

Bloodhounds West



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

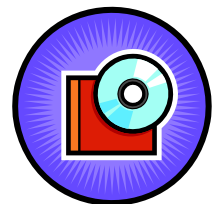
Hard to believe the 2008 National in Long Beach is over. I trust everyone who attended has already made it home safe and sound. All of the committee members thank everyone who helped out to make this the best ever National. Please plan to support the 2000 National that will be hosted by the Prairielands Bloodhound Club in Ohio. Information on it will be available through the ABC web site at www.bloodhounds.org.

Until next time, hug your hounds.



DVD OF THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL

Don't Miss this chance!



Photos and compilation of our 2008 ABC National Specialty and SW Regional Specialty, courtesy of Kirby Westergren, are now available for sale to benefit the shows. The sets are \$30.00 plus a one time S&H of \$4.00. Details are available on the Bloodhounds West web site at www.bloodhoundswest.org. Order forms are listed in both the events and boutique sections.

This wonderful collection of photos completely cover the show from Thurs. through Sun. and the music is fantastic! If you were able to attend, these will be wonderful memories. If you weren't present, it'll be just like you were there!!!! This is a limited time offer so, please get your orders in today and pass on the word!

MEMBERSHIP

We'd like to welcome new members Myrna Burton and Lana Basinger both sponsored by Claudia Myers.

DUES FOR 2008



Please continue to support your club by sending your \$25 membership dues to Louise Uphus at 3661 Grey Fox Lane, Ontario, CA 91761. You can download your renewal form as well as the membership form at <http://www.bloodhoundswest.org/documents/southernapplication.pdf>

RESCUE

The rescues across the country are all overflowing and we at Bloodhounds West sure could use your help, please volunteer and consider sponsoring a rescue and sending contributions. For rescue information, please contact Stacy Mattson BloodhoundsWest@msn.com or Susan Hamil CAH20372@aol.com. Send your checks to Bloodhounds West, c/o Susan Hamil at 20372 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach, Ca 92651-1164

SPECIAL APPRECIATION

In 2002 Elaine Fitzgerald "rescued" Bloodhound girl Daisy who was a year old. She came to live with their Bonnie who was a pitbull mix. They were both the loves of her life and she was so grateful to Judy Robb and Bloodhounds West Rescue. Sadly in May Bonnie died and Elaine emailed me that they were so sad and lonely and that even the cat and Daisy missed Bonnie. Thanks so much to Elaine for her thoughtfulness for making a contribution to Bloodhounds West Northern California Rescue in Bonnie's name.

RESCUE UPDATES



"Agatha"



"Walker & Agatha"



"Agatha"

May 11, 2008

To: Stacy & Susan

Today marks seven years, to the day, when my husband, Jon, and I drove to Laguna Beach to adopt Agatha from Bloodhounds West! I've also attached three photos, one of which includes our boy, Walker (blue collar) with Agatha (red collar). The other two are Agatha alone. She is the wonder of wonders. Intelligent, dominant, energetic beyond description, always ready for action, and has been in many schools and volunteered with one of our local law enforcement agencies in San Luis Obispo. Not only are our Bloodhounds

loved by many people, they have introduced countless individuals to the magnificent breed. The remarks/questions we hear most frequently include: Oh, I didn't know Bloodhounds are so big!; Are they friendly?; Do they make good pets?; Are they *real* Bloodhounds? I've only seen them in the movies.; and Who's taking who for a walk?

In short Agatha has changed us forever we will never be the same because of having her in our lives. **Thank you both** from the bottom of our hearts for bringing Agatha to California from Nevada and for allowing her to adopt us!

With sincere appreciation,

Leslie and Jon Sands

May 11, 2001

Jon only had today off work. We left at 6 am from our home in San Luis Obispo County and drove to Laguna Beach, arriving at the Canyon Animal Hospital at 11:15 am. Susan Hamil met us there and an Animal Hospital attendant brought Agatha out for us to meet. We checked her over, asked Susan a number of questions, and Susan offered some timely general advice on owning a Bloodhound. She said she didn't know anything about this hound as it was Stacy Mattson who had been caring for and observing Agatha.

We decided to adopt Agatha. Jon stayed outside with her while I went into the Hospital with Susan to complete paperwork. Agatha loaded up in our vehicle as if she had belonged to us for a long time. She rode well in our small compact sedan and slept most of the way home. We stopped briefly in Sierra Madre to introduce Agatha to my parents and were again on our way home. We stopped at a vista point on the San Marcos Pass road to give Agatha a chance to relieve herself; she would not.

We stopped at PetSmart in Santa Maria to purchase dog food and other items for Agatha. An employee helped fit Agatha with a Gentle Leader collar. We purchased a bag of dog food, a few dog treats and were again on our way home. Tired but very happy to have such a wonderful new Bloodhound!

After feeding Agatha, she slept well on our service porch area and did quite well.



August 29, 2008
From: Jamie Olsen

Claudia,
Magnum's doing well & seems to be, in the last 6 weeks turning into yet another different dog. Must be his 9th life or something. If we leave our stemless wine glasses on the table or outside he takes them and puts them in the yard or by his bed...doesn't ever break them! The other day he stole a loaf of rye bread off the counter, then a bag of 5 or 6 tomatoes. Ate all of it without leaving a crumb anywhere. Next he decided he would prefer

sleeping outside one night. Sooooo he gently pushed the screen out of the open window & went out to the front yard to sleep on the sidewalk. Couple nights later he did the same thing but was sleeping in the planter. One night he got in the trash and one night he took the cutting board & spatula off the counter & put it near his bed (didn't chew it). So...I guess he truly is a Bloodhound and maybe didn't know it before. He sleeps outside now and is perfectly happy to do so. Other than that he's a very good sweet boy. Not so sweet to other dogs (except ours) but very sweet. Looks like he could be Gus' twin (the dog you just sent an e-mail about).

He walks lovely on a leash, minds well in the house (while we're there and not sleeping), stands patiently for his baths, ear cleaning & eye ointment. LOVES his food and cookies. LOVES his blow dry after his bath. Is really a love and has nice manners (no jumping or pawing).

Thanks, Claudia!

Jamie



"Abby"



"Rusty"

From: Holly & Graham

HeLLo CLaUDiA.....The story of Abby & Rusty continues.....They both have settled into our family routine especially with breakfast & dinner ! Abby has lost weight and is looking pretty. Rusty now shines with good health and both love their daily brushings ...Abby got a baby bird in the spring time and brought it to her bed and was licking it like a baby....Rusty likes to empty the sink of small dishes and all the silverware nightly..... very strange! Both dawgs are so sweet and we couldn't imagine life without them... Love Holly

From Lana Basinger

Hi Claudia,

I took a couple of photos of Dixie this morning, I was in the dinning room and looked out and saw her sitting near the burro corral. The little gray is Caroline, 22 years old and the black is Ruby at 4 years old.





The burros are in a field and Dixie is loose to go where she pleases. Dixie was keeping an eye on the house so when I go out to feed the 'troops' she doesn't miss a beat. Steve is really liking her now. it took him awhile to warm up to her, as she seemed to keep a 'wall' up around her for such a long time. She's extremely verbal, and sometimes it's hard to differentiate just what she means when she's growling. Now he can handle her most anyway he wants and if she growls, well, he just keeps up what he's doing by rubbing or hugging her. He has stopped when she growls, but then she always goes back to him to continue with his attention to her.

Have a great week,
Lana

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR RESCUE STORIES TO ROSE AND CLAUDIA. WE ALL LOVE READING ABOUT THE LUCKY PEOPLE WHO "INHERIT" THESE EXTRA SPECIAL BLOODHOUNDS!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Test for Degenerative Myelopathy gene NOW AVAILABLE!
<http://www.caninegeneticdiseases.net/DM/ancmntDM.htm>

Dr. Gary Johnson at the [Animal Molecular Genetics Laboratory](#) and Dr. Joan Coates at the [Comparative Neurology Program](#) of the University of Missouri and Drs. Claire Wade and Kerstin Lindblad-Toh at the Broad Institute of MIT/Harvard and their colleagues have identified a DNA mutation that is a major risk factor for development of degenerative myelopathy in dogs.

A DNA test is now available for use by veterinarians, breeders and pet owners. This test is available through the [OFA \(Orthopedic Foundation for Animals\)](#). The test clearly identifies dogs that are clear (have 2 normal copies of the gene), those who are carriers (have one normal copy of the gene and one mutated copy of the gene), and those who are at much higher risk for developing DM (have 2 mutated copies of the gene). However, having two mutated copies of the gene does not necessarily result in disease.

Dogs that have clinical signs and a confirmed diagnosis of DM have tested as genetically affected. A relatively high percentage of dogs in several breeds (including Boxers, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers and Rhodesian Ridgebacks) have the predisposing mutation. It is important to note that there are a large number of dogs that have tested as genetically affected, but are reported as clinically normal by their owners. It may be that many of these dogs will develop clinical signs as they get older or it is possible that symptoms will never manifest in these dogs. Research is still needed to determine the frequency of the mutation in breeds known to have DM (German Shepherd Dogs, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Pembroke and Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Boxers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Standard Poodles). In the future, we may identify other risk factors in those dogs that have tested as genetically affected. Wise use of this test can reduce the incidence of dogs at risk for DM in the long-term, particularly if other low frequency risk factors are

identified that can more easily be reduced. It is likely to take many generations to reduce the frequency of this disease in breeds with higher frequency of the mutation.

As part of an ongoing collaborative effort by research scientists at the University of Missouri and the Broad Institute, a free DNA test is offered for dogs that have been diagnosed with DM, and for older dogs in selected breeds. Details are outlined in the [RESEARCH](#) section of this website.

Editor's Note:

Rose was diagnosed with possible Degenerative Myelopathy. I called the University of Missouri to learn more about the gene testing. Because I had sent Rose's blood to them previously for their Epilepsy study, they had her DNA and they tested it and she test as affected. They have randomly tested 27 bloodhounds' DNA for DM and they found 1 as affected or at risk and 13 were carriers.

CLAUDIA & ROSE SNIFFIN AROUND FOR BRAGS



“Kenda” & “Knotty”

From: Heather Whitcomb

Getting emails like this makes this breeding all worth while.....

.....Kenda is a Heathers Hounds puppy - Knotty is the Dad

Subject: Call on 5/11/08

I want to express and pass on Don's report on KENDA having a find last night. It is what we do as a team. It starts with the breeder, next comes the care and training with the team's handler's and Extreme K9. The Department supplying Vehicles for the handlers and equipment. The 1000+ hours of dedication by the handler and a good backup team willing to follow mile after mile after mile trail after trail. It all works together with the right circumstances.

Congratulations to Steve and Kenda and congrats to everyone on the team effort!

Doug Williams
R/ LT SRRU K9 Operations

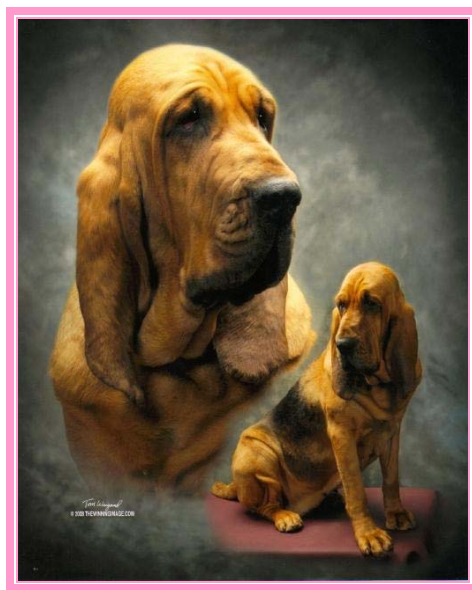


“ Rylie” & Pat

May 18, 2008

From: Sherry And Tim Robertson

We got Rylie delivered yesterday to Pat Moffitt K9, Sonoma County Sheriff's Dept. and it was an immediate perfect match. When ready, Pat will certify him in Colorado and meanwhile, work with Woof and Wilderness to get some time under his belt. Sonoma has beautiful kennels behind the office and in cooler weather, he'll go to work with her and Majik every day. We're so thrilled and just pray Rylie does as well as AnnaBelle!



“Taylor”

Gr Ch. Multi BIS/BISS/ BISS Am Ch. Sapphires & White Diamonds Cdn CGN.....aka - Taylor or The Queen.....

Taylor has been the top bloodhound in Canada for three years. The Queen has hung up her show lead but not before she earned the title of Grand Champion. This is an official CKC title and Taylor is, to date, the one and only bloodhound in Canada to have earned this accomplishment.

Taylor was bred by Jon & Noel Stockwell and is co-owned by Noel. Taylor is loved and cherished by Heather & Peter & her playing buddies Oprah and Kitty.

Editors Note:

Want to know how to qualify for a Grand Champion title? This is from the Canadian Kennel Club website. Go Taylor, this is so impressive!

The title of Grand Champion may only be earned after the completion of the CKC Conformation Championship. Points for this title are only accumulated after the completion of the Conformation Championship and do not include the points earned in attaining the Conformation Championship.

A minimum of 100 points which must include one Best in Show or a Best of Breed at a Breed National Specialty (where a minimum of ten dogs have competed) or a Best in Multiple Breed Specialty with at least five breeds represented; plus 3 group firsts or 3 Breed Specialty wins must be earned at Conformation shows.

a) GRAND CHAMPION POINT SYSTEM

Group 1 or Best in Specialty Show 5 Points

Group 2 or Best of Opposite Single Breed Specialty Show 4 Points

Group 3 3 Points

Group 4 2 Points

(Note: no points are acquired if no other dog is present in the group.)

Best of Breed 1 Point

(To earn the breed point, at least 5 dogs must be shown at breed level)

Best in Show or Best in National Specialty Show or Best in Multi Breed Specialty Show 10 Points

Only the highest points earned at a single show are carried forward. For example, a dog that wins Group 1 and then wins Best in Show, earns 10 points, not 15.

Additional Requirements

The dog must have been awarded a title from any CKC event, other than Conformation, or awarded a Canine Good Neighbour Certificate.



“Glory”

August 19, 2008

From: Lynne & Steve Aguirre

Hi Claudia and Rose,

Our Glory (Nunya's M-Azing MorningStar RTZ) picked up another major in Ventura. She was very excited about being there with all of her friends and thought that the birds flying in and out of our ring was great! She is still a clown and continues to test our patience. Here is a picture from her win that day.

Lynne and Steve



“Yeager” & “Ditto”



“Ditto”

BISS Am/Can Ch Heathers Where Eagles Dare “Yeager” won the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club Regional, and Ch Heathers Father and Son “Ditto” got an Award of Merit

“Yeager” is a new Canadian Champion and he won BOB three days and got a Group 3 and 2 Group Two's



“Moonie”

From: Judy Walker
August 19, 2008

Hi ! Claudia...Just wanted to brag on Moonie being the BOB winner at the Western Washington Hound Show and at the Canadian Bloodhound Nationals...

Thanks and take care, Judy



"Hank"



"Abbey"

August 20, 2008
 From: Mary Lou Olszewski

Hi Claudia,

I guess I do have a brag. This past weekend at the Talbot Kennel Club, four of my puppies had their debut. We had two dog and two bitches in the 6-9 month puppy class. Well, the first bit of excitement was when "Hank" (Olby Mason Tower of London) took Winners Dog and a four point major. Then, Hank's littermate, "Abbey" (Olby Mason Westminster Abbey) took Winners Bitch which was two points. In the Breed ring Abbey was awarded Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex over a specials bitch. Now, she has secured a four point major. To further add to the excitement Abbey was awarded Best Puppy and she finished the day with a Puppy Hound Group 1.

Needless to say it was an exciting day for Olby Hounds and I am very proud. Keep in mind these little guys are barely six months old. Sharon and Hank were flawless. It was a sight to see for all of us that have struggled showing puppies.

Thanks for asking, I am really looking forward to seeing everyone in Long Beach next month.

Mary Lou

Puppy Dog - Olby Mason Tower of London "Hank", handled by Sharon Olszewski (my sister-in-law)
 Puppy Bitch - Olby Mason Westminster Abbey "Abbey", handled by Tracy Bridges,
 Judge: Gary L. Doerge
 Sire: Ch. Murphy Mason Midnight Rambler "Rambler" Dam: Ch. Mason Olby The Terminatrix "Sophie"

From: Heather Whitcomb

Miss Kitty surveying her territory!!



"Kitty"

From: Barb Casciole
7 Aug 2008

Claudia,

While we were ringside at the Summerfest (Ventura, ca) a news reporter came up and interviewed Stephen Cabral (Moonie's handler) Stephen showed Zoom (Moonie's son) in the ring the day after his wife had a baby, it was a cute twist and he was the proud daddy bragging about the new baby, once we told the news reporter about the big news.

Barb

From the *Ventura County Star*

Dog show handler Stephen Cabral got more than he bargained for when he came up to the Ventura County Fairgrounds to take part in the Summerfest Dog Show.

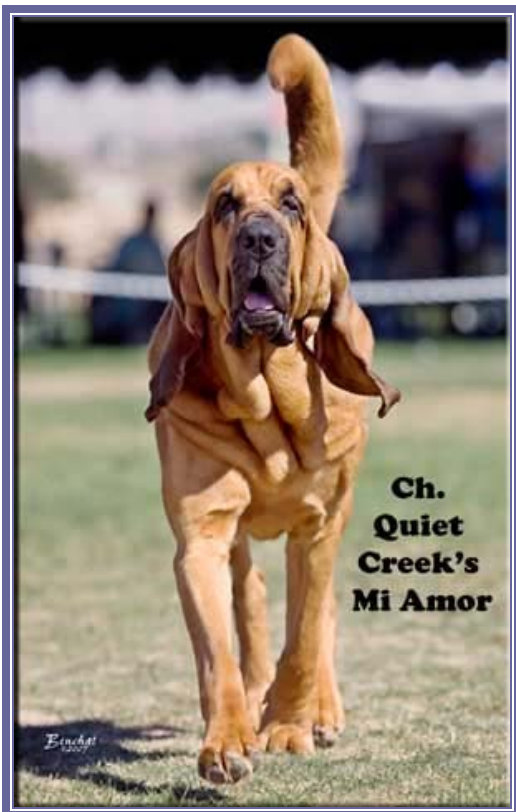
His wife, Linn, went into labor early with their first child while he was taking part in Friday's show with Zoom, a 3-year-old champion bloodhound ranked as one of the top 20 bloodhounds in the country.

"She broke her water last night, and they did an emergency C-section," said Cabral, 46, from Duarte. "So after the groups, I ran over and made it in time for the surgery."

Their daughter Emily Elizabeth weighed in at 5 pounds, 6 ounces at Ventura's Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura, but the new dad was back ringside with Zoom on Saturday morning with his wife's blessing. "She said go back to the show and go back to work. She insisted," he said.

CONGRATULATIONS STEPHEN AND LINN!!!!

Best In Show Wins



"Rita"

CH Quiet Creek's Mi Amor "Rita"

Owners:

Susan Lacroix Hamil and Evelyn Jones

4/11/2008

Chambersburg Area Kennel Club, Harrisburg, PA

4/13/2008

Mason & Dixon K.C., Harrisburg, Pa

Best In Show Wins

Ch. Soonipi Dncin In The Moonlight MLH "Phoebe"

Owners:

Karen Dewey & Sandra Wittman

6/8/2008

Longshore-Southport K.C., Yorktown Heights,N.Y.



"Phoebe"

GROUPS WINS & PLACEMENTS:

CH Quiet Creek's Mi Amor "Rita"

Owners: Susan Hamil & Evelyn Jones

- 1st: 3/29/2008 Kern County Kennel Club, Bakersfield, CA
- 2nd: 3/30/2008 Kern County Kennel Club, Bakersfield, CA
- 2nd: 4/04/2008 Yosemite Kennel Club, Merced, CA
- 2nd: 4/5/2008 Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Merced, CA
- 3rd: 4/06/2008 Sierra-Tuolumne Kennel Club, Merced, CA
- 1st: 4/10/2008 Lebanon Co.K.C., Harrisburg, PA
- 1st: 4/11/2008 Chambersburg Area KC, Harrisburg, PA
- 1st: 4/12/2008 Harrisburg K.C., Harrisburg,PA
- 1st: 4/13/2008 Mason & Dixon K.C., Harrisburg, PA
- 1st: 4/18/2008 Palouse Hills DF, Lewiston, ID
- 2nd: 4/19/2008 Palouse Hills DF, Lewiston, ID
- 3rd: 4/26/2008 Lake Mathews Kennel Club, Chino, CA
- 2nd: 5/17/2008 Coyote Hills Kennel Club, Vallejo, CA
- 2nd: 5/18/2008 Coyote Hills Kennel Club, Vallejo, CA
- 2nd: 5/23/2008 Antelope Valley KC, Pomona, CA
- 3rd: 5/26/2008 Los Encinos KC, Pomona, CA
- 1st: 5/31/08 Kennel Club Of Pasadena, Pasadena, CA
- 2nd: 6/10/08 Snake River Canyon KC Of ID, Filer, ID
- 2nd: 6/12/2008 Pocatello KC, Blackfoot ID
- 3rd: 6/15/08 Eagle Rock KC, Blackfoot, ID
- 2nd: 6/17/2008 Yellowstone Valley KC, Billings, MT
- 4th: 7/5/2008 Texas KC, Dallas, TX
- 1st: 7/6/2008 Trinity Valley KC, Dallas, TX
- 1st: 7/10/2008 Austin KC, San Antonio, TX
- 2nd: 7/11/2008 Bexar County KC, San Antonio, TX
- 3rd: 7/12/ 2008 Austin KC, San Antonio, TX
- 3rd: 7/13/2008 Bexar County KC, San Antonio, Texas
- 3rd: 7/20/08 Portland KC, Portland, OR
- 4th: 7/27/2008 Lompoc Valley Kennel Club, Lompoc, CA
- 2nd: 8/3/2008 Mt. Palomar Kennel Club, Vista, CA
- 2nd: 8/16/08 Olympic KC, Enumclaw, WA
- 3rd: 8/17/08 Olympic KC, Enumclaw, WA

Ch. Soonipi Dncin In The Moonlight MLH "Phoebe"

OwnerS: Karen Dewey & Sandra Wittman

- 3rd: 3/29/2008 Onondaga Kennel Association, Syracuse, NY.
- 3rd: 3/30/2008 Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Syracuse,NY
- 1st: 4/19/2008 Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, West Springfield, MA
- 2nd: 4/20/2008 South Windsor Kennel Club, W. Springfield, MA
- 3rd: 5/9/2008 St.Hubert K.C., N.Stonington,CT
- 4th: 5/23/2008 Staten Island K.C., Freehold, N.J.
- 4th: 5/25/2008 Plainfield K.C., Freehold , N.J.
- 3rd: 5/26/2008 Union County K.C., Freehold , N.J.
- 3rd: 5/31/08 Ladies Dog Club, Wrentham, Ma.
- 3rd: 6/1/08 Framingham District K.C., Wrentham, Ma.
- 3rd: 6/7/2008 Greenwich K.C., East Norwalk, Ct.
- 1st: 6/8/2008 Longshore-Southport K.C., Yorktown Heights,N.Y.
- 4th: 6/15/08 Middlesex County Kennel Club, Topsfield, MA.
- 3rd: 8/3/2008 Cheshire K.C., Keene, New Hampshire
- 3rd: 8/6/08 Saratoga K.C., Ballston Spa,N.Y
- 2nd: 8/7/08 Glens Fall K.C., Ballston Spa,N.Y.
- 2nd: 8/8/08 Glens Fall K.C., Ballston Spa,N.Y.

CH. Heather's Where Eagles Dare "Yeager"

Owners: Lyn Sherman & Heather Whitcomb

- 4th: 5/11/2008 Camellia Capital Kennel Club, Woodland, CA

CH Vodessa Du Hameau Jouas "Vodessa"

Owners: Susan Lacroix Hamil & Susanna Anderson

4th: 4/19/2008 Angeles Canyon Dog Club, City Of Industry, CA

3rd: 6/12/2008 Shasta Kennel Club, Gridley, CA

2nd: 6/13/2008 Shasta Kennel Club, Gridley, CA

CH Quiet Creek Sweetwater Adagio Adagio "Dodger"

Owners: Dick Dotson, Susan Lacroix-Hamil & Diane Whitmore

2nd: 5/17/2008 Mount Ogden Kennel Club, Logan UT

3rd: 5/18/2008 Mount Ogden Kennel Club, Logan UT



"Dodger"

Farewell
IN MEMORY

**"Knotty" Am/Can Ch Heathers Knock On Wood
April 2000-April 2008**



Sleep peacefully my beloved friend until we meet again.

Although you left this world too soon to
complete all your tasks on earth, you did more, saw
more, won more, kissed and loved more,
than any bloodhound before you.

Owner: Lyn Sherman Breeders: Heather & Peter Whitcomb
Cause of death: complications related to rattle snake bite.

BLOODHOUND CLUB WEBSITES

AMERICAN BLOODHOUND CLUB (National)

<http://www.bloodhounds.org/>

Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club (Northwest)

<http://www.pacificrimbloodhoundclub.org/>

Prairielands Bloodhound Club (Northcentral)

<http://www.prairielandsbloodhoundclub.com>

Association of Bloodhound Breeders (U.K.)

<http://www.associationofbloodhoundbreeders.info/>

Colonial Bloodhound Club (Northeast)

<http://www.colonialbhc.org/>

Canadian Bloodhound Club

<http://www.canadianbloodhoundclub.com/>

The Bloodhound Club UK

<http://www.bloodhoundclub.co.uk/>

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.