The Daily Drool

If you think training a bloodhound is hard, look at all these humans who can't sit and stay.

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Special COVID-19 issue

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Welcome to a special pandemic issue of The Daily Drool. While most of our members are required to "shelter-at-home," I thought a little reading material might help. Most of this content was taken from past issues of *BONCKERS*, 2014 to 2016. This issue's theme, in the words of *Mark Twain*, is:

"Never regret anything that made you smile."

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Contributions to your newsletter are always welcome!

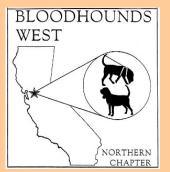
Bloodhounds West



Money won't buy happiness but it will buy a bloodhound

"Basker", photo by Nona Perez

President's Message



Aldo Branch, President Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter

Hello Northern Chapter Members and Friends,

I hope all is well with you and your family, and that everyone is safe from the coronavirus pandemic. As much as possible, please continue to shelter-in-place and hopefully we can get past

this without any of us getting sick.

With dog shows canceled for the next few months, I am really looking forward to attending the American Bloodhound Club National Specialty in San Diego in October. It will be a nice relief from the stresses of shelter-in-place life.

Prior to the shelter-in-place order, we held two trailing camps in Santa Rosa. The January camp saw two successful beginners pass their EECT titles and qualify to enter the trailing trial. Congratulations to **Jason** and "Wren," and **Carissa** and "Marco." In February, we practiced with more trails, hoping for successes in March. Conditions at the March trailing trial in Pleasanton were once again wet and windy. Judges **Stacy Mattson**, **Suzi Paine**, **Betty Seigal**, and **Pat Moffitt** laid some fair but challenging trails. We thank them tremendously for traveling to Pleasanton and putting on a wonderful trial for the entrants.

Unfortunately, out of the five trails run, we only had one pass. Congratulations to **Gary Marshall** and "Dani" for passing their MT trail in record time no less. We also give a big thank you to our trail runners, **AI Gelders**, **Elaine Marshall**, **Diane Branch**, **Stacy Mattson**, **Pat Moffitt**, and yours truly. We couldn't have put on the trial without trail runners.

I hope to see you all soon. Stay safe.

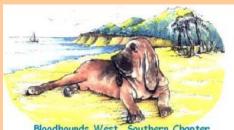
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Pat, Gary, "Dani MT," and Stacy

President's Message



Jan Stallings, President Bloodhounds West, Southern Chapter

Greetings all!

Bloodhounds West, Southern Chopter Here's hoping that this message finds all of you, and your family and friends, healthy and not going stir crazy during this time.

With all of the events being cancelled or postponed, it can leave us feeling very disconnected from our friends in our dog family. Luckily, we have many means to stay connected today, Facebook, Instagram etc...

In spite of so many things "on hold" or cancelled, (Pet Expo, Pool Party, Fun Day), work for our upcoming National's continue on. Please, reach out and offer assistance where you can. Contact either co-chair: *Lisa Jones* ljones1959@icloud.com or *Lynne Aguirre* lacrackers@aol.com.

Hang in there all! This too shall pass.

Practice kindness and patience with each other.

Hug your dog, (but not your friends, for now!)

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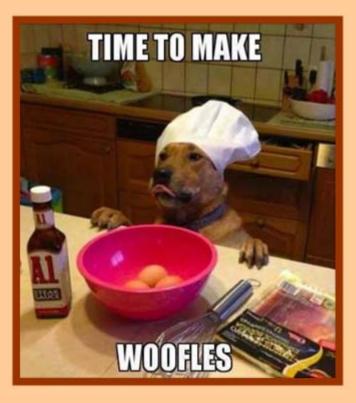
Breaking News: The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. All dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

"Who let the dogs out?" 2000, Baha Men Click here to sing along

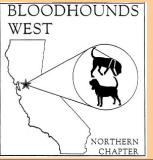


"Isabelle", photo courtesy of *Jenn Addison*.





Membership Matters



Cynthia Goble, Membership Chair Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter

"Bloodhounds West In The Time Of Corona"

This is temporary. At least, that's what I keep telling myself. We don't know what lies ahead. There are still so many questions left

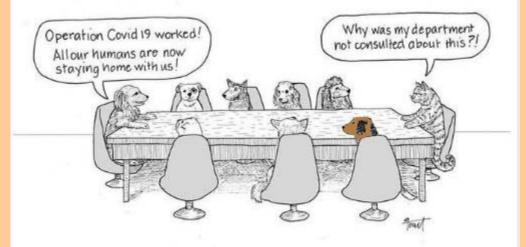


to be answered and no time frame as to when those answers will come. As you can imagine, this is not an issue of The Daily Drool that we had planned. What you're reading was put together in about a week.

Our bloodhounds and pets are the unsung heroes for many of us; especially now amid the COVID-19

pandemic. We are being required to work from home and to self-isolate during the pandemic to prevent further spread of the coronavirus. Take advantage of the time that you have at home to further the bond with your fur-family members. Social distancing is an important step to curbing the virus, but it doesn't apply with animals.

As bloodhound lovers, we know that our hounds make us feel happier and healthier. Studies have shown that having a pet helps us respond better to stressful situations and that they can serve as a source of comfort during any crisis.



The outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19 may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about the virus can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. The companionship of pets has been shown to lower anxiety, helping people to feel calmer and more secure when the news from the outside world is distressing.

It's good to be reminded that we have within us the potential to survive, even when the odds are stacked against us. Stories of those who make it, despite hardship, are both reassuring and inspiring. You have only to think of someone like *Pat Moffitt*. *Pat* is an

inspiring example of true human resilience; the ability to bend but not break, to not only "bounce back", but to face, overcome, and even be strengthened by experiences of adversity.

A Bloodhound West Northern Chapter (BWNC) Honorary Member and American



Bloodhound Club (ABC) member, Pat resides in Windsor, a town about 60 miles north of San Francisco. Pat has had several show, trailing, rescue, and therapy bloodhounds over the years and knows first-hand how animals can help people feel better. Having fled and survived a California wildfire in October 2019, Pat stated, "Without a doubt, my bloodhounds and livestock were my best source of emotional therapy." During the crisis **Pat** kept busy with her therapy bloodhound, "Lacey," visiting the County Emergency Operations Center, Sheriff's dispatch center, and fire dispatch offices. "Lacey's' therapy skills worked magic to lessen some of the stress of the emergency workers."

Animals are comforting and nonjudgmental. Petting a dog releases oxytocin, and that in itself promotes a sense of

bonding, love, and happiness. Having a pet to care for takes some of the focus off of what's going on and redirects it towards behaviors that are incompatible with sitting by ourselves and feeling lonely and despondent. Our pets are oblivious to the fears of the pandemic, they teach us to seek joy in the moment and to remain calm and carry on.

Dogs can help you keep a routine and stay active, which is important to your mental and physical health during these trying times. Daily exercise can also help promote feelings of well-being and boost immunity, so walking your dog is a physical activity that can protect you against symptoms of stress and anxiety.

There is also scientific evidence regarding the psychological and physical health benefits from having two- and four-legged animals in our lives during the best of times and especially now. Playing with an animal can boost levels of serotonin and dopamine, which calm and relax. They also encourage exercise and playfulness which reminds us to enjoy the simple things in life and be mindful of our beautiful surroundings.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay home as much as possible, and practice social distancing when out. Remember, this is temporary, but the road to recover is going to take time.

We are more than a Club; we're family. You're not alone. We're all in this together. And together, we can get to the other side of this historic time much faster.

Sending warm hugs to each of you with the hope that you'll always be blessed with the gift of goopy slobber,

> Cynthia "Cindy" Goble **BWNC Membership Chair**



Therefore 1 Am...

Bloodhound Humor

Tried to trail some fog today.

day.



Nona Perez photos



"Don't stand so close to me," 1980, The Police Click to sing along.

Visitors wanted me to keep my dog tied...



...so I tied her.

Bloodhounds in Art

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Tim Flach is a well-known London-based photographer. His work has been exhibited in Britain, the United States, and the Far East. He also frequently lectures on photography in various countries and has received numerous international awards. *Tim* become famous thanks to his stylized photographs of animals that do not fit into traditional notions of wildlife photography when animals are shown in their natural habitat. *Tim Flach* avoids the obvious compositions. Animals in his photos are taken out of context, and this unreality forces us to reconsider existing stereotypes.

(See more at: http://www.beautifullife.info/art-works/absolutely-amazing-dog-photos-from-tim-flach/)



A Little Bloodhound Humor

Upon entering the little country store, I noticed a sign saying "DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG!" posted on the glass door.

Inside I saw a big old black & tan bloodhound sound asleep on the floor beside the cash register.

I asked the store manager, "Is that the hound folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep, that's her," he replied. Smiling I said, "That sure doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

"Because," the owner

replied, "before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over her."





A Little Bloodhound Humor

What do you get when you cross a Bloodhound with a Labrador?

A Blabador, a hound that howls incessantly.

What do you get when you cross a Bloodhound with a Borzoi?

A Bloody Bore, a hound that's not much fun to be with.

What do you get when you cross a Bloodhound with a cheetah?

A hound that chases cars and catches them.

What happened to the Bloodhound who went to the flea circus?

He stole the show.

What happened to the Bloodhound who swallowed a firefly?

She howled with de-light.



Suzi Paine and *Myron Robb's* "Harriet" thinks these are funny

Vona Perez photo

Bloodhounds in Literature

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Duck Soup is a Marx Brothers anarchic comedy film written by **Bert Kalmar** and **Harry Ruby** and directed by **Leo McCarey**. First released theatrically by Paramount Pictures in November 1933, it starred what were then billed as the "Four Marx Brothers" (*Groucho, Harpo, Chico, and Zeppo*). It's a film about **Rufus T. Firefly (Groucho)**, who is named president/dictator of bankrupt Freedonia on the insistence of wealthy **Mrs. Teasdale** and declares war on neighboring Sylvania.

In this part of the film, the Sylvanian ambassador, *Mr. Trentino,* is questioning *Chicolino (Chico)* regarding the whereabouts of *Firefly*:

Trentino: Have you been trailing Firefly?

Chicolini: Have we been trailing Firefly? Why, my partner he's got a nose just like a bloodhound!

Trentino: Oh really?

Chicolini: Yes, and the rest of his face don't look so good either.



(Source: Wikipedia)

(OK, maybe it's not really "Literature" but it does mention the ability of our bloodhounds, and I'll bet you smiled).





A Little Bloodhound Humor

And did you hear the one about the Bloodhound who...

A three-legged Bloodhound walks into a saloon in the Old West. He sidles up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

During break time at obedience school, two Bloodhounds were talking. One said to the other, "The thing I hate about obedience school is you learn ALL this stuff you'll never use in the real world."





A Little Bloodhound Humor

Billy was practicing the violin in the living room while his father was reading in the den.

The family bloodhound was also in the den, and as the screeching sounds of Billy's violin reached the hound's ears, she began to howl along loudly.

The father listened to the hound and the violin as long as he could. Then he slammed down his papers and yelled above the noise, "For Pete's sake, can't you play something the hound doesn't know?"

A man takes his bloodhound to the vet and says, "My hound is cross-eyed. Is there anything you can do for him?"

The vet thinks for a few seconds and says, "Well, lets have a look at him." The vet picks up the hound to examine the eyes.

At long last, he says, "I'm going to have to put him down."

"What? Just because he is cross-eyed?" "No, because he is really, really heavy."

How did the convict get away from the bloodhound? He threw a penny in the river and the hound followed the wrong cent.



"Harriet's" still laughing, waiting at the Bridge.

Bloodhound Health

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"Winter Exercising" By Amanda Gardner

During the winter, it can sometimes be a challenge to take our dogs for their daily walks and exercise. Maybe it is raining, snowing, icy, windy, too cold, or dark outside. The winter elements can provide harsh and dangerous conditions for exercising our furry friends.

This is no reason to let our four-legged friends become couch potatoes during the winter. With a little creativity, there are several fun and safe indoor activities for you and your best friend. These suggestions provide an excellent source of physical and mental stimulation for both you and your dogs.

1. Indoor Training Class

Less of this, "Jasper" . . .

There is no better time for you and your

dog to learn something new or build upon their already existing skills. Find a local training club that offers indoor classes. There are many types of fun and engaging classes to choose from: obedience, rally, agility, conformation, flyball, nose work, barn hunt, doggy dancing, etc.



And more of this – training for the "Retrieve on Flat" in Open Obedience.

2. Training At Home

What better way to practice your dog's skills than in the comfort of your own home? Do some heelwork up and down the hallway. Practice recalls. Or teach your dog some tricks to impress your friends. Do you like to watch TV? The ads are an ideal opportunity for quick training sessions. Ads are generally thirty seconds long and the perfect length of time to practice stays. For example, alternate ads by doing a sit-stay one ad and a down-stay the next ad. Or build up the duration of the sit/down stay from one ad to six ads.

3. Walk Around Your House

Who says you can't take your dog for a walk in the winter? Just move your walk inside. You do not need a large home. Be creative. Walk up and down the

hallway, in and out of every room, around tables, up and down the stairs. As you walk, teach your dog the names of each room and what "upstairs" and "downstairs" mean. Make several laps around your house. Remember, twenty minutes of walking is about one mile or 2,000 steps. It is easy to walk a mile within the comfort of your own home.

4. Play Games

Play games with your dogs inside your home. One of my dog's favorite games is hide and seek. I will go to a room in my house, hide, and tell my dog to come find me. This is great exercise for your dogs and dogs have fun using their nose. Some great hiding places are behind doors, in a closet, behind the bed, in the shower or tub, and behind furniture. When your dog finds you, don't forget to give him lots of praise and treats.



"Basker" plays "Find the Glove"

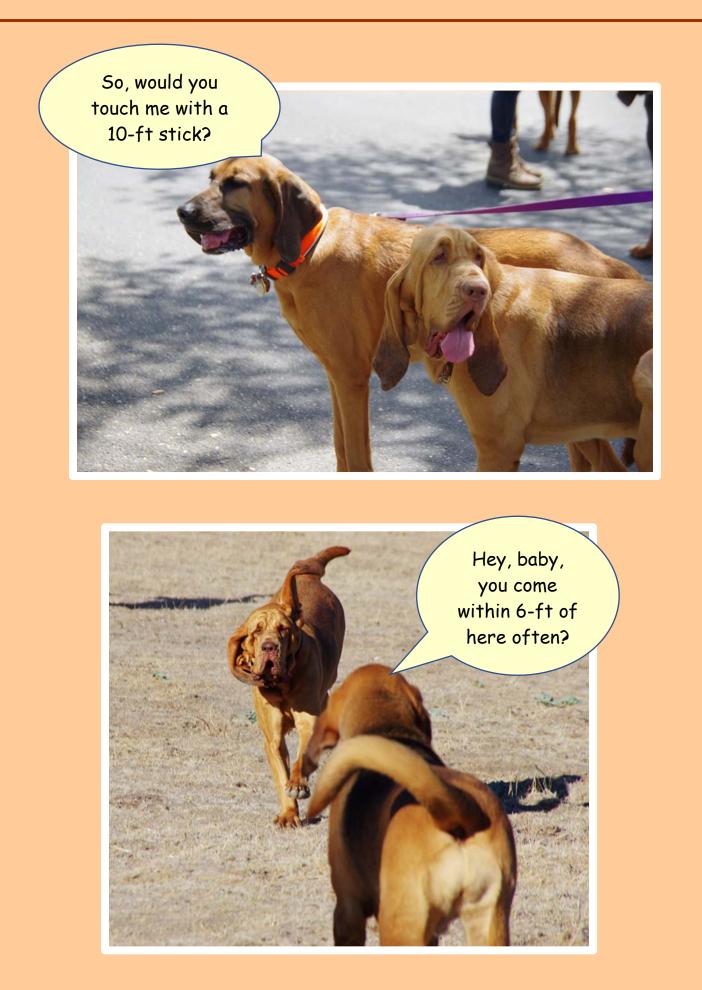
5. Play With Toys

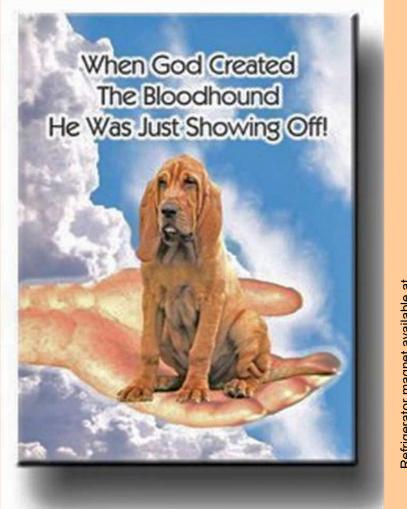
Dogs love toys. Throw a toy or ball up and down the hallway for your dog. Walk with your dog around the house with your dog holding one end of a toy and you holding the other end. Get an interactive toy for your dog.

These are just a few suggestions. There are several more possibilities for winterfriendly exercising. With a little creativity, both you and your dog can stay fit and healthy during the winter months. And hopefully *El Niño* will continue to provide us with many days that are too rainy for outdoor exercising.









Refrigerator magnet available at https://www.amazon.com/Bloodhound-God-Showing-Fridge-Magnet/dp/B001IJP56Q

Drabble by Kevin Fagan for March 26, 2020



THE LAST PAGE

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Think you know your bloodhounds? Can you name these canine stars of animation, film, and TV?

1. Name of Mickey Mouse's pet hound (first appearing in 1930)?

2. Name of the bloodhound in *Cinderella* (1950)?

3. Who was the bloodhound in *Lady and the Tramp* (1955)?

4. Name of the bloodhound in *Fox and the Hound* (1981)?



5. Who was the bloodhound in *The Aristocats* (1970)?



6. Bloodhound's name in *The Beverly Hillbillies* (starting 1962)?



7. Name of the neighbor family in *A Christmas Story* (1983) who owned these bloodhounds?



8. Name of the bloodhound in Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland* (2010)?



9. And, of course, the bloodhound's name in *Best in Show* (2000)? (Hint: he was named after the patron saint of hunters whose Abbey in Belgium is where the breed was thought to originate.)

Bonus Points. This bloodhound came from a member of our Bloodhounds West Southern Chapter. For extra points:

10. What is the kennel name where this hound was bred?

11. What is the hound's registered AKC name and his call name?

Answers: 1. Pluto; 2. Bruno; 3. Trusty; 4. Copper; 5. Napoleon; 6. Duke; 7. the Bumpus family; 8. Bayard; 9. Hubert; 10. Quiet Creek; 11. CH Quiet Creek's Stand By Me, "Rocky".

From Nancy Carlson, Minnesota Department of Health. Their website:

https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/behavioral/index.html

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

TIPS TO REDUCE COVID-19 ANXIETY



Focus on what you can control – including your thoughts, behaviors.

Remember that you are resilient, and so is humankind. We will get through this.

Do what you can to reduce your risk; take comfort that you are caring for yourself and others.



Use technology to connect with others frequently.

Look for the good stuff: the helpers, time with family, and opportunities to pull together. Write down three things you are grateful for each day.

Limit exposure to news or social media updates.

Use reputable sources of news, avoid speculation and rumors.

Model peaceful behavior for those around you. Remember everyone experience stress differently.

Don't let fear influence your decisions, such as hoarding supplies.

Be gentle with yourself and others.



Create a regular routine, especially for children and work from home.

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Spend time in nature while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

Maintain a healthy diet and exercise routines to

help your immune system and mental health.



Reflect on your reactions. Many who have experienced trauma may be triggered by feelings of powerlessness. Understanding what you are feeling can help you consider how you want to respond to the triggers.



Practice meditation, yoga, or other mind-body techniques. Find apps or online videos to help.

Reach out if you need to talk. There are local and national hotlines and warmlines that can help!

The best source of information is the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website, <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u>



The Last Page



Willie Nelson with sons Micah and Lukas "Turn off the news (build a garden)"

I believe that every heart is kind Some are just a little underused Hatred is a symptom of the times Lost in these uneducated blues

I just want to love you while I can All these other thoughts have me confused I don't need to try and understand Maybe I'll get up, turn off the news

Turn off the news and build a garden Just my neighborhood and me We might feel a bit less hardened We might feel a bit more free Turn off the news and raise your kids Give them something to believe in Teach them how to be good people Give them hope that they can see Hope that they can see

Turn off the news and build a garden with me Trust builds trust All that negativity's a bust Trust builds trust Don't you wanna be happy?

I just heard a great joke about the virus, you probably won't get it though.