

# Brief History of the PBGVCA Hunt Test Program

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At first we didn't even know that PBGVs would know how to find a bunny, so we brought our own.

We quickly figured out that most PBGVs are born knowing how to chase a rabbit once introduced to their scent.





Puppies being introduced to the rabbit.

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Older PBGVs need an introduction too



**Puppies need encouragement**



**At first some PBGVs need to be controlled with a long line**



**And taught that it is ok to go into the cover**



However sometimes it's hard to untangle a PBGV in heavy cover



Some people were told to run their PBGV with an experienced dog. We quickly learned that there was a definite lack of experienced hunting PBGVs in the US and PBGVs do not hunt like other scent hounds.





We were told by other scent hound people the way to do it was to beat the bushes.

However we quickly learned that PBGVs love to go into cover – no matter how dense – and flush their own rabbit to chase!



Puppy learning that dense cover yields wonderful smells



Briars are no problem



Ears brush the ground, stir the scent, and direct it to the nose



A long rib cage and keel protect in heavy brush



Can you find the 2  
PBGVs busily at  
work?



Yes there is  
a PBGV in  
the brush.





Keeping up with a PBGV in hot pursuit is almost impossible

## Harking in!

A trait that separates PBGVs from other scent hounds is their willingness to quickly “pack-up” to join the chase when one PBGV gives voice proclaiming that it has found a rabbit.



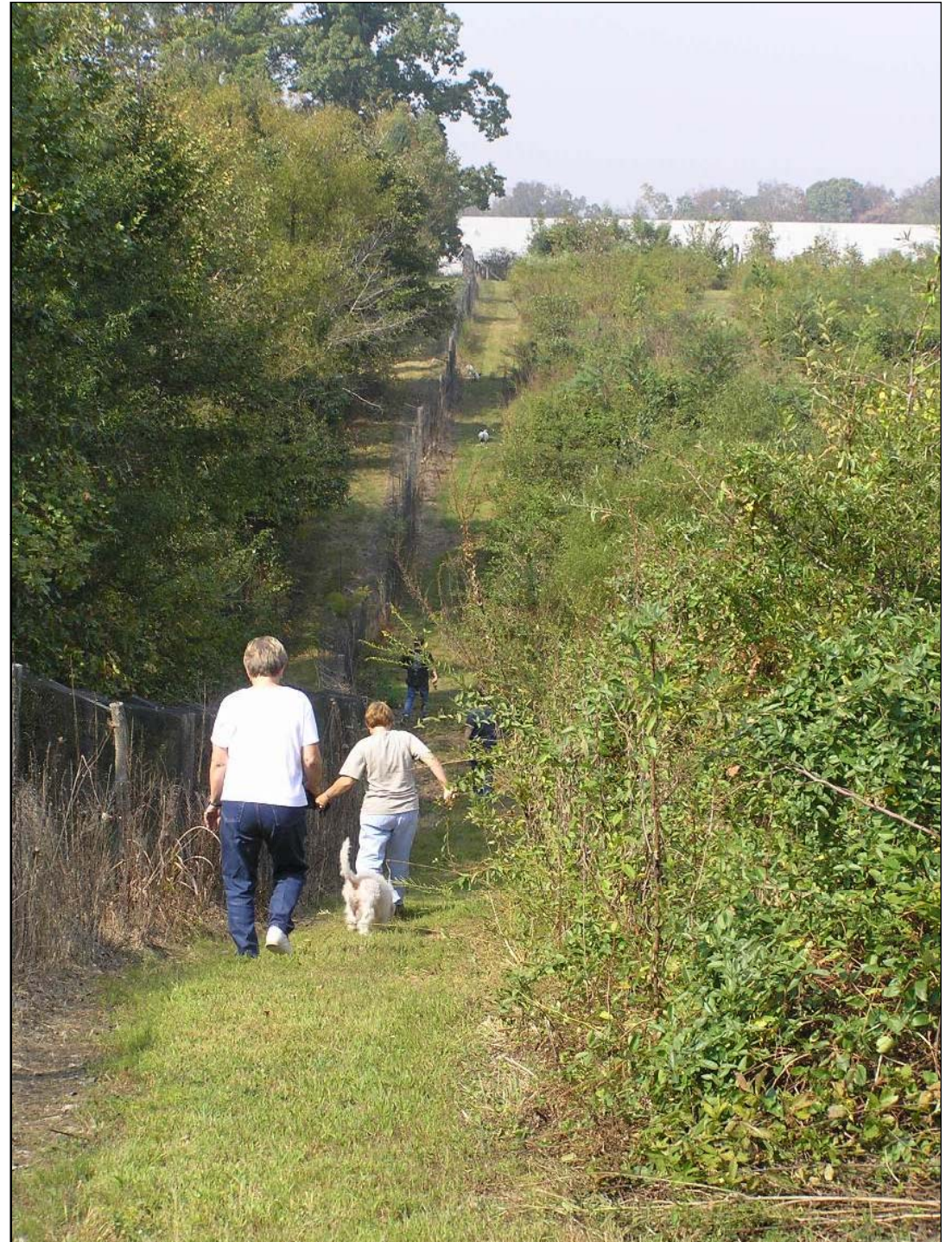


What could be more fun than watching a pack of pups enjoy their 1<sup>st</sup> hunt



And a tired puppy is a good puppy!

Over the past 6 years fellow PBGV people have enjoyed Following their hounds up and down the hilly Cabarrus Beagle Club running grounds in NC





**With it's dense cover**



To the much larger Delsea running grounds in NJ



To the open fields of RI





To the north woods of WI



During the heat of late Spring or early Fall, cool down pools had to be provided

**Or some times the very clever  
PBGV will find its own way of  
cooling down!**





**Some times the PBGVs are comfortable and the humans are very cold!**



**Muddy - Owner: Pegi Shriver  
Photo: Beverly Reeves Childs**

And sometimes everyone gets very wet!

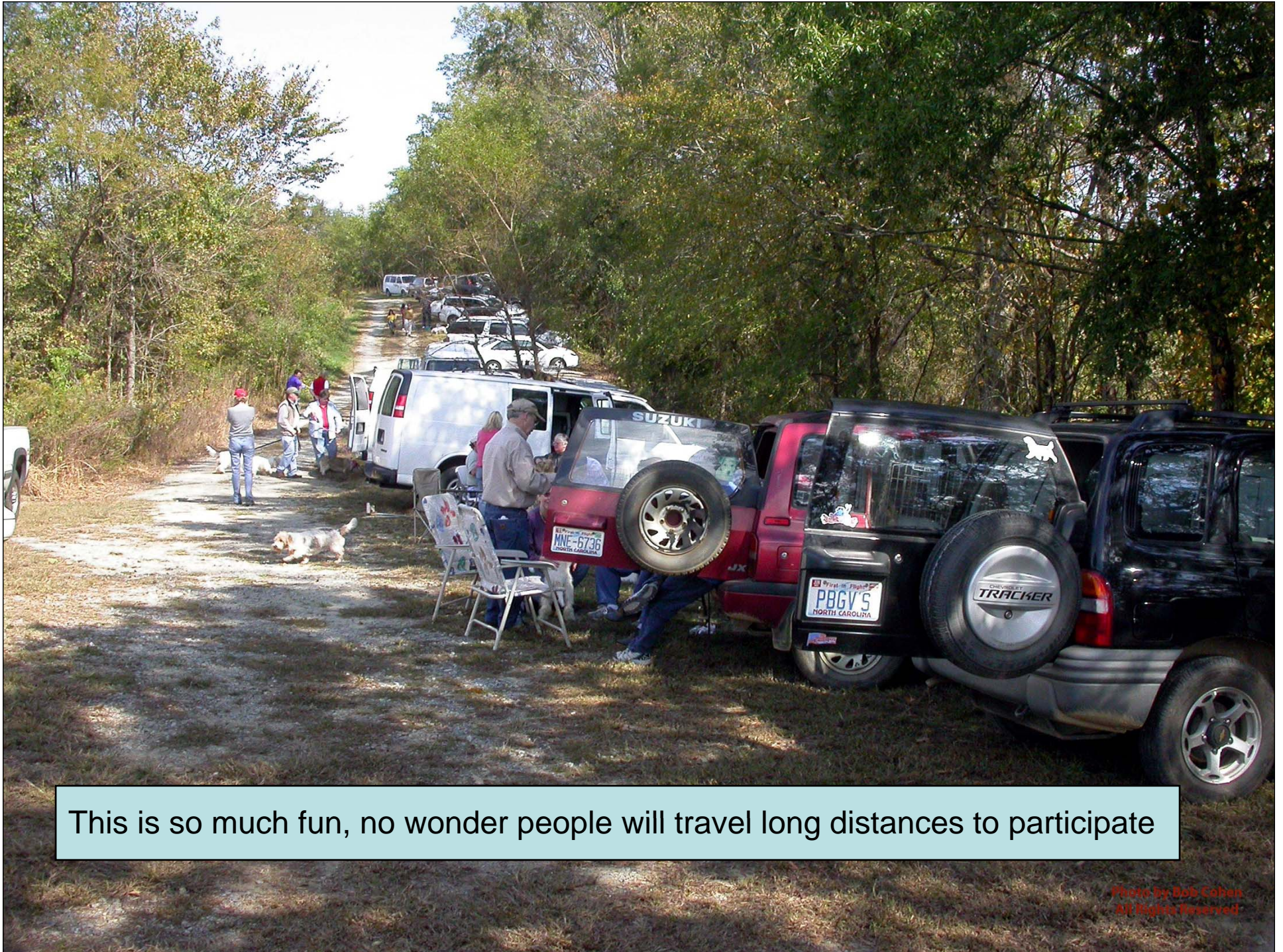


In France, a hunting pack can consist of several different scent hound breeds.

At one PBGVCA Hunt Test the Grands came too.



Two Grands heading out.



This is so much fun, no wonder people will travel long distances to participate

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Making new friends is easy!



Both people and their PBGVs enjoy relaxing together



Did we pass? What was our score? Wonder why our humans let us have this much fun?

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passing the  
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Test





**And even the  
judges smile!**

