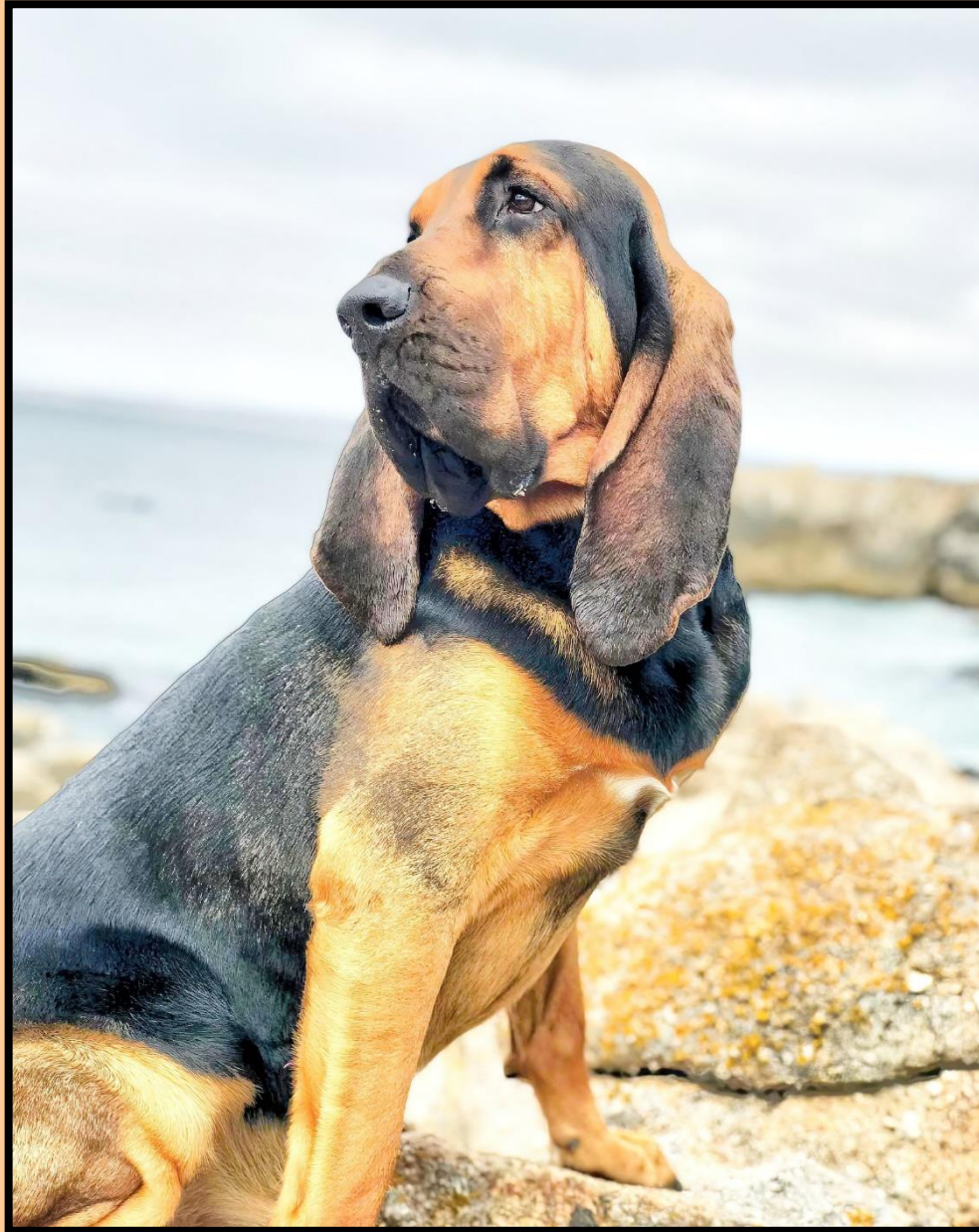


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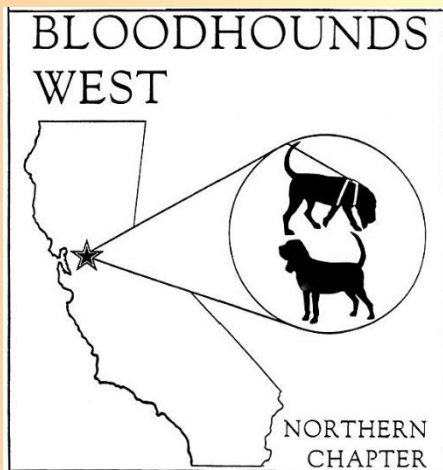
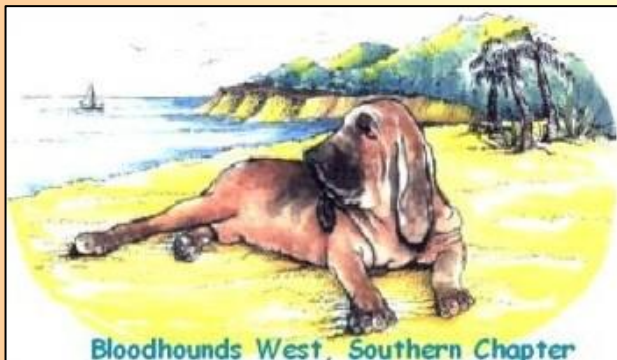
Newsletter of the Northern and Southern Chapters of

BLOODHOUNDS WEST

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Meet our Cover Dog!

Owners: Cesilie Szabo, Jodi Keller and Maxwell Reid Uhl

Name: GCH Recycled Ruffs
Dead Men Tell No Tails FDC
CGCA CGCU TKP ATT VHMA
EECT

Age: 5 years old

Favorite treat: Pup Cups and
Lucy Pet Rolls

Favorite toy: Flat Shark

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**Contributions to your newsletter
are always welcome!**

“Boots”

By Cesilie Szabo

Bloodhounds are a sight many have not seen in central California unless visiting a dog show, but as their numbers have declined, so have great representatives of the breed. Fifteen years ago if you had told me I'd have an amazing dog like the one I have today I would have laughed. Bloodhounds were never the breed for me – no sir! The slobber, 'houndy' odor and obnoxious behavior were not something I would have ever entertained as a dog owner. Growing up I'd always enjoyed a busy working or sporting breed that has a bit more brain and cooperation with a nice activity level. However, with a few bloodhounds under my belt now I've learned what lovely and intelligent dogs they are and can't see my life without at least one.



My first two boys, Remington and Ruger, were both lovely dogs, but as a younger person I didn't have the training experience I

have now with my current boy, Bootstrap Bill aka “Boots”. Briefly, I suffer from seizures as well as a few other disabilities that impact my daily life and as such I utilize a service dog to help mitigate them and alert me to oncoming seizures. (For that reason, I usually have my mom or another person with me at events.) Having a dog to be able to naturally alert and then shape that behavior into a trained task is not an easy feat, but you take what you can get when it comes to the breed since it's a rare ability.



At 8 weeks old I brought “Boots” home and began training by doing small sessions each day and making it all fun. I hoped doing this would shape him into a well-mannered dog, one that could be present but not in the way of people and daily life. He also went to work with me where he listened to all sorts of loud and unexpected sounds on TV and various

video game consoles that constantly playing. This environment created a great atmosphere for safe socialization in an area where he could still learn and begin to understand what would be expected of him as a service dog.

As he matured, we began dabbling in conformation, mainly so that we could safely socialize and work around other dogs with their expected temperament rather than the unknowns of a dog park or pet store. In addition, the shows created a safe haven and fun outlet for us to play and bond as a team while still learning and socializing. A service dog must have a stable temperament and a bloodhound by nature should be “neither quarrelsome with companions or other dogs.” “Boots” fits right into that role.

Fairly early in his life he helped welcome two young human siblings into the world and has been by their sides ever since. When he’s not with me he can be found snuggled up with the girls or sleeping by their bed. All of our dogs are monitored with my girls since we want to raise small respectful humans who understand dogs have a time to snuggle and play as well as a time to rest and relax.

When “Boots” isn’t actively working he enjoys playing on the beach, romping around with his canine friends and riding rides at Disneyland. He also enjoys “Meet the Breed” and benched shows where he can entertain lots of pets and attention. [To clarify, a service dog is always “on the job” but when not geared up in and in public he can act like a dog.]

After he retires from service work, I believe we will go for our therapy dog title. With his lovely temperament and willingness to please I think he will be an excellent candidate for the therapy dog role.



So, if you see us out and about or at ring side, feel free to come over and say hello. We love being an ambassador for the breed and hope to continue doing so for years to come.



Him? No, he doesn't want a treat. He says I can have two.

Presidents' Messages

Al Gelders, President

Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter

Welcome to 2023 and a gradual return to normalcy. This year I'm writing not only as Northern Chapter President and chairman of the April 2023 trailing trial but as interim editor of the [Daily Drool](#). In addition, I'm working on training a new puppy for Search and Rescue. That's more hats than one head really needs. So...

Items that the Northern Chapter board is addressing so far:

- 1) Should we update our website, bloodhoundswest.org, to add features and/or improve membership interaction. Can we simplify membership renewal and new member recruitment? How about more info about member activities? Is there something you would like to see on the website? If you are a web designer or just have comments or suggestions please email me.
- 2) Our chapter is sponsoring a trailing trial this year on April 22 – 23 to be held in northern Fresno. All club members should have received the entry form and lodging information. We will need runners and cross runners to make this a success. If you or someone you know would like to participate email the trial secretary at sjmealy@lightspeed.net.
- 3) As you have no doubt discovered, Mike McMillan has retired as our **Daily Drool** editor. I'm doing it for now, but we need to find someone to take it over on a permanent basis. I'm not good at deadlines and am prone to writer's

block. Please contact me at agelders@lightspeed.net if you are interested in taking over or being a co-editor.

- 4) We are in very early discussions with the Southern Chapter about the possibility of combining the two chapters. The entire process would likely require several years. At this point in time we don't know if it is even a good idea and would appreciate your input. Again, you can email me at agelders@lightseed.net or Marti Michalis at martimichalis@gmail.com

I'd like your input on all these items. Please contact me or any club officer if you have any suggestions.

This is my first attempt at putting together a newsletter. Please excuse the roughness. All mistakes are mine and not any of our contributors. Also, as mentioned above, I'm prone to writer's block so that's all for now.

Al

Marti Michalis, President

Bloodhounds West Southern Chapter

We are off to a wonderful new year and looking forward to 2023. Thank you to all our members that renewed again for 2023, we appreciate your continued support. BWSC is pleased to have some new members in our group and some fun days these last few months.

The Palm Springs Kennel Club Show in January was wonderful. Several members from our Northern California chapter came and even some from the Pacific Northwest. Many of them had never been to this show so it was nice for them to enjoy the

weather and meet up as a new group. There was a nice mix of winners each day and plenty of ribbons to go around. I hosted a social event on Friday night at my house for 23 members and guests. Everyone seemed to enjoy a little down time without the hounds.

Our goal is to hold a Regional Specialty in Palm Springs in 2024. We are working on those details and will announce it once it is approved.

There is some discussion among the boards of the Southern and Northern chapters to become one club again. Years ago, there were so many members that it made sense to split into two chapters. That is not case anymore since our membership is small. There is support and some opposition. We will continue to discuss as a board and will bring to a vote of the members if we decide to go in that direction.

Until then enjoy the spring. Watch for upcoming announcements regarding summer training and fun events that are being organized.

Marti



Hold On. Almost There!

Meeting Minutes

BWSC Officers and Board of Director Meeting

Phone Conference 12/7/22 7:05 pm PST

Roll Call- Marti Michalis, Lyn Sherman, Evelyn Jones, Stacy Mattson, Pan Herranz, Jan Stallings, Tina Kocar, Desiree Pickney, Lisa Jones ; Absent- Lynne Aguirre

1. Cindy Goble , Membership Chair , Cynthia.goble@att.net , will be notifying present and past members to submit their 2023-2024 dues .Dues can be submitted to her and/or funds to Lynne Aguirre via PayPal or check . Dues are late by April 1, 2023.
2. Motion was made and passed to add Cindy to the PayPal notification list when membership dues are deposited. Notifications will now be Lynne Aguirre, Marti Michalis and Cindy Goble.
3. New member application was submitted by Armando Fimbres of San Bernardino, CA .
4. Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 2023 at the Palms Spring Kennel Club . Marti has requested an early ring time at 11 am after the breed has been shown. She will notify members of the Ring number and time or you can go to www.jbradshaw.com (Jack Bradshaw Dog Show website) then click on 'Shows'. Meet at ring side to be directed to meeting location.
5. Thank you, Janet Kelly, for volunteering for the Nominating Committee. The 2023 slate of Officers and Directors will be submitted to the general membership for approval and vote.
6. It was discussed that President Marti Michalis, Vice president Lisa Jones, Treasurer, Lynne Aguirre, Corresponding Secretary Tina Kocar, Recording Secretary Stacy Mattson, Directors, Lyn Sherman, Evelyn Jones, Janet Kelly and Tina Kocar will be sent all current and past members email addresses to correspond with members regarding new club business. Thank you, Evelyn Jones, for those records.

New Business

National Police Bloodhound Association, NPBA, is having a handlers training session in Beumont, CA on Friday , January 6th. Please contact Colby Webb regarding the time, exact location and attendance requirements due to the limited space available.

Bloodhounds West Northern Chapter has proposed an ABC Trailing Trial in April 2023, and is waiting for ABC Board approval. Contact Al Gelders for more information at agelders@lightspeed.net.

Aldo Branch is organizing a trailing camp for members to practice their handling skills. January 14th and 15th at Bernal Community Regional Park, 7001 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Location is at the back parking lot near the restrooms. Contact Aldo Branch at abranchs@hotmai.com for more information. He will also be judging dogs for their EECT certificate to enter ABC Trailing Trials. Other potential dates are February 11th and 12th, and March 4th and 5th locations will be determined. These are non-show weekends. ABC Trailing Trials Rules can be found at www.americanbloodhoundclub.org then click on the "Mantrailing" tab.

Marti Michalis and Al Gelders need to discuss the 2024 Regional Specialty location and judging slate. Northern and Southern Clubs alternate hosting years and locations but due to Covid and the National Specialty /Regional held in San Diego our rotation schedule was offset. Palm Springs Kennel Club will send Marti a list of potential judges for their 2024 show weekend. Also some Officers have shown an interest in returning to a single Chapter for the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm Motion by Evelyn 1st and Lyn Sherman 2nd.

Stacy Mattson, Recording Secretary

BWNC Board Meeting Minutes

1/24/23

- Call to order at 6:33 by Al
- Roll Call: Present are Al Gelders, Sue Mealy, Cesilie Szabo, Debbie Levy, Gary Marshall, Lisa Jones, Cindy Goebel, Debbie Pray, Pam Herranz, Marti Michalis, and Jenn Addison.
- Review of minutes of the last meeting; motion to accept by Pam; 2nd by Gary; passed.
- Report of the Corresponding Secretary – none for now per Debbie L.
- Treasurer's Report detailed by Debbie P; current balance without Paypal is \$25,431.51; this includes \$438.93 from last and this years' dues, \$25 to rescue; \$90 from trailing camp fees. Motion to accept the report by Jenn; 2nd by Pam; carried.
- Unfinished Business – No new members to discuss.
- New Business
 - Mike McMillan published our Newsletter for years. Can we make him a lifetime member and waive his dues discussed; Lisa recommended that our corresponding secretary send Mike a thank you card. Lisa will also find out how

to name him as an honorary member. Al will reach out to Mike as he didn't renew his membership. We will discuss more next meeting.

- Update our website. Issues are as follows:
 - Currently dues go to treasurer and applications go to the membership chair. Bookkeeping is convoluted and it's confusing for our members.
 - Applications and dues can't be handled from within the site.
 - At least one button (Donate on the Rescue page) is not working.
 - It will cost more than we are currently paying (\$120/year), either \$276/year or \$324/year.
 - After discussion, it was decided that Cesilie and Marti will get some quotes for better and hopefully less expensive website host services and present them at our next meeting.
- Think about combining Northern and Southern Chapters. We had a brief discussion only – this will be the primary topic of the next board meeting. Apparently Adrianna and Lynn Aguirre would be good resources if we want to combine.
Pros were mentioned:
 - Members rarely get together in person already
 - Issues like website update become simpler
 - Larger pool of potential officers and directors and folks to work the regionals and nationals

Cons: The State is too big and we hardly see each other; the northern chapter is richer and might not want to share \$; some members don't see enough benefit.

Al suggested that we all list our reasons for being pro or con for next meeting so we can look at all the issues at once to help make a decision.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 by Gary; 2nd by everyone; passed

Submitted by Sue Mealy, Recording Secretary

BWSC GENERAL MEETING Palm Springs Kennel Club

1/7/23 10:51am PST

Roll Call- Marti Michalis, Lyn Sherman, Desiree Pickney, Lynne Aguirre, Cesile Szabo, Laurie White, Susan Hamil, John Hamil.

Guests- Nicholas Wameling, Marina Wilkerson, Aldo Branch, Diane Branch, Steve Aguirre

1. 2 new members approved: Danielle Slutzky and Armondo Fimbres
2. Lynne Aguirre updated us on paid members for 2023 so we could follow up on any outstanding dues. We will coordinate with Cynthis Goble and create an updated list.
3. Trailing Trial in Fresno in April. Is anyone entering? Who has questions? How can we help?

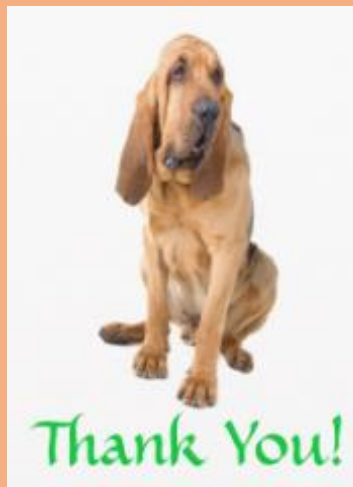
4. Fresno show in February looks like it will be a big entry, with majors for class animals.
We encourage as many entries as possible
5. Treasurer's report given by Lynne Aguirre. \$5,928.20 total bank balance Dec 31, 2022

New Business

We would like to hold a regional at the Palm Springs Kennel Club in January 2024 in conjunction with a supported entry on Friday at the hound show and Saturday at the all bred show. Lynne Aguirre will talk to the PSKC to find out how to submit paperwork so we can start planning

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am Motion Lyn Sherman 1st and Susan Hamil 2nd.

Submitted by Marti Michalis for Stacy Mattson Recording Secretary



Bloodhounds West thanks you for renewing your membership.

We encourage you to stay involved by attending shows, tracking/trailing trials, and special programs, and we hope you will consider volunteering for one of our committees. The more you participate, the more you get from your BW membership.

If you know of anyone interested in joining BW,
please reach out and invite them to an upcoming event.

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News from around the nation

From an article published by WBKO News in Bowling Green Kentucky: A bloodhound, “Gunner”, escaped from his handler during a training mission during a training seminar. He was found about 25 hours later, “cold, wet, hungry and tired but in great health.” His reunion with his handler is pictured. Follow this [link](#) to see the original story.



From a Facebook [posting](#): A child was missing for nearly 16 hours when K9 “Star” began searching. After deploying to the Place Last Seen the team trailed to an open area in the woods, down a path to a small canal which they crossed and continued through the woods. Several articles of clothing were found before finding the child. The trail was about 1 ½ miles in length and took about 45 minutes to complete.



News from our club members

Nicholas Wameling’s dog “Beacon” is currently ranked 5th in breed standings. He’s been showing less than 2 years!



Several photos of “Katie” owned by Claudia and Charlie Myers



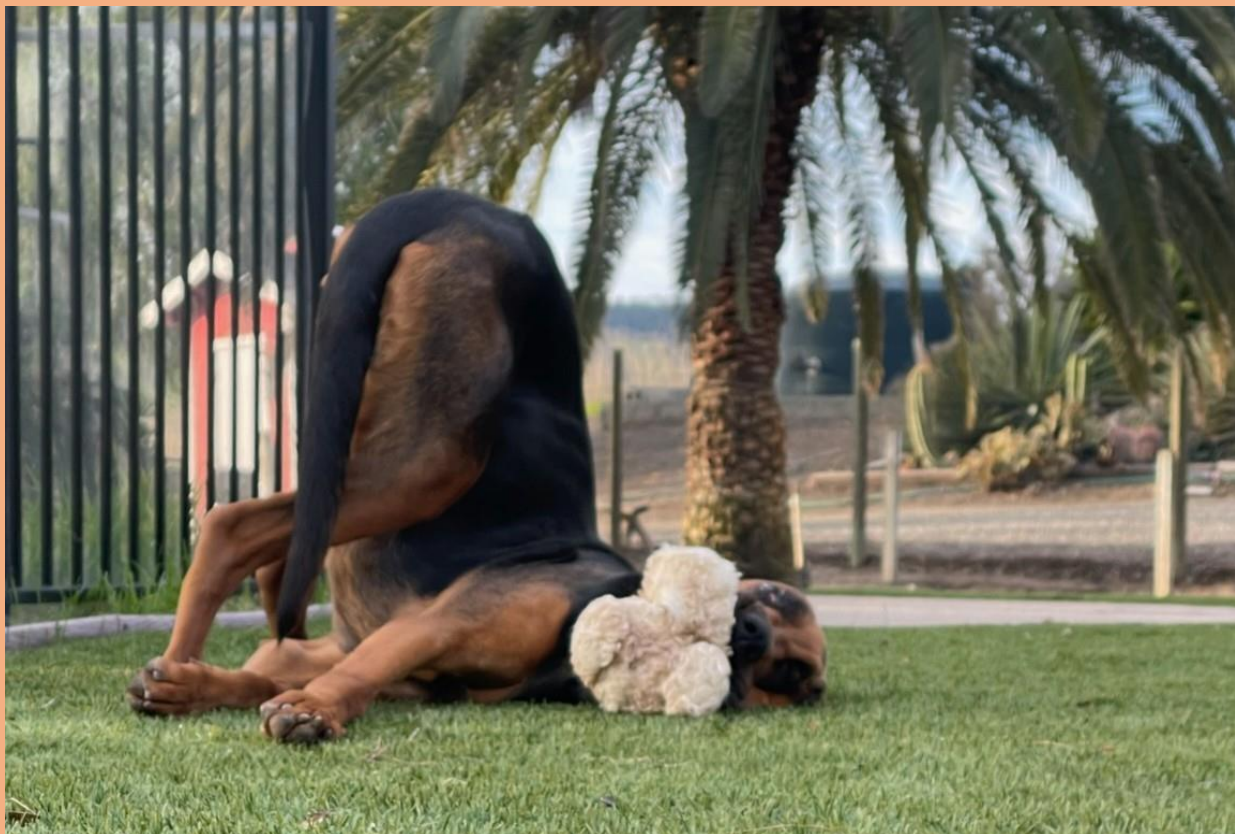
Katie is all dressed up for St. Pat's day

Katie joined Therapy dogs at Cal Poly Humboldt where the students enjoyed petting the dogs. Here's her friend Xerxes a Commodore with his dad Jim.





Katie enjoying a sunny winter day

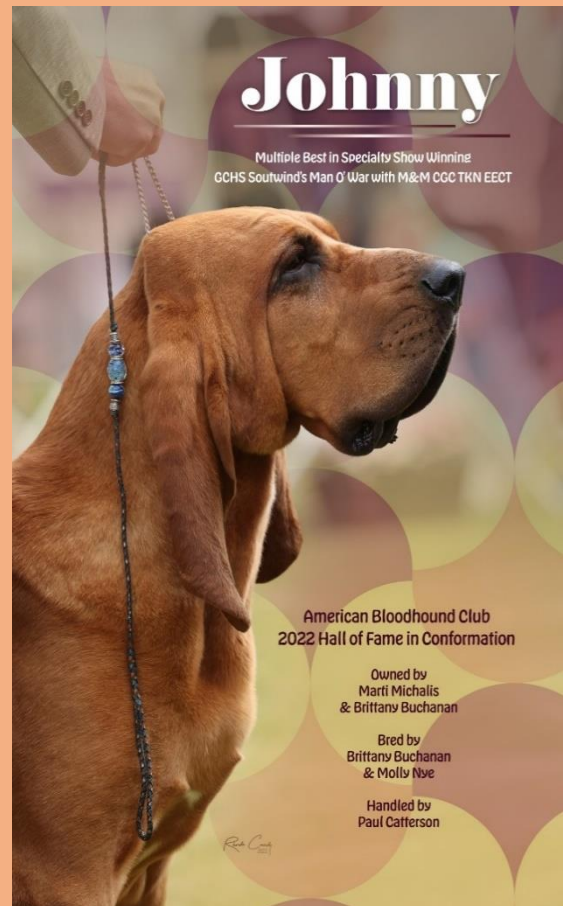


“Tilly” owned by Debbie Levy, demonstrating her favorite yoga position, “downward dog”. Debbie tells us that Tilly just completed her Introduction to Nosework class and will be starting Introduction to Odor shortly.



Robbie Davis, Bloodhounds West's oldest member turned 99 years old! Robbie regrets that she can't have another bloodhound.

Johnny
Rest in Peace
6/11/2016 to 1/30/2023



Bloodhound Humor

Bloodhound Fun Puns

By Cynthia Goble



Favorite artist: Andy Warhowl.
Favorite president: Dwight D. Eisenhowler
Favorite movie: Jurassic Bark
Favorite movie treat: Pupcorn
Favorite actor: Clint Eastwoof
Favorite band: The Beagles
Favorite musical instrument: Trombone
Favorite poet: William Shakespaw
Favorite university: UC Barkeley

This list is totally out of hound!



...and later on when you learn to run,
we can chase squirrels!

An Editor's Plea

As you have no doubt noticed, this issue of the **Daily Drool** is a mere shadow of what it was under Mike MacMillan's tenure. For this issue I spent much of my time just learning how to use the tools necessary to create a newsletter. (It wasn't as easy as I had hoped.) Going forward I will gradually add content, but it is unlikely that I will ever be able to match Mike's work.

And now I need your help. In order to provide a newsletter that satisfies the needs of our club please provide feedback in the following areas:

- 1) Format – I don't know how the newsletter displays on your devices.
 - a. Is it legible?
 - b. Should the font be larger or smaller?
 - c. Do the photos display well?
- 2) What would you say is the ideal length of the Daily Drool? What is too long?
 - a. Right now I'm trying to keep sections and articles to a length of 2 to 3 pages. Is that too much?
 - b. How much news do you want to see from other parts of the country?
- 3) I need someone active in the show circuit to keep us updated.
 - a. Report on show stats and highlights
 - b. Upcoming show dates.
- 4) Do any of you feel like starting a monthly book review column? Looking on Amazon I see many titles.
- 5) If there are any budding cartoonists out there I'd love to have a bloodhound themed comic strip. This is your chance to hit the big time!
- 6) Finally, send content. You can send it to [me](#) or [Cindy Goble](#). If it's a brief news item try to include a photo or two along with desired caption[s]. You can use Microsoft Word, Open Office or even plain text files. Photos ideally should be JPEG (jpg or jpeg). Full length articles can be 2 to 3 pages in length including photos and captions. (Roughly 500 to 1000 words.) I can clean up typos and grammar. I will always send you a final version for your approval before publishing.

Since this is the first issue that I have assembled, it is very rough and incomplete. Honestly, I've just run out of time and patience with my own mistakes, the biggest one being my lack of organization. I've learned a lot and hope to do better next time.

Annual Appeal for Donations

Bloodhounds West Northern Chapter

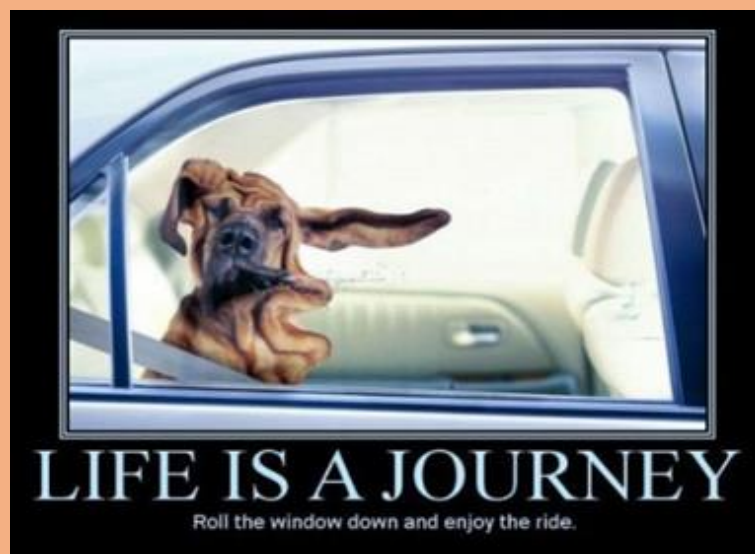
Unveils new Annual Appeal Campaign to launch April 1 thru June 3

Bloodhounds West Northern Chapter is set to launch its new annual appeal campaign. The appeal will kick off April 1 by email to club members from Membership Chair, Cynthia Goble. Members will receive a letter explaining the need for financial support to help offset yearly expenses essential for meeting its mission and goals.

The Appeal ensures the funding necessary to continue and to expand its national, regional, and supported shows, tracking/trialing events, and special programs. “We’re not asking people to empty their wallets; we’re asking for a reasonable contribution,” said Cynthia Goble. “This really makes an impact on our club. As the 50th Anniversary of the Club nears, Bloodhounds West strives to further safeguard the welfare of the Bloodhound breed.”

Yes!

Give to the Annual Fund



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Help with rehab, spays & neuters of rescued hounds!



Pendleton

We received a message on Social Media about two abandoned bloodhound puppies with one having an injury. Someone was taking care of them until we came to help. We were able to pick up Finn first while someone else took care of the injured puppy, Pendleton (aka Penn). We were able to secure him to safety on Friday, February 3rd. Both Finn & Penn were taken to the vet immediately for assessment, immunizations, and treatment.

Fortunately they've come to us at a young age and are now receiving the care and love they deserve and need.

Pendleton's femur break is pretty severe and there is talk about a possible amputation or the use of plates to hold his leg together. We have an appointment with a vet surgeon for a consult to determine the best course of action for him. He will require surgery (likely multiple surgeries!).



Finn

Brothers, Finn & Penn, did not have a great start in life. Finn came to us, emaciated, blood work on intake stated low protein level, and 6 other things listed in the highs. Add on to that, he had Giardia and his immune system is having issues killing it off. Finn is on the road to full recovery now. With both his protein levels and his blood work finally starting to show normal. However, he's still fighting off the Giardia. We are hoping now his little immune system, with another round of antibiotics, will be able to fight it off. Through all this, Finn is growing, thriving, and full of play and love!

This sweet boy is one big love bug!



Fern & Tater

Fern & Tater came to us via the Riverside County Animal Shelter. They were confiscated along with five other dogs due to neglect. We believe they may be mom and son. They are both very thin and in need of lots of TLC, veterinary care, and basic obedience training. Despite all that they've been through, they're both very sweet and love people and other dogs. They are receiving medical care and lots of love and adjusting well in their foster home.

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