

Bloodhounds West



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It is hard to believe that it is already 2007 and I am President again for Bloodhounds, West. First, I want to thank Evelyn for holding the office of President the last few years, I know she has had many family commitments but she was still willing to be our president when she had so little time.

The next two years are going to be an exciting and challenging time for the club since we will be hosting the 2008 ABC Nationals in Long Beach in September of 2008. We need each and every member of the club to make a commitment to do at least one job that will help us make the 2008 Nationals the best ever. We already have a beautiful site on the water in Long Beach, a theme, and we are now forming committees for the National Event.

Please call or email either Lynne Aguirre or myself and let us know what you would like to do to help make the Nationals a success. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see the meeting schedule that has been established so that we can get together frequently and work on the upcoming Nationals and the Regional that will be the same weekend. We need help with everything from the Boutique to the trailing trials.

At our last meeting we voted to raise the yearly dues to \$25 starting in January of 2008, very soon you will be getting a dues reminder for this year. We are in the process of developing a new membership/renewal form and it will include the ABC Code of Ethics, which is an important reminder to all of us.

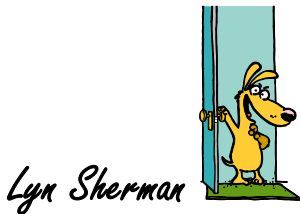
Bloodhound Rescue locally and nationally has been overwhelmed with dogs with too few people stepping up to the plate to help, therefore the rescue coordinators are overwhelmed and understaffed.

Please consider helping in any way you can, not only with donating money, but by donating time, offering to pickup a dog at the local shelter, being a temporary foster home, or by just being there when asked to help.

One thing under consideration is offering this newsletter electronically, this saves time and money and ensures that the newsletter is received "hot off the press". Of course, if you prefer you will be able to get your newsletter by "snail mail". Most of the other Regional clubs are already doing this and it has been very successful.

Please feel free to call me with any concerns you have about the club, offers to help with the Nationals, or if you just want to know what is happening in the dog show scene. My contact numbers are elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Hope to see you soon,



MEETING DATES

At the next meeting the committees will be finalized for the 2008 National and Lynne A. will give out the guidelines/expectations for each committee. It is not always possible to attend every meeting but hopefully the majority of people will be able to attend the following meetings. Any suggestions for meetings on non-show weekends at a central meeting place are welcomed. Please email Lyn Sherman@aol.com

Times of the meetings are dependent on the judging schedule, Lyn will email everyone after show times are known. If Lyn doesn't have your email address, please contact her.

Sunday-February 25th - (note Sunday date) at the Silver Bay Kennel Club Show in Del Mar.

Saturday-March 31st - at the Kern County Kennel Club Show in Bakersfield.

Saturday-April 28th – ABC SW Regional in Hollister, Gavilan Kennel Club.

Saturday May 26th - Mission Circuit at the Fairplex in LA.

June does not have many all-breed shows in Southern California; the Long Beach Kennel Club all-breed show appears to be only one day. We can have a June/July meeting will be at either the Ventura Shows, in Oxnard, or the shows in Lompoc-- depending on where most people will be showing-please let me know when the time gets closer.

WELCOME NEW BLOODHOUNDS WEST MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Lonny & Debbie Stephens of Lakeside and Lee and Kathy Neuman of Poway who now are officially Bloodhound West Members.

MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership Application is available online at our website.

We will be publishing the names of new applicants who are in the process of becoming Bloodhounds West members. After being published in the subsequent issue of the Gazette, they will officially become members. Our new applicants for this issue are:

Mary Lou Olzewski from Fallston, MD, sponsored by Lynne & Steve Aquirre

DUES



Please continue to support your club by sending your \$20 membership dues to Lynne Aguirre at 1278 Bridgeport Road, Corona, CA 92882-5684.

RESCUE

For rescue information, please contact Stacy Mattson BloodhoundsWest@msn.com or Susan Hamil CAH20372@aol.com.

There are Bloodhounds with the Arizona Basset Breed Rescue group in Gilbert/Phoenix area that need adoption. We refer any potential homes to them or to the online application process. <http://www.azbassetrescue.com/> or 602-225-7800 or 866-882-9247.

Stacy wrote in December that the year has ended quietly. Rescue was housing only 3 senior, special needs dogs. Emerson has survived his bloat surgery and is doing very well now 3 months later. Susan and I thank those members who have sent their donations for his continued care. Emerson earns his room and board by welcoming newcomers and is a calm balanced energy. Belle has not found a 'forever home' yet but is a great example of good manners and sweet temperament. Our latest special needs bloodhound is Rosie. She was found wandering the streets of Santa Barbara about November 6th and by Thanksgiving weekend was not claimed. Her initial medical needs were donated by K-9 Pals at the Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter www.k-9pals.org. She is a black and tan, 9-12+ yr old who has had some type of major abdominal surgery. She has a cherry eye, entropion and a hematoma on her left ear. She is a real sweetheart and is missing her real family.

Sherlock Peaver, past away quietly in his sleep, a week after suffering Geriatric Vestibular Syndrome. He reminds us to make arrangements for the care of our dog(s) in our Wills and/or Trusts and let our family and friends know of our wishes.

BOUTIQUE



Our boutique is now open. If you'd like to place items for sale, please contact me at claudiarose@suddenlink.net. Ten percent of the sale price goes to Bloodhounds West, either Northern or Southern Chapter. Or if you prefer, the 10% may be designated to our Event Fund to assist us in covering expenses for upcoming Bloodhound West Hosted events, such as the ABC National in Long Beach in 2008.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO

The dates are April 13-15, 2007 at the Orange County Fairgrounds. If you'd like to help with the Meet the Breed booth, please contact John Sidney at surfsupclumbers@cox.net. Anyone who helps will receive a bloodhound T-shirt!

BLOODHOUNDS WEST NORTHERN CHAPTER TO HOST THE ABC/SW REGIONAL

The ABC/SW Regional will be held Friday April 27, 2007 and Supported Entries will be Saturday and Sunday in conjunction with Gavilan Kennel Club at Bolado Park in Hollister. Look for more information in future Gazettes and Bonckers and on our website <http://www.bloodhoundswest.org>

THE 2007 AMERICAN BLOODHOUND CLUB NATIONAL SPECIALTY

The dates are October 1-7, 2006 in Denton, Texas and the website is <http://www.southcentralbloodhounds.org/Pages/upcoming%20events.html>

BLOODHOUNDS WEST ROCKS!

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our Southern California Bloodhounds! At our National in Rhode Island, Moonie took Best of Breed and Rita took Best of Opposite Sex. Knotty took Stud Dog and for the 2nd year in a row he won the Top Twenty. Our very own Steve Aguirre was the Breeder Judge for the Top Twenty and lovely Lynne was his assistant.



"Moonie" Best of Breed National



Ribbons & Ears



Steve & Lynne "Top Twenty"



"Rita" Best Opposite Patiently being bathed by Bruce



"Knotty" Stud Dog and winner of the Top Twenty

At Eukanuba Rita took Best of Breed and Moonie took Best of Opposite. And Very Special CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Susan Hamil who was awarded the Best Hound Breeder at Eukanuba!!! We are so proud!

For the first time ever our Bloodhound "Meet the Breed" booth was awarded 4th Place in the Hound Group! Susan came up with the clever idea of having a jail with search and rescue Bloodhounds on site who had "found" the prisoners. Very special thanks John Whitmore for building the jail and to Larry Harris for his display board showing how bloodhounds are helping with fire and explosive scent work. We were fortunate both days to have Orange County Sheriff's officers and Long Beach Police Department officers and their bloodhounds in our booth. And a bonus, we had a box to help collect "bail" for the prisoners which raised over \$120 for bloodhound rescue.



"Rita" Best of Breed Eukanuba



"Moonie" Best Opposite Eukanuba



"Knotty" raising money for the Canine Health Foundation



Susan & John after Susan was awarded her Hound Breeder Award



4th Place Booth photo by Wendy Musgrove



Larry Harris, Claudia & Diane





NEWS FLASH ! ! ! Moonie won Breed at Westminster and Rita won Best Opposite! So our California Bloodhounds continue to rock!!!!



"Moonie" Best of Breed Westminster



"Rita" Best of Opposite Sex Westminster



CLAUDIA & ROSE SNIFFIN AROUND FOR BRAGS

Remember this is your Gazette, so please email me your brags, your pictures or anything you'd like to share with us and send me your email addresses so we can send information to you claudiarose@suddenlink.net

In addition to the National, Eukanuba and Westminster the following Group Wins are:

Judy Walker, Jan Kano and Michele McKenney's "Moonie" Ch. Churchils Treasured Moon won Group 1 at the Canada Del Oro Kennel Club in Tucson, AZ November 20th and Group 2 on November 21st; Group 3 at the Sahuaro State Kennel Club in Buckeye, AZ November 25th and Group 2 November 26th; Group 1 at the Orange Empire Dog Club in San Bernardino January 27th; and Group 1 at the Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno on February 3rd and Group 1 February 4th.

Susan Lacroix Hamil and Evelyn Jones's "Rita" Ch. Quiet Creek's Mi Amor won Group 3 at the Malibu Kennel Club in Costa Mesa on December 10; Group 4 at the Santa Cruz Kennel Club in San Mateo December 29th; Group 4 at the Kennel Club of Palm Springs January 6th and Group 2 at the Orange Empire Dog Club in San Bernardino January 28th.

There's a new girl winning Groups, that French lass bred by Daniel and Monique Ravizza. Susan Lacroix Hamil and Susanna Anderson's "Vodessa" Vodessa Du Hameau Jouas won a Group 1 at the Sahuaro State Kennel Club in Buckeye, AZ January 13th and Group 4 January 14 and Group 3 at the Golden Gate Kennel Club in San Francisco January 27th.

Moonie's son Ch. Houndwalker's Zoom to the Moon owned by Barbara/Gary Casciole & Dick Greaver won a Group 4 at the San Luis Obispo Kennel Club in Paso Robles, Ca on November 11th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VERY OWN KNOTTY A WONDERFUL AMBASSADOR FOR OUR BREED

Knotty (Ch Heathers Knock on Wood) has achieved success unparalleled by any show Bloodhound in the history of our breed. With nearly 50 Best in Show wins, he has won the hearts of many. To hear the roar of the crowd when Knotty appeared was enough to bring tears to the eyes of this Knotty lover. Literally sitting on the edge of my seat and seeing him win the AKC Eukanuba was an incredible night I will never forget. Not only did he win the show but more than 140,000 people voted online for him and he was crowned with the Viewer's Choice Award and Animal Planet donated \$10,000 to the American Bloodhound Club.

Among the numerous appearances Knotty has made, he was on the Animal Planet Thanksgiving Parade float in 2005. He has paraded in his tuxedo to help raise money for charity, he received a special award from the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and he was the first Bloodhound to fly across the pond to compete at Crufts. At Eukanuba in December folks stood in line to have their pictures taken with Knotty (who alternated with Costello, the lovely Siberian Husky who won Eukanuba January '06) and he and Costello raised over \$1500 for the Canine Health Foundation. While Eukanuba was taking place, Knotty was a special guest on Access Hollywood.

Knotty won the Inaugural Top Twenty in Washington at the National in 2005 and then again in Rhode Island in October where he also also received an Award of Merit as well as Stud Dog. If you go to Wikipedia and look up bloodhound, there is a section on Knotty under "Noteworthy Bloodhounds."

Thank you Heather & Peter for producing this wonderful boy, thanks Lyn for showing him and Ken for handling him. To quote Ken, "Once in a while you see a dog that grabs you. It's visual of first. And if you're lucky, you get to spend some time with them, and they grab your heart. Knotty will have a special place in my heart forever." Mine too. Thank you Knotty for being the incredible Bloodhound you are!!!!



Your Editor,

Claudia Myers



Claudia & Knotty



Eukanuba Trophy
Knotty & Costello



Knotty Honored by the L.A. Board of Supervisors
Lyn & Dick and Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky



Knotty in his tux for the Animal Planet Benefit for ROAR (Reach Out. Act. Respond)



Knotty & Lyn at Eukanuba in Long Beach '06
Photo by Wendy Musgrove



Knotty wins Eukanuba Jan '05



Animal Planet photo



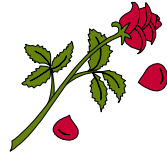
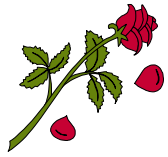
Knotty Group 1 Westminster February '05



Knotty at Eukanuba Jan '06 Fundraiser



Knotty's picture at Westminster Website Feb '07



IN MEMORIAM

Our heartfelt sympathies go Lyn & Dick Sherman on the passing of their dear Sherman, Ch Sweetwaters One & Only, CGC. After finishing his championship in one long weekend in Palm Springs he never looked back. He retired to a life of leisure at Saddle Peak Bloodhounds. He earned his CGC and briefly came out of retirement for the Regional in Lompoc in 2004 and won Veteran Sweeps. Lyn writes "Sherman was the happiest bloodhound I have ever known and he brought joy and laughs to all that knew him. He loved the show ring and he taught me how to enjoy being in the show ring. I will always be grateful to him for that gift and all the other gifts he gave all of us who knew him and loved him. Thank you Diane Whitmore and Susan Hamil for allowing me to live with this wonderful dog, he gave us so much and never asked anything in return."

BLOODHOUND CLUB WEBSITES

AMERICAN BLOODHOUND CLUB (National)
<http://www.bloodhounds.org>

Canadian Bloodhound Club
<http://www.canadianbloodhoundclub.com>

Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club (Northwest)
<http://www.pacificrimbloodhoundclub.org>

Canadian Bloodhound Club
<http://www.canadianbloodhoundclub.com>

Prairielands Bloodhound Club (Northcentral)
<http://www.prairielandsbloodhoundclub.com>

The Bloodhound Club UK
<http://www.bloodhoundclub.co.uk>

Colonial Bloodhound Club (Northeast)
<http://www.colonialbhc.org>

As always, feel free to contact any of your officers or directors with your questions, ideas or concerns.



TAKE TIME TO MAKE TIME FOR YOUR CLUB.

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