

Northern Illinois PBGVCA Hunt Tests



April 26-28, 2024
Northern Illinois Beagle Club
(NIBC)
8730 Elevator Road
Roscoe, IL 61073

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Quarry: Wild Rabbits

General Hunt Information

Enjoy a Spring hunt at the Northern Illinois Beagle Club located between Rockford, IL and Beloit, WI. The NIBC has a well maintained field with dog-proofed fencing and rabbits for the hounds to find and pursue. The hunt field will be available for open field time and mentoring on Friday followed by two days of hunt tests with your PBGVs. All AKC registered PBGVs are welcome, including those with PAL listings. A complete copy of the PBGVCA Rules and Regulations with desirable qualities and faulty actions in hunting PBGVs can be viewed [here](#).

Address to the beagle club entrance: 8730 Elevator Road, Roscoe IL 61073. The Northern Illinois Beagle Club has a small sign and a fence visible from Elevator Road. The entrance is located on the north side of Elevator Road. There will be a "PBGV" sign at the entrance to help you navigate. There is a big area for parking as soon as you turn in and you will see the clubhouse on your left before the metal field fence. A Beagle Club member's house one driveway entrance to the west of the Club entrance has the address of 8664 Elevator Road, Roscoe, IL 61073.

Stakes offered will be 1 brace, 1 solo, 5 packs, and 1 HIT stake each day. The chair reserves the right to increase the entry limit on other stakes as needed. Dogs entered individually will be placed in packs by the hunt chair. In the event the entries fill before the closing date, a wait list will be generated. The field will be open after tests are completed on Saturday and Sunday depending on available time.

Entries for this hunt are limited and will open on Monday March 25th and close on Monday April 15th, 2024. Entries postmarked before March 25th or after April 15th shall be considered invalid entries and will be returned as soon as possible. **The reason for the early opening of registration is to accommodate handlers traveling to and participating in the 2024 PBGV National Specialty and Hunt.** Entries will be accepted based on postal cancellation date, not date received.

For more information, questions, or help with filling out the entry forms please contact:

Mary Sobol
608-338-8529
msobolontime@gmail.com

Deb Pearthree
612-961-1881
gabbiecdx@aol.com

Overfill hunt statement: If more entries are received than can be accommodated and there are households with multiple runs, one or more draws may take place to eliminate runs, starting with households with the highest number of runs, then households with the next highest runs, etc. If one of your runs is eliminated, you will be given the option of adjusting your other entries so the impacted dog(s) might be able to run. This will be done either shortly before the hunt entries close or when available entries are full, whichever comes first. If your entries are impacted you will be notified by phone or email before changes are made to your entry. Every effort will be made to not eliminate dogs from running.

Weather The event will be held in any weather unless the event committee deems conditions unsafe or unjudgable. Individual runs may be postponed in the event of unsafe conditions or conditions that make judging impossible. In the event of lightning, runs will be suspended and everyone shall be called off the fields until the chairperson deems it safe to resume. If a weather delay results in runs not being completed on Saturday, the unfinished runs will take place Sunday morning followed by the draw for Sunday runs. If Sunday runs cannot be completed due to weather there will be no refunds for the affected handlers.

Refunds of entry fees will be allowed prior to the closing date with written or email notification to the hunt secretary. No refund of entry fees will be given after the closing date except for a Bitch in Season (BIS) unless the entry can be replaced by a wait-listed entry. A refund of entry fees for a BIS will be allowed (not other pack or brace mates) after the closing date with a veterinarian statement. Entries that can't be accommodated due to stakes being full will be returned as soon as possible after closing date.

PBGVCA Hunt Tests Offered

Hunting Instinct Test (HIT) This test is open to all PBGVs 6 months and older registered with AKC. Hunting Instinct Certified (HC) will be granted by the PBGVCA to any PBGV passing the HIT. A PBGV may not be entered in the Hunt Test until it has passed the HIT. If a PBGV passes the HIT on the first day of the hunt, it can "move up" to a pack on the second day if space is available. No move-ups from the Hunting Instinct Test to the Hunt Test will be accepted for the day on which the PBGV has been marked as passing the HIT. It is recommended that owners enter their hounds in the HIT on both test days.

Hunt Test This test is open to any PBGV who has passed the HIT or received an equivalent qualification by an established hound association. The hunt test includes Pack, Brace, and Solo stakes. All qualifying scores must be applied towards an appropriate hunt title for which a prerequisite has been earned. High qualifying scores cannot be saved for advanced titles. A description of the PBGVCA Hunt Test Title Requirements is included in this document.

Puppy Learning Experience (PLE) is for PBGV puppies 3-6 months old. The experience includes information about exposing puppies to field conditions, going into cover, how scent works in the field, information about rabbit behavior, and how to help puppies learn hunt skills.

Novice Learning Experience (NLE) is for PBGVs 6 months old or older who have not passed a Hunting Instinct Test. Information covered is the same as the PLE with more time spent in the field with an experienced dog providing guidance. PLE/NLE will be worked in during the afternoon on Friday.

Entry	Entry Fee
Hunting Instinct Test	\$20.00
Pack Stake	\$25.00
Brace Stake	\$37.50 per dog
Solo Stake	\$75.00
PLE/NLE	\$15.00
Move up from HIT	\$5.00

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO ALL HANDLERS

Handlers must be present at the time of each draw. Hounds will be checked in at the draw but need not be present. Hounds not checked in will be marked absent. All stakes and HITs will be drawn together on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

- The hunt chair can hold some runs on Friday if this trial overfills.
- Hunt Tests may continue through the lunch hour depending on the entry.
- HIT packs will be made up by the hunt chair and will include an experienced dog running “for exhibition only” whenever possible.
- You **MUST** indicate any issues for individual pack entries (i.e., can’t run with other males, can’t run with intact females) on your entry form. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate such issues, but accommodations are not guaranteed. If an accommodation is not possible, you are responsible for determining whether your dog should run.
- Handlers are requested to be responsible for bitches in season, including segregation from entered dogs and common areas. Do not bring bitches known to be in season to the hunt.
- Individually entered dogs may be added to pre-arranged packs with the agreement of all affected handlers.
- Safety of the dogs is our primary concern. Areas used for this event will be totally fenced except the clubhouse and parking area.
- In consideration of others, you will be expected to clean up after your dog(s) in the area around the club house. Please keep your parking area clean and picked up. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- Marshals will be assigned immediately following the draw. Serving as a Marshal is a chance to watch the dogs hunt up close. All handlers will be expected to marshal runs during the weekend.
- Alcoholic beverages are permitted on NIBC grounds but not on the hunt field. Use discretion in consumption.
- The Hunt Test is an off-lead test. No long lines (except as stipulated in the PBGVCA Hunting Rules), leashes, or food may be used once a PBGV is released until the Judges request the dog(s) be picked up (leashed) to remove them from the field. No food allowed on the hunt field during scored hunt tests.
- If the Saturday hunt tests cannot be completed, they will resume first thing on Sunday followed immediately by the draw for the Sunday tests.

General Information

Accommodations

RV Parking and Camping: RV parking is available at NIBC grounds. Shower, restroom, and electrical hook-ups available. Camping only (no hookups) \$10 per night. There are nine 30 Amp hookups and twenty 15 Amp hookups. RV Hook-up with Electric: \$15/night. Hook-up with Electric + Water = \$20/night.

If you would like to park an RV at the hunt grounds, please note it on the summary sheet.

Best Western Legacy Inn, 5910 Technology Drive, South Beloit. (8 miles from NIBC).
1(815)389-4211. “Pet Friendly” \$15/nite/pet.

Super 8 by Wyndham, 2790 Milwaukee Rd, Beloit (10 miles from NIBC).
1(608)365-6000. Cheaper room rate, but only 2 pets per room at \$20/pet/room.

Quality Inn, 2786 Milwaukee Rd, Beloit (10 miles from NIBC and across from the Super 8).
1(608)362-2666. Block reserved under “PBGV group. Rate is \$90+tax plus pet fee \$20/pet/night.

Food / Beverages / Meals:

Some beverages and light snacks will be provided. Breakfast is on your own.

Lunch will be catered for \$15 (salad box) or \$13 (sandwich or wrap box) per lunch payable with the entry form.

Order your lunches on the summary sheet.

If possible, please bring your own reusable cup/bottles/containers to keep waste to a minimum.

Hospital:

Beloit Health System Hospital

1969 West Hart Road, Beloit WI 53511, 608-364-5011. Directions from NIBC: Head west on Elevator Rd (1.7 mi), Turn right onto Love Rd (2.3 mi), Take I-39 N/I-90 W (7.2mi) and exit onto E CTH-S. Turn left onto E CTH-S toward Beloit (1.7mi). Turn right onto S. Creek Rd (0.5mi). Turn left on to W Hart Rd in Beloit. Approx. 20 min (8.9 mi).

Veterinarian:

BEFORE 6 P.M. FRIDAY:

Roscoe Vet Clinic

5411 Bridge Street, Roscoe, IL 61073. 815-623-2143. Directions from NIBC: Head west on Elevator Road, 3.6 miles. Turn left onto Highway 251 (N. 2nd St.). Go 1.2 miles. Turn left on to Bridge Street. The clinic is on your right.

AFTER 6 P.M. FRIDAY:

Animal Emergency Clinic of Rockford

CALL AHEAD TO ALERT STAFF: 815-229-7791, 4236 Maray Drive, Rockford, IL 61107, 1-815-229-7791. Directions from NIBC: Head west on Elevator Rd 3.7 mi, turn left onto IL-251 S/N 2nd St 4.7 mi, Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto West Lane Rd 0.3 mi, turn right onto N Alpine Rd 6.7 mi, Turn right onto Maray Dr, Destination will be on the right 0.2 mi. Approx. 30min.

Pharmacy: Walgreens

5065 Hononegah Road, Roscoe, IL 61073, 815-623-5079. Directions from NIBC: Head west on Elevator Rd 3.7 mi, turn left onto Edgemere Terr. In 200 ft turn left into the parking lot. Approx. 7 min

HUNT TEST RAFFLE

Don't miss the Hunt raffle! It has become a Hunt Test weekend tradition. Tickets will be on sale until the drawing, We will hold the drawing at the best agreed upon day & time.

Raffle proceeds will be donated to a cause voted on by participants at the event.

Your raffle items do not have to be hunt or dog related. For more information contact

Mary Sobol at msobolontime@gmail.com or 608-338-8529.

**PBGVCA NIBC Hunt Tests
Tentative Schedule**

Friday **April 26, 2024**
8:00 am Field open for RV parking, open run time begins. Practice time sign-up at the clubhouse. Judged runs may be scheduled.
4:00pm Puppy/Novice Learning Experience—non-entered dogs may not be on the field.
5:00 pm Judges’ Procedural Meeting at NIBC Club House (anyone can attend).
7:00 pm Field Closes (Sunset 7:50pm) No dogs released after 6:30pm.

Saturday **April 27, 2024**
5:55am Sunrise
7:00 am Announcements / Roll Call / Draw
7:30 am - Finish Hunt Tests and Hunting Instinct Tests (HITs)
11:30 am-1:30 pm Lunch (runs will continue through lunch)
7:00 pm Field Closes (Sunset 7:51pm) No dogs released after 6:30pm.

Sunday **April 28, 2024**
5:54 am Sunrise
7:00 am Announcements / Roll Call / Draw
7:30 am - Finish Hunt Tests and Hunting Instinct Tests (HITs)
11:30 am-1:30 pm Lunch (runs continue through lunch)
6:00 pm Field closes

This Schedule is subject to change. Please check the PBGVCA web site www.pbgvca.org for any updates.

How to complete the entry form

- **Call Name:** Fill in the familiar name by which you call your dog.
- **Collar Color:** Fill this in only if 1) you are providing your own collar(s), 2) you are entering the hound in a predetermined brace or pack and 3) you have determined that no other dog in the pack will be wearing this color. An assortment of collars will be available for anyone needing to borrow a collar for the test.
- **Male/Female:** Check the appropriate box. Females in season may not be on the test field. Fees will be refunded for bitches that come in season after the closing date or a substitution may be made
- **AKC Registered Name:** Fill in the hound's full AKC registered name including any AKC and/or PBGVCA titles.
- **AKC Reg. No., AKC Litter No., PAL No.:** Check the appropriate box and fill in the number.
- **Date of Birth:** Fill in the birth date of this hound.
- **Place of Birth - USA or Other:** check the appropriate box. If other, please note the country
- **Actual Owner(s):** List name of owner including co-owner if applicable.
- **Handler:** This is the person responsible for the hound on the test grounds.
- **Individual Entry, Pack Entry:** If you are entering a single hound and have not made previous arrangements to run your hound in a pack with others, check the box for Individual Entry. This hound will be packed with others at the draw. If you are entering this hound as part of a pre-arranged pack or brace, check the appropriate box and fill out the supplemental entry form. Hounds within a pack or brace do not need to have the same owner(s).
- **HIT, HT, NLE, and PLE:** These abbreviations stand for Hunting Instinct Test, Hunt Test, Novice Learning Experience, and Puppy Learning Experience. Check the appropriate box for the events you want to enter this hound.
- **Enter your PBGV for the HIT for BOTH days. If your dog passes the HIT on the first day he/she can be moved up for an additional fee of \$5.00 to the Hunt Test on the second day if space is available in a pack.**
- **How to determine the entry fees:** Normal fees are as stated on the individual entry form and in the table on page 3 of this document.
- **Telephone Number and E-mail address:** Please include this information so we may call you if we have any questions about the entry. Receipt of your entry will be confirmed by e-mail.

Fill out the entry form, supplemental form if entering in a prearranged brace or pack, summary sheet, and food selections. Send along with your check made out to the PBGVCA to:

Deb Pearthree, Hunt Test Secretary
505 Viking Drive E
Little Canada, MN 55117

**ENTRIES MAY NOT BE POSTMARKED EARLIER THAN March 25th, 2024 OR
LATER THAN April 15th, 2024.**

Official Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America Hunting Test Entry Form

Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America Northern Illinois Beagle Club, April 26-28, 2024

HUNTING INSTINCT TEST ENTRY FEE: \$20.00

ELIGIBILITY: Hound must be 6 months or older and an AKC or PAL registered PBGV

HUNT TEST ENTRY FEE: \$25.00 per dog; BRACE entry \$37.50 per dog; SOLO entry \$75

ELIGIBILITY: Hound must be PBGVCA Hunt Certified by achieving a qualifying score in the HIT

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Deb Pearthree 505 Viking Drive E, Little Canada, MN 55117 **March 25th opening date**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PBGVCA.

ENTRIES CLOSE: At the Hunt Secretary's address, April 15th, 2024 by postmark or when the hunt is full, whichever comes first.

Call Name	Collar Color (if supplied by owner)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male PBGV <input type="checkbox"/> Female PBGV			
AKC Registered Name					
<input type="checkbox"/> AKC Reg No. <input type="checkbox"/> AKC Litter No. <input type="checkbox"/> PAL No.	Date of Birth M / D / Y Y	Place of Birth <input type="checkbox"/> USA <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
Breeder (Optional)					
Sire (Optional)					
Dam (Optional)					
Actual Owner(s) (Please print)					
Owner's Address					
City, State, Zip					
Handler					
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Solo Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Brace Entry Please Append Supplementary Form <input type="checkbox"/> Part of Pre-Arranged Pack Entry Please Append Supplementary Form	Fee /dog/day	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Entry Fee
	HIT (\$20)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Hunt Test (\$25)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Brace (\$37.50)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Solo (\$75)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	NLE (\$15)	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	PLE (\$15)	<input type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL ENTRY FEES					

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club and Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America in effect at the time of this test, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IF OWNER IS UNDER 18.) SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry:

Signature _____

Email: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Cell _____ (contact at the event)

Supplementary Statement Concerning Dogs owned, sold, held under license, boarded, trained or handled the dog within one year of the starting date of the Hunt Test by an advertised judge, alternate judge or any member of their family (in accordance with PBGVCA Hunt Test Rules and Standard Procedures, Chapter 5-Section 1, and Chapter 7-Section 8):

The hound is not eligible to be judged by _____.

PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDÉEN CLUB OF AMERICA
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Supplementary Form for Brace or Pack Entry

The Following Dogs are entered as a BRACE. Separate entry forms for each dog are attached.

1. Call Name	AKC or PAL #	Handler Name
2. Call Name	AKC or PAL #	Handler Name

The Following Dogs are entered as a PACK. Separate entry forms for each dog are attached.
Please indicate if you are willing to allow individually entered hounds to join your pack YES NO

1. Call Name	AKC or PAL #	Handler Name
2. Call Name	AKC or PAL #	Handler Name
3. Call Name	AKC or PAL #	Handler Name
4. Call Name	AKC or PAL #	Handler Name
5. Call Name	AKC or PAL #	Handler Name

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Mail Entries to: Deb Pearthree, 505 Viking Drive E, Little Canada, MN 55117

Please note all individual entry forms must be received by the secretary concurrently with the supplemental form.

Make checks payable to: PBGVCA

NIBC Hunt Test
April 26-28, 2024
Entry Summary Sheet

Please include this sheet with your entry form(s):

Name _____

Name of others in your party: _____

Saturday and Sunday Lunch: Catered by Beef-a-Roo. Menu available on line at www.beefaroo.com/catering Catering menu has 3 choices: salad boxed lunch, sandwich boxed lunch, and wrap boxed lunch. Each box contains either a salad, or sandwich or wrap + side + dessert. \$13.00 for sandwich boxed lunch, \$13.00 for wrap boxed lunch, \$15.00 for salad boxed lunch. Review the website and note your selections on the next page.

Number of Weekend lunches (Judges fill out meal selections but NO CHARGE)

Sandwiches or wrap : _____ x \$13.00 = \$ _____

Salads: _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

MEALS TOTAL: \$ _____

TOTAL ENTRY FEES (from Entry Form): \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please make your check or money order payable to the **PBGVCA** and send it with this form, the lunch form, and your entry forms to the Hunt Secretary:

Deb Pearthree
505 Viking Drive E
Little Canada, MN 55117

Do you need to park an RV at the field? Yes No

If so, contact contact Mary Sobol (msobolontime@gmail.com) to make arrangements. Pay cash or write a check to **NIBC** at event.

Camping Only (no hook ups): \$10 per night, RV Hook-up with Electric: \$15/night. Hook up with electric and water \$20)

Please check the statement that you feel best describes your experience with hunting:

___ I am a total novice, need all the help I can get.

___ I've got some experience, but I've still got a lot to learn.

___ I am very experienced with this hunting program and have dogs with titles

LUNCH MENU SELECTION

Please include this sheet with your entry form(s) for each person selecting lunch.

NAME: _____

JUDGES INCLUDE YOUR SELECTION ON THIS FORM.

Saturday and Sunday Lunch: Catered by Beef-a-Roo.

Can Be Viewed: www.beefaroo.com/catering Please download the catering menu; click on boxed lunch sandwich, or boxed lunch wrap, or boxed lunch salad to see the options for each box.

Write down all your choices from the catering menu i.e type of bread, dressing, cheese, etc, and choice for dessert. Please indicate gluten-free wraps or bread.

SATURDAY LUNCH

Salad type _____

Salad dressing _____

Dessert _____

or

Sandwich type _____

Side _____

Dessert _____

or

Wrap type _____

Side _____

Dessert _____

SUNDAY LUNCH

Salad type _____

Salad dressing _____

Dessert _____

or

Sandwich type _____

Side _____

Dessert _____

or

Wrap type _____

Side _____

Dessert _____

SUMMARY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS for PBGVCA Hunting Tests

A complete copy of the PBGVCA Rules and Regulations with desirable qualities and faulty actions in hunting PBGVs can be viewed at [https://pbgv.org/images/PDF/Breed Info/PBGVCA Hunt Rules approved 09-15-2022.pdf](https://pbgv.org/images/PDF/Breed%20Info/PBGVCA%20Hunt%20Rules%20approved%2009-15-2022.pdf)

Hunting Tests shall be open to all AKC registered or ILP/PAL registered Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen of six months of age or over on the first day of the event. Spayed or neutered hounds are eligible for entry.

Purpose: The purpose of the Hunting Tests for Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen is to afford an opportunity to demonstrate an individual hound's ability to perform in a manner consistent with the demands of actual hunting conditions. Testing in this manner is to gauge the hound's hunting ability, desirable qualities that indicate ability to be effective and efficient in the pursuit of quarry.

No person acting in the capacity of Hunting Tests Secretary may judge at the event for which that person is acting as Hunting Tests Secretary.

Any dog may be entered in a hunt test stake for which it is eligible, however, it must be noted on the supplementary entry form, if an advertised judge, alternate judge or any member of their family has owned, sold, held under license, boarded, trained or handled the dog within one year of the starting date of the Hunt Test, as this person may not judge the hound. For purposes of this Section, the words "any member of his family" shall include a spouse, a sibling, a parent or a child, whether natural or adopted, of the Judge in question, but shall not extend to other blood or legal relationships.

At the conclusion of the judging for each test, the club shall provide, for the Judges' signatures, the Hunting Test Score Sheets for each pack judged, showing full particulars of all dogs judged.

Titles are awarded based on application to PBGVCA as defined in the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Hunt Tests Rules and Standard Procedures.

Time and Running Order: Running order will be assigned by public "Draw" before the beginning of each test day.

Any handler may choose to declare his hound absent at roll call for any reason, but once declared present, the hound must run unless excused by the judges due to exigent circumstances (illness, injury, death).

Packs may be mixed sexes. Bitches in season may not be on the test field. Fees will be refunded for bitches that come into season after the closing date or a substitution may be made. No refunds will be issued for bitches found to be in heat after roll call.

Marshals: It shall be the duty of one Marshal to assist the Judges and to carry out their instructions, including regulating and controlling the gallery & seeing that the gallery is kept separate from and behind the Judges, and that no one in the gallery talks to the Judges while the dogs are down. Other Marshals shall see that the hounds are ready when called, and assist the Hunting Test Committee in all other matters necessary for the smooth running of each test. The field marshal shall check all female hounds for signs of heat prior to releasing the dogs on the field.

Gallery: No person shall make any remarks nor give any information which might affect the actions of the persons handling the hounds or the running of the hounds unless information is specifically requested by the Judges. Any person so offending may be expelled from the running grounds on orders from the Judges, and points of merit shall not be allowed any hound whose handler acts upon such information. The Judges must be informed of any such misconduct before the close of the running of the hound(s) in which it occurs, and their decision shall be final.

Handlers: When hounds are cast, a handler may speak, whistle, sound a horn to his hound or work in any way he may deem proper, if not contrary to these Procedures, unless otherwise instructed by the Judges. Hounds must show reasonable obedience to their handler's commands. Minimum run time for the Hunting Instinct Test is 20 minutes. Minimum run time for the Hunt Test is 45 minutes. If the judges indicate to the handlers that the dogs may be scored based on what has been accomplished in the minimum run time, the run may be stopped, but only with the agreement of all of the handlers, and only if all the dogs have achieved a passing or qualifying score and the gun shyness test has been completed (if applicable).

No hunt test or hunting instinct test shall be started after 30 minutes following official sunset. The Hunting Test Committee and the Judges shall be responsible for enforcement of this Procedure.

Each hound under judgment must wear a different colored hunt collar or stretch band for easy identification by the Judges. The Judges' evaluation forms will have this collar color and the handler's last name. (Personal collars worn in addition to the colored hunt collar or stretch band must have a fixed circumference with no hanging tags.)

No owner or handler shall have any right to question or refuse to follow the Judges' orders.

Owners and handlers must keep themselves informed as to the running order and progress of the judging and must be ready within hailing distance when their hounds are called by the Marshal on instruction from the Judges.

Severe Training or Correction: The Hunting Test Committee and the Judges shall not permit severe disciplining of hounds on any part of the grounds. The Committee shall investigate any reports of such conduct or of any other conduct prejudicial to the best interests of purebred dogs, PBGVCA Hunt Tests, or the American Kennel Club, according to Chapter 6, Section 5 of the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Hunt Tests Rules and Standard Procedures.

PBGVCA Hunt Test Title Requirements

The following titles will be awarded upon completion of the necessary prerequisites and application to the PBGVCA Hunt Records manager ([PBGVCA Hunt Title Request Form](#)). All qualifying scores must be applied towards an appropriate hunt title for which a prerequisite has been earned. High qualifying scores may not be saved for advanced titles.

The designation of **Hunting Instinct Certified** will be granted to any PBGV passing the Hunting Instinct Test. If requested by the owner (see Section 8) this designation will be indicated by the suffix of HC in all PBGVCA records.

- a. The title of **Parent Club Junior Hunter** shall be granted to any Hunting Instinct Certified PBGV receiving three qualifying scores of 100 or better: 1) all from pack stake 2) with a minimum of three different Judges. If requested by owner (see Section 8) this title will be designated by the suffix title PCJH in all PBGVCA records.
- b. The title of **Parent Club Junior Hunter Excellent** shall be granted to any PCJH titled PBGV receiving three qualifying scores of 100 or better with: 1) two from pack stake, one from brace stake 2) a minimum of three different Judges. If requested by owner (see Section 8) this title will be designated by the suffix title PCJHX in all PBGVCA records.
- c. The title of **Parent Club Senior Hunter** shall be granted to any PCJH titled PBGV receiving three qualifying scores of 100 or better from pack and brace stakes, any combination, with: 1) a minimum of two qualifying scores of 125 or better, 2) a minimum of three different Judges. If requested by owner (see Section 8) this title will be designated by the suffix title PCSH in all PBGVCA records.
- d. The title of **Parent Club Senior Hunter Excellent** shall be granted to any PCJHX titled PBGV receiving three qualifying scores of 100 or better from any stake, minimum of two different stakes, with: 1) a minimum of two qualifying scores of 140 or better, 2) a minimum of two different hunt sites, 3) a minimum of three different Judges. If requested by owner (see Section 8) this title will be designated by the suffix title PCSHX in all PBGVCA records.
- e. The title of **Parent Club Master Hunter** shall be granted to any PCSH titled PBGV receiving one qualifying score of 100 or better in each of three stakes with: 1) a minimum of two scores of 150 or better, 2) a minimum of two different hunt sites, 3) a minimum of three different Judges. If requested by owner (see Section 8) this title will be designated by the suffix title PCMH in all PBGVCA records.
- f. The title of **Parent Club Master Hunter Excellent** shall be granted to any PCSHX titled PBGV receiving one qualifying score of 100 or better in each of three stakes with: 1) a minimum of two scores of 160 or better, 2) a minimum of two different hunt sites, 3) a minimum of three different Judges. If requested by owner (see Section 8) this title will be designated by the suffix title PCMHX in all PBGVCA records.
- g. The title of **Rabbit Hunter Excellent** shall be granted to any PBGV receiving 10 qualifying scores of 100 or better in any stake after completing the prerequisite titles of Parent Club Master Hunter and Parent Club Master Hunter Excellent. If requested by owner (see Section 8) this title will be designated by the suffix title RHX in all PBGVCA records. A numerical suffix may be added to the title with each additional 10 qualifying scores, RHX2, RHX3, etc.
- h. The title of **Elite** after any Parent Club Hunter title shall be granted to any PBGV that has earned a PCJH title or higher and produced a minimum of three Get with PCSH titles. Elite Titles may be awarded posthumously. If requested by owner (see Section 8) this title will be designated by the second suffix ELITE after the Parent Club Hunt Title (i.e. PCSH, ELITE) in all PBGVCA records.
- i. The title of **Elite Excellent** after any Parent Club Hunter title shall be granted to any PBGV that has earned a PCSH title or higher and produced a minimum of three Get with PCMH titles. Elite Excellent Titles may be awarded posthumously. If requested by owner (See Section 8) this title will be designated by the second suffix ELITE X after the Parent Club Hunt Title (i.e. PCSH, ELITE X) in all PBGVCA records.