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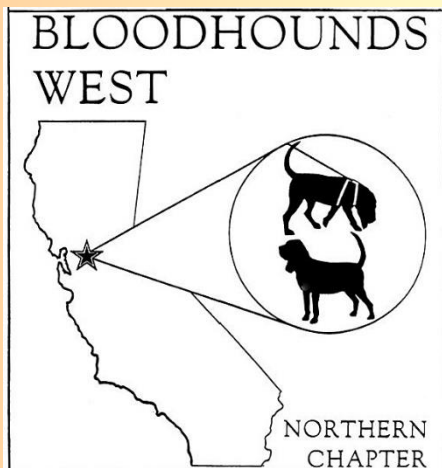
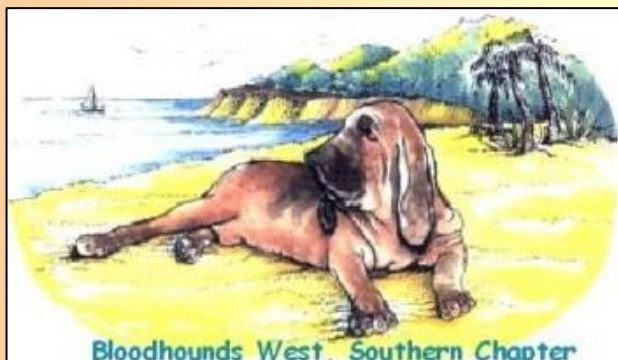


Meet "Jake"

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Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Bloodhound Welfare & Public Education

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Contributions to your newsletter are always welcome!

50 Years of Bloodhounds West!

Bloodhounds West is on the cusp of a remarkable milestone, as we 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 celebrate 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.

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

In the meantime, we've received several letters congratulating us.



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February 24, 2024

Dear Members of Bloodhounds West,

On behalf of the members of the Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club, I send our sincere congratulations to Bloodhounds West on the club's golden anniversary and 50 years of service to the welfare and promotion of Bloodhounds. We honor your devotion and commitment to our beloved breed and to ongoing public service to the bloodhounds and their owners and admirers throughout the West Coast and beyond. You rock the house!

Best wishes,

Cindy Wolfrom, President

Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club

Colonial
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Dear Members of Bloodhounds West,

On behalf of the Colonial Bloodhound Club, I extend warm congratulations to all of you as you celebrate your 50th Anniversary. This significant milestone is a testament to the dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment of your members to the noble cause of preserving and promoting the Bloodhound breed.

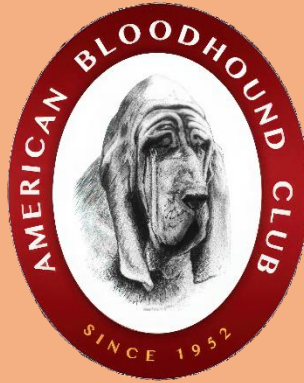
Fifty years of devotion to the betterment of Bloodhounds is a remarkable achievement and a true testament to the enduring bond that exists between humans and these magnificent animals. Throughout the decades, your club has undoubtedly contributed immensely to the advancement of Bloodhound welfare, breed standards, and community engagement.

As President of the Colonial Bloodhound Club, I commend you for your tireless efforts in fostering camaraderie among Bloodhound enthusiasts, organizing events that celebrate the breed's unique characteristics, and advocating for responsible breeding and ownership practices.

Your dedication to preserving the rich heritage and noble qualities of Bloodhounds is inspiring and serves as a beacon of excellence for Bloodhound clubs nationwide. May the next fifty years be filled with continued success, camaraderie, and joy as you carry forward the legacy of Bloodhounds West.

Once again, congratulations on this momentous occasion, and may your celebrations be filled with fond memories, laughter, and the unmistakable warmth of Bloodhound companionship.

Sincerely,
Jim Heck, President
Colonial Bloodhound Club



Dear Bloodhounds West members,

On behalf of the American Bloodhound Club Board of Directors, I extend my warmest congratulations to each of you as Bloodhounds West celebrates its 50th anniversary! Fifty years is a testament to the dedication, passion, and commitment of your members throughout the years.

As you reflect on the past five decades, you can take pride in the memories created, the friendships forged, and the positive impact your club has had on the lives of its members and the Bloodhound community.

To the founders, members, volunteers, and supporters who have played a role in its success, thank you for your tireless efforts and dedication.

Again, congratulations on 50 years! I wish you continued success!

Sandy Katos

ABC President



Dear Bloodhounds West Members

How exciting for one of our regional clubs to meet such a milestone of 50 years. Wow is probably not a powerful enough word because it has taken so many volunteers, sweat and tears to get this club to this point. Pondering how many nationals this club has put on, regionals, and trailing trials. Been fortunate myself to partake in a few of them with my wife. With hard work and a team of volunteers, we hope to see another 50 years for this regional club. Congratulations again from a fellow president of a regional club, an ABC member in good standing, and a breeder in this wonderful world of bloodhounds. Onward!!

Sincerely,

Michael Nye

Southeastern Bloodhound Club President

Please Welcome Our Latest Contributors

We are happy to announce three new additions to the Daily Drool team as we celebrate 50 years of Bloodhounds West. Get ready to unleash laughter and entertainment because Danielle Slutzky is joining us as a reporter for our brand-new Humor and Entertainment column.

At the Daily Drool, we are always on the lookout to inject some fun into our publication, and Danielle's remarkable knack for humor and entertainment promises to take our newsletter to new heights. In this exciting new column, Danielle will share fun anecdotes, memes, and captivating cartoons all centered around the unique



experience of life with Bloodhounds. Danielle's column will make its debut beginning with the June 2024 edition of the Daily Drool.

Let us give a warm welcome to Danielle Slutzky!

We are also thrilled to announce two more fantastic additions to our reporting team — Please welcome Tracy and Steve Smith.

They have graciously volunteered to spearhead coverage of Upcoming Events across the United States, enriching our publication as an invaluable resource for members of Bloodhounds West. Their dedication and passion for delivering top-notch reporting will ensure that our readers stay informed about the latest happenings. From coast to coast, Tracy and Steve will keep you in the loop with all the events worth attending.



Join us in extending a warm welcome to Tracy and Steve as they kick off their new role with the upcoming Summer 2024 edition of The Daily Drool.

Jake, My First Bloodhound

By Vickey Quinn

Jake and I are honored to be featured in this edition of the Daily Drool. I've always liked bloodhounds from afar — their majesty, strength, agility, and ability to track/trail. Jake Quinn is my first bloodhound, and the experience so far has been so much more than I anticipated. I researched bloodhounds quite extensively before deciding I could be a bloodhound person. Common comments from bloodhound owners mentioned “full of energy” and ‘requires a lot of time and energy. Many owners also cautioned that you must try to be patient during the puppy stage which can last 2 to 2.5 years.

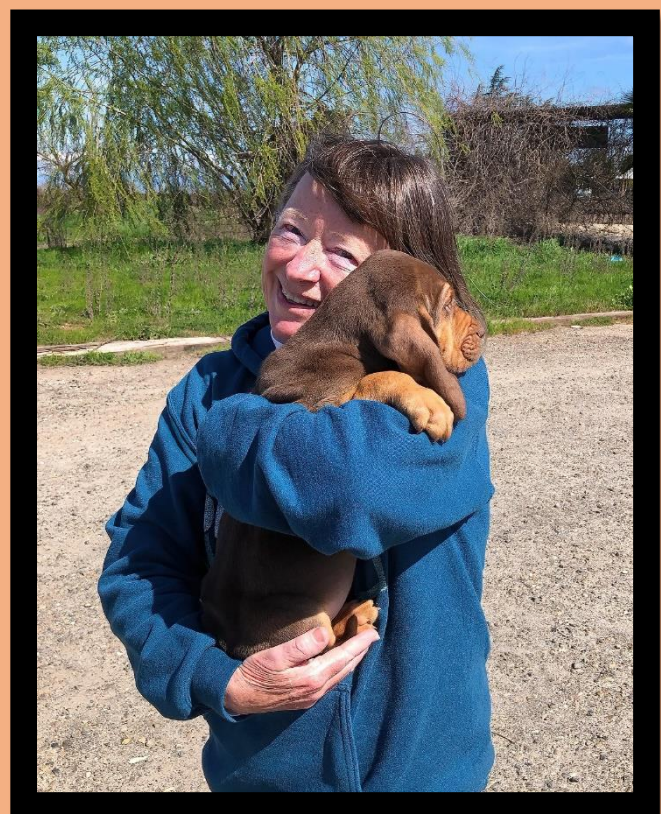
Many times during our first 2.5 years together, I repeated to myself- “you just have to get Jake to 2.5 years old and all will be well.” I say this with a smile now, but it is true none-the-less. There were times when I wanted to pull my hair out. When people said “energy” I had no idea how much! I wore a pedometer just to measure how active Jake was at 8-10 weeks old. At



the end of the day, it regularly showed between 12,000-14,000 steps! (Between 6-7 miles per day.) I soon learned that he must smell and drool on everything —especially the clean laundry. Some nights he was a whirling dervish — grabbing paperbacks out of the bookcase to see if that was allowed or running through the house dragging a blanket taken from the bed to see if that was allowed. The saving grace was that once he did give it up for the day, he slept soundly all night. That was the time that he put a spell on me because when I looked at his little body and face and touched his ears as he cuddled next to me on the loveseat, all was forgiven, and we awoke to a fresh slate the next day. Sure enough, at 2.5 years old, Jake was almost perfect. At 3 years old, he is perfect for me. We are having quite an adventure and thanks to my family for joining in by sharing daily photos of Jake. Thanks to our friends that also share in our adventures.

I am grateful for Jake's intelligence, sense of humor, agility, and gentle nature. I now understand why "bloodhound people" rave about them — they are a special breed and I would like to share just a bit of Jake's personality with you.

Our adventure together started during COVID. I realize now that a bloodhound puppy as a retirement gift to myself may have been a crazy idea,



but like I said, three years on and I still have a full head of hair, so no regrets. It took a significant amount of time to find just the right breeder and to get on her waiting list. Finally, the litter was born, and I picked Jake out at 5 weeks old and brought him home at 8 weeks. The selection was easy — when I first picked him up, he snuggled his head into my neck and I didn't want to return him to the litter.

When he first came into the house, he immediately dropped his nose to the floor and walked all over following scents, with his ears dragging on the floor. I was completely captivated by him. At 8 weeks he could find treats hidden in a room. My neighbors volunteered to be runners and I jumped for joy the first time Jake dropped his nose (while wearing a baby harness) to follow the very short trail of the runner. I contacted Pat Moffitt about teaching us to trail even before Jake came home with me and we began working with Pat when Jake was 4 months old. Trailing is his favorite activity. He is very motivated and works hard to find his person and doesn't quit until he does.

Since the time I was a wee girl, I have been interested in human-dog communication. Jake is a quick learner and I wanted to socialize him so we attended obedience classes, or as we called them — suggestion classes. We learned to do all the standard activities and Jake and I both thought the instructors talked too much — especially for a young dog with lots of energy. We always positioned ourselves at the far end of the class so we could practice activities using hand signals while the instructor talked and talked. Invariably, with a few minutes left in class, Jake would decide he had had enough learning for one session and would lay on his back and kick all four legs in the air. Everyone in class (except for the

instructor) laughed and I think they looked forward to seeing what he would do the next week.

I like breeds that are independent thinkers — those that some may call stubborn. Trick dog classes followed the suggestion classes and Jake earned his Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced titles. As mentioned in previous articles I submitted to the *Daily Drool*, during training I focused mainly on practical actions that were also considered “tricks” by the AKC. However, there are several tricks we do just because they make us laugh. I am constantly surprised that Jake is a stealth hound — I had not expected that from such a large dog. He is by my side one second and not there the next. So, it is not surprising that he is also a good pick pocket.

Our favorite trick is playing the keyboard. Picture this: I place the battery-operated keyboard flat on the floor. Jake approaches and strikes the keys with his big paw, hitting several keys at once. Sometimes he hits buttons above the keys which turns on a drum beat. Now, picture the drum beat playing in the background while he is striking those keys creating incredible “music” and we are both howling with laughter.

There aren't many bloodhounds in this part of California. Many people have never seen a bloodhound in person until they see Jake so he always creates quite a stir. Of course, strangers always comment on his majesty or size, having no idea that those two traits aren't what make bloodhounds special. I have been asked some interesting questions when we're walking at the beach and here are a few of my favorites: Is that a Bassett hound? Did you know he would be that big when you got him? What is that? And Is he a blue-tick hound?



As a retiree, we have the luxury of spending our mornings doing what we want and the afternoons doing what we need to do. We spend our mornings either trailing or walking at the beach and dunes.

I once read where a bloodhound owner cautioned that bloodhounds aren't for everyone and I agree. I am very

grateful that there is at least one bloodhound, Jake Quinn, who is just right for me.

Finally, I would like to thank several people for welcoming us into the bloodhound family. Thanks to Pat Moffitt, Cindy Goble, Aldo Branch, and Al Gelders. I hope we can continue to meet more bloodhound people in the future.

In Memory of Bruce: A Tribute to a Beloved Companion

In October of 2021, a gentle soul with a heart as big as his head entered the life of Debbie Levy. Bruce, a robust and aged yellow lab with a charmingly unique gait and a distinctive breathing pattern akin to a freight train, quickly became an integral part of Debbie's family. Despite his challenges, including laryngeal paralysis and deafness, Bruce embraced his new home with warmth and affection.



Bruce

Though his time with Debbie was short, Bruce left an indelible mark on her life. In moments of turmoil and distress, he proved to be a steadfast companion, providing comfort and solace during times of need. Whether it was calming her nerves after a harrowing traffic accident or offering silent support in the wake of his sister Poppy's sudden passing, Bruce's presence was a source of strength and resilience.

Following Poppy's unexpected passing, Debbie and Bruce sought comfort in their shared presence. Upon careful consideration, they extended a warm welcome to Tilly, an adopted bloodhound, into

their household. Tilly's introduction infused their home with fresh delight and companionship, lifting some of the sorrow lingering from Poppy's absence.

Bruce had his mischievous moments, particularly when it came to his love for bread. His penchant for bagel and bread thievery brought laughter and joy to Debbie's days, even during the most trying times. And when his health required medication, it was a piece of brioche that became the key to ensuring he received his treatment without fuss or resistance.

But what Debbie will miss most are their cherished walks together.



Poppy and Bruce

Bruce's magnetic personality drew people to him like a beacon, forging friendships wherever they roamed. Through these outings, Bruce not only brought joy to Debbie's life but also touched the hearts of everyone he encountered.

Debbie extends her deepest gratitude to the Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Rescue, the selfless volunteers, and Dr. Brenda Mills for their unwavering dedication to animals like Bruce. Through their compassion and care, Bruce was given the chance to experience love and happiness in his twilight years, a testament to the transformative power of kindness and generosity.

Though Bruce may no longer walk beside us, his spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. In his memory, may we always cherish the moments we shared and celebrate the enduring bond between human and canine. Rest in peace, dear Bruce, knowing that you were cherished beyond measure and loved beyond words.

Noble Noses: Bloodhounds in Search and Rescue

An interview with Special Detective Terri Heck of Summit Search and Rescue
By Cynthia Goble

In the heart of Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, Special Detective Terri Heck stands at the forefront of Summit Search and Rescue, Inc., an organization dedicated to utilizing the exceptional olfactory prowess of Bloodhounds in search and rescue operations. In an interview with the *Daily Drool*, Terri shares her journey, experiences, and insights into the world of Bloodhound-assisted search and rescue.

Pivotal Moments and Foundation of Summit Search and Rescue

Terri's journey into the realm of search and rescue began with a poignant incident, the tragic death of a missing assisted living resident. This somber event became a catalyst for her dedication to preventing similar occurrences, leading to the establishment of Summit Search and Rescue, Inc. in 2003. As the demand for their services grew, so did the need for additional resources and formal recognition, prompting the organization to attain 501(c)3 status.

Bloodhound Selection and Training

Choosing the right Bloodhound is a critical aspect of Summit Search and Rescue's success. Terri emphasizes the importance of collaborating with reputable breeders who understand the unique requirements of search and rescue work. Health, structure, and temperament are key factors in the selection process, and the breeders play a crucial role in identifying puppies with the right attributes.

When it comes to traits, Terri outlines the essential qualities sought in a potential search and rescue Bloodhound, including a love for exploration, outgoing yet independent behavior, resilience to various stimuli, and a quick recovery from stress. The initial training involves a meticulous process of out-of-harness activities, socialization, exposure to different environments, and the engaging "Puppy Run-A-Ways" game to instill the basics of search behavior.

However, training Bloodhounds comes with unique challenges, primarily due to their independence. The handler and the Bloodhound must strike a delicate balance, respecting the dog's exceptional olfactory abilities while maintaining control of the situation.

Continuing Education

Terri stresses the importance of continuous learning for both handlers and their Bloodhounds. The diversity of terrains, locations, and subjects necessitates a busy training schedule, covering environments ranging from indoor malls to outdoor parks and subjects spanning age groups and mobility levels.

The value of networking and shared knowledge within the search and rescue community cannot be overstated. Terri encourages handlers to attend seminars, collaborate with other organizations, and stay informed about the latest developments in the field.

Involvement in Search and Rescue Community

For those aspiring to join search and rescue missions, Terri advises potential Bloodhound owners to collaborate with established SAR groups, volunteer for various tasks, and attend seminars for self-education. Being an active member of organizations like the American Bloodhound Club facilitates networking, knowledge

exchange, and a deeper understanding of the breed's health and structure.

Terri reminisced about a challenging search mission, highlighting the incredible tracking abilities of her Bloodhound, Boone, in locating a missing person involved in a car crash with a surprising twist.

Dual Roles in the DA's Office and Summit Search and Rescue

Terri's dual roles within the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office and Summit Search and Rescue have proven mutually beneficial. Early familiarity with her organization through criminal and missing people cases increased the likelihood of being called for assistance.

The experience in the Criminal Investigation Division has shaped Terri's approach to search and rescue missions, emphasizing the potential criminal nature of missing person cases. Collaboration with law enforcement has become integral, ensuring safe and efficient operations.

Training Impact

Drawing from her firsthand experience with six Bloodhounds, Terri and her husband Jim have developed individualized training approaches for each dog. Their diverse experiences with different breeds and temperaments guide them as instructors and mentors at Summit Search and Rescue, emphasizing the importance of finding what works uniquely for each team.

Upholding Standards for Excellence

As the National Trailing Trial Chair and Trailing Trial Judge with the American Bloodhound Club, Terri sheds light on the evaluation

process for Bloodhounds in search and rescue operations. She acknowledges the evolving landscape of certifications in SAR groups and emphasizes the role of the ABC in contributing to the broader search and rescue community.

Collaboration with Agencies

Terri's collaboration with various agencies, including the US Marshals, FBI, and State Police, underscores the importance of respect and coordination. Bloodhounds are often deployed first, minimizing contamination, but collaboration with other resources, including social media, drones, and tracking devices, is crucial for comprehensive search efforts.

Red Cross Pet First Aid Certification

Terri's role as a Red Cross Pet First Aid Instructor brings a crucial dimension to the health and safety of search and rescue animals. In the field, quick responses to emergencies and the ability to assess and recommend appropriate plans of action are vital.

Envisioning the Future: A Blend of Tradition and Technology

Terri acknowledges the changing landscape of search and rescue efforts, with states seeking more control over certifications and technology playing an increasingly significant role. While the K9 nose remains indispensable, the integration of technology like social media, drones, and tracking devices underscores the importance of teamwork and respect for all available resources.

Closing Thoughts

Terri Heck's decades of experience culminate in a powerful message for those aspiring to work with search and rescue Bloodhounds. While hard work is inevitable, the love for the

hounds, the outdoors, and the collaborative spirit make it a gratifying journey. Despite challenges, the pleasure of working with these remarkable dogs remains paramount.

Terri's journey with Bloodhounds in search and rescue serves as an inspiring testament to dedication, collaboration, and the enduring bond between humans and their noble-nosed companions. As the future unfolds, the unique combination of tradition and technology promises to elevate search and rescue efforts to new heights, with Bloodhounds continuing to play a pivotal role in saving lives.

Tracking Proficiency in Snow-Covered Trails

In the images below, Detective K9 Stratton, guided by Terri, tracks a snow-covered trail, revealing footprints and diverse tracks. Terri notes Stratton's focus, even as he briefly explores wildlife. Redirecting, Stratton resumes the task, culminating in the identification of Ella at the trail's end. The photos emphasize the vital partnership between Stratton and Terri, highlighting the importance of continuous learning across diverse terrains and



scenarios, from indoor malls to outdoor parks, and with subjects of varying ages and mobility levels.

Special Note

Shortly before publication, Terri highlighted a significant concern in the search and rescue community—the shortage of available bloodhounds for operations nationwide. This issue became apparent when Terri received a recent call for help in Montana, specifically requiring a mantrailing bloodhound's expertise.

In response to this urgent request, Terri sought assistance from her network in Washington and Oregon to find a suitable bloodhound for the Montana search. Unfortunately, the outcome was disheartening, as her colleagues in neighboring states were unaware of any search and rescue bloodhounds in Montana or Idaho.

This revelation underscores the critical need for increased awareness, training, and deployment of search and rescue bloodhounds in various regions. Given their pivotal role in locating missing persons, it is imperative that efforts are made to address this gap in their availability nationwide. The immediate need for more SAR bloodhounds is evident, requiring concerted efforts to ensure that no region is left without these invaluable resources during times of crisis.

Terri Heck, the founder, along with her husband Jim, of Summit Search and Rescue in Lewisberry, PA, has dedicated her life to serving others with a deep love for animals. Raised in a nurturing family in Northwest New Jersey, she developed a keen sense of community and compassion. Her bond with animals, cultivated

from an early age, became the driving force behind her work in search and rescue. With a background in psychology and



sociology, Terri excelled academically, laying the groundwork for her impactful career. Inspired by a tragic event, she co-founded Summit Search and Rescue, guided by her first beloved bloodhound,

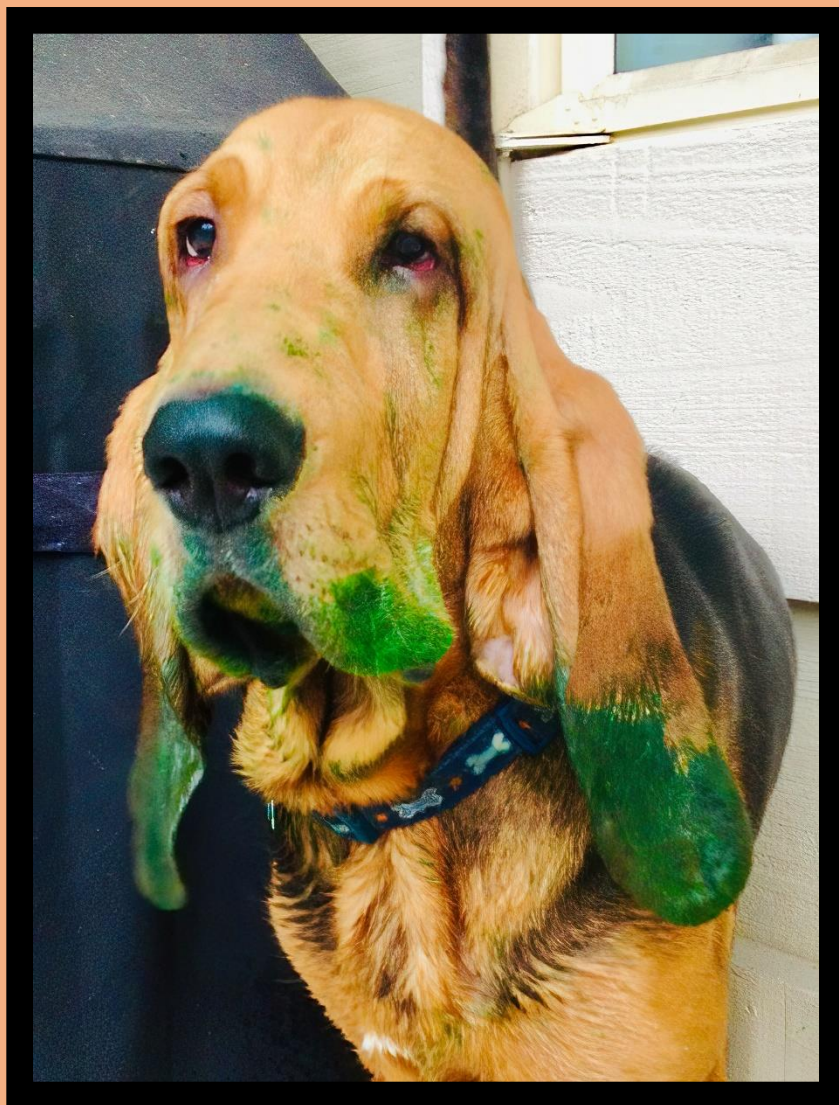
Detective K9 Boone. Together, they have saved lives and made a profound difference in their community. Terri's journey stands as a testament to the power of passion, perseverance, and service, and she looks forward to continuing her important work with Summit Search and Rescue.

In the expansive world of search and rescue operations, Terri Heck's organization has carved a niche that goes beyond local efforts, reaching out to collaborate with other organizations both nationally and internationally.

Weirdest Object Ever Devoured Contest

This month's winner is Danielle Slutzky.

Our lovely (now over the rainbow bridge) Huckleberry, was always into something when he was a youngster! Counter surfing was a foregone conclusion, though we tirelessly tried to keep the eyes in the back of our



heads WIDE open on an hourly basis! Well, apparently, I blinked, because on one very festive St. Patrick's Day, I was baking cupcakes in the kitchen, when I couldn't find the green food coloring that I had just placed on the counter. It didn't take me very long to figure out where that food coloring had trotted off to, and lo and behold, Huckleberry was wearing the GREENEST face, nose, ears, and

jowls I have ever seen! If anyone ever wondered if leprechauns really do exist, we certainly solved the mystery that day! Our sweet Huckleberry will ALWAYS be the pot of gold at the end of our rainbow! 🌈 🍀

Congratulations, Danielle!

Danielle Slutsky's tale of canine culinary exploration has earned her the title of winner in The Daily Drool contest. As a token of our appreciation, Danielle will be receiving a \$25 gift card to PetSmart, courtesy of the generous support from John and Susan Hamil.

But hold onto your leashes! The excitement doesn't stop here. Keep your eyes open for future contests and opportunities to win gift cards through The *Daily Drool*. With more chances to highlight the extraordinary antics of our Bloodhounds. When it comes to owning a Bloodhound, there's never a dull moment.



Caught red-pawed by owner Vickey Quinn while attempting a daring rescue mission for Mr. Socky from the perilous heights of the dryer! Bloodhound Jake discovers the secret stash that had fallen into the washing machine.

North Coast Journal Pet Photo Contest 2024

By Claudia Myers

Our local journal, the *North Coast Journal of Politics, People & Art*, has an Annual Pet Photo Contest so Tracy Smith and I decided to enter our bloodhounds. Folks vote on their favorite photos and the prize is getting your pets in the print edition of the Journal and in the online edition. Our bloodhounds seemed to be popular with lots of folks as our photos were in 9 of the 15 categories. Buck and Katie each won a First Place!

<https://www.northcoastjournal.com/news/winners-of-the-2024-ncj-pet-photo-contest-29028789>

Pets with Jobs



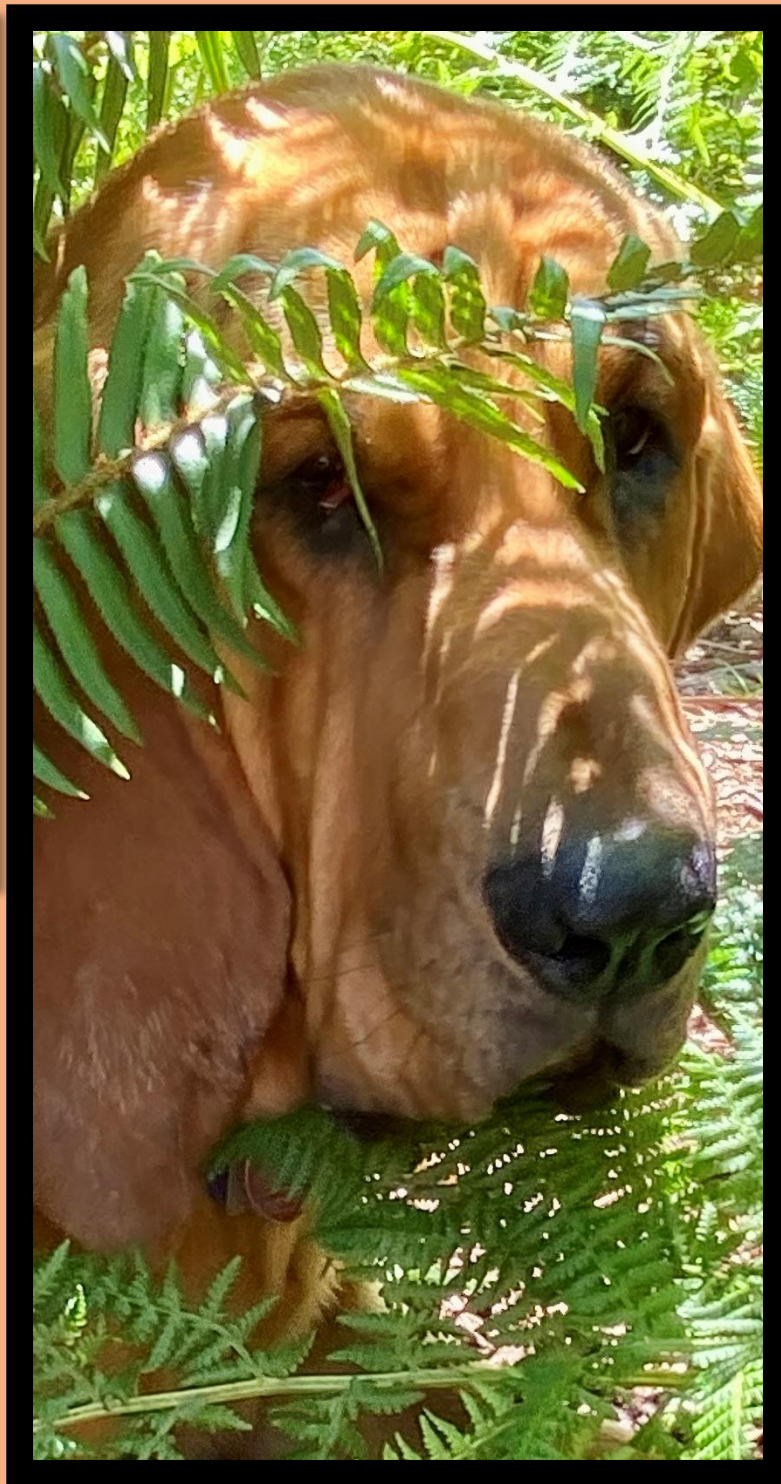
First Place “Katie” by Claudia Myers

Kindest Eyes



First Place "Buck"
By Tracy Smith

Cover Star



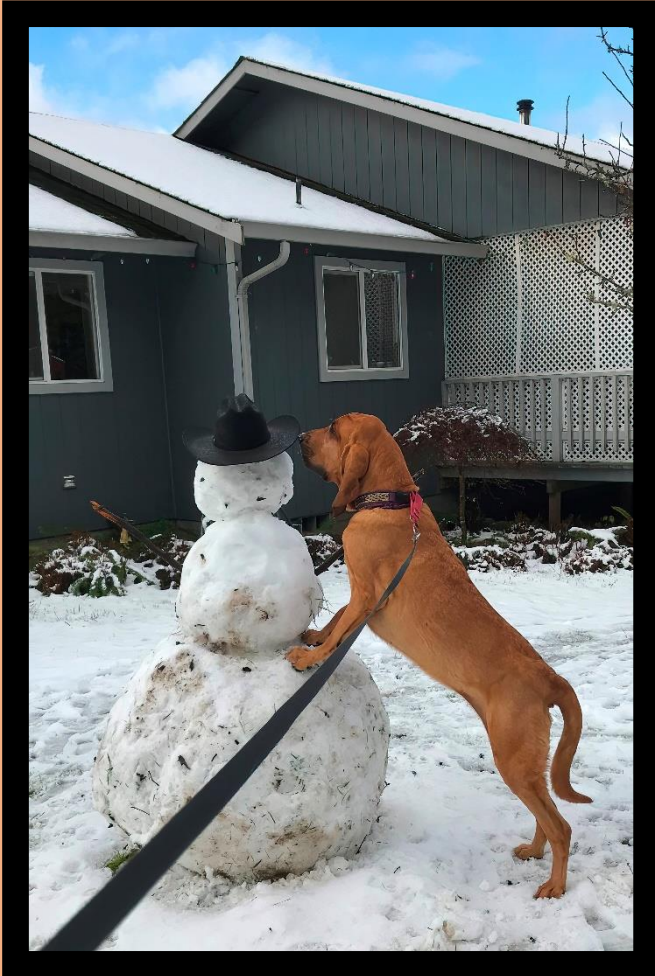
Second Place "Mingus"
By Tracy Smith

Cute Overload

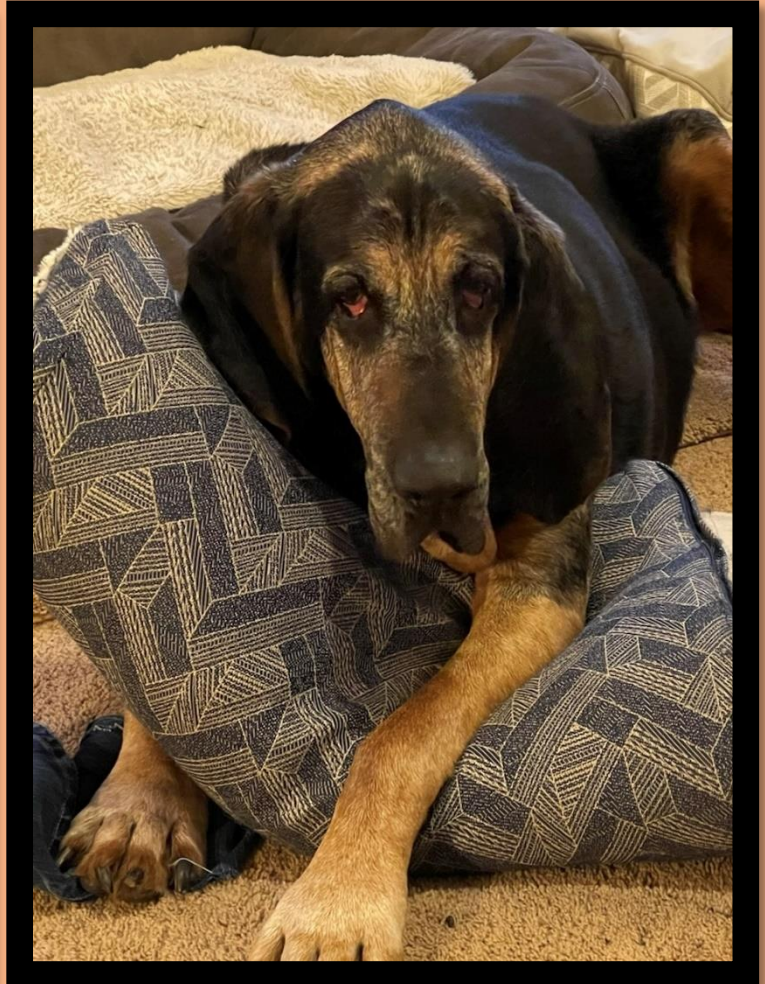


Fourth Place "Buck and Mingus"
By Tracy Smith

Big Trouble



Third Place "Katie"
By Claudia Mvers



Fourth Place "Buck"
By Tracy Smith

Most Snuggly



Second Place “Mingus and Tmonk”
By Tracy Smith



Fifth Place “Katie”
By Claudia Myers

Most Humboldt Spirit



Fifth Place "Katie"
By Claudia Myers

High Maintenance



Second Place "Ella and Mingus"
By Tracy Smith

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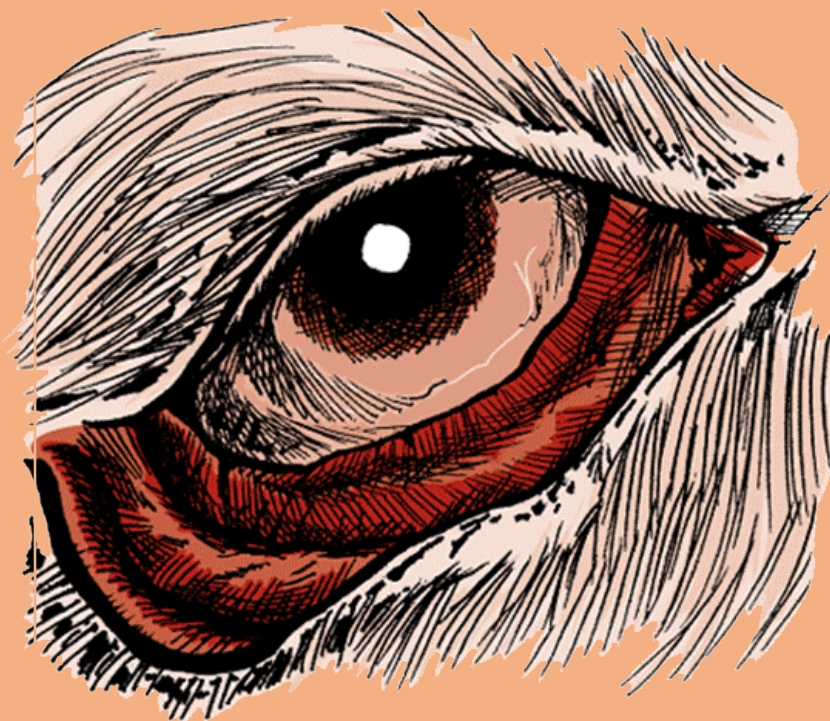
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The Eyes Have It.....Seeing Red

By John Hamil, DVM



The unique shape of the Bloodhound eye has been a hallmark of our breed the world over for more than 100 years. Bloodhound eyes convey mood and contribute to the soft, appealing hound expression.

Who among us had not been captivated by the soulful look of a Bloodhound?

The Bloodhound eye is described in detail in every breed standard for the Bloodhound worldwide. The oldest written breed standard was penned in the late 1800's by Edwin Brough and his contemporaries in England. In the US our breed description has not varied from his original version.

“The eyes are deeply sunk in the orbits, the lids assuming a lozenge or diamond shape, in consequence of the lower lids being dragged down and everted by the heavy flews.” The document even goes on to state that some the visibility of the “haw”, showing red conjunctival tissue, is acceptable.

In Brough's time, it may have been believed that the deep-set eye, rather than a prominent or bold eye, would offer the hound greater protection from injury. As the hound was worked in heavy cover with its head to ground, the skin would fold forward and protect the eye from long grass and bushes. We now know that is not the case.

Unfortunately, when taken to the extreme, eyelid conformation can lead to unhealthy eyes. Everted lower lids (ectropion) allow dust, pollens and small organic debris to accumulate in the gap created between the lower lid and the eye. This leads to chronic conjunctivitis, eye infections, excessive tearing and in some cases corneal damage. Being deep set, the upper lids can turn inward causing the eyelashes to rub against the cornea (entropion). Sometimes this is so extreme, surgical correction is necessary.

For most of our hounds, they exhibit a slight variation on this description and their eyes may only occasionally present a problem. For other hounds, their eyes can be chronically irritated and a constant source of discomfort.

There are many causes of conjunctivitis, this article will focus on the consequence and management of chronic conjunctival inflammation resulting from poor eyelid conformation. Conjunctivitis can have many causes including some serious systemic diseases. Always, consult your veterinarian for accurate evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of any eye abnormalities.

Entropion: Turning in of the eyelids (upper, lower or both) resulting in eye lashes rubbing against the cornea. Surgical correction may be necessary. Entropion can also occur with acute

or chronic conjunctivitis. Surgery should be avoided in bloodhound puppies less than 12 months of age to avoid over correction.

Ectropion: Eversion of the lower eyelid causing the eyelid to sag creating a gap between the outer rim of the eyelid and the eye. Central lower lid ectropion can also be accompanied by entropion affecting the outer and inner margins of the lower lid. Surgical correction may be necessary. Surgery should be avoided in bloodhound puppies less than 12 months of age to avoid over correction.

Conjunctivitis: inflammation of the tissue surrounding the eye. Normal eye tissue is a pale pink without tearing or swelling. Conjunctivitis is characterized by redness and swelling of the tissues. Conjunctivitis can be acute or chronic.

Acute conjunctivitis: Resulting from a direct exposure to an irritant (pollen, dust, chemical), injury/trauma, foreign body, bacterial, viral(CHV=canine herpes virus, CIV=Canine Influenza Virus), parasites (Thelazia or Onchocerca=eye worm) or insect bite.

Acute conjunctivitis can also be associated with systemic diseases. Can affect one eye or both, usually involving the conjunctiva and the eyelids. The swelling can be so pronounced and dramatic that the eye cannot be visualized and the lids cannot be opened. This should be considered an emergency and addressed quickly to ascertain if the eye itself has been damaged.

Chronic Conjunctivitis: Recurrent or long-term inflammation. On going ectropion allows continued exposure to dust, pollen and organic debris accompanied by infection. Allergies can also be a contributing factor.

Chronic conjunctivitis leads to reduced tear film production in both quantity or more importantly quality. Glands, located in the conjunctival tissue surrounding the eye, secrete varied components including an important lipid component of the tear film which is instrumental in protecting and nourishing the cornea. Tear film also contains anti-bacterial properties and keeps the eyes comfortably lubricated. When tear film production is compromised corneal damage can result.

Pigmentary keratitis or hyperpigmentation of the cornea: Result of chronic inflammation. Detected by ophthalmic exam in the early stages, in later stages brown or black pigmentation becomes visible on the surface of the cornea.

Keratoconjunctivitis seca (KCS) or Dry Eye: Production of tear film, particularly the lipid layer has been severely reduced. Even though the eyes may be tearing profusely, without the lipid component corneal damage and vision loss will result. There are medications to combat the discomfort of dry eye and in some cases restore certain components in tear film.

KCS can be immune mediated, and some systemic medications can also compromise tear production.

Prolapse of the gland of the third eyelid or Cherry Eye: Acute or chronic irritation can sometimes be an exacerbating factor, but cherry eye has been found to be the result of a weakening of the connective tissue in the conjunctiva allowing the gland in the third eyelid (nictitating membrane) to protrude from the inside corner of the eye. The gland of the third eyelid is important in maintaining the quality and quantity of protective tear film.

Surgery to reposition the gland is the most effective solution. Removal of the third eyelid is no longer recommended and can result in severe dry eye. Sometimes steroid injections into the exposed gland may offer temporary relief, but this will require sedation. If allowed to remain untreated reduction in tear film may contribute to dry eye. Cherry eye is thought to be heritable in certain breeds (Bulldogs, Beagles)

Distichiasis: Meaning two rows of eyelashes instead of just one row. Extra lashes can protrude from one of the glands in the eyelid and rub against the cornea creating irritation and sometimes ulceration of the cornea. While not very common in Bloodhounds, this condition requires surgical removal of the offending lashes.

Chalazion/Meibomian cyst: Chronic inflammation causes obstruction of the lipid gland secretion in the eyelid resulting in a “bump” or cyst in the eyelid. Once inflammation is reduced the chalazion may resolve on its own, but sometimes surgical draining may be necessary.

A word about bacterial conjunctivitis and Pink Eye (humans)

Bacterial eye infections in dogs are usually secondary and opportunistic. Unlike “Pink Eye” in humans, this bacterial conjunctivitis is not generally contagious, but is usually secondary to chronic inflammation. Occasionally in multiple dog households, canine housemates lick or “clean” the eyes of another thus mechanically transferring bacteria in the mouth of one to the conjunctiva of the other.

Old Wives Tales believed that dogs licking wounds or cleaning the eyes or wounds of another dog had some anti-inflammatory properties, but this is NOT SO! Just think about that for a minute??

Where do all dogs lick themselves?? This can introduce Staph (including methicillin-resistant Staph), Strep and E coli directly in to the conjunctiva resulting in an antibiotic resistant eye infection. If your dogs do this, please get the “lickor” to stop this behavior. Begin by treating the “lickee”’s eyes promptly and appropriately with medication prescribed by your veterinarian. You may have to use an Elizabethan collar to prevent the “lickor” from reaching the eyes.

Managing chronic conjunctivitis requires daily attention to the eye. Daily observation of any discomfort experienced by the hound evidenced by squinting, rubbing of the eye(s) with paws or against walls, floor or fences. Any unusual or discolored (yellow, green) discharge or excessive tearing can indicate a problem. Check the cornea to make sure it is clear and bright. If the cornea appears cloudy, you should contact your veterinarian.

Every hound should learn early (9-10 weeks) how to sit calmly to accept eye examination and treatment. This can only be accomplished with very patient step-by-step training. Otherwise, you will be grabbing and chasing the hound multiple times a day to apply the medication. This will affect your relationship with your hound and create avoidance behaviors and occasionally aggression. So early and regular training to accept eye medication is a must.

Keep the eyes clean. Any crusted matter can be removed by gently applying warmed wet cloth compresses to the eye and then gently removing the softened crusty matter from around the eye.

Over the counter eye lubricating drops can be used to clean out the eye. Larger bottles of eye irrigation solution can sometimes be found at local pharmacies.

Your veterinarian will examine your hound's eyes and prescribe appropriate topical medication. This medication may be an antibiotic drop or ointment. It may or may not contain an anti-inflammatory steroid to reduce redness, swelling and discomfort. This may be either an eye-drop or petrolatum based ointment. Directions may require treatment several times a day. Ointment usually lasts longer in the eye than the drops.

Only one or two drops in the eye(s) and only a very small strip of ointment inside the lower lid are required at each application. If the ointment seems too thick to apply easily, warm the tube in your hands for a few minutes and the ointment will be easier to apply.

If the eye conditions do not resolve and lid abnormalities are a contributing factor, surgical intervention may be necessary. Some surgical solutions are straightforward and relatively simple. Other types of surgery can much more complicated and will require evaluation and surgery by a specialist in veterinary ophthalmology.

On The Trail with Vickey

By Vickey Quinn

Handlers often ask, “How do I slow my bloodhound down while trailing?” In this column, I would like to discuss reasonable trailing speeds, how to determine the best speed for your hound/handler team, techniques for slowing your hound, if appropriate, and options if you are not physically capable of keeping up with your hound.

What is a reasonable trailing speed? Since every hound and handler team is unique, there is no target speed that works for all. Like Forrest Gump and that infamous box of chocolates—when it comes to bloodhound speeds—you never know what you’re going to get. At one end are hounds that are naturally methodical and move at a slower pace, while hounds at the opposite end would work mile after mile at a run if permitted, and of course, everything in between. When people want to slow their hound during trailing, I assume it is because the current speed is uncomfortable for the handler with common complaints of being out of breath, running to keep up with your hound, or unable to keep up the pace for very long.

For this article, I researched both speeds covered by working tracking/trailing hounds and the time it took to cover that distance as well as “comfortable” walking pace for human hikers/walkers. The speed for both was very dependent on the terrain and ground cover. Hounds were also affected by the difficulty of the trail (such as age of trail) and on average, the hound/handler teams were working between 2-3 miles per hour. The average per mile was covered in between 20-30 minutes. One example described a team

working search and rescue covering 12 miles in 6 hours on the trail (plus 2 total hours of rest) in an 8 hour period.

In his tracking dog book, Glen R. Johnson states that the handler should “quickly step out in the direction the dog is taking” and that “the handler should settle into a fast walk” (page 79). (See citation at the end of this column.) Although “quickly” and “fast” are relative terms, the impression is given that the team moves with a sense of urgency.

Based on my personal experience hiking [without a bloodhound] at 2-3 miles per hour for long distances is very doable (assuming the handler is relatively physically fit). I love to walk and have had incredible opportunities to go on numerous walking vacations in Ireland and Scotland. Each of these trips covered 80-125 total miles of walking and on average we walked from between 8-15 miles per day. Most walkers we encountered walked 2-3 miles per hour (like us) depending on terrain, weather, and how thirsty we were for an end-of-walk Guinness. Walking with a bloodhound on the other end of the long line is more difficult than walking without, but considering the average pace set by relatively physically fit hikers we have a starting place for discussion.

How do you determine the best speed for your team? Ideally, the hound determines the pace. Some of you may have hounds that naturally have a slower pace or have slowed with age. Others, like me, may have a hard charging, let’s go get ‘em hound. My main consideration is trying to figure out a compromise between slowing my hound—but not to the point where my hound becomes frustrated or no longer enjoys trailing—and a speed I can walk and still be able to breathe comfortably (usually that means walking and talking at the same time even if I am talking to myself).

Assuming you are physically able, consider walking (without your hound) several miles at the 2-3 mile per hour pace. It may seem fast at first and may require you to get in walking shape to be able to walk that speed for several miles. The benefit is that your increased speed may lead to less of a compromise on your hound's part. Use this technique to determine what is an acceptable pace for you. Again, this is probably a compromise—faster than you might otherwise walk without your hound but a pace you can walk while trailing. Be sure to check with your healthcare team to make certain that you are physically fit enough for the trailing pace.

What are some techniques for slowing your hound? There are professional trainers that use e-collars to slow their hounds during tracking/trailing practice. I have never used an e-collar so won't speak to that other than to say that if you choose this method, please seek out a true professional. Improper use of e-collars can lead to physical, emotional, or psychological damage to your hound. You don't want your hound to shy away from putting the trailing harness on because they know pain follows.

If our goal is to slow the hound while still encouraging the excitement and go get 'em attitude, watch your hound for signs of frustration with the slowing technique you are trying and the pace you are attempting to keep.

Some hounds slow with age as we do. Depending on which of you slows faster, there may not be much of a gain with the aging process.

Many handlers work constantly (every run) on the “easy” command immediately when the hound starts to move too quickly. This

technique seems to work best when the handler is actually strong enough to lean back enough to physically slow the hound when the command is given. Without the ability to physically slow the hound, the command doesn't seem to have the desired effect. If you aren't physically strong enough, you might consider seeking out the services of someone that can assist you by providing the "muscle" during training.

Before a trailing run, Jake and I walk a couple of miles as a warmup (it works well to take the edge off his pace). He is on a long line (but not with his trailing harness yet).

Working your dog on well-aged trails or more difficult terrain often leads to a slower pace.

With a lot of positive reinforcement and consistency of training, your hound may understand that this is a pace you want and compromise with you without being frustrated.

As you handlers know, bloodhounds are strong and eager. If you are no longer able to keep up with your bloodhound on a long line (or can't slow your hound enough for your personal needs), finding a younger/stronger trailing partner might offer an alternative to giving up trailing altogether. By finding a partner to handle the hound, you can walk behind and still enjoy watching your hound work. This also passes on handling skills to the younger generation.

Personally, I also hope that there are judges at trailing trials who are willing to go out quickly and walk at a fast pace with any team that moves at a good clip.

Let's celebrate hounds that are eager and love to trail and look for ways to accommodate their inherent needs.

As always, please send any trailing thoughts or comments to TrailingBloodhound@gmail.com and include the words “Trailing Tips” in the subject line for all emails.

To learn more about the topic, please see: Tracking Dog theory & methods, Glen R. Johnson, Arner Publications, Inc., Second Edition 1977.

Till next issue- Happy Trailing to You!



Mom, the wrinkle release is broken again

Palm Springs Regional Specialty, 2024
By Multiple Contributors

Lyn Sherman

This January Bloodhounds West Southern Chapter put on a spectacular Regional at the Palm Springs Dog Show—it was a wonderful reminder of "the old days" when Bloodhounds West South used to do this on a yearly basis. During the 30 years I showed dogs this show was always the first



Lyn Sherman

dog show of the year, the largest dog show on the West Coast, and everyone looked forward to the spring weather and seeing old friends again.

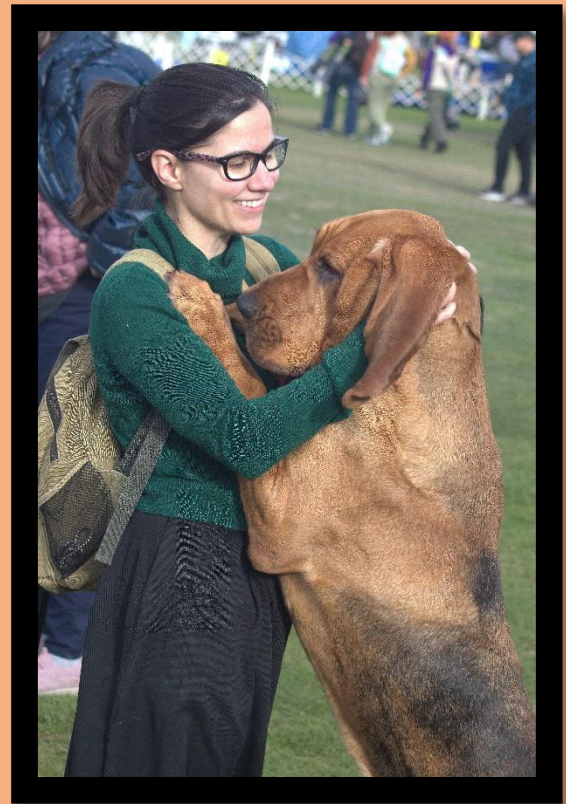
This year the Palm Springs show moved to another part of the Polo Club which was initially rather unnerving for some of us "old timers", but



Puppy Love

we soon found our way around and all the Club activities were held at the large grassy setup in the parking area. The Club setup was beautifully decorated and there were tables full of raffle items and snacks, in addition to crates and lots of parking. All weekend this was the center of all bloodhound activity including meals, snacks, raffles, and lots of time to catch up with friends—both old and new.

In addition to Lisa Jones and Marti Michalis organizing things, many others helped make the weekend very successful including Pam



Cesilie Keller



Herranz, Ceslie and her mother, Nicholas, and too many others to mention, who all pitched in to make things run smoothly. The Regional brought friends, both new and old together, to share their stories, their love of bloodhounds, and to celebrate the beginning of another year of showing and celebrating our wonder bloodhounds.

Thank you Marti and Lisa for making this happen, let's all support more Club activities for the upcoming year.

Lisa Jones



Lisa Jones

We had an exceptional regional this year in Palm Springs. We were so delighted to have all our friends attend. Many members old and new got together for a reunion. It was a joy to see everyone visit and enjoy one another starting out with a lovely welcome dinner hosted by Marti Michalis with continuing camaraderie for three days! Everyone was a winner!

Lynne Aguirre

We were so delighted to have so many of our friends and new Bloodhound owners attend. We welcomed everyone at a reunion dinner on Friday night hosted by Marti Michalis at her home — the food was fantastic! It was refreshing to speak with some of our new guests, answering questions and offering suggestions that were welcomed. Some of our more “seasoned” members whom we haven’t seen for some time were there, sharing memories of old, laughing and enjoying the whole group.

As always, the ABC Southwest Regional specialty was exceptional in beautiful Indio, California. The entry was notable on Friday with

sixteen hounds for the Inland Empire Hound club; GCH Quiet Creek's Legend Absolut, owned by Susan LaCroix Hamil and Tara Schultz took Best Of Breed and GCHS Quiet Creek's Let It Bee, owned by Lisa Jones and Susan La Croix was Best of Opposite Sex. GCH Beacon, owned by Nicholas Wameling took Best of Breed OH and on to an Owner Handled Group 2.

Saturday was our Regional in conjunction with the Kennel Club of Palm Springs again with a nice entry count of eighteen hounds. GCHS Flessner's Element Of Fun FDC CGCA TKN ATT, owned by Marti Michalis taking Best of Breed and GCHS Quiet Creek's Let It Bee, owned by Lisa Jones and Susan La Croix was Best of Opposite Sex, GCH Beacon, owned by Nicholas Wameling took Best of Breed OH and went on to an Owner Handled Group 3. The trophies were amazing! Our theme was *A Palm Springs Fling*. The



logo included flamingos enjoying time in a pool while sipping on their libations! As always, Lisa Jones did a fantastic job making sure every entry received a trophy.

Marti knocked herself out with the

food for our lunches, delicious deli style sandwiches, with potato salad, chips, and an array of drinks. Special thanks to all of our

friends and guests who supported us by entering their hounds, participating in auctions, raffles, and donations.



John Hamil, Lynne Aguirre, and Steve Aguirre

On Sunday, Bloodhounds West supported the entry, and the entry count held at eighteen. It was a repeat of Fridays winners. GCH Quiet Creek's Legend Absolut, owned by Susan LaCroix Hamil and Tara Schultz taking Best Of Breed and GCHS Quiet Creek's Let It Bee, owned by Lisa Jones and Susan La Croix Hamil was Best of Opposite Sex. GCH Beacon, owned by Nicholas Wameling took Best of Breed OH and on to an Owner Handled Group 1.

We also held a puppy sweepstakes with four lovely puppies. Our judge, Nancy Lovelady is working toward her license for Bloodhounds and commented on how nice her entry was and what clowns they were. Her Best Puppy in Sweepstakes from the 9-12 Puppy Bitch class was Kocar's Va Va Voom owned by Marti

Michalis & Candace Heath & Tina Kocar. Best Opposite to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes from the 18-24 Junior Dog class was Treasures Code Of Honor A Bloodhound Love, owned by Lori Burch and Susan Markley.

Overall, everybody enjoyed a weekend of beautiful weather, tasty food, and friends.

Al Gelders

Once again, this was the event not to miss! You don't need to have a hound in the show to have a wonderful time. It was great seeing our Bloodhounds West friends again. We had a brief Northern and Southern Chapter combined general meeting [Minutes elsewhere in this newsletter] but most of all we had fun! Lisa and Marti outdid themselves as usual orchestrating a three-day party.

I want to thank Danielle Slutzky and Lisa Jones for providing some of the photos used in this article. Also, thanks to Lyn Sherman, Lynne Aguirre, and Lisa Jones for giving their perspective on the event.



Susan and John Hamil



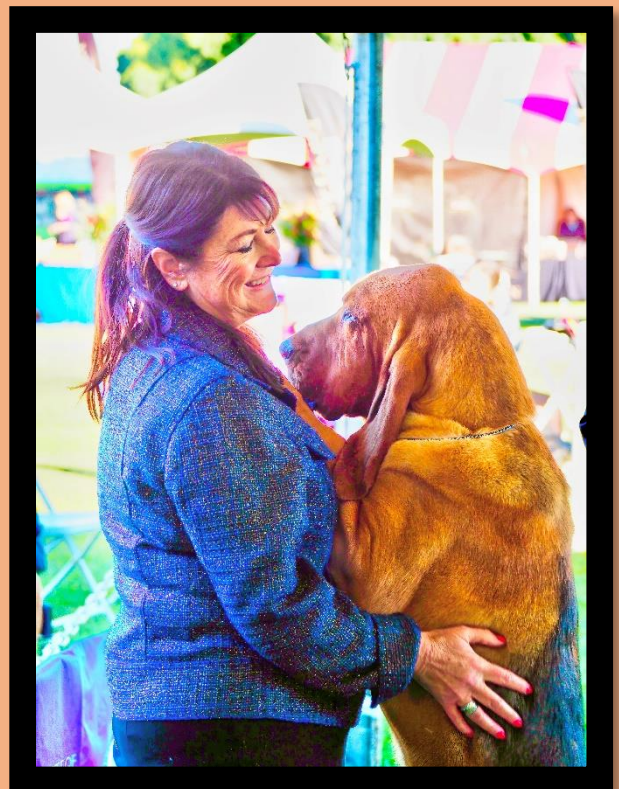
Marti put on a delightful spread!



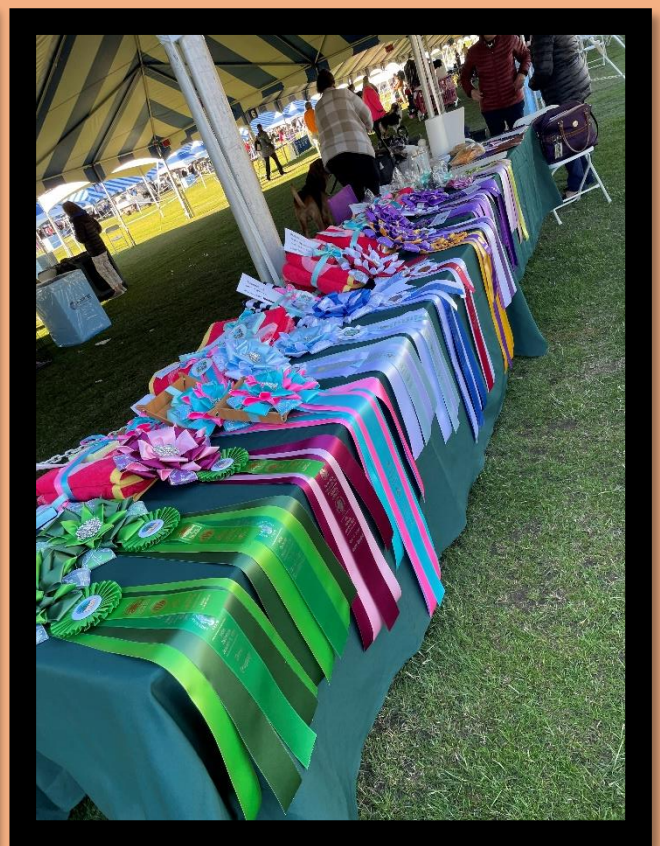
Sue Mealy and Danielle Slutzky



Claudia Myers



Marti Michalis



You can never have too many ribbons

Brrr-ring in the Bloodhounds! By Nicholas Wameling

Sherman (owned by Marti Michalis) has been killing it this winter collecting many Best of Breeds and Group placements. But his biggest accomplishment during the cold months was taking Best in Specialty Show at the SoCal Bloodhounds West Regional. He wrapped up February with a sweep of Breed and two group 3rd placements in Fresno at the Sun Maid Kennel Club. Sherman has momentum on his side as he takes over the #1 Bloodhound in the country for 2024.

Nikki (owned by Marti Michalis) is



less than a year old and already filling the big shoes of her daddy Trumpet. Nikki had a huge weekend at the SoCal Bloodhounds West Regional in Palm Springs going WB and picking up 2 majors! She also got Grand Sweepstakes Winner and Sweepstakes Hound Group 3rd. Then she went up to Portland where she took Breed from the classes over many specials. This hot streak helped

her finish her CH in just a few shows. Keep your eyes out for Nikki because the best is still ahead of her. Nikki currently ranks tied for #7 in breed rankings.

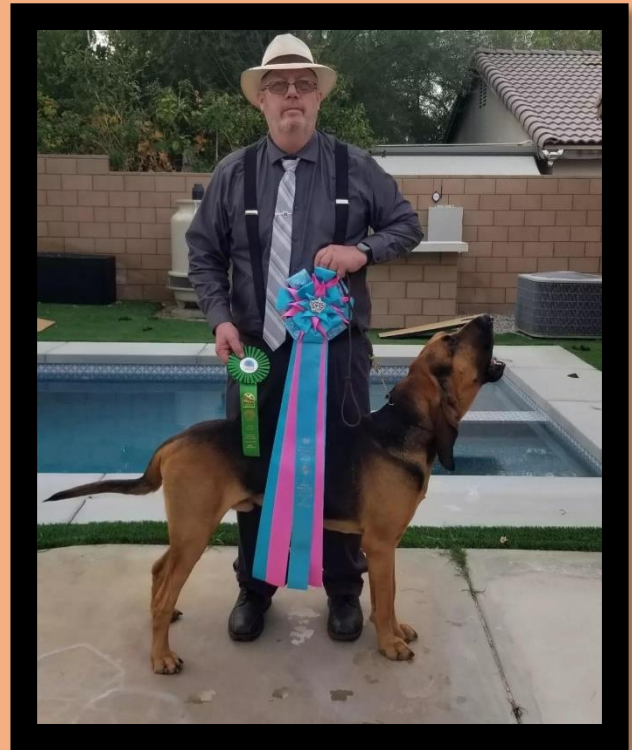
Boots (owned by Cesilie Keller) has slowly started to phase out of the show ring as his owner prepares to focus on getting Violet up to speed. But, that didn't stop him from making the most out of his trip to Orlando, Florida where he took an Award for Excellence at the AKC National Championships.



Wanda (owned by Lisa Jones) has had a good winter with some limited showing. At the SoCal Bloodhounds West Regional, she went Best Opposite. The very next weekend at Santa Clara Valley KC she picked up two Best of Breeds. She currently ranks tied for #7 in breed rankings.

Violet [no photo] (owned by Cesilie Szabo) is new to the conformation ring, but her owner handler is not! Cesilie leads her out like a pro and helped capture Violet's first points by going Best Opp over a special at the Sun Maid Kennel Club. The Future seems bright for this Duo!

Bruddah (owned by Dave and Jeanette Ernest) is one of the newest members to Bloodhounds West! He picked up an Award of Merit at the SoCal Bloodhounds West Regional. And then the following weekend picked up his first Best of Breed over specials at Santa Clara Valley KC as well as an OH Group 4th. Bruddah is also tied #7 in breed and #6 in Owner Handled Breed rankings.



Beacon (owned by me) has had a spectacular showing this winter. Starting off with a trip to Orlando, FL where he won the Breed for the NOHS Finals and then going Select Dog at the Royal Canin National Championships. Then at the SoCal Bloodhounds West

Regional he went Award of Merit and Best in Specialty Owner Handled. That same weekend in Palm Springs he went OH Group 2nd at the Inland Empire Hound Show and OH Group 1st and 3rd the other days. Beacon currently ranks #1 Owner Handled in Breed

As you can see many Bloodhounds West members and their dogs 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 amongst members.

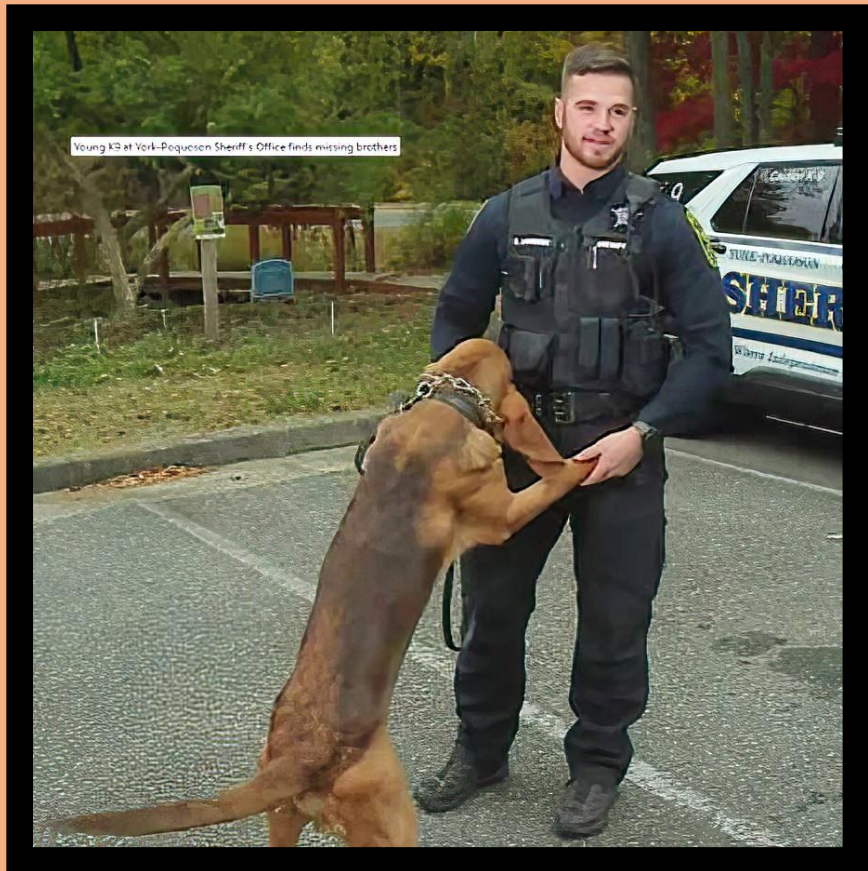
Bloodhounds in the News

YORKTOWN, Va. (WAVY) — A young K9 bloodhound at the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office is getting praise for finding two little boys who went missing last week.

Deputies were called to Terrebonne Road on Monday, Oct. 30, after a 7-year-old and 9-year-old left home after dark.

Deputies weren't having much luck in finding the boys, and that's where K9 Sarge comes in.

"His only job is to track," Deputy Nick Levindoski, Sarge's handler, said. "Anything that we need to track a human for, he can do that. Deputies had searched the area initially for about 20-30 minutes, [and] couldn't locate the children."



Levindoski and Sarge were given items of the boys so that the bloodhound could pick up a scent after the brothers had run away from home.

“We tracked up to [the] first a pair of shoes that actually belonged to one of the children,” Levindoski said. “We then, tracked to a car that they had opened the doors to, and then tracked into the woods a little bit, came back out to another shoe that they had lost. Shortly after that, we located them. They had gotten into some gasoline in the backyard of one of the houses, and dumped it all out and they were covered in gas. It’s good that we were able to get to them and they were unharmed.”

A happy ending made possible by the training Sarge has received since being purchased by the Sheriff’s Office at nine weeks old. Sarge is the first K9 the Sheriff’s Office is training themselves.

“A lot of different factors go into a successful canine track. Time is a big thing. Some of the tracks we’re doing are 14-20 hours old,” Levindoski said.

Levindoski compared tracking a scent to squeezing baby powder in the air. When Sarge picks up a scent, he stays within its perimeter and will correct to where its the strongest, eventually finding the person or people he’s looking for.

Sarge is the first bloodhound for the York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office. He was purchased in January and celebrates his first birthday on Sunday, Nov. 12.

Source:

[Young K9 at York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office finds missing brothers \(msn.com\)](#)



Save the date and come join the camaraderie and excitement at the upcoming conformation shows, trailing, and tracking trials! Head to each event's website for all the essential details and get ready for a fantastic time!

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	WEBSITE
3-15-24	Northeast Colonial Bloodhound Club - Supported Event & Sweeps	York, PA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events http://www.ColonialBloodhoundClub.org
3-16-24	Northeast Colonial Bloodhound Club - Regional Specialty & Sweeps	York, PA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events http://www.ColonialBloodhoundClub.org
3-23-24 thru 3-24-24	Countywide Dog Training Club - Rattlesnake Aversion Training	Windsor, CA	Call Pat Moffitt at 707-478-6843 to schedule appointment or email Pat at mantrker@aol.com . Training is from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
4-20-24	South Central Bloodhound Club – Regional Specialty	Fayetteville, AR	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events http://www.SouthCentralBloodhounds.org
4-20-24 thru 4-21-24	South Central Bloodhound Club – Trail Trial	Fayetteville, AR	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events http://www.SouthCentralBloodhounds.org
5-25-24 thru 5-26-24	Prairielands Bloodhound Club – Scent Work Trials	Urbana, IL	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events http://www.PrairielandsBloodhoundClub.org
6-21-24 Thru 6-23-24	Colonial Bloodhound Club – Scent Work	Pomfret, MD	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events http://www.ColonialBloodhoundClub.org
9-18-24 thru 9-21-24	Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club – National Specialty	Ocean Shores, WA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events http://www.PacificRimBloodhoundClub.com
9-28-25 thru 10-4-25	Colonial Bloodhound Club - National Specialty	Camp Hill, PA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/e vents http://www.ColonialBloodhoundClub.org

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General Meeting Minutes, 1/6/2024

BWNC and BWSC COMBINED GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 1/6/24

Call to order by Al Gelders at 12:08p

Roll Call for Southern Chapter: Marti Michalis, Pam Herranz, Danielle Slutzky, Lynne Sherman, Claudia, Steve Boyd, Carol Boyd, Chris Lombard, Steve Aguirre, Susan Hamil, Lynne Aguirre, Lisa Jones, Cesilie Keller, Sue Mealy, and Al Gelders

Roll Call for Northern Chapter: President Al Gelders; Vice President Lisa Jones; Recording Secretary Sue Mealy; Corresponding Secretary Debbie Levy (absent); Treasurer Debbie Pray (absent); Director Pam Herranz; Director Marti Michalis; Director Jennifer Addison (absent); Director Cesilie Keller; Director Nicholas Wameling; Lynn Sherman; Lynn Aguirre; Steve Aguirre; Jody Keller; David and Jeanette Ernest.

Guests: Katie Cole and her daughter Meg

Report of Corresponding Secretary: None

Report of the Northern Chapter Treasurer: Given by Al Gelders in Debbie Pray's absence: Ending balance as of 12/31/23 = \$22,033.37; 2024 dues received = \$763.50; Rescue donations received = \$290.00. Total as of this date = \$22506.87.

Report of Southern Chapter President:

Marti Michalis gave welcome remarks and noted this is the largest event in a long time! There are 2 open positions on the board: Recording Secretary and Membership Chair. Cesilie Keller volunteered to fill the [Southern Chapter] Secretary position; and Chris will help Lynne for the Membership Chair position and recruitment. The final

budget for the Indio Show will be ready in 30 days. Profits go towards the next event, the Nationals, and 10% will go to Rescue.

Report of Northern Chapter President:

Al Gelders gave welcome remarks and reported that the Nominating Committee replaced outgoing director Gary Marshall with Nicholas Wameling.

Lynn Aguirre gave the Southern Chapter Treasurer's Report:

Report of Committees:

Membership: See attachment.

Constitutional Rewrite Committee: The committee to change the constitution are Lynn Aguirre, Nicholas Wameling, and Pam Herranz; they will need one more person and plan to have the proposed changes in 2 months.

Unfinished Business:

Merger: Al Gelders will send the ABC a note regarding procedure: Can 2 board members be on the committee, and also should the 2/3 majority be of each chapter or the aggregate? Lynn Aguirre will inquire of the ABC what to do with the voting when we have several dual members.

The Presidents will send to the membership what changes are being considered along with pros and cons. There will have to be a 2/3 majority vote for the merger to go forward.

Election of new members: No applications

Susan Hamil agreed to write an article for the newsletter on the history of BH rescue organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 by Al Gelders.



A Heartfelt Thank You from West Coast Bloodhound Rescue, Inc.

Dear Members of Bloodhounds West,

On behalf of all of us at West Coast Bloodhound Rescue, Inc., we want to extend our deepest thanks for your continued support and recent generous donations. Your contributions mean the world to us and play an invaluable role in fulfilling our mission of rescuing and caring for homeless bloodhounds in need of a forever home. With your help, we can provide these gentle giants with the love, medical attention, and support they need to thrive while they wait for their second chance at happiness.

Every donation received is a beacon of hope for these deserving hounds, shining brightly as a symbol of compassion and kindness. Your assistance allows us to sustain our life-saving efforts, whether they involve covering medical costs, supplying nourishment and shelter, or managing adoption procedures, every single day.

At West Coast Bloodhound Rescue, Inc., we believe that every bloodhound deserves a loving home where they can flourish and be cherished for the wonderful and noble companions they are.

And thanks to your incredible generosity, we can turn that belief into a reality for countless dogs in need.

Thank you for standing by our side and making a difference in the lives of these beautiful creatures. Your dedication and compassion inspire us every day, and we are endlessly grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Pam Herranz

West Coast Bloodhound Rescue, Inc.