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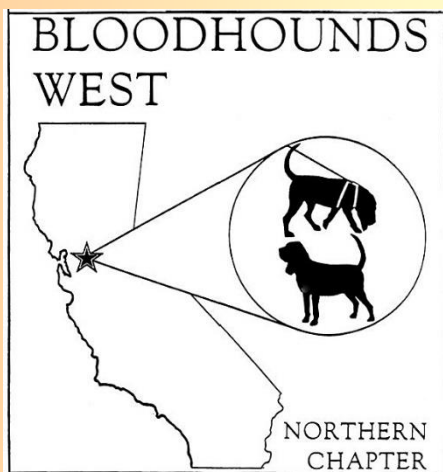
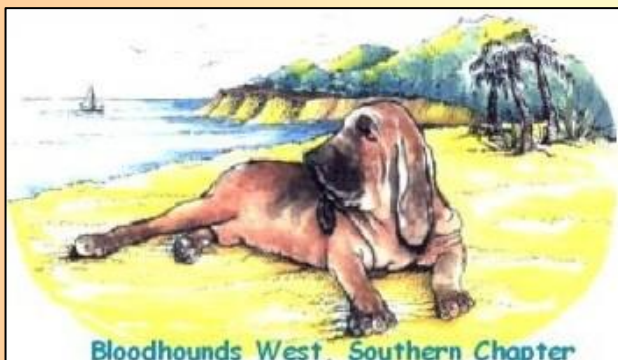
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Editors' Corner

By Al Gelders and Cindy Goble

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, it is with immense joy that we prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bloodhounds West! This extraordinary milestone marks half a century of dedication, passion, and love for Bloodhounds. It's a celebration of the past, the present, and the future of our cherished community.

Throughout these five decades, Bloodhounds West has been a club where our shared passion for these remarkable hounds has thrived. We have made deep friendships with members and lasting memories with our loyal companions. Now, it's time to come together and commemorate this incredible journey.

We encourage each of you to take part in this historic celebration. Whether you've been a member for years or recently joined BW, you are invaluable. Together, we can make this anniversary truly memorable.

One of the most meaningful ways to get involved is through volunteering. Bloodhounds West has always been powered by the dedication and efforts of its members. Your contributions, big or small, can make a world of difference. As you read the Upcoming Events Calendar featured in this edition, we kindly invite you to contemplate the possibility of dedicating your time and talents to contribute your expertise or offer a helping hand.

Additionally, we invite you to become active participants in *The Daily Drool* newsletter. Share your stories, insights, and experiences with us. Whether it's an article about training tips, a story about your Bloodhound, or photos that capture the essence of these Bloodhounds, your contributions enrich our shared experience.

Do you have a trailing question, bloodhound health query or news about a new title? Email us at agelders@lightspeed.net or cynthia.goble@att.net and we will pass it on to the appropriate person.

Let's remember that our actions today will be the legacy we leave for the next 50 years and beyond. Let's ensure that Bloodhounds West continues to thrive, and that the love for Bloodhounds remains strong.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Here's to Bloodhounds West, past, present, and future!



Sleeping off Thanksgiving Dinner

Presidents' Messages

Bloodhounds West Southern Chapter

I can't believe another year has almost passed. I hope everyone is gearing up for the cold weather and remembering to provide more comfort and warmth for your Bloodhounds at this time of year. A sweater or jacket may help if you live in cold or snowy areas.

September through November is allergy season for dogs. Remember to keep their ears clean and watch for food that may be a trigger for allergic reactions. See your veterinarian first and if they have no solutions then an animal dermatologist should be able to get you a formal diagnosis and treatment.

Our Regional Specialty is in Palm Springs January 5th–7th. If you are entering the show, it closes on December 13th. Registration is through Superintendent Jack Bradshaw. We also welcome our Bloodhound owners who enjoy the breed and wish to meet fellow hound friends and have some fun. We will post our schedule of events on the Facebook page as the date gets closer so you can join us that weekend.

Thank you for your membership and continued support of our club. As always, feel free to reach out to me with anything you need.

Marti Michalis, BWSC President

Bloodhounds West Northern Chapter

I hope your Thanksgiving was joyful and full of good food, family, friends, and dogs. This year we sponsored one trailing trial, but I'd like to see more activity in this area. If you are interested in trailing please let me know. Perhaps we can start having regional trailing camps. If there is enough interest, we could sponsor additional trials.

We will have our first in-person general meeting of the year at the Palm Springs dog show during the first week of January. I know that is a long drive for many of you, but I hope to see you there. Our second general meeting will be at the Woofstock show in June.

Our club has not been as active as in the past but I'd like to turn that around with new members and activities. We are hampered by the size of our region which covers much of California, and all of Nevada and Utah. Over the next year I would like to see us reinstitute fun days where bloodhound owners and their dogs can get together for socializing and fun. If you have a suitable space or know of a nearby park where we could meet and play, please let me know.

Finally, nominations have closed for officers and directors for 2024. Since no additional nominations were received, the officers and directors for 2024 will be as follows:

- President Al Gelders
- Vice President Lisa Jones
- Recording Secretary Sue Mealy
- Corresponding Secretary Debbie Levy
- Treasurer Debbie Pray
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 - Pam Herranz
 - Marti Michalis
 - Jennifer Addison
 - Cesilie Keller
 - Nicholas Wameling

As always, I encourage you to contact me at agelders@lightspeed.net

Al Gelders, BWNC President

Katie and Charlie

by Claudia Myers

Wychway's Strawberry Fields Forever, Katie, CGC

November 15, 2012 to April 10, 2023

Charles Robert Myers

October 31, 1938 to September 14, 2023

Our hearts opened up to Katie the moment we met her. I wanted a red girl and Betsy [Copeland] “knew” Katie was the one. I walked into Betsy’s and sat on the floor with eleven puppies and Katie came into my lap and put her paws on me and I looked at Betsy and asked, “Is this Katie?” and she said, “Yes and I’m a witness to this!” Katie “knew” I was her mom, and she totally blew me away! My mom’s best friend from childhood called her Katie, so I named her Katie in honor of mom. When Betsy said this was going to be the “Fruit”



Claudia Meets Katie

litter, I thought well she’s a red, how about strawberry and being a lover of John Lennon I thought of *Strawberry Fields Forever*. I’ve been to John’s amazing memorial in Central Park and Katie was born in New York—how perfect was that!

When Katie and I flew into the Oakland airport I'll never forget the look on Charlie's face when he saw her. It was instant love and they loved each other until the end.

Charlie & I were saddened beyond words when Katie died one month after



Charlie Meets Katie

being diagnosed with cancer. I've had bloodhounds since 1976 and escaped cancer all these years so it was a total shock.

Since Katie was 4 months old, we've had puppy play day and then doggy play day in our pasture each week. The day after Katie died, I told Charlie we were going to name the pasture Katie's Pasture. He replied that it was a good thing our next bloodhound won't be able to read. Little did I know that 5 months later I would lose Charlie too.

The last two weeks before Katie died, she kept lying under the cedar tree in our pasture, so she chose her special place. Our friends had a beautiful plaque made for Katie's pasture and another friend made a beautiful wood piece for it.

Thanks to the incredible breeders Betsy Copeland and Renee Wagner and the amazing folks at Wonder Puppy in Portland, Oregon, when Katie's path led her to become a Therapy Dog International Volunteer, she was ready. Katie loved people and dogs and she brought so many smiles to the faces of people she met.

Katie and I had a memorable visit to the Hospice House. In the foyer there was a group of 8 women singing, filling the house with their

beautiful voices. Katie and I sat and listened. When they finished singing Katie went into the circle and touched every woman as if saying thank you. As we walked out together, they asked, “How did you get her to do that?” I said, “That wasn’t me—that was Katie.” Katie girl touched many people and dogs in her 10 short years with us.

Katie was a wonderful Therapy Dog—Charlie and I were lucky to have her living with us. I remember our veterinarian in Portland saying if folks don’t smile when they meet Katie, there’s something wrong with them! There are so many Katie stories but I’m sharing this one because our veterinarian sent a donation to the Arbor Day Foundation and as a Tribute in Memory of Katie, a tree will be planted in the Bootleg Fire Recovery in Oregon.



Katie’s Cedar Tree



Katie’s Special Place

Halloween will never be the same without Charlie and Katie. Charlie was born on my favorite holiday, and I always dressed up in a costume for him. Katie let me dress her up for Halloween too.



Highlights from the 2023 American Bloodhound Club National Specialty Show

The American Bloodhound Club (ABC) recently wrapped up its much-anticipated 2023 National Specialty Show at the Crowne Plaza Hotels & Resorts in the picturesque city of Asheville, North Carolina. Hosted by the Southeastern Bloodhound Club (SEBC), this week-long celebration of the Bloodhound breed took place from September 25 to 30, 2023.

More than just a gathering, the National Specialty Show is an annual highlight for Bloodhound owners and handlers, a celebration that goes beyond showcasing the breed's excellence. It is an event where friendships are forged, knowledge is shared, and the collective love for these remarkable hounds binds everyone together.

Adding a touch of vintage glamour to the festivities, the theme of the show was "The Roaring Top 20's." Attendees embraced the spirit of the roaring twenties, bringing a sense of fun and excitement to the event.

Each year, the ABC National Specialty Show provides a valuable opportunity for Bloodhound members from each of its regional chapters to come together, reinforcing their dedication and passion for the breed. It serves as a platform where friendships are strengthened, knowledge is exchanged, and the shared love for these remarkable Bloodhounds binds members together.

The Daily Drool is excited to share some captivating moments from the show, as captured by Marti Michalis and Pam Herranz. These photos vividly depict the fun and excitement experienced by the show attendees. From spirited competitions to heartwarming interactions, these images encapsulate the essence of the 2023 National Specialty Show. The memories created in Asheville will undoubtedly linger in the hearts of those that were in attendance.



Mark your calendars for the next ABC National Specialty Show, scheduled for September 18 to 21, 2024, at the Shilo Inn & Ocean Shores Convention Center in Ocean Shores, Washington. Hosted by the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club, it promises to be another unforgettable gathering.



Marti and Lisa with
Hall of Fame Ribbons

Sherman with His
Ribbons





Bohdan Hajek,
me, and Flo
Portelechi. My
new friends
from the Czech
Republic.

--Pam Herranz



Kristy
Vanorsdel and
me on our way
to Asheville.

--Pam Herranz



Janet Kelly and Lyn Sherman



The End

Members' Bloodhounds in the Show Ring

By Nicholas Wameling

Showing a bloodhound in the summer is not ideal, these big dogs overheat easily, and with all that panting comes the dreaded drool. As the seasons changed from summer to fall, we all look forward to cooler weather. While the weather may have cooled down a bit, the competition is still red hot for Bloodhounds West Members in the conformation ring.

Boots (owned and handled by Cesilie Keller) was sitting in the hot seat for the 2023 NOHS Top 10 leading into September. Sitting at No.8 in NOHS rankings, with competitors only a few points behind, Boots pulled off a huge win getting an Owner Handled Group 3rd. This win was the insurance they needed in the final weekend before the points schedule came to an end. The points from this victory moved them up to No.7 (NOHS) to finish the year and booked them a ticket to the NOHS National Championships.



Boots Group 3rd Owner Handled at the
Lake Drake Cluster

Beacon (owned and handled by me) had a similar finish to the 2023 NOHS final weekend of competition, pulling off an Owner Handled Group 4th to firmly plant himself as No.4 in the NOHS rankings. We will also be attending the NOHS National Championship with Boots. The very next weekend at Donner Trail KC, Beacon took a Reserve Best in Show Owner Handled, our greatest achievement to date. Beacon picked up more Owner Handled group placements towards the end of fall including an Owner Handled Group 3rd Gavilan KC and two Owner Handled Group 1st at Sierra Tuolumne KC, Beacon has also picked up a few BoB's this fall that helped contribute to his breed ranking where he currently sits tied at No.14 with Gordo.



Beacon Reserve Best in Show Owner Handled at Donner Trail Kennel Club



Sherman (owned by Marti Michalis handled by Erin Piercy-Foreman) has had an excellent fall with many BoB's which have helped keep him ranked No.2 in the breed. Sherman also picked up a group 2nd in a very competitive line up of hounds in Donner Trail KC. The very next weekend he flew to North Carolina to strut his stuff at the national. Marti deserves a lot of credit; it takes a lot of dedication to be on the move campaigning/showing your dog all year like she has.

When they got back Sherman swept the breed at Sierra-Tuolumne KC and pulled in a Group 2nd!

Wanda (owned by Lisa Jones and handled by Larry Fenner) picked up many Breed wins this Fall as well, including a weekend breed sweep in Yuba City! Wanda also made it to national to show her booty off. Wanda currently ranks No.7 with her recent wins.

Gordo (owned and handled by Lisa Jones) snagged two best of breeds, as well as an Owner Handled Group 1st in Reno with a very loaded line up of hounds.



Wanda at Top 20

Gordo also got to strut his stuff in North Carolina at the National where he took 4th place in puppy sweepstakes. Gordo's breed wins in Reno helped him find a spot tied at No.14 with Beacon.

Ruby (owned and handled by Aldo Branch) is getting back into the showring after a long layoff. She knocked that rust off and hit her stride at Gavilan Kennel Club taking the breed under breeder judge Marlene Groves.

If you and your dog have any conformation achievements to share, please reach out to me so I can include them in the next edition of Daily Drool! Email me at: Nicholaswameling.5@gmail.com

On the Trail with Vickey

By Vickey Quinn with Contributions by Jack Balster

Hello again. In this article, we would like to discuss how to create and execute a good trailing training plan as well as offer some trail laying tips.

When Jake came home with me at 8-weeks old, I had no idea if we could become a good trailing team. My goal was to find out the answer to that question and see how far we could go. I am happy to report that we have not yet reached our limit.

As mentioned in an earlier article, bloodhounds are born with all the gifts they need to trail humans. My goal was to help us become trailing partners. Whether you are interested in American Bloodhound Club trailing trials, other sporting dog trailing trials, Search And Rescue (SAR), or just having fun, I think developing and executing a good trailing training plan is essential.

Part of the fun of trailing for Jake and me is that it occurs out in the real world where the unexpected is often the rule. Therefore, my training plan incorporates adding new elements to each trailing session so that Jake has a chance to experience and process the new information. After each new element, such as finding a runner up a tree or in a culvert, you will find that your bloodhound adds that knowledge to their internal “list” of things they know.

As a caution, please don't push your bloodhound too quickly. An overzealous handler can harm the hound's enjoyment or confidence in their abilities. As any of you that have run a trailing bloodhound know, the mental challenges involved in trailing often outweigh the physical challenges. Young dogs can quickly become overwhelmed with the volume of sensory input during a run.

Using an example to launch our discussion, I started training Jake with a runner other than me at about four months of age. He passed his EECT (American Bloodhound Club Event Entry Certification Test) at seven

months old. You will recall that the test consists of a quarter mile (about 440 yards) trail with one turn. Since our goal was to pass the EECT, we worked trails of about 220 yards and one turn for about six weeks and then worked trails of 440 yards with one turn for another six weeks prior to the EECT.

To design our trailing training plan, I used a three-ring binder notebook listing the goals we wanted to achieve and the training experiences we wanted to have to achieve those goals. I divided the training experiences into three categories: length of trail; age of trail; and level of difficulty. I suggest that you only vary one component with each run early in your training so that you can focus, observe, and correlate specific actions of your trailing hound in response to the trail laid down. Additional complexity can always be added later.

The length of trail will be based on your needs, physical ability, and desire level of your bloodhound. Again, by way of example, our practice runs are usually between 1.5-2.5 miles with the occasional run of 3-4 miles. Without becoming overwhelmed, Jake could comfortably run the 2.5-mile trails as a two-year-old.

The age of trail can be extended from a half-hour to an hour, to eight hours, to several days, to a week or even longer.

The level of difficulty is the fun variable. Below is a list of variables that can turn any run into a learning experience:

- Multiple turns
- Working in windy conditions (headwinds, tailwinds, and cross winds)
- Working in the rain
- Trailing on different terrains (grass, gravel, dirt, pavement, sand, crossing a creek)
- Working with distractions (people, dogs, wild animals, noise)
- Including two or more runners at the end for proper trail-layer identification practice

- Incorporating various “scent” articles including the usual article in a bag, scenting from a car door handle, scenting from a post or tree trunk touched by the trail-layer (your imagination is the limit)
- Adding false turns
- Trailing the runner to the “end” inside a building or car
- Trailing in hilly terrain
- Finding [intentionally] dropped articles from the trail-layer
- Trailing people your bloodhound knows as well as new trail-layers unknown to your hound
- Working with trail-layers setting the trail while walking, riding bicycles, or driving an all- terrain vehicle or golf cart

When you’re ready to develop your plan, first choose your baseline length of trail, your baseline age of trail, and baseline level of difficulty. Then lay out future training sessions by changing a variable. For example, I kept the length and age unchanged for a month but increasingly made the trails more complex. Then I kept that level of complexity but increased the length of trail for several sessions.

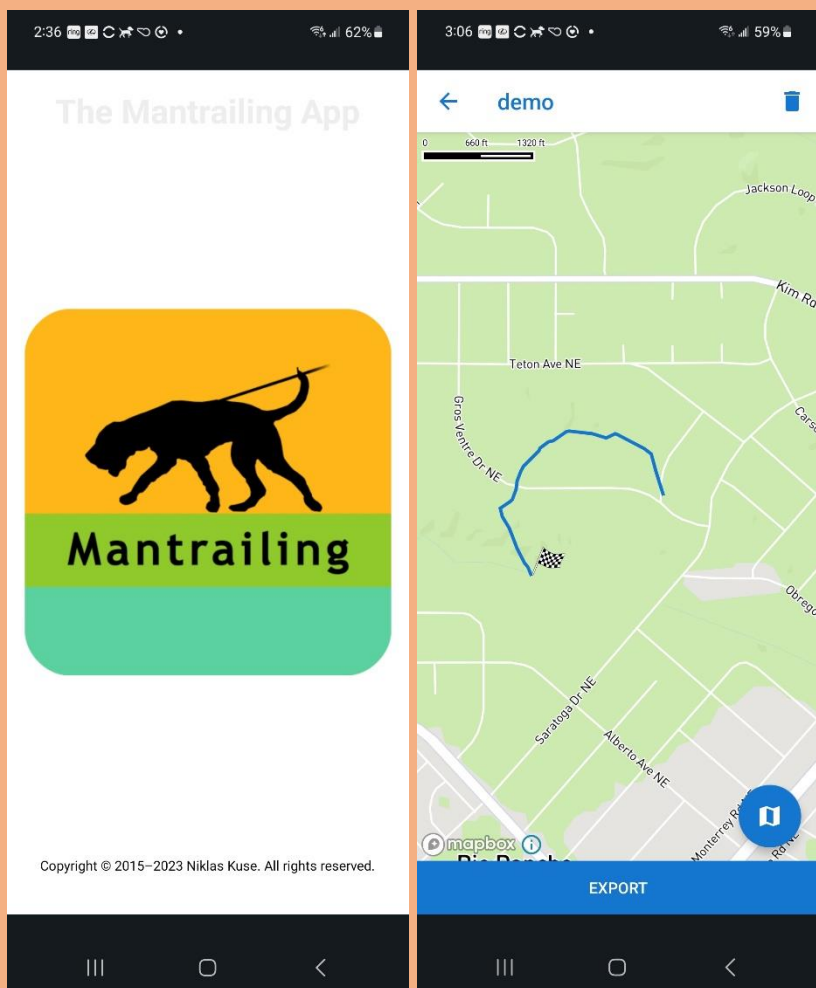
As you progress and execute your plan, keep notes in your training notebook as to what you worked on, your observations, any difficulties (for future training), and your team’s achievements by creating an entry for each training session. You can add additional details to each entry such as location of training, weather, wind speed and direction, type of terrain, length of trail, type of scent article used, any distractions your hound encountered, observations of hound’s actions while on scent, accomplishments, items to continue to work on, new challenges to incorporate into your training, and changes (if needed) to your training goals.

Trail-layers are an important component of good trailing training. Unless it has been previously agreed between handler and trail-layer that the runner may improvise, the runner should always lay the trail following that session’s training objectives. It is imperative that the handler learns to trust their bloodhound and that is more difficult if the handler is

expecting to see their hound handle a false trail, for example, while the runner decided not to do that and did something entirely different.

A good trail-layer is also key in evaluating the training session. In an effective team, the handler can understand the trail-layer's movements by watching the bloodhound's actions while trailing. At the end of each run, while you're celebrating, describe to the runner what you understood about their movements and compare your interpretation to the trail-layer's movements for accuracy. For example, I have asked, "Did you sit down at the picnic table?" "Did you go around the signpost?" "Did you touch the signpost?" "Did you touch the door handle?" I asked these questions based on Jake's actions during trailing.

When you are early in your training, you might ask the trail-layer to place a flag at each turn. This will give you confidence that your hound is accurately trailing and may even add to your hound's confidence. I found that Jake often alerted on the flags as we passed by.



I use "The Mantrailing App" in our training and find it to be an invaluable tool. Check out the many features at ["the-mantrailing-app.com"](http://the-mantrailing-app.com) for both the free and professional versions. The cell phone app can capture and display the real-time trail as laid down by the runner or as run by the hound. Among the many other useful features, the app can also capture and display the distance and time.

That's it for now. In the next issue I've been asked to address the age-old question "how do I slow my trailing bloodhound down?" As a preview, I'll just say that in many cases, that's the wrong question. The better question is how can I, as handler, go faster?

Please send any trailing thoughts or comments to TrailingBloodhound@gmail.com and include the words "Trailing Tips" in the subject line for all emails.

Till next issue- Happy Trailing to You!

Bloodhounds Eat the Darnedest Things

By John Hamil, DVM and Susan Hamil, RVT

Charlie, a 2 year old Bloodhound, recently gained national recognition when X-ray revealed that he had swallowed a 6-8 inch knife. I am not surprised! Labradors, having annual registrations of 100,000+, seem to be the #1 breed reported for eating strange objects, but during my 50 years in practice I removed at least twice as many foreign bodies (FB) from Bloodhounds (< 3,000 registrations per year) than I ever removed from Labs.

It seems that Bloodhounds are prone to finding and ingesting almost anything. Having a “nose” for any intriguing scent, boundless curiosity and determination make Bloodhounds number one in my experience percentagewise for a diagnosis of intestinal foreign body obstruction.

For Bloodhounds, rocks seem to be a very favored object, while corn cobs, peach pits, and bones are common in all dogs. Because Bloodhounds seem to be particularly attracted to human scent, children’s toys, personal items like socks, and underwear as well as personal hygiene products become irresistible. Bloodhound puppies are especially prone to trying out everything with their mouths.

Some of the more unusual objects and situations:

An entire pound of butter, bacon, lard, or a loaf of bread stolen from the kitchen counter, or even an entire post-Thanksgiving turkey carcass could disappear. One bloodhound chewed up a woman’s purse, showing no symptoms for 6 weeks. Then 24 hours after “stealing” and consuming a shrink-wrapped frozen pizza, the plastic shrink wrap caught on the purse handles in the stomach then the shrink wrap headed south through the intestines.

Pica is the term for the repeated compulsive ingestion of items not generally considered food. Pica can be related to boredom, lack of exercise, or lack of mental/environmental stimulation. Repeated ingestion of foreign objects is suspected to be an obsessive-compulsive disorder in dogs but could also be related to possible health conditions.

Rock eating can start as a “keep away” game between dogs or “stealing items” while counter surfing and running away and hiding from scolding humans. Once cornered, the bloodhound quickly gulps the coveted item, and the deed is done. Rock eating can be an isolated incident, or it can recur with some dogs having multiple surgeries throughout their lifetimes to remove them.

Irritable bowel disorders or pharyngitis (inflammation of the pharynx) have been associated in some dogs with repeated foreign FB ingestion.

What if I see my dog eat something that could cause an obstruction?

Call your veterinarian!

If the item is on the smaller/pliable side and soft, it may pass on its own. Assuming the dog is bright, alert and responsive with NO vomiting, it MAY be safe enough to give canned pumpkin which can provide bulk/fiber to “push” the item through. Check with your veterinarian to decide if this would be appropriate for your dog.

How long will it take to cause a blockage or obstruction?

Time can vary with the item ingested and gastric emptying time. Some foreign bodies can stay in the stomach for weeks or longer without causing a problem. The dog may eventually pass the item or vomit it up. But once a FB starts moving through the intestines, problems may rapidly occur.

What symptoms will I see?

- Depressed attitude
- No appetite
- Drooling
- Vomiting
- Abdominal tenseness
- Abdominal discomfort

What's next? **Take the dog to the veterinarian!**

Time is of the essence: the longer an obstruction remains in place, blood flow to the intestines becomes compromised, necrosis (dying of cells) of the intestinal tissue will begin, perforation becomes more likely, and the greater chance the dog will develop ileus (cessation of peristalsis in the intestines, i.e., cessation of muscular contractions of the bowel that move the contents along). Bacteria will quickly build up and promote sepsis, a life-threatening inflammatory response and perforation.

Diagnosing Foreign body ingestion:

- Physical exam
- Abdominal palpation
- Radiographs with or without contrast medium
- Ultrasound

What happens next? Hospitalization with supportive care, fluids, lab work and pain medications are all needed.

Some terms to remember:

- Radio-opaque: objects with high radio density and thus cannot be penetrated by X-rays, making identification of size and surface easier. Examples: bones, metals (except aluminum foil), rocks and Pepto-Bismol tablets. Metal objects, including batteries and some coins, while easily identified, can be toxic and corrosive as well as obstructive creating a more urgent need for removal. Pepto-

Bismol (bismuth) tablets may be misidentified as flat batteries on radiographs.

- Radiolucent objects: objects with low radio density, which allow X-rays to pass right through and are much more difficult to detect. Those would include underwear, socks, personal hygiene products, kitchen sponges, etc. Some commercially manufactured composite chew toys, such as Nyla Bones and Kong type toys may be radiolucent.
- Linear FB: these are the most difficult to detect. When radiolucent, abdominal ultrasound may identify them, but often abnormal gas patterns in the intestines seen on X-ray will be the sole indicator. The worst offenders are twine, yarn, continuously woven carpet pile, plastic food wrap, etc. which can serrate the intestine causing tears and perforations.
- Penetrating FB: when the ingested object creates a hole or tear in the intestine allowing gastric acids and bacteria to seep into the abdomen. This creates peritonitis (infection in the abdomen) and septicemia (infection in the blood); it is likely that death may soon follow.

Occasionally, if the FB is still in the stomach and not too large, it can be retrieved by endoscopy via the esophagus. Inducing vomiting is rarely recommended with a solid FB.

If endoscopy is not an option and an obstruction/blockage is strongly suspected, then abdominal surgery will be necessary. Surgery should be performed as soon as the dog appears to be in stable condition.

The goal is to remove any compromised tissue and restore the intestines to normal function as soon as possible.

Surgical terms:

- Laparotomy: surgical incision through the abdominal wall
- Gastrostomy: surgical incision in the stomach
- Enterotomy: surgical incision into the intestine

- Intestinal Resection: removal of damaged/diseased/abnormal part of the intestine
- Intestinal Anastomosis: connecting the ends of the resected intestine

Once the FB has been successfully removed and any resection completed, dogs will usually feel better (be in less pain) after initial recovery from surgery. They should be able to drink small amounts of water and have some appetite.

Post-surgical complications will usually arise within 24-48 hours but could occur as late as 7-10 days out. Complications can include continued ileus or failure of the intestinal sutures resulting in peritonitis.

Costs: \$5000 to \$20,000 (See our previous article on pet insurance!)

What's the weirdest object your Bloodhound ever devoured?

Submit your anecdote to agelders@lightspeed.net or cynthia.goble@att.net for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to PetSmart courtesy of John and Susan Hamil. Entries will be judged based on creativity, humor, and the sheer peculiarity of your Bloodhound's gastronomic adventure.



Celebrating 50 Years of Bloodhounds West: Your Memories, Our Legacy

Bloodhounds West is on the cusp of a remarkable milestone, as we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Since our establishment as a nonprofit organization in 1974, we've held true to our founders' vision, dedicating ourselves to the welfare of the Bloodhound breed and public education about these incredible dogs. Our commitment to breed rescue has further solidified our reputation as a club driven by compassion and care. As we approach this momentous occasion, we invite members to contribute to the Daily Drool, sharing their most treasured memories with us. In doing so, you help preserve our club's history that will define our legacy for years to come.

Our 50th anniversary is the perfect time to reminisce and celebrate. The Daily Drool wants to hear from you about your most cherished memories with BW. Whether it's a heartwarming tale of your Bloodhound or a humorous anecdote from a club event that still makes you laugh, we invite you to contribute your stories and photos to the Daily Drool.

Starting with the spring 2024 newsletter, the Daily Drool will feature your submissions in upcoming issues throughout the year. These stories and photos will serve as a testament to the enduring spirit of Bloodhounds West. They will remind us of the friendships forged, the challenges overcome, and the Bloodhounds that have brightened and enriched our lives.

Join us in marking this extraordinary milestone and let your memories be a part of the legacy we leave for the next 50 years and beyond.

Submitting your memories is easy. Just send your stories and photos by email to:

Al Gelders at agelders@lightspeed.net or to Cindy Goble at Cynthia.Goble@att.net

Bloodhounds West Southern Chapter is proud to present

PALM SPRINGS

DESERT FLING



2024 ABC REGIONAL SPECIALTY

January 6 – 7, 2024

(As part of the Palm Springs Kennel Club Dog Show held at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, Ca. January 4 – 7, 2024)



Mark your calendar and join us at the upcoming conformation shows, trailing and tracking trials!

Visit the website for each event to access all the vital information.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	WEBSITE
1-6-24 thru 1-7-24	American Bloodhound Club – Regional Specialty	Palm Springs/Indio, CA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events NOTE: Both chapters will hold general meetings on 1-6-2024
3-15-24	American Bloodhound Club – Northeast Supported Event & Sweeps	York, PA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events
3-16-24	American Bloodhound Club – Northeast Regional Specialty & Sweeps	York, PA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events
9-18-24 thru 9-21-24	American Bloodhound Club – National Specialty	Ocean Shores, WA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events
9-28-25 thru 10-4-25	American Bloodhound Club – National Specialty	Camp Hill, PA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events

***The Daily Drool* needs you!**

Run, don't walk to your computer. We want stories about your first bloodhound.

The Daily Drool is launching a new column, "My First Bloodhound". This column is where Bloodhound West club members can share the traits that fascinated them, the events that united them, and their hound's heart-warming impact.

Share your Bloodhound's story, including high-res photos and brief captions that encapsulate its essence, with Al Gelders at agelders@lightspeed.net or to Cindy Goble at Cynthia.Goble@att.net. Please see the guidelines for submission in the comment below

Need assistance? The tireless and passionate team at *The Daily Drool* stand ready to lend a paw, ensuring your story beautifully captures the extraordinary bond between you and your cherished Bloodhound.



Guidelines for Submissions to *The Daily Drool*

I want to encourage submissions to the *Daily Drool* since this is your newsletter. All submissions can be sent to cynthia.goble@att.net or agelders@lightspeed.net. Cynthia and I are not professional publishers and as such have limited time and resources. The following guidelines are meant to simplify your work when submitting content by avoiding requests for revisions.

- Keep it simple. Skip formatting, as we'll reformat everything during newsletter composition. Microsoft 365 Word is used, and it can be finicky with merged formats.
- Don't stress over punctuation and grammar. We proofread all submissions and take responsibility for any errors.

- Use Microsoft Word, Open Office, or any editor that produces .docx, .odt, or .txt files. PDFs are accepted if strictly text; no images should be present.
- Avoid embedding photos or images in the article text. If you want a photo in a specific location, indicate it with brackets like [image001.jpg] or [photo – Jimbo and Jane Doe at the park]. Submit each photo separately **in the highest resolution possible**. Phones often default to lower resolution when emailing photos; override such defaults. Photos should be in jpeg, jpg, or png format.
- Name photo submissions and include a brief photo caption. If not possible, include a key which lists the photo name and caption, like "image001.jpg – Jimbo and Jane Doe at the park."

Thank you. It is my hope that we can produce an outstanding newsletter enjoyed by all our club members.

Al Gelders
Editor



Don't sleep through December!
Club membership renews at the first of the year.

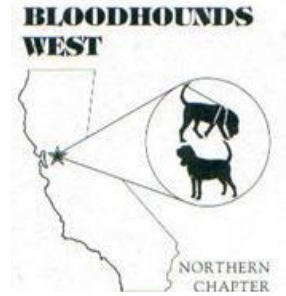
What are you waiting for???

Forms for both chapters follow below

2024 Membership Renewal Form

Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Home: _____ Cell: _____
 Work: _____
 Email: _____ Alt. Email: _____
 Kennel Name: _____



Please list your bloodhound names, titles, and date of birth (or adoption date).

Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Renewal Due Date: January 1 of each year. Membership lapses if delinquent over 60 days.

Single/Family Membership (carries one vote) \$25.00	\$ _____
Junior Membership (carries one vote) \$25.00	\$ _____
General Fund Donation (National, Regional, & Supported Shows, Trophies, Tracking/Trailing Trials)	\$ _____
West Coast Bloodhound Rescue Donation	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

PAWS AND RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Make your check payable to **Bloodhounds West** and send to:
Debbie Pray, Treasurer, 532 Cinbar Drive, Roseburg, OR 97471

Dues are accepted through PayPal at bloodhoundswestnc@gmail.com
 Enter your membership information in the PayPal comment section.

Thank you for your BWNC Membership and Support

2024 Membership Renewal Form

Bloodhounds West, Southern Chapter

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home: _____ Cell: _____

Work: _____

Email: _____ Alt. Email: _____

Kennel Name: _____

Member Since: _____



Please list your bloodhound names, titles, and date of birth (or adoption date).

Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Renewal Due Date: Membership dues shall be payable on or before the first day of January of each year. Membership in the club shall lapse if dues are not paid by April first.

Single/Family Membership (carries one vote)	\$25.00
Junior Membership (carries one vote)	\$25.00
General Fund Donation (National, Regional, & Supported Shows, Trophies, Tracking/Trailing Trials)	\$ _____
West Coast Bloodhound Rescue Donation	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Two-Step Renewal Process



Send your completed and signed renewal to:

Marti Michalis, President, by email: MartiMichalis@gmail.com

or mail 2327 Larchmont Ave Santa Ana CA 92706



Make your check payable to **Bloodhounds West** and send to:

Lynne Aguirre, Treasurer, 1278 Bridgeport Road, Corona, CA 92882

Dues are accepted through PayPal at BW4PayPal@aol.com

Enter your membership information in the PayPal comment section.

Thank you for your **BWSC** Membership and Support

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RESCUE



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Happy Howlidays!

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