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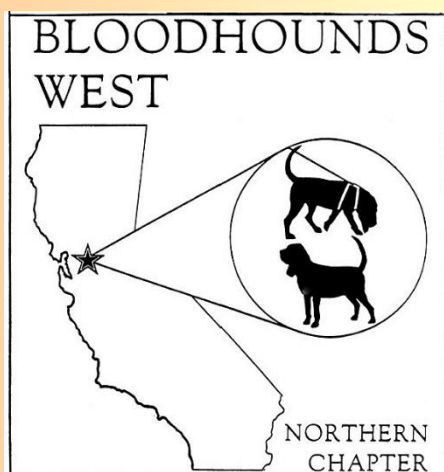
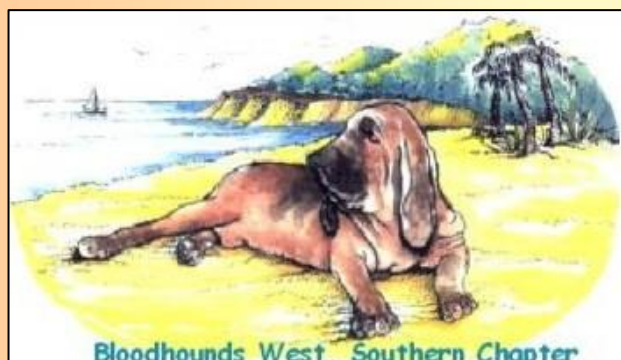


Meet "Elwood"

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Editors' Corner

By Al Gelders and Cindy Goble

Welcome to Fall 2023 Daily Drool, the official newsletter of Bloodhounds West, Inc. Our goal is simple: to foster a supportive environment where we educate, entertain, inform, and motivate each other while advancing the welfare of Bloodhounds. The *Daily Drool* is a beacon of camaraderie, bridging the gap between Bloodhound enthusiasts and creating a platform to share our passion.

As editors of the *Daily Drool*, we're just learning as we go. Al has yet to develop a consistent format as you will no doubt learn as you browse through this issue. Cindy Goble, who works diligently as co-editor, helps collect our content as well as performing preliminary proofreading. However, all layout mistakes, typos and grammatical errors remain Al's alone.

We're excited to begin several new columns in this issue: "Your Bloodhound's Health," written by Dr John Hamil, DVM; "Member Bloodhounds in the Show Ring," by Nicholas Wameling; and "On the Trail," by Vickey Quinn. We are grateful for their commitment to our newsletter and club.

This issue remains much shorter than it has been historically. Whether that is a plus or minus is debatable. Keeping it short means less work for us but maybe you want more. Please feel free to send comments to Al Gelders at agelders@lightspeed.net or Cindy Goble at cynthia.goble@att.net.

Thank you for your membership to be part of this endeavor, and for your unshakable passion for Bloodhounds.

Elwood

By Lyn Sherman

Officially named GCH Quiet Creek's Electric Blues, EECT, CGC, he has always been known as "Elwood." His mother, "Jezebel," was from the "Irish" litter and she and her littermate, "Muldoon," came together from Ireland—Muldoon to live with me and Jezebel to live with Susan Hamil at Quiet Creek Bloodhounds where Elwood was from Jezebel's last litter. He easily finished his Championship and Grand Ch., and was content to live at the Quiet Creek kennels in Laguna, CA.



His mother, Jezebel, lived with me after she was finished having puppies so when I lost her littermate, Muldoon, I asked Susan if Elwood could come live with me in Topanga,



CA. Susan quickly agreed and Jezebel, Elwood, and the family cat quickly formed a strong bond and spent hours "hunting" on our property in Topanga. A few years later, I retired from working and for financial reasons sold my big house in Topanga and moved to Vancouver, WA. Elwood and Jezebel quickly adapted to the new house and loved to explore the local dog park nearby. Several years later, Jezebel died at age

10, but Elwood did not understand where his mother went—it took him several months

to adjust to the loss. In fact, I found the sympathy card that was sent with Jezebel's ashes



under his dog bed—how it got there is still a mystery.

Elwood is my only—and probably my last—bloodhound after more 30 years of training, showing, trailing, doing obedience, and loving bloodhounds and everything that comes from living with them, except maybe the slobber. Elwood still shows at various Bloodhound specialties,

piloted by his friend, Katie Cole, since I can no longer run. He looked magnificent at the recent Bloodhound Specialty in the Seattle area last week.

The house is now quiet, and Elwood has taken on the role of head of the household. He spends most of his time following me around the garden sniffing everything I touch, traveling with me, and sleeping in the sun. From my perspective he is the perfect bloodhound for me at this time in my life—we both like the same things; peace and quiet, good food, and living in a safe and nurturing environment. Elwood is a



wonderful representative of the bloodhound breed, nice conformation, quiet, well mannered, and obedient. What more could I ever ask for in any dog—especially a bloodhound.

T Monk Joins the Family

By Steve and Tracy Smith

Bloodhounds have been a part of our family for the last 40 or so years but we've had two at the same time for only the last twelve of those years. A couple of years ago, after losing one of our two hounds, we brought Mingus as a puppy into our home and he and our senior resident, Buck, became inseparable buddies. A few weeks after losing Buck last December, we debated whether we wanted to welcome another dog into our family to be a companion for Mingus. Mingus had always lived with at least one other bloodhound and after much thought and consideration, we elected to find another companion for Mingus (and, of course, for us!).

Nine-week-old T Monk (named after the jazz pianist, Thelonious Monk) joined our family in mid-June and is the half-brother of Mingus. Because the brothers came from a New York kennel (Sleepy Hollow Bloodhounds), we engaged Jessica Dixon, owner of K9 Air Nanny, to fly T Monk to our California home;



He ain't heavy, he's my brother



Keeping bears out of the backyard

Jessica had previously delivered Mingus to us as well. Even though Mingus is probably the most mellow bloodhound we've ever known, we were quite curious to see how he would (or would not) welcome his younger brother.

Happily, Mingus and T Monk hit it off instantly. It was, and continues to be, both entertaining and heartwarming to watch 102-pound Mingus patiently and gently play with a pup who is one-fifth of his weight.

Mingus lays on the floor while T Monk climbs all over him, grabbing ears, tail, and loose dewlaps with very sharp puppy teeth until Mingus gently reminds the pup that he, too, needs to be mellow!

While T Monk is an adventurous and fearless puppy, he is also very affectionate and seems to enjoy cuddling and snuggling with us on the couch or with Mingus on his bed. His loud snoring often gets Mingus' attention causing him to check on the pup with a curious or concerned expression. Early on, Mingus and Monk took to patrolling the backyard each morning to see what new smells appeared overnight. One recent morning, T Monk went outside on his own before Mingus had seen him. Mingus started whimpering when he couldn't immediately locate his



once he spotted Monk through the window, he raced down the deck stairs to the yard to begin another day of entertaining each other – and us!

T Monk and Mingus watching the world go by

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Member News and Pics



Emma, loved by Lynne Aguirre, is enjoying a dip in the pool. 105°F is just too hot to be anywhere else.

Congratulations

Bloodhounds West is delighted to announce the re-election of Lynne Aguirre as the Treasurer of the American Bloodhound Club and the appointment of Jason Addison as the New Term Director. This is a moment of pride and excitement for us all, as we welcome the dedication and expertise of these outstanding individuals to their respective roles.

Lynne Aguirre has been an invaluable member of the Bloodhound West Norther & Southern Chapter and has demonstrated exemplary commitment to the club's mission and values. Her continued dedication as the Treasurer will undoubtedly ensure the efficient management of our club's finances and help us advance our initiatives for the betterment of the Bloodhound community.

Furthermore, we extend our warmest congratulations to Jason Addison, a distinguished member of the Bloodhound West Northern Chapter, on his appointment as the New Term Director. Jason's passion for Bloodhounds and his previous contributions to the club make him an ideal leader to guide the ABC forward into the new term. With his vision and leadership, we anticipate great strides in promoting the breed, and fostering a strong sense of camaraderie within our community.

Members of Bloodhounds West and the American Bloodhound Club, understand that our success is built on the strength of our unity, shared love for the breed, and the dedication of individuals like Lynne and Jason. Their willingness to serve and contribute selflessly to our club is an inspiration to us all.

Please join us in congratulating Lynne Aguirre and Jason Addison on their well-deserved positions. We express our deepest appreciation for their commitment to the American Bloodhound Club and look forward to achieving new heights under their leadership.

Bloodhound Brags

Lisa Jones is proud to announce Quiet Creek's Let it Bee (Wanda) will be inducted into the ABC Show Dog Hall Of Fame at the 2023 National specialty event in Asheville N.C September 29, 2023. Special thanks to Larry Fenner for doing such a beautiful job presenting Wanda with such elegance and grace throughout her career.



Our Senior Bloodhounds

“Senior dogs: Their devotion is timeless, their devotion is ageless, their love is forever.” Pet Connect Rescue

“Mandy”

GCH Heroes in Your Dreams Mandolin RN MT, was born October 6, 2012.
Loved by Ted and Joyce Taylor.



Our girl Mandy with her favorite Beagles (her only Beagles) — Mandy on left, Dulcie in middle, Teep on right. We love our Beagles, but Mandy is so very special to us!



Mandy

“Lucy Goosey”

Lucy Goosey, now 9 years old, is loved by Pat Moffitt, who rescued her from a homeless Veteran who had a stroke and whose caregiver refused to care for the dog. He said he would be bed-bound so Pat took her in when she was about 4 years old. She is very lovable, and her best friend is Wilbur, the potbellied pig.



Lucy earned her AKC Farm Dog title and has participated in scent work.



Pat and Lucy

“Sir Rüger”

Rüger, loved by Cesilie Szabo, turned 10 years old this year on June 9th. He is her second bloodhound and is so very, very loved by his fur siblings, Boots and Luna, as well as his little humans, Marceline and Adelaide. He is a homebody and enjoys snuggles, snacks and playing with his lamb chop toy!



The Birthday Boy



Rüger smiling

“Saidee”

BISS GCHB Hunterhound The Grail Maiden, MTX, was born January 28, 2014 and is loved by Aldo, Diane and “Ruby” Branch She was bred by Michelle Ashpole in Australia.



Saidee waiting for her UPS delivery



Saidee claimed dibs, sorry guys

“Elwood”

GCH Quiet Creek’s Electric Blues, EECT, born April 26, 2014, is loved by Lyn Sherman. Elwood is our cover dog this issue so turn to page 5 to read about him if you haven’t already seen it.

“Lacey”

Kocar’s Leather and Lace, CGC, Farm Dog Certified, TD [Therapy dog], TDI, TDA, TDIA [Therapy Dog International Certification], EECT, MT, MTI, born on September 15, 2015, is loved by Pat Moffitt. She is a registered Therapy Dog with Therapy Dog International. She and Pat recently became Canine Ambassadors with the AKC. She and Pat have tutored at several elementary schools and given lectures about bloodhounds at universities where Pat discusses several criminal cases she and her dogs have worked such as the Polly Klaas kidnapping and murder. This fall

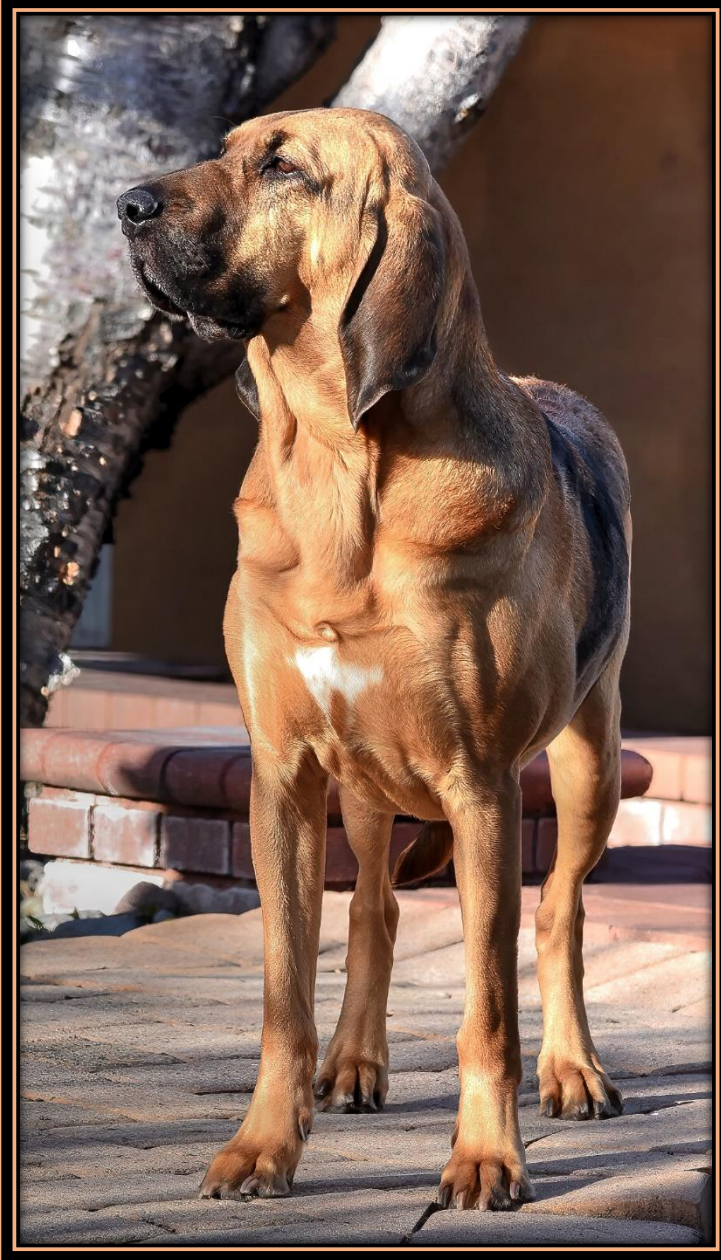


they will begin tutoring at a private high school for boys several times a week.

Pat says that Lacey is very calm and quiet. She can tell if someone is in pain, having a medical problem or just needs comfort.



In Memoriam



It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of “Gabby”. On May 27th, 2023, Gabby crossed the rainbow bridge, leaving behind an indelible paw print on the lives and hearts of her devoted owners, Justine and Mike Elges.

Gabby's journey was not always easy, but she exemplified the true spirit of resilience and love that makes the bond between humans and hounds so special. As an adopted Bloodhound, she found her forever home with Justine and Mike on November 21, 2015, and from that moment on, their lives were forever changed by her presence.

Your Bloodhound's Health

By Dr. John Hamil, DVM

Is it Bloat????

Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus (GDV) is the most urgent, life-threatening emergency seen in dogs. As Bloodhound owners, I would hope that all of us are familiar with the early signs that could indicate when your hound is headed for real trouble.

Take time to make a plan before any incident occurs.

Immediate surgical intervention and supportive post operative care is critical to survival. Finding a veterinarian/veterinary hospital who has on-site trained 24/7 staff to address this critical situation is becoming increasingly difficult.

Call your veterinarian now and ask how they address GDV, where do they refer for surgery and 24/7 care if GDV is suspected.

Contact that referral hospital and ask about providing services 24/7/365 because GDV will happen at the worst possible time and the surgeon may not be available.

Be prepared for a very large bill for surgery and hospitalization. Hospitalization of 2-5 days is usual. Even after discharge, 10 days post-surgery is the true turning point for survival. Surviving surgery does not by any means assure recovery. Veterinary care at this level is very expensive and you will have to pay even if your hound does **not** survive. Total costs can range from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Is GDV suspected? What to look for:

- The hound cannot get comfortable, anxious, pacing, standing in a stiff “sawhorse” position, with head and tail down
- Drooling, panting could be seen, may attempt to wretch/vomit, or appear listless or lethargic
- Abdomen usually hard, tense, and painful; abdomen may or may not be large

What happens:

The stomach swells with gas/air (the dilatation/bloat part) and may/may not twist (the volvulus/torsion part). The stomach may fully or partially twist on its axis, cutting off any possibility of stomach gas escaping, the increased size of the stomach puts pressure on other organs as well as the vagal nerve causing cardiac arrhythmias. Circulation is compromised in the stomach and cell death begins to occur creating toxic emboli at the capillary level. The intestinal tract loses motility and bacteria begins to multiply in the stagnant intestine.

Additionally, a percentage of GDV cases can also involve the spleen, resulting in that organ having to be removed at the same time.

What causes it?

Although millions have been allocated to research since 1997, no definitive cause has been identified.

What we know so far:

GDV is common in large deep chested dogs, but can occur in almost any breed, mixed breeds and also larger Doodles.

Stress seems to be a precipitating factor in some dogs. Travel, Boarding, breeding, fireworks/loud noises, inconsistent feeding times, etc. may contribute to stress in some dogs.

There does not seem to be any contributory correlation between protein or carbohydrate (wheat, corn, soy) sources in dog food.

Common sense strategies:

- Feed twice daily.
- Do not feed a large meal before exercise, do not allow consumption of large amounts of water either before, during or immediately after exercise.
- Studies now indicate that elevating feeding dishes is not helpful and may be detrimental. Also, modern dog food does not “swell” in the stomach, therefore prolonged soaking of food is not recommended.

What about pet insurance?

There are numerous pet insurance companies; coverage varies by policy and by state. In situations requiring this magnitude of veterinary expertise and intervention you should be very clear on your policy limits per incident, per year. Reimbursement of expense is always a percentage of “covered” charges. Be clear on which charges/services are covered or not. Rates vary depending on deductibles, policy limits and percentages covered. In general, policy limits are up to \$10,000. Some insurers do offer up to \$20,000 but the per incident may be capped at a lower limit.

Pet insurance should be strongly considered until your dog is gastropexied.

A few to try are:

- Trupanion
- AKC Pet Insurance
- Nationwide
- Pumpkin

Can GDV be prevented?

Because of the unpredictable nature of GDV, there is no reliable predictor of which dog, when, where or if it will occur; but Bloodhounds are among the breeds with the highest risk factors.

Preventative/prophylactic gastropexy is the best option and should be discussed with your veterinarian. If that surgery is not available at your local hospital /clinic, ask for a referral.

Gastropexy (permanently affixing the stomach to the abdominal wall) can be performed by traditional intra-abdominal techniques with a midline abdominal incision healing in 10-14 days or by laparoscopy which is less invasive (three smaller incisions) and requires less healing time but still requires 14 days of reduced physical activity. Only one night in the hospital is usual. Recovery is generally uncomplicated for either procedure. Although rare, the stomach could still dilate/bloat, but the esophagus should remain open if passing a gastric tube is required to decompress. There are other rare complications so be sure to discuss them with your veterinarian.

Usually, it is best to wait until the hound is 9-15 months old and spay/neutering can be accomplished at the same time.

Veterinary fees for these procedures will vary greatly, but generally range from \$1,800 to \$5,000 (excluding sterilization) with laparoscopy being more expensive.

What's next:

There is no single cause, genetic or otherwise that has been identified, although breed and some familial predisposition does suggest a genetic/epigenetic component along with environment and lifestyle. The most promising area of study currently is the influence of the gut microbiome on GDV prone dogs.

Articles on the internet:

- www.acvs.org (American College of Veterinary Surgeons)
- www.AKC.org/health/bloat (American Kennel Club)
- www.AKCCHF.org/understanding_bloat (AKC Canine Health Foundation)

Finding Jack: Bloodhound Trailing

Part Art, Part Science and a Lot of Magic

By Vickey Quinn with Jake Quinn

Our trailing tips column appears for the first time in this issue so Jake and I thought we would describe two of our past practice trailing runs as a way of introducing ourselves. In this article, we describe runs where we found Jack Balster, our excellent trail-layer. In the winter edition of the newsletter, Jack and I will provide tips on achieving your trailing goals by designing a good trailing practice plan and tips for laying good practice trails. (More about Jack at the end of the article.)



Jake, mission accomplished

Ever tried to hide from a bloodhound? Most of us enjoying this newsletter have — and we know the futility of even trying. As a result, it

is always fun to work with others who don't have experience with the breed and to watch their reactions to the amazing skills and concentration our bloodhounds employ during trailing and training exercises.



What the handler sees

trail locating two articles Jack would “lose” somewhere along the trail, alerting to the pedestrian gate and the cattle gate along the trail that Jack touched, and recognizing a false trail. The most interesting part of this run was the false trail, of course. Since Jack is interested in learning how to handle a bloodhound and search and rescue work, I encourage

The first run we will describe occurred at a 3400-acre regional park here in Sonoma County. Most people in Northern California have never seen a bloodhound in person so Jake creates quite a buzz when he is trailing there. We have an arrangement with the rangers so that we can run on or off trail, allowing the staff to see a trailing bloodhound in action and to learn more about the trailing skills that could help them should the need arise in the park.

Our practice plan for finding Jack on that particular day included working along a 1.5-mile

him to lay the practice trails so that he ends up on a higher elevation than the two of us so he can watch Jake approach.

During his trailing run, Jake pounced on the two lost items and alerted on both the cattle gate and pedestrian gate, all found on the main trail. Jake then followed a secondary trail that turned right, then he made a u-shaped turn (false trail), following the secondary trail back out to the main trail, continuing for a short distance before going off the main trail up a hill, where he found Jack sitting behind a tree.

Working with Jake was Jack's first experience with bloodhounds; he was very excited and amazed that Jake had found him so quickly. He was smiling broadly when we arrived since he could see Jake handle the false trail easily (and the baying left no doubt that we were coming). In our follow up discussion comparing what Jack did during trail laying to what Jake showed me during his run, Jack described how he watched Jake follow the trail to the right, look back at me when the trail u-turned, drop his nose to the ground again and continue on- thinking through and working through the situation in a clearly advanced way—all while following the trail exactly as he (Jack) had laid it.

I personally am in awe of bloodhound skills and even though I've read many technical articles about how bloodhounds do what they do, I'm still going to call it magic because Jack and I had just witnessed some of that magic firsthand.

As a second example, we will describe our practice run in sand. Jake and I go to the beach and dunes in Bodega Bay frequently (more than that actually — we admittedly are beach bums). As a challenge on this run, I asked Jack to lay about a mile long trail in the dunes — no set trails of course — just sand, sand, sand, and dune grass. Again, I'm not sure how it happened but Jake found Jack about a mile later up a small rise in the dunes behind a large patch of dune grass.

All three of us were very happy. Jake was thrilled that his friend Jack was also here at the beach. The most interesting part of this run was that for at least a week afterwards, each day Jake would take a shortcut across the sand to the exact location where he originally found Jack. Once there,

his tail would wag as he intensely smelled the area. I realized that he was reliving finding Jack — something that I had not thought of before in connection with trailing. More magic!



Jake and Jack

Jake and I are fortunate to have found Jack who is in his senior year at Bergin College of Canine Studies earning his Bachelor of Science degree. In addition to working with and training future service dogs, Jack would like to volunteer with search and rescue groups and train and run a bloodhound. In the fall, Jake and I plan to work with Jack as he learns to handle a trailing bloodhound.

On the Trail with Vickey

By Vickey Quinn

Hello readers. I'll tell you up front that I am a first-time bloodhound person. Jake and I were lucky to find Pat Moffitt here in Sonoma County. Pat has generously shared her time and trailing knowledge with Jake and me for the past two years (since he was four months old). I was asked to write this column to share some of the things we have learned from Pat during our trailing practice. My goal is to make this *Trailing Tips* column useful and informative while also learning from our readers and sharing that information.

When I discuss trailing, I am referring to what is typically called mantrailing— which is different than tracking. There are many definitions distinguishing between tracking and trailing. In simple terms, tracking is following the “track” (ground disturbance) footprint to footprint precisely as the track was laid down. Trailing is following the “scent trail” of an individual, which is not always the exact same “track” as their footprints would indicate due to weather (like wind) and the environment. Trailing combines the skills of tracking and air scenting.

I would like to use this first column to discuss pre-trailing skills that can help take your trailing to a new level. I call these skills “pre-trailing” because I first taught them to Jake in contexts other than trailing (agility, obedience, or “trick”) and then incorporated the skills into our trailing as needed/wanted.

Jake is very serious each and every time his trailing harness goes on. As a result, I decided that my contribution to this team could be to teach him some skills that he may not have been born with but skills that may prove useful to him at his end of the lead or help to keep him safe. So far, I have been delighted with the results.

As I'm sure you all have experienced with your own bloodhounds, even at eight weeks old, Jake's nose was always on the ground whether in the house or outside. I thought he could benefit from learning to "look up". I started by placing his search articles just above his head. It didn't take long until he was also looking up as well as scenting down and air scenting. His favorite ending to a trailing run is finding his runner/trail-layer up a tree followed by a distant second favorite of finding the runner up a flight of stairs. This seems simple enough, yet it always surprises me that so many dogs don't look up even when the dog has followed a trail to the base of a tree.

"Touch it" is another foundational skill with many applications in trailing. Jake learned *touch-it* with both nose and paw (his choice depending on the circumstances). During a trailing run, I used *touch-it* to scent Jake from the door handle of a car. As soon as he smelled the handle, he recognized the scent as one of his trailing friends and I followed up right away with "find her" and we were off—the trailing connection made between what I wanted him to smell and his finding the match.

I also used *touch-it* to scent Jake from a footprint and tire mark left by an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) at the 3400-acre regional park mentioned in the *Finding Jack* article. The lead ranger at the park joined one of our practice runs for a hands-on experience and left the parking lot driving an ATV. Two miles and four cattle gates later, Jake found the "rangerless" ATV. Jake continued trailing the ranger (now on foot) through another gate, around a small pond, and down a small hill. Laughing, the ranger said, "I should have made that harder."

Jake combined *touch-it* and weave pole (agility poles) experience into a new skill that I did not specifically teach (I was impressed with his ingenuity). During *touch-it* practice I taught him to push open and close doors using his paw. He also learned the agility skill of maneuvering in

and out of weave poles. The large park I described earlier has grazing cattle so there are numerous types of cattle gates on the trails. One such pedestrian gate has a metal “door” on one side that pushes open to let the pedestrian into a small enclosure which contains several metal poles to maneuver around before pushing the “door” on the opposite side to exit. The first time Jake approached the gate, he hit the door with his paw, entered the enclosure, maneuvered around the poles, then hit the door on the opposite side and exited. Upon exiting, Jake turned around to look at me and I’m sure he was smiling.

Any of the agility skills involving balance like the teeter totter, balance beam, or wobble board, are also good skills to learn for trailing. For anyone that trails in rural or wilderness areas, you know how uneven the terrain can be and these skills teach your bloodhound to be confident in their abilities to walk on slippery, narrow, or uneven surfaces.



Jake warms up before the harness goes on and our run begins.

Practicing work in confined spaces, like tunnels, also has practical applications during trailing. Jake practiced confined space work using a long cloth tunnel available at any pet supply store. After this practice, Jake found one of his trail layers inside a culvert at a business park. The bloodhound practicing with us that day, who had not had the tunnel practice, hesitated before going into the tunnel and Jake did not hesitate. After finding someone in a tunnel and up a tree, Jake continues to look in culverts and up trees whenever trailing.

“Back up” is another skill that could keep your bloodhound safe while trailing. On one run, Jake found himself in a position with downed barbed-wire (caught in weeds) in front of him and on both sides. When he stopped momentarily, I saw the sun bouncing off the wire and asked Jake to *back up*, which he did, and out of harm’s way. His natural tendency would have been to jump over the wire but that could have been very dangerous. We then went around the wire, Jake picked up the scent on the other side and we were off again.

If you encounter snakes on your runs, *back up* could be useful. Many dogs will stop when encountering a potential danger. It is in that moment that *back up* could be used to remove your bloodhound from the snake’s reach. Jake attended rattlesnake aversion training (Pat sponsors the training each year.) The dogs are taught to go wide around the snake. When we encounter snakes on our runs (luckily not rattlesnakes although my heart still pounds), Jake goes wide around and picks up the scent on the other side, making *back up* unnecessary.

If you have used any of these (or other) foundational skills while trailing, I invite you to let me know the circumstances and I’ll include them as a follow up in the next newsletter. If you haven’t used any, please consider teaching one and letting me know the results. Please send your trailing

messages to TrailingBloodhound@gmail.com and include the words “Trailing Tips” in the subject line for all emails.

Till next issue — Happy Trailing to You!

Members' Bloodhounds in the Show Ring

By Nicholas Wameling

As the weather started to heat up from May through July, so did the competition for Bloodhounds West members. There was a lot to brag about for many of us, but one Bloodhound deserves to start this article off!

Sherman (owned by Marti Michalis) has had an incredible summer so far.



Sherman with handler Erin Piercy-Foreman at the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Regional and his BISS ribbon under Judge Laurel Deptuch.

He picked up many breed points which helped him take back the title of

#1 Bloodhound in the nation! On top of that, Sherman went BISS at the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club Regional. Also, ABC's Top 20 list came out mid-July and he finished #2 for the 2023 ABC calendar year. And finally on his long list of achievements, he finished his ABC Hall of Fame at the Del Monte Kennel Club show. These achievements were no easy feat; it took a lot of traveling by Marti & Sherman. They went as far east as Colorado and as far north as Washington in the past two months. It will be exciting to see what he can do at the upcoming ABC National.

Next, I would like to highlight Wanda (owned by Lisa Jones). Wanda has had a great 2023 so far, picking up some nice breed points and group placements. She went breed all three days at the Hangtown Kennel Club show and also picked up a Group 3. Then at the famous Woofstock Dog Show she picked up a huge breed win, this was the milestone win that helped achieve her ABC Hall of Fame status! She finished at #6 for the ABC Top 20. She will also be at the ABC National and it will be exciting to see what she can do.



Wanda with handler Larry Fenner and her Best of Breed ribbon at Woofstock under breeder judge Deirdre Doherty-Rahn.

The next two bloodhounds I would like to highlight are Ruby and Saidee (owned by Aldo & Diane Branch). While they haven't been out showing much this year, they did make the long drive up to Washington for the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club Regional. Ruby (handled by Aldo) went Select Bitch and Best in Specialty Owner Handled! And Saidee (handled by Diane) went Best Veteran in the regional sweepstakes. We hope to see them soon at some of the local Northern California shows. [Sorry, no photos]

Next, I would like to talk about Boots (owned by Cesilie Szabo). There was chatter about retiring Boots from conformation towards the end of last year. Well, I'm glad he wasn't! Boots is still showing us he has something left in the tank! At San Joaquin KC he took Owner Handled Group 4. He currently sits at #7 in the AKC Owner Handled rankings.



Boots with Owner Handler Cesilie Szabo and his OH Group 4 at San Joaquin KC under judge Sharon Newcomb.

This next bloodhound I'm going to mention is one that I feel will be the top dog in a couple years; that bloodhound is Gordo (owned by Lisa Jones). He is only one year old, but he has been picking up breed wins over some top dogs! Back at Coyote Hills KC he went Breed over multiple specials from the classes! That win helped him finish his Championship. Then he took a massive Breed win at Woofstock, one of the four days. The very next weekend he went south to the Bahia Sur Kennel Club show and took a breed win over his mom and dad! In just 40 days he accumulated 20 Breed points which was just 1 point short of making the cut for ABC Top 20. As you can see, the future is very bright for this handsome pup. Oh! I almost forgot to mention Gordo got all these wins Owner Handled by Lisa Jones!



Gordo with owner handler Lisa Jones and his Best of Breed ribbon at Woofstock under judge Bill Shelton.

Lastly, I will talk about my bloodhound, Beacon. Starting off, at Woofstock he surprised everyone and went breed two of the four days. With his last-minute wins at Woofstock he ended up finishing #14 in the ABC Top 20. While everyone was at the regional, Beacon and I were at the Lost Coast Kennel Club show. He picked up another Group 1 Owner Handled, but we are still chasing that elusive Best In Show Owner Handled. He currently sits at #5 in AKC Owner Handled rankings.



Beacon with Owner Handler Nicholas Wameling and his Best of Breed ribbon at Woofstock under judge Daniel Dowling.

As you can see, many Bloodhounds West members and their hounds are excelling in the conformation ring. All these dogs deserve a big round of applause for their incredible achievements. We have many exciting

events and deadlines coming up so stay tuned for more important show news from our members.

If you and your dog have any conformation achievements you want to share, please reach out to me so I can include them in the next edition of *The Daily Drool*!

Email me at: Nicholaswameling.5@gmail.com

Tracking the Trails of Time: Member Memories To Mark Our 50th Anniversary

Established in 1974 as a nonprofit organization, Bloodhounds West (BW) proudly upholds the visionary goals set by its founding members. With its unwavering dedication, BW has become an influential force committed to safeguarding the welfare of the beloved Bloodhound breed while promoting public education about their remarkable contributions to society. In addition, BW demonstrates an exceptional commitment to breed rescue initiatives, embodying the essence of compassion and care.

As we approach the Club's momentous 50th Anniversary, BW remains steadfast in its mission to fortify the welfare of Bloodhounds. In celebration of this milestone, the Daily Drool newsletter is thrilled to invite our members to showcase their cherished memories of our remarkable club. We encourage you to share your fondest, funniest, and most unforgettable experiences with us. From delightful adventures to heart wrenching stories, let's celebrate the moments that have made our Bloodhound community extraordinary.

By sharing your stories and photos with us, you will enrich the tapestry of our collective experiences. Starting with the spring 2024 newsletter, the Daily Drool will feature your cherished memories in upcoming issues throughout the year, as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Together, let's weave a remarkable collection of member recollections that will undoubtedly warm hearts and bring smiles to countless faces.

Submit your memories by email to Cindy Goble at cynthia.goble@att.net

We eagerly anticipate receiving your stories and photos.





As passionate Bloodhound lovers and advocates for their welfare, you have the power to make a significant difference in the lives of some very special rescued Bloodhounds by supporting West Coast Bloodhound Rescue, Inc. (WCBH Rescue). Unfortunately, despite their incredible loyalty and dedication, many Bloodhounds find themselves in dire situations, abandoned, or in need of rescue due to various reasons, including owner surrender or mistreatment.

With a mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome Bloodhounds in need, WCBHRescue. is a beacon of hope for these deserving hounds. As a dedicated non-profit organization, it works tirelessly to ensure that every Bloodhound receives the love, care, and second chance they truly deserve.

Ways to Support West Coast Bloodhound Rescue, Inc.

Volunteer: Whether you are experienced in dog training, fundraising, event planning, or simply want to lend a helping hand, volunteering is a fulfilling and rewarding way to contribute.

Donate: Donating to WCBH Rescue will directly impact their ability to provide medical care, food, shelter, and other essential needs for the Bloodhounds under their care.

Foster: Providing a temporary home for a rescued Bloodhound can be a game-changer. Fostering not only gives the hounds a safe and loving environment but also helps the organization to free up space and resources for more rescue missions.

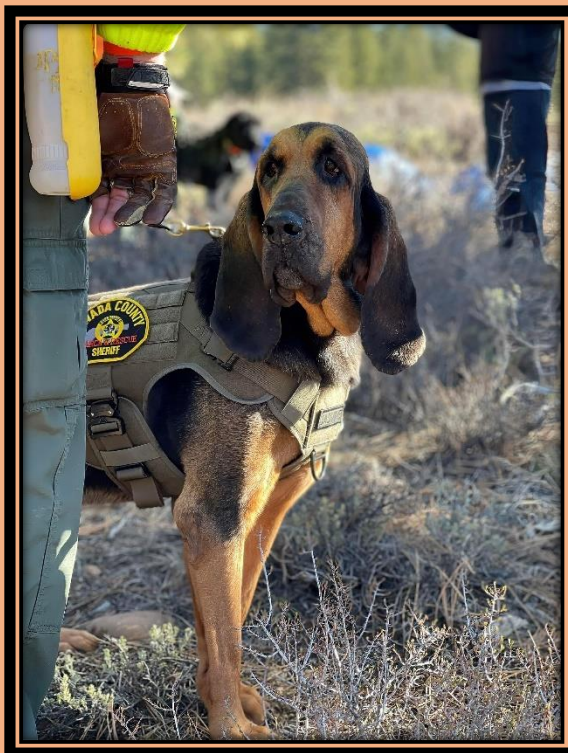
Adopt: By opening your heart and home to these remarkable Bloodhounds, you are not only giving them a second chance at life but also gaining a lifelong friend and companion.

Bloodhounds, like all animals, deserve to live a life free from neglect, abuse, and abandonment. Together, we can make a lasting impact and show these loyal and loving companions that they are cherished and valued. Even the smallest actions can lead to the most significant change.

West Coast Bloodhound Rescue, Inc., PO Box 872603, Vancouver, WA 98687 info@wcbhr.org

Bloodhound News

Nevada County Sherriff's Search and Rescue announced that one of their K9 members, Jasmine, passed away June 19, 2023, just shy of her 10th birthday. She was deployed on a total of 43 missions during her career as well as 18 successful missions for the Department of Energy. Jasmine never met a stranger! She loved kids, adults and seniors. Everyone loved her velvety soft ears. She always had some drool to share — it was considered good luck if she drooled on you! She will be sorely missed, thank you for your service, Jasmine!



Source: Facebook, Nevada County Sherriff's Search & Rescue, June 27, 2023

Conway, SC — On Friday, August 5, 2023, Horry County police were able to locate and arrest an armed and dangerous suspect thanks to the assistance of a bloodhound.

The suspect is accused of shooting and injuring a person around 2:15p.m. around Buddy Lane off Highway 707 before fleeing the scene and hiding in the woods with a weapon.



The bloodhound team was called as they are often used in cases where the department is searching for a person. Bloodhound Reba was the one that ultimately sniffed out a track that led police to the shooting suspect.

Source: WFXB, August 7, 2023, [Annelyn Russ](#)



Otis, shown wearing a potato truck knitted hat, is a full pure-bred bloodhound, and he's a specially trained professional actor. Otis is one of a kind, selected as a pup for his handsome looks and willingness to learn. He has appeared in several commercials and if you keep an eye out, you'll probably see him again. He's a happy, funny guy and as you've seen, he lights up the screen.

Source: Idaho Potato Commission, [Behind the Scenes of the Big Idaho® Potato Truck Commercial | Idaho Potato Commission](#)

SODA SPRINGS — Police are crediting a community effort involving emergency responders, local residents and a bloodhound named "Miss Mae" with finding a missing 8-year-old boy on Wednesday. The local boy, who has autism, was reported missing around 10:30 a.m. in the North Main Street area of Soda Springs, police said.

The search soon grew with many local residents, police officers, sheriff's deputies, rescue personnel and Monica Rosen and her bloodhound "Miss Mae" looking for the boy.

Monica and Miss Mae located the boy safe and unharmed about five miles outside of Soda Springs around 2 p.m. The boy was reunited with his family, who along with the entire Soda Springs community rejoiced.

Soda Springs Police Chief Scott Shaw stated in a news release, "The Soda Springs Police Department would like to thank all who came out to assist in the search for this child. With special thanks to Monica and her K9,



Miss Mae. They tracked the child for nearly 5 miles through mountainous terrain. Thanks, again, to all that came out to assist us and remind the citizens of this city why it is so good to live here."

Source: [Missing local 8-year-old found safe thanks to community effort and bloodhound 'Miss Mae'](https://www.idahostatejournal.com/news/missing-local-8-year-old-found-safe-thanks-to-community-effort-and-bloodhound-miss-mae/) | [Freeaccess | idahostatejournal.com](https://www.idahostatejournal.com)

Rocky Mount, NC — A gun-wielding man was jailed under a six-digit bond after police used a bloodhound to help track him down on Tuesday morning after he tried to gain entry to a vehicle and discharged a firearm and fled after the owner of the vehicle confronted him.



A police corporal and the bloodhound, who is named Bucky, began tracking the suspect. The hound led officers to the nearby 400 block of Henry Street, where the suspect, Bobby Davis, was found hiding in a residence, police said. A search warrant was executed at the address in the 400 block of Henry and officers found and seized a handgun, police said. Records at the courthouse said Davis was accused of trying to break into a 2020 Mercedes Benz owned by Olayinka Ogunnya and of attacking Ogunnya by shooting a black handgun six times while fleeing the attempted break-in.

Source: [Gun-firing man apprehended after tracking by bloodhound | Crime | rockymounttelegram.com](https://www.rockymounttelegram.com/news/gun-firing-man-apprehended-after-tracking-by-bloodhound)

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)



Plan to attend the upcoming conformation shows, trailing and tracking trials!
 Visit the website for each to view all the essential details.
 Mark your calendar and join us.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	WEBSITE
9-9-23 thru 9-10-23	Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club Trailing Trial	Winlock, WA	http://www.pacificrimbloodhoundclub.com/events.html
9-25-23 thru 9-26-23	American Bloodhound Club – National Trailing Trial	Asheville, NC	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events
9-25-23 thru 9-30-23	American Bloodhound Club – National Specialty	Asheville, NC	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events
11-11-23 thru 11-12-23	Colonial Bloodhound Club Trialing Trials	Middletown, DE	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events
1-6-24 thru 1-7-24	American Bloodhound Club – Regional Specialty	Palm Springs, CA	TBA
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

Join the American Bloodhound Club: Where Passion Meets Purpose

The American Bloodhound Club (ABC) plays a crucial role in overseeing the welfare of the Bloodhound breed, and many of our members already have dual membership with this esteemed organization. If you haven't already joined the ABC, we strongly encourage you to do so and be part of a special community that cherishes the Bloodhound breed.

Established in 1952, the ABC was founded with a noble mission to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred Bloodhounds while safeguarding and advancing the interests of the breed. Whether you have a Bloodhound as a beloved pet, participate in confirmation shows, engage in obedience, trailing, tracking, agility, rally, or contribute to community service such as search and rescue (SAR) and law enforcement, the ABC welcomes all with open arms. You will be treated like family, and your passion for Bloodhounds will be celebrated and appreciated.

One of the significant roles of the ABC is serving as a liaison between the American Kennel Club (AKC) and regional clubs like Bloodhounds West. This pivotal connection enables organized activities like shows, trails, and performance events to take place, shaping the vibrant Bloodhound world that we know and love. The ABC shoulders the financial responsibility for various club activities, including national shows, regionals, agility trials, and performance trails.

Speaking of national shows, the ABC hosts an annual specialty event that is eagerly anticipated by members. Lasting a week and rotating around

the country, this event features everything from seminars and field trials to auctions and exquisite dinner banquets. This year, the Southeastern Bloodhound Club is hosting the ABC National and Regional Specialty shows at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Asheville, NC, from September 25 to 30. We expect this show to be exceptionally well-attended, drawing Bloodhound enthusiasts from across the United States and around the world.

Benefits of ABC membership are numerous and cater to your interests and passion for the breed. As a member, you will receive "The Bulletin," an award-winning magazine brimming with educational content, photos, news & events, and member accomplishments. Stay up to date through the informative Newsletter, access the annual Membership Directory & Handbook, and proudly display your official logo lapel pin and window logo decal.

We invite you to visit the following websites to learn more about the American Bloodhound Club:

American Bloodhound Club: www.americanbloodhoundclub.org

ABC Facebook: www.facebook.com/American-Bloodhound-Club

Joining the ABC means becoming part of a special "family" that shares your dedication and passion for the Bloodhound breed. It is a community where friendships are formed, and knowledge and love for these amazing dogs are shared. To apply for membership, you can download the application from the ABC website. You may also contact Cindy Goble at cynthia.goble@att.net for more information.

THE DAILY DROOL

The Daily Drool wouldn't be complete without the heartwarming tales, humor, and delightful photos that your Bloodhounds bring to our newsletter.



Whether it's memorial tributes, inspiring poetry, creative art, homemade dog treat recipes, or touching quotes that capture the essence of your Bloodhound's spirit, we want to hear it all.

Please submit your entries and photographs to Cynthia.Goble@att.net by **November 15, 2023**.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to us.

Let's make this fall newsletter a heartwarming tribute to our beloved Bloodhounds, celebrating the joy and love they bring into our lives.

Al and Cynthia for *The Daily Drool*

Guidelines for Submissions to *The Daily Drool*

We want to encourage submissions to *The Daily Drool* since this is your newsletter. All submissions can be sent to cynthia.goble@att.net. Cynthia and I are not professional publishers and as such have limited time and resources. These guidelines are intended to minimize your time as well as ours.

- Simple is better. Don't bother to format since in the process of composing the newsletter everything will be reformatted. I typically must undo any pre-formatted submission before I can include it in the newsletter. (I compose the newsletter using Microsoft 365 Word which can be "persnickety" at times when merging formats.)
- Don't stress over punctuation and grammar. We both proofread all submissions and will take the blame for any and all such errors.
- Feel free to use Microsoft Word, Open Office, or any editor that produces a .doc, .docx, .odt or .txt file. A .pdf file can be accepted so long as it is strictly text with no images anywhere in the file. I'm not a Mac user so I can't give much guidance as to desired Mac

word processors but so far, I've had no problems with documents produced on them.

- Don't include photos or images interspersed with the text of your article. If you wish for a photo to appear in a specific location, just indicate it in the text by using brackets as follows: [image001.jpg] or [photo – Jimbo and Jane Doe at the park]. **Submit each photo separately in the highest resolution you have.** Modern phones and cameras produce excellent pictures. Please take advantage of that. I've noticed that some phones reduce the resolution by default when emailing photos. Please override such defaults. In addition, each photo should be in jpeg, jpg or png format. I do some post-processing to enhance appearance and my photo editing software sometimes chokes on other formats.
- I prefer photo submissions to be named with your desired caption. If that is not possible, then include a key, listing the photo name and desired caption. For instance, "image001.jpg – Jimbo and Jane Doe at the park."

I apologize for being long-winded. These guidelines are meant to simplify your work when submitting content by avoiding requests for revisions. It is my hope that we can produce an outstanding newsletter enjoyed by all our club members.

Al Gelders

Editor