
- 🐾 **Eating & drinking:** Any changes from their normal?
- 🐾 **Belly:** Normal shape, not hard or swollen?
- 🐾 **Energy & attitude:** Acting like themselves?
- 🐾 **Eyes, ears & coat:** Clear, clean, and healthy-looking?

When in doubt, call your vet. You're never bothering them — that's exactly what they're there for. Now go give your furry family member an extra snuggle today. I have a feeling they'd really appreciate it.

Until next adventure,

Rip 🐾

# AKC'S MEET THE BREED NYC

article submitted by  
**Ashley Olt**



It was a frigid weekend on February 7-8th with wind chills below 0 degrees, but it didn't stop approximately 30,000 people from pouring into the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City for AKC's annual Meet the Breeds event. There were over 100+ dog breeds represented by over 1,000 individual dogs at this year's event. And alas, our GBGV's had made their return! With the dedicated coordination of Gretchen Tanenbaum, our four breed ambassadors took over the GBGV booth, ready to greet attendees with excitement and wagging tails.

Throughout the event, visitors were drawn to the GBGV's charm, temperament, and distinctive appearance—many encountering the breed for the very first time, while others made a point to seek them out. It was a great opportunity to ask and answer questions about our breed's personality, grooming requirements, activity level, and just about everything else you can imagine! Our Grands enjoyed meeting all their new friends too, getting constant pets, performing tricks, and singing a song or two as the constant flow of new admirers greeted them with big smiles and outreached arms.

One highlight was meeting a French man from Vendéen! He was shocked and so excited to see a breed that originated from his motherland. As you can imagine, lots of photos and laughter ensued. It was also nice to hear the proper pronunciation of Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen with a true French accent!

Our hounds and humans left the weekend exhausted but with full hearts knowing that thousands of people finally got to see how special our breed really is.

We extend our sincere thanks to Terry Howell with Liz; Chris and Grace Mayo with Ivy; Ashley Olt with Monty; and Travis Brock with Molly for their dedication and enthusiasm in representing the breed. Their efforts were instrumental in creating meaningful connections and increasing awareness of the GBGV.

This event served as a powerful reminder that "promoting the breed is preserving the breed." By introducing the GBGV to a broad and diverse audience, we continue to build interest, understanding, and appreciation for its future.



# 2026 GBGVCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

10 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Mrs. Linda M Riedel



## BEST OF BREED GCH CH SIDEKICK'S FORTUNE FAVORS THE BRAVE

*Owned by: Brent Humphrey & Shari Green  
Bred by: Corey Benedict & Brent Humphrey*



## BEST OF OPPOSITE – BEST OF BREED OWNER HANDLED CH ARAGONEZ DU GREFFIER DU ROI

*Owned by: Laurie Green, Brent Humphrey, Jody Paquette-Garcini  
Bred by: Jolanda Huisman*

# 2026 GBGVCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

10 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Mrs. Linda M Riedel



## BEST of WINNERS – WINNERS DOG – BEST PUPPY GRAND MONTAGNARD DU GREFFIER DU ROI

*Owned by: L. Green  
Bred by: J. Huisman*



## WINNERS BITCH SIDEKICK'S EPIC PARTY GIRL

*Owned by: C. & D. Rosenberg, & B. Humphrey  
Bred by: B. Humphrey*

# 2026 GBGVCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

10 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Mrs. Linda M Riedel



## SELECT BITCH GCH CH SIDEKICK'S THROUGH THE YEARS CGC TKN

Owned by: G & G Tanenbaum, & B. Humphrey  
Bred by: B. Humphrey, C. Benedict, K. Kellem, & J. Rose



## AWARD OF MERIT – BEST VETERAN GCHB CH SIDEKICK'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

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

# 2026 GBGVCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

10 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Mrs. Linda M Riedel



## NOT PICTURED

SELECT DOG  
**CH SIDEKICK'S COURAGE OF THE NORTH AT CROSSROAD**

Owned by: Laurie Green  
Bred by: B. Humphrey, C. Benedict, & C. & P. Witt

RESERVE WINNERS DOG  
**TALUS SIDEKICK REMBRANDT**

Owned by: C & W. Witt and G. Tanenbaum  
Bred by: C. & W. Witt

AWARD OF MERIT  
**CH SIDEKICK'S TEMPEST STORM OF TALUS**

Owned by: Brent Humphrey  
Bred by: Cindy & Phil Wilt, Brent Humphrey, & Corey Benedict



RESERVE WINNERS BITCH  
**SIDEKICK'S YEAR OF LE GRANDE CHORALE GGCA RN BN**

Owned by: A. Prokopczyk, B. Humphrey, & C. Benedict  
Bred by: B. Humphrey, C. Benedict, & K. Kellum

# 2026 GBGVCA REGIONAL SWEEPSTAKES

10 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Mrs. Robin MacFarlane



## BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES GRAND MONTAGNARD DU GREFFIER DU ROL

Owned by: Laurie Green  
Bred by: J. Huisman

### NOT PICTURED

BEST of OPPOSITE in SWEEPSTAKES  
SIDEKICK'S EPIC PARTY GIRL

Owned by: C. & D. Rosenberg and B. Humphrey  
Bred by: B. Humphrey

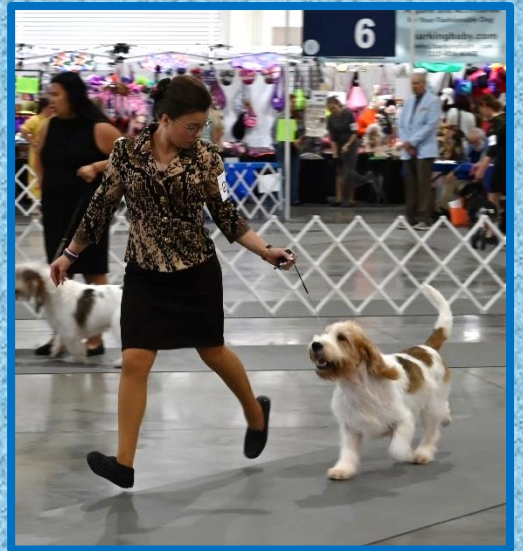
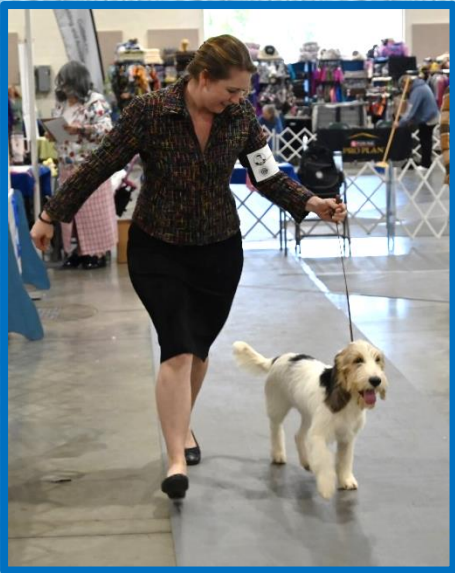
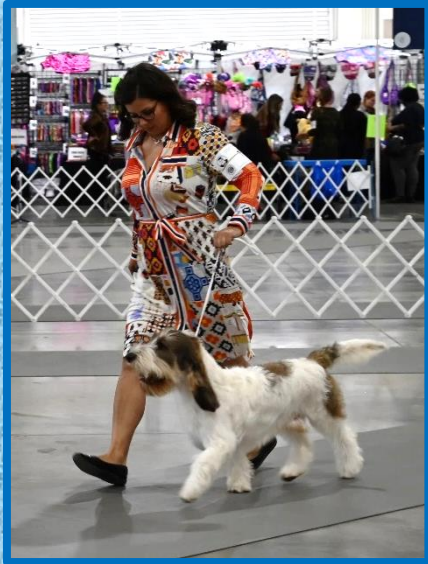
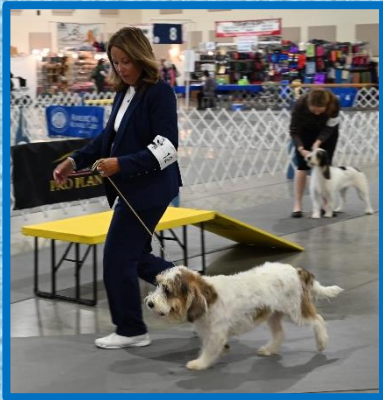
BEST VETERAN in SWEEPSTAKES  
GCHB CH SIDEKICK'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

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



## 2026 GBGVCA REGIONAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD TABLE







**2026 GBGVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**  
11 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Ms. Andrea Bradford MD



**BEST of BREED**  
**GCHB CH SIDEKICK'S COURAGE OF THE NORTH AT CROSSROAD**

*Owned by: Laurie Green*  
*Bred by: B. Humphrey, C. Benedict, & C. & P. Witt*



**BEST of OPPOSITE**  
**CH ARAGONEZ DU GREFFIER DU ROI**

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

**2026 GBGVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**  
11 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Ms. Andrea Bradford MD



**BEST OF WINNERS - WINNERS DOG – BEST PUPPY**  
**TALUS SIDEKICK REMBRANDT**  
*Owned by: C & P Wilt and G Tanenbaum*  
*Bred by: C & P Wilt*



**WINNERS BITCH – AWARD OF MERIT**  
**SIDEKICK'S EPIC ECLIPSE**  
*Owned by: Brent Humphrey*  
*Bred by: Brent Humphrey*

**2026 GBGVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**  
11 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Ms. Andrea Bradford MD



**SELECT DOG**  
**GRAND MONTAGNARD DU GREFFIER DU ROI**

*Owned by: Laurie Green  
Bred by: J. Huisman*



**SELECT BITCH**  
**CH SIDEKICK'S TEMPEST STORM OF TALUS**

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

**2026 GBGVCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**  
11 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Ms. Andrea Bradford MD



**BEST VETERAN - AWARD of MERIT**  
**GCHB CH SIDEKICK'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE**  
*Owned by: Brent Humphrey & Laura Offerdahl*  
*Bred by: B. Humphrey, L. Offerdahl, & C. Benedict*

***NOT PICTURED***

**RESERVE WINNERS BITCH**  
**SIDEKICK'S TALUS WORK OF ART**  
*Owned by: B. Humphrey, C. Benedict, & S. Green*  
*Bred by: Cindy & Phil Wilt*

# 2026 GBGVCA NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES

11 April 2026 ~ Honorable Judge: Mr. Kent D MacFarlane



**BEST of SWEEPSTAKES  
TALUS SIDEKICK REMBRANDT**  
Owned by: Cindy & Phil Wilt and Gretchen Tanenbaum  
Bred by: Cindy & Phil Wilt

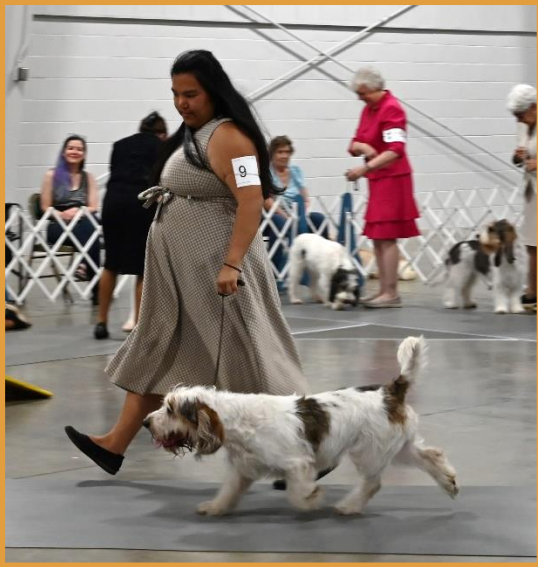
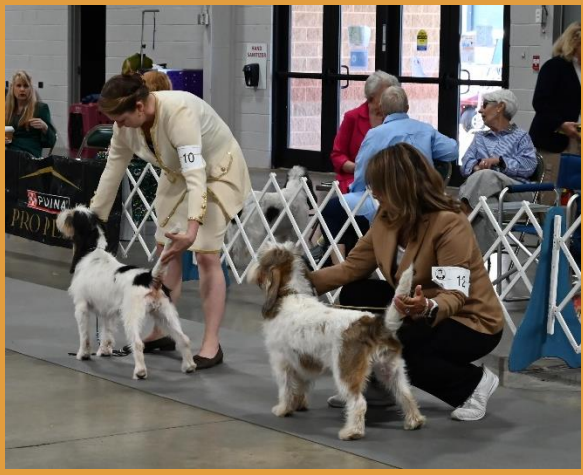
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**BEST of OPPOSITE in SWEEPSTAKES  
SIDEKICK'S EPIC PARTY GIRL**  
Owned by: Cindy & Dov Rosenberg and Brent Humphrey  
Bred by: Brent Humphrey

**BEST VETERAN in SWEEPSTAKES  
GCHB CH SIDEKICK'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE**  
Owned by: Brent Humphrey & Laura Offerdahl  
Bred by: Brent Humphrey, Laura Offerdahl & Cory Benedict



## **2026 GBGVCA NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD TABLE**





# In The Ribbons

In this issue, two club members, Joy Schneider and Karen Meldrum, who entered a few of the All-Breed events at the Peach Blossom shows and brought home a Qualifying ribbons and new Titles! Additionally, I'm sharing a discussion with club member Karen Meldrum and her experiences with her previous Grands.



Karen proudly introduces her current girl: Lifetime Always Cool As A Coconut, BCAT, CGC, TKN (Lydia)...seen here with her FOUR new Qualifying ribbons to earn points toward their next title: DCAT!! ...and their new Track Dog title (TKN)!



When I reached out to Karen to share more, she replied with a recap of her years with this breed. I continue to be so impressed with what others have done and the experiences they have had with their Grands!

Karen related that she always attends the Nationals and they are the highlight of her year. This year she and Lydia had earned the CGC in St Louis and then added the BCAT one week prior to the Nationals. So, she took advantage of entering Coursing events while at Perry and earned the 4 Q's to garner points toward their DCAT title. Two of those runs were personal bests, timewise, for Lydia! To finish out the weekend, they also added TKN (Trick Dog Novice) on Saturday.

I asked Karen if Lydia is her first GBGV and she shared that she is her FIFTH...having owned her sire, Chablis du Levant de la Vielle Marne, CM, THD, CGC. Karen states that THAT dog, her first Grand, opened up a whole new world for her, and that among his many attributes, he was a perceptively astounding Therapy dog. Her second was another male, Kayakyi Embrace the Limelight (Elbe) who attained several titles in UKC and also earned his CGC, THD, THD<sub>1</sub>, THD<sub>2</sub> titles. Her third male was Gebeba's Philadelphia City Special at Vernaccia, CM (Jimmy Parker). Jimmy sired a litter of 10 puppies and Karen then acquired the dame of that litter, CH Ethos Faire La Paix, RA, BCAT, DCAT, CGCA (Olive). Olive came to her already having several of those titles, but together they earned the DCAT title and Karen says that is how she got hooked on Fast Cat. Thus...the current journey she and Lydia are on together! Karen encapsulates her life with these five Grands by saying:

*"This breed is perfect for me. It is a HOUND (I love it when they "give voice freely"). It is plenty big enough to know you have a sturdy dog on the end of your lead. LOVE the beard and eyebrows. Each new Grand has taught me new things and exposed me to new challenges. NO TWO ARE ALIKE. Playing with them, exposing them to new situations and opportunities is a great way to form bonds, and often eye-opening. Watching how they solve puzzles/ new challenges can be hilarious."*

Our other member, Joy Schneider, attended the Perry shows and brought along her two GBGV for a presentation for club members about her experiences and training in Scent Work/ Nose work. These are the main focus for her and all her Grands, especially her two current ones, but they also embrace other activities. She managed to fit in CAT and Barn Hunt, with Olivia and Nelson. Joy says that if there are sports they can do together, why not?

Olivia earned her CA title and added the final leg to complete her Senior RAT title!



Nelson, not to be outdone, also garnered his second leg toward that same title, Senior RATS...and did it by also earning a Second-place ribbon, as well.

For those not familiar with Coursing events, nor Barn Hunt (which I am not, but I'm learning through these accomplishments from others!), she related that she was excited to learn that CAT was offered and the area was fully fenced...a requirement for her if she is considering running ANY course with a hound. As for Barn Hunt, she relates that as the levels progress, it does get more challenging. While her two current dogs HAVE progressed to the Senior level, it takes great persistence to meet all the requirements, especially in the absence of providing a food treat reward when the search is being done. However, she does have one GBGV that completed this event all the way to RATCH (Rat Champion) That was her girl, Ethos Intel Inside TD, NAP, NJP, SWM, RATCH, CZ8B, FCAT<sub>3</sub>, CGC, ELT<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>1</sub>E, L<sub>1</sub>C, L<sub>2</sub>. (Madison).



Joy concludes:

*"...there is so much time when sports can be done and so many other breeds do multiple sports and show their dogs....If we go back to Perry someday, I will enter her in more of them for her next title."*

Click on this link to watch Olivia do one of her CAT runs YouTube [https://youtu.be/iyBg7U\\_s2sU?si=ujFzuOLW6R5VlwbI](https://youtu.be/iyBg7U_s2sU?si=ujFzuOLW6R5VlwbI)

NEXT ISSUE, we will continue this "spotlight" with others who have been busy with their GBGV's. It is my privilege to meet members via this column. I encourage you to share your stories. THIS IS YOUR COLUMN! I'm delighted to be the messenger. Hugs to your hounds!

*Jane*

# TOP 5



**# 1 NORTH**  
GCHB CH Sidekick's Courage  
of the North at Crossroad



**# 2 BRANCA**  
GCH CH Aragonéz Du  
Greffier Du Roi



**# 3 ELLIOTT**  
GCH CH Sidekick's This  
Year's Eye Candy



**# 4 JOVIE**  
CH Ethos Walking On Air



**# 5 MOLLY**  
GCH CH Sidekick's  
Through The Years

# The "Scent-sational" GBGV

First, I would like to thank those of you who attended the scent/nose work presentation in Perry, Georgia. So many turned out and I hope to have given everyone something to think about and hopefully at least a few people will give nose work a try. Please do call or email me if you ever have questions or are looking for information about sniff sports as I'm happy to help!



An FYI about trials, if you enter AKC trials, your dog must be registered with the AKC. NACSW requires a membership which is \$35/dog for their lifetime and \$35/year for the human.

In this issue I decided it would be most helpful to give some tips on how to get started in the sport of nose work. Since most people have never been to a nose work trial, it is very helpful to volunteer for at least a trial or two before you compete the first time. Being a volunteer is like getting a free lesson. I volunteered for a full day the day before my first trial, and it helped me out so much for my first trial! Clubs can always use volunteers, and they are happy to teach new volunteers what they need to do their job for the day. It is not important what level they have you working at as you can learn a lot from any level. Typically, clubs accept volunteers for a full or half day. Lunch is normally served for the workers, and some clubs have small gifts for volunteers as well.

When it comes to volunteering, it is possible to volunteer and compete at AKC scent work trials. You can't volunteer for the element(s) you are entered in, but you can for the other elements.



NACSW does not allow you to volunteer for a trial you are competing in. You need to volunteer for a different day that weekend or a whole different weekend.

What can you learn from volunteering?

- Who are the players? Gate steward, judges steward, judge, timer, hot box setter, cold box setter, score sheet runner, and more
- When to arrive, how to know it is your turn, where to wait for searches
- See how handlers work in searches, the good and the bad
- Watch dogs work through the various odor puzzles
- Meet other people that have dogs and are interested in sniff sports
- Find out about upcoming learning opportunities such as seminars and classes

How do you find an AKC trial and volunteer?

- Go to the AKC event page
- Choose performance events
- Choose scent work
- Pick the state(s) on the map you are interested in
- Select the dates you would like to find trials
- The premium will be available and if not, check with the club website
- The premium will have a link or directions for signing up to volunteer

How do you find an NACSW trial and volunteer?

- Go to [NACSW.net](http://NACSW.net)
- In the taskbar choose events/trials/trial calendar
- Go through the list to find a trial you would like to volunteer at or use the search at the top
- If the premium is ready click the trial and it will take you to the host website and premium



Most dog training schools offer scent/nose work these days. Check your local schools for classes.

Many places offer mock trials and sniff and go trials which are for fun and a wonderful way to practice before participating in your first trial.

Facebook is a great resource for nose work information. There are all kinds of groups posting things that are often helpful. Most likely there are also groups in your area. If you have a class, check with the instructor and/or classmates for Facebook pages pertaining to your area. AKC Scent Work is a non-area specific page with a lot of information as is National Association of Canine Scent Work.

Nose work supplies, harnesses, lines, odor, and vessels for the odor are also found online. A harness is not required but my dogs all pull so much it is better for us both if they wear a harness and it is also something that signals to them that they are about to do their job. They each have four harnesses, one for nose work, one for tracking, one for walking, and their seat belt harness. Depending on which one I put on them, they know what they are going to do.

Happy Sniffing!

*Joy*

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# 2026 Welcome Party



Joy Schneider, assisted by Olivia and Nelson, hosted a special presentation entitled "Stepping Stones To A Scent-sational GBGV" during the 2026 GBGVCA Welcome Party for the benefit of GBGVCA members and nose work enthusiasts.

Joy's presentation was informative and detailed the many aspects of scent/nose work

including the differences in NACSW vs the AKC, what equipment is needed, different types of training methods and the benefits above and beyond the sport to name a



few. The culmination of the presentation was actual demonstrations and tasks carried out by Olivia and Nelson.

Joy has graciously offered for anyone interested in scent/nose work to please feel welcome to reach out to her directly for more information or mentoring at [mygbgvlife@gmail.com](mailto:mygbgvlife@gmail.com).

*"Your dog knows everything about you, but what do you know about your dog? Nose work will teach you to read your*



*dog, communicate with your dog without words and you will have such a much better deeper relationship, as well as reaching goals together as a team led by your dog. A hound does what a hound wants to do. To be successful in sniff sports all you need to do is teach the dog to love the game so much that they can't wait to play and show them that they have your support for their choices."*

~ Joy Schneider



## All About Grands!!!

We are introducing a new informative column "All About Grands" (AAG)! This quarterly forum is a place where we encourage all members to ask questions regarding health, maintenance, well-being, awareness and even the history of our noble hounds. So...from grooming, nutrition, training, and everything else in between...make sure and submit your questions to [newsletter@gbgv.net](mailto:newsletter@gbgv.net) and note "AAG" in the subject line. Each quarter we will respond to submitted questions including any needed visuals and additional resources when needed. We look forward to hearing from you. 🐾

### 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 public.



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**ACE**



**Legacy Award**



*owned by*  
**Laura Offerdahl**



**Terry Howell**

**PAWS**  
for Applause

**AWARDS DINNER**

# Silent Auction



# 2026 GBGV AKC Titles of Record

In chronological order by date title earned from January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026

AKC Title	Registered Name	Owner(s) of Record
Champion	CH Lifetime Always Dip Me In Coffee	Joli Morales, Ashlyn Reeves & Zina Stewart
Champion	CH Sidekick's Dancing In The Rain	Brent Humphrey & Corey Benedict
Grand Champion	GCH CH Sidekick's Fortune Favors The Brave	Brent Humphrey & Shari Green
BCAT	Lifetime Always Cool As A Coconut BCAT CGC	Karen Schaffer Meldrum
Canine Good Citizen	Lifetime Always Cool As A Coconut CGC	Karen Schaffer Meldrum
Trick Dog Intermediate	Talus Sidekick Ace Of Hearts CD BN CGCA TKI FITB	Bonnie Alonzo

## GBGVCA, Inc. Committees

**Awards:** Brent Humphrey, Chair; Julie Hamilton, Jackie Briscoe  
**Breeder Referral:** Cindy Wilt, Chair; Tiffany Cannon  
**Breed Standard:** Corey Benedict; Kitty Steidel  
**Breed Preservation:** Gretchen Tanenbaum, Chair;  
 Rita Day, Laurie Green, Terry Howell  
**Companion Events:** Claire Stretch, Chair;  
 Judy Wickliffe, Jean Finnegan  
**Events:** Corey Benedict, Chair; Laurie Green, Joy Schneider  
**Fundraising:** Laurie Green, Chair;  
**Performance:** Jane Jonas, Chair; Tiffany Cannon; Joy Schneider  
**Health:** TBD, Chair; Brent Humphrey,  
 Lara Latshaw, Lynn Sobin-Comstock  
**Judges Education:** Corey Benedict, Co-Chair; Kitty Steidel, Co-Chair  
**Public Education/Meet the Breeds:** Brent Humphrey, Chair  
**Membership:** Brent Humphrey, Chair;  
 Barbara Miller, Lynn Sobin-Comstock  
**Newsletter:** Lara Latshaw, Chair; Brent Humphrey, Laura Offerdahl  
**Nominating (2026):** Cindy Wilt, Chair  
**Policies & Procedures:** Brent Humphrey, Chair;  
 Kitty Steidel, Laura Offerdahl  
**Rescue:** Cindy Wilt, Chair; Deborah Howd  
**Website/Social Media:** Terrence Howell, Chair; Lara Latshaw

## AKC Canine Health Foundation:

Your organization's 2025 fourth quarter Donor Advised Fund (DAF) statement with the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is attached, showing activity through 12/31/2025. 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

4 <sup>TH</sup> Quarter 2025 Statement (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2025)	
1/1/2025 Balance	<b>\$1,264.51</b>
Contributions	\$0.00
PPCPP Contribution	\$35.25
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	\$151.01
Research Support*	(\$113.02)
12/31/2025 Balance	<b>\$1,337.75</b>

\*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](mailto:chfgrants@akcchf.org).

## New Associate Members

Marcia McGinnis, Carson City, NV  
 Julie Olson, Lake Milton, OH  
 Steven Roche, Carson City, NV  
 Cindy Rosenberg, Longwood, FL  
 Kathryn Schultz, Raleigh, NC  
 Heather & Robert Sweed, West End, NC  
 Laurene & Mike Wessman, Frankfort, IL

# GBGVCA, Inc. Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes ~ 19 November 2025

Date: November 19, 2025 Time: 7:01pm (Eastern)

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

**Report of the President:** Corey reported that at the major in Brooksville in January 2026 there will be a 4-point major available. The club is not doing anything at the Royal Canin in December in Orlando. Corry noted that he will be doing a judges ed in Louisville in March.

**Report of the Vice President:** Nothing currently.

**Report of the Secretary:** The minutes of October 1, 2025, board meeting were circulated prior to the meeting for review.

*Motion #1-11-25* Brent moved to accept the minutes as circulated. Barb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Brent reported that we have retained most of the members although not all the membership renewals are in yet. We have a balance of \$8243.65

### **Committee Reports:**

**2026 National/Regional Specialties:** Brent noted that the cluster chair misunderstood the judges' assignments, but everything is set and in order for specialty and sweepstakes. The new hotel facilities are right next to the old one and there is a block of fifteen rooms set aside for members.

**Performance:** Brent and Corey forwarded all the information to Jane who contacted AKC, and members need to have experience titled in this breed or any other breed to get the license application. The club can apply anytime. Jane stated that she is on the fence to delay the application until we have enough people to work the events. Joy and Tiffany might commit, both know how to work the event. There was discussion on whether or not to present at the national and then see what happens and she wondered if the board wanted to get more information prior to pursuing it.

*Motion #2-11-25* Brent moved to keep it on as old business and vote on it at the national after Joy's presentation. Kitty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Foundation:** Brent reported that Susan Thomas and Terri Turner are back on the board. There are two new items from the meeting, they are that a Custom Ink T shirt is being offered for sale and it was voted to give \$4000 to CHF (Canine Health Foundation) to be designated for thyroid research. Discussion followed about whether or not thyroid is a disease or not.

**Membership:** Information was given in the Treasurer's Report.

**Newsletter:** Brent stated that he is very happy to have the articles contributed by Jane and Joy and the Newsletter is better than ever.

**Judges Ed:** Kitty reported that there are ten signed up for the show in Phoenix in February.

**Health Foundation:** The Foundation is still completing the Health Survey.

**Breed Preservation:** Nothing to report currently.

**Unfinished Business:** Laurie Green and Gretchen Tannenbaum will coordinate the Meet the Breed at the Javits Center. The club will provide material for them. Terry Howell will also be there for one day.

**New Business:** Because Cindy could not attend this meeting, the discussion on rescue dogs will be tabled until the January meeting. Brent announced that the foundation board is unintentionally trying to work on things that are not in their wheelhouse, they want both boards to get together and have a combined meeting. Brent stated that his opinion is that it is too much to have both meetings together.

*Motion #3-11-25* Brent moved to talk to Laura and suggest a combined conversation with 2-3 members from each group. Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements:** Brent said we are short on trophy money. We need to find a way to raise more money outside of the silent auction to fund events that we do during the rest of the year. Discussion began on raffle items, custom made quilts, barn hunts, online raffles, and online auctions. Ideas are needed to raise money.

**Adjournment:** 7:48pm EST

# GBGVCA, Inc. Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes ~ 21 January 2026

Date: January 21, 2026 Time: 7:03pm (Eastern)

**Roll Call:** Corey, Brent, Barbara, Cindy, Jane, Kitty, Micky  
**Absent:** Tiffany Cannon **Excused Absence:** Laura Offerdahl

**Report of the President:** Corey announced that he will start a fund-raising committee with Laurie Green as the chairperson. Laurie will pick the committee members. The club had a major in the Brooksville, Florida show. Barbar Pepper was the judge for the second week.

**Report of the Vice President:** No updates currently.

**Report of the Secretary:** Kitty Steidel requested a correction to the November 19, 2025, meeting minutes, correction has been made.

*Motion # 01-01-26* Brent motioned to accept the minutes, Barb seconded. motion passed.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Brent reported an operating balance of \$10,958.34.

### **Committee Reports:**

**2026 National/Regional:** Brent reported that everything is in place for the National Show. Working with the new hotel manager there is a block of rooms set aside with a discount for GBGV members. Joy Sneider will do a presentation on Thursday night during the welcome gathering. All the National and Specialty events have been scheduled. The annual meeting will be on Saturday thirty minutes after the Best of Show. Brent sent the information to Terry; Corey verified it on the website.

**Foundation:** Cindy noted that there is not any new information to report. There had been discussion about having Laurie Green take over the fundraising. It was suggested to have state baskets at the silent auction put together by attendees from their current or home state. Another suggestion was having Laurie and Jody put together a two-hour grooming session with Jody doing the grooming. Cindy will send an email when this has been confirmed.

**Membership:** Nothing new to report.

**Newsletter:** Brent announced that the newsletter will be coming out next week. There will be new articles from the contributors and there is still a need for new content.

**Judges Ed:** Kitty reported there are eighteen signed up for the Phoenix seminar next month. Corey will conduct a seminar in Louisville next month.

**Health:** Members who have not yet completed the Health Survey are encouraged to complete the survey. Kitty reported there are eighteen signed up for the Phoenix seminar next month.

**Breed Preservation:** Corey suggested a committee author an article for the AKC Gazette. The article should be under six hundred words; they have four hound issues per year.

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing to report.

**Breed Preservation:** Brent announced the club will participate in Meet-the-Breed in New York. Laurie will co-host the event along with Gretchen, Terry will be there with one of his hounds as will Chris who will bring Ivy. It will be the first weekend in February after Westminster on Friday and Saturday the sixth and seventh. Brent will remind them to get photographs for the newsletter.

**New Business:** During a discussion on lost hounds, Cindy who uses the AKC reunite program gave a brief overview of how the program works. Brent noted that a nominating update and ballot have been sent to all members. He also noted that two members have asked if the club would host a show in October during the Mid-Atlantic Hound Show. He suggested the club might want to consider doing a specialty which would not incur significant costs for the club. Cindy suggested we reach out to the show to see what the number of entries would be and to see who would support this. Corey said this has been done and said if we could confirm five to six dogs it could be accomplished. Cindy proposed that we get more information before deciding.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion # 01-02-26 Corey motioned to adjourn at 7:39pm EST.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## BREED SPOTLIGHT

**GRAND  
BASSET  
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- **Saturday, August 29, 2026**  
**2026 Midwestern Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes**
  - Located at Kentucky Horse Park  
Alltech Arena (Exhibit Hall)  
Lexington, KY 40511
  - Regional Specialty Judge – Jamie Hubbard
  - Regional Sweepstakes Judge – Graham Swazey
- **October 9-11, 2026**  
**Mid Atlantic Hound Show & Hanover Kennel Club Shows**
  - Wilmington, NC