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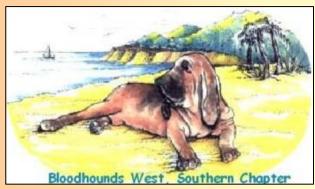
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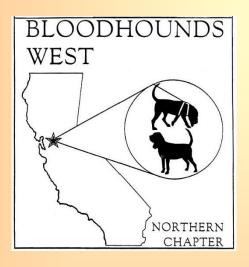
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Comments from the Editor

First, I want to announce a change in editorial credit. In the spring issue I (AI Gelders) was listed as editor and Cindy Goble as assistant editor. Beginning with this issue the two of us will be listed as co-editors. Cindy is doing an incredible job reaching out to our members for contributions as well as providing additional copy. I'm taking her input, adding some of my own and finally putting together the finished newsletter. We're both proofreading stories that are submitted; between the two of us we hope to avoid too many grammatical errors. What that means for you is that when you write a story you don't have to worry about comma faults and all those other gotchas that tormented you when you were in school. So, please, share your bloodhound experiences with all of us!

Second, we have two new reporters: Vickey Quinn, who will be updating us with trailing news, and Nicholas Wameling, who will be tracking show results of our members. Please welcome both of them.

Finally, if you come across any bloodhound related items either in the news or you simply have an interesting story you would like to relate, please send it to Cindy or me.

Vickey Quinn

Vickey is the new Trailing Reporter for the Daily Drool. Beginning with the fall newsletter, Vickey will report results from trailing events. In addition, she will present helpful trailing tips.

As we worked to fill this position, Vickey emerged as the clear candidate for this role. She impressed us with her trailing stories of her Bloodhound, Jake, who has trained and worked for two years (starting when he was 4 months old) with Pat Moffitt of Windsor, CA. Vickey

exemplifies putting into practice the reporting that achieves our newsletter goal of reaching diverse interests of our readers.

Vickey and Jake reside in Sebastopol, CA. She joined BWNC in 2019 because she wanted to meet other Bloodhound people. Vickey and Jake go everywhere together and start each day with a long walk or trailing practice. They spend all day outdoors and Vickey occasionally gets time

to tend to her roses (when she and Jake are not playing). Loving Jake has far exceeded her expectations for him as a companion and as a trailing partner. After a hard trailing practice run, Vickey rewards herself with dark chocolate and



Jake likes baby carrots and blueberries.

We're excited to have Vickey come on board. She will be a great addition to our team as the Daily Drool strives to keep our members better informed. Please join us in extending Vickey a warm welcome.

Nicholas Wameling

We're excited to welcome Nicholas as the newest reporter to the Daily Drool team! Beginning with the Fall issue, Nicholas will provide quarterly reporting of Bloodhounds owned by BW members throughout Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, and Hawaii. His reports will showcase the accomplishments earned by the Bloodhounds as well as their show participation.

Nicholas resides in Hollister, CA with his 2 Bloodhounds and new bride. When asked the reason for joining BWNC he stated, "I love my



Bloodhounds and want to be more involved in the community, events and preservation of the breed."

Please join us in welcoming Nicholas. We wish him much success in his new role, and we look forward to his coverage of show events.



Elwood, loved by Lyn Sherman, says, "It's not time to get up!"

BWNC President's Message

As I write this, spring is in full swing. Our Spring Trailing Trial has concluded. Tonight, I'll be taking Jolene out for more trailing practice. Here in New Mexico on any given day I don't know whether to take a jacket or wear short sleeves to training so I'll probably do both. On the other hand, unlike California, I don't have to worry about foxtails, only rattlesnakes. We will be doing rattlesnake aversion training here in just a few weeks. I highly recommend such training for anyone who will be taking their dogs out for walks in the country. Pat Moffitt, who has offered this training in the past, does not yet have a date for this year. offered However, such training is elsewhere https://socalrattlesnakeavoidancetraining.com/Schedule.php which has no financial connection to BWNC)

Finally, I'm still the interim editor of the "Daily Drool" but would love for someone to take over. We are putting together a team so that no one person does too much. All one needs is enthusiasm and Microsoft Word. I'll be glad to supply Word templates and I'll continue to preprocess the photos and assemble all pages in PDF format so you don't have to invest in any software besides Microsoft Word.

Al Gelders, President BWNC

BWSC President's Message

Summer is around the corner and we're looking forward to some adventures with our hounds. If you are not interested in Dog Shows (conformation) you may want to consider some other activities. A swim in the pool or lake is a great start!

Did you know AKC has several companion and performance events that can keep you and your dog busy. Here is a link to the organized events offered through AKC www.akc.org/event-search then choose Conformation, Companion, or Performance.

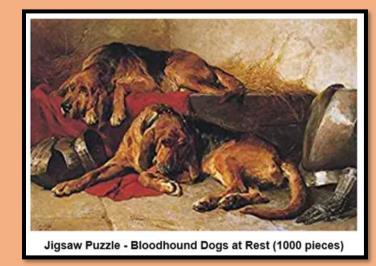
Have you considered an obedience class or getting a Canine Good Citizen Certificate with your dog? There are barn hunt classes, dock diving training, Fast CAT runs and several other ways to keep your dog mentally and physically challenged. If you like titles, consider getting Trick Dog or Farm Dog Certified. You can also look for an agility class to keep active with your dog. Bloodhounds are not known for their agility, but it is a wonderful way to treat your dog to a new experience and make some new friends.

I strongly encourage you to try some trailing with your Bloodhound. Let them use that God given nose for what they were bred to do. The American Bloodhound Club has some good resources for trailing and outlines each of the categories. For an overview go to www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org and click on the Introduction to Mantrailing.

If you want any help with training or need advice on how or where to go for classes, I am happy to give you referrals and point you in the right direction. I have attended many classes and have already tried most of the companion and performance events with AKC. Thank you for your

continued support!

Marti Michalis, President BWSC



Our Cover Dog

In Memoriam "Buck" 2011-2022

By Steve Smith

On Christmas Night, we sadly bade farewell to our sweet Buck. Buck never found a lost child or won best in breed at a dog show and obedience was a word he mostly chose to ignore. But he was an amazingly affectionate, smart, playful, and handsome black-and-tan bloodhound whose challenging behaviors greatly modified our own during the nine years that we cared for him.



We took Buck into our family as a rescue from an Idaho shelter in 2014 after he had been picked up off the street as a stray. At that time, he appeared to be about two years old, had a microchip implanted (but not activated) and had been neutered. Tracy and I had been bloodhound owners for over 40 years and at the time we adopted Buck, we already had a seven-year-old female named Buttercup, who we'd had since she was a young pup. But when our

daughter sent pictures and videos of the happy-go-lucky bloodhound eagerly chasing after tennis balls at the shelter, we agreed to provide him with his forever home. All we had to do to get this "free" hound was to arrange to fly him from Idaho to our home in California.

When we brought him home, Buttercup was initially interested in our new family member, but that interest quickly waned when it was obvious that he wasn't going to leave. While she tolerated him, it was clear that had we sought her input in our decision, she would have preferred to be an "only" dog. Buck, on the other hand, was delighted to meet and be around Buttercup.

We soon learned, however, that while Buck was a good family member overall, he had some behavior quirks that could be challenging to manage. For example, he was an avid 'guarder' of almost anything left behind by a human. This included eyeglasses, cell phones, TV remotes, books, throw pillows, bed pillows, shoes, underwear, drinking glasses.... to name just a few. Buck did not normally destroy or chew these items. He just liked to take them — and guard them vigorously. We would watch with amusement when he entered a room as he surveyed the space, mentally mapping the location of all the potential treasures he could guard. A momentary lapse of attention by us resulted in him quietly, but surely, grabbing an item for safekeeping. His guarding could be a little aggressive if we reached down to try and retrieve our property. If we showed anger at him, he was likely to destroy the item; if we remained calm, he was usually agreeable to trade the item for a treat or two; on the few occasions when a trade was not offered, or offered and refused, we could simply wait him out. After a time, he grew bored and left his treasure unsecured or he fell asleep after which we were able to safely recover it.

Buck had an endearing way of flexing his wrist when he put his nose to ground, and he was adept at 'talking' back to us if we lectured him. He was also adept at using his snout as a lever causing us to replace all our levered door handles in our home with doorknobs. He was strong enough to lever the sliding glass doors open as well as the gate we installed to keep the dogs out of our kitchen. A Velcro strap solved the kitchen gate problem and we found it easier to swing a leg over the gate to go in and out of the kitchen rather than take the time to unstrap and re-strap the Velcro.

We lost Buttercup in the fall of 2020 and we all (Buck included) missed having two hounds in the house. In May, 2021 we brought a new bloodhound puppy, Mingus, into our home. At his first meeting with Buck, Mingus playfully nipped Buck in the ribs with his needle-sharp puppy teeth. Understandably, Buck decided his best course of action would be to avoid this pesky newcomer for the next few days. Gradually, though, he accepted Mingus as a member of our 'pack' and before long, the two became inseparable buddies.



Mingus and Buck

When they roughhoused, Buck often used his barrel-like chest to push and bump Mingus, who happily bounced off and went back for more. Together, they roamed the backyard and discovered how to dig up

bamboo stolons (the underground horizontal plant stems) and the roots of Hawaiian ginger and bring them into the house to chew on. They also conspired to discover the culinary joys of cilantro, carrots,



and blueberries plucked from our summer garden.

I wish we could know Buck's backstory especially after we discovered healed buckshot wounds in his forelimbs, haunch and back. We wondered what unwelcome behavior had resulted in such mistreatment. He must have once been a loved pet because he was friendly, affectionate, playful, and a social boy.

We are also certain that Buck had a good sense of humor. After a couple of years, we finally figured out that stealing and guarding our possessions was just his prankster sense of humor at play. Funny or not, his behavior had altered ours so much that, out of habit, we continued the many behavioral adjustments we had made for him for several days after he

was gone. Gradually, we realized that we didn't have to leave the TV remote out of reach or use Velcro on the kitchen gates any longer or worry about where we laid our eyeglasses. And while there was a sense of freedom in our newly relaxed attitude, given a choice, Tracy and I wish very much that we still had to worry about our personal items because it would mean that Buck was still with us and might confiscate them. In our judgement, that would be a very small price to pay to enjoy his continued company.

Rest in peace sweet boy. Give Buttercup a chest bump for us when you see her!



Bloodhound Birthdays



"Maya" with Denise on the Lake Tahoe East Shore Trail. This beautiful trail is a 40minute drive from Maya's Reno Home.

Maya's birthday was April 21 when she turned 8 years old.

Maya is loved by Denise and Joe Planeta.



"Wren," M&M's California Dreaming in our Jeep Renegade, turned 4 years old March 31.

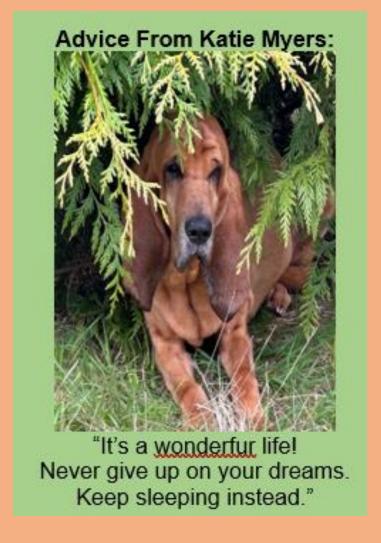
Cake is one of her favorite treats reserved for birthdays only. Wren is loved by Jenn and Jason Addison.



"Jolene," Legend's Catch My Drift, turned 1 year old May 23.

Here she is just seconds away from making her find. Jolene is loved by Al Gelders and Sue Mealy.

"If the kindest souls were rewarded with the longest lives, dogs would outlive us all." - Unknown



Westminster This Year — May 6 – 9, 2023

By Marti Michalis

We had a new venue, new show dates, and a lot of excitement around Trumpet being last year's Best In Show Winner. There sure was a lot for us to anticipate this year!

2,500 dogs were competing in 210 different breeds from 13 countries and 49 states. This was a brand-new venue for The Westminster Kennel Club. For 144 years the group judging and Best In Show were held in the heart of New York City at Madison Square Garden. Now we have to break the tradition of calling this show "The Garden."

The show was held in Queens at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. Agility, Dock Diving, and Obedience were on Saturday, then Conformation on Monday and Tuesday. Dock Diving was a crowd draw on Saturday. This was the first time they had offered this competition at the Westminster Kennel Club Show. The tennis center was well laid out for conformation. The outdoor rings were shaded under tents and the audience had plenty of ringside seating. The small dogs were judged indoors in the hall with an abundance of stadium seats for everyone.

Grooming tents were available in 2 different buildings with reserved space booked prior to coming. The dogs were allowed to stay overnight in the building and there was exhibitor access 24 hours. This was convenient especially since you could not have a van set up in the parking lot for grooming and crating.

As in Tarrytown the 2 years prior, this was an unbenched show. That usually makes it easier for the exhibitors but not as attractive for

spectators who love to go up and down the aisles to see their favorite breeds.

\$100 entry fee included parking and 2 exhibitor passes for the day. The exhibitor passes also got us into the group events at night. The parking was off-site and well organized with a short bus ride to the show site. They allowed unloading and loading near the entrance as part of our exhibitor privileges. We could drop off the night prior or the day of the show to make it easier to set up.

The merchandise store was in the pro shop and had so many nice items for sale. It was fun to see images of Trumpet the Bloodhound on umbrellas, pins, note cards, and posters. His hound face was everywhere. Many of the Bloodhound exhibitors were asked by spectators if their dog was Trumpet.

There was a variety of food available for sale and plenty of places to sit and relax. The weather was nice and even a bit hot. It was definitely not sweater weather!

Some of the challenges were more from a spectator point of view. I spoke with several friends and family from Manhattan who said they do not normally venture out of the area and would not be going to watch the show. It was either out of their bubble of routine or they found the transportation options inconvenient. The parking fee was \$60 if you drove your own car. And if you left and wanted to come back at night, it was another \$60. This was likely a deterrent.

If you watched the group judging on TV you saw that the stands were relatively empty. The exhibitors had tickets for group judging but the

seats were high up in the stands. The seats that were available for sale were a minimum of \$85 and most were \$125+ each. So, with transportation issues, expensive parking, and expensive seats, the NYC residents were in low attendance.

The buzz around Trumpet and all the Bloodhounds was fun! Trumpet made an appearance at the Show Dog Awards Party on Sunday which was put on by Dog News where he [Trumpet] was recognized for last year's achievements. He had several media appearances over the weekend. Sponsors, media, and spectators asked if they could come meet Trumpet and take their picture with him. He is a wonderful breed advocate for us and a fan favorite for sure!

Now, for the Bloodhound ring!



The invited dogs did not show this year. These are the 7 dogs that entered and competed on show day.

- Mister CHWychway-Crown's Whiskey Business
- Boomer CH Flessner's Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious FDC CA BCAT DN TKI
- Murphy CH Starlifter's Breakin' Murphy's Law Cornerstone

- GCH Starlifter's King Con of Cornerstone Connor
- GCHS Sleepy Hollow's Déjà vu RA TDX MTX Deja
- Sherman GCHB Flessner's Element of Fun FDC CGCA CGCU TKI ATT EECT
- **GCH Buffalo Groves Mt Everest** Evie

We had a nice representation of Bloodhounds, from various kennels around the US. All the dogs showed well. The breed judge was Polly Smith. She awarded Boomer and Heather Buehner Best Of Breed. Boomer went on to the hound group Monday night with Jessica Chrisopolous. They really looked perfect and didn't miss a step. Boomer showed his heart out and even bowed to the crowd for a few good laughs from everyone!

The other awards were Evie-Best of Opposite, Connor-Select Dog, Deja-Select Bitch, Murphy-Award of Merit.

Congratulations to all the invitees, owners, and breeders on a wonderful show. We look forward to next year!

Maggie and Kelly



my pick from Sherri Kelly was McGuire's litter in May of 2016. Maggie, her sister, came to us after Sherri's illness precluded caring for her dogs. Kelly is dominant, thinner and has had significant health issues. She is my sweet and faithful friend. Maggie is louder, yet shy and always by my

By Bob and Laura Boldt

after circling for a full minute and seldom leaves. They both love taking walks in Eaton Canyon!

I thank Sherri, RIP, for entrusting us with her girls.

"There is nothing truer in this world than the love of a good dog." - Mira Grant





Thank you for reading the Daily Drool.

We'd appreciate your feedback on our newsletter.

Please email your comments and suggestions for improvements to cynthia.goble@att.net

BWNC 2023 Spring Trailing Trial

By Al Gelders

The weekend of April 22 and 23 has come and gone — but what fun it was. As Trailing Chair I arrived early only to find that the beautiful park I had picked, Woodward Park in Fresno, was hosting a huge country music festival that same weekend, making it totally unusable. Fortunately, our two capable judges, Stacy Mattson and Betty Seigal, quickly found suitable trails just a few minutes from our hotel.

Only one handler, Jason Addison, entered his two hounds, Wren and Annabelle, for MTI and MTX respectively. Runners were Sue Mealy and Adriana Pavlinovic (current ABC President) for the MTI and Gina Parinno and Kathleen Soares who are both members of the Sun Maid Kennel club and graciously volunteered to assist and laid the MTX trail. Also present and providing support and sparkling conversation were Diane and Aldo



Branch as well as Jenn Addison, Wren's co-owner.

Both trails were laid Saturday followed by a Pizza fueled evening gathering. The following morning

Jason harnessed Wren for her run at MTI. She got off to a good start but then went back to the beginning after having difficulty with a 90° turn. The second time she made the turn correctly and followed the trail to the runners. Unfortunately, she picked the wrong subject. Jason did a good job of reading Wren; she just picked the wrong runner.

After a short drive to an upscale outdoor shopping mall Jason put Annabelle in harness, presented the scent article and off they went. In keeping with the rules for MTX this trail was almost entirely on asphalt

with only occasional decorative greenery. Although vehicle and foot traffic was light on this Sunday morning, it had been heavy throughout the day Saturday after the trail was laid. Still Annabelle managed to follow



the scent as it wandered past the shops. At one point she went through an outdoor dining area and was greeted by the diners. She managed to avoid these distractions and followed the trail to the two runners who were sitting on a bench in the parking lot. She then proceeded to pick the incorrect runner much to everyone's disappointment.

At the trail's end our two guest runners received plenty of loving and slobber from both Wren and Annabelle plus Aldo's and Diane's two hounds. Despite neither hound correctly identifying the subject, they both did a fine job of following their trails. I have no doubt that both Wren and Annabelle will pass in the future.

My Introduction to Conformation

By Nicholas Wameling

When I first thought about showing my bloodhound, I attended a dog show to see what it was all about. My initial thought was, "it looks like they're just walking their dog around a ring; I can do that!". I attended

my first show a few weeks later and boy was I humbled. Walking into the ring, I immediately blacked out and, while I still did a decent job, a lot of mistakes were made. I continued go conformation classes despite my bruised ego. I quickly learned that there are so many little things that add up when presenting your dog to a judge. One little thing could be the difference between with leaving some ribbons/points or going home empty-handed.



We practiced and practiced and finally the fruits of our labor started to show. We achieved our Championship (CH) and began to go on a roll in the owner handled ring, getting many group placements. Then we were lucky enough to build to our Grand Championship (GCH) shortly after finishing our CH. We also have been hanging in the breed rankings, as

well as the owner handled rankings. My bloodhound, Beacon, does not come from a big-name show breeder, while it shouldn't matter, some may say it does.

Most of the shows we go to are local, but we have traveled as far north as Shasta and as far south as Palm Springs. We do plan to take some trips to the Pacific Northwest, Nevada, and Arizona for some shows. Traveling is half the fun, it's like mini vacations. At the end of the year, we look forward to making our longest trip yet going to the Owner Handled National Championships in Florida. While we hope we win, we are just happy we achieved our goal in being able to go (Only the top 10 Owner Handled Bloodhounds are invited).

I think setting goals in this sport is very important. One, it forces you to know how the points work; they're complicated for someone who knows nothing about dog shows. Two, there are many little achievements you can work towards at all levels of showing that keep it fresh and fun.

I want to give a major shoutout to Bloodhounds West Northern Chapter members, Cesilie Szabo and Aldo Branch. They have been so supportive in this show journey of mine and without them I'm not sure I would have stuck with it.

I hope that this article may inspire anyone who has been thinking about getting into conformation. No matter where your bloodhound is from or how much you know about conformation, you can be successful. Also, the best part is all the time you spend with your bloodhound training and competing will make memories that will last a lifetime. My email is open to anyone who has questions and would like to learn how to get started in dog showing. Nicholaswameling.5@gmail.com

Bloodhounds in the News

Remi, a 1 ½ year old bloodhound with the Martin County [Florida]



Sheriff's Office, followed a 1.6-mile suburban trail to find a missing 13-year-old child who ran away after getting into an argument with her parents. Per Remi's handler, Deputy Charles Jenkins, "when he's pulling hard, his nose is down, he's working, he's pulling me. I'm about 230 pounds and he's pulling me like a rag doll." His alert at the find is a tail wag.

Source: ABC 25 WPBF News May 12, 2023

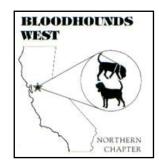


on his Instagram at rpd_k9ruger.

In early March, Ruger, a four-year-old Riverside [California] Police Department bloodhound, led her handler, Officer Miller, several blocks to a hiding woman who was experiencing a mental health crisis. The woman was taken to the hospital for further evaluation. You can follow Ruger



DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	WEBSITE
7-6-23 thru 7-9-23	South Central Bloodhound Club -Regional & Supported Sweeps	Dallas, TX	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events
7-9-23	Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club – Regional Sweeps	Puyallup, WA	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events
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 9-30-23	American Bloodhound Club – National Specialty	Asheville, NC	http://www.AmericanBloodhoundClub.org/events
9-25-23 thru 9-26-23	American Bloodhound Club – National Trailing Trials	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
9-18-24 thru 9-22-24	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



BLOODHOUNDS WEST NORTHERN CHAPTER

Year 2023 New Member Application

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: Please use a separate application for each person. ☐ Individual \$35.00 ☐ Family: \$35.00 ☐ Junior: \$25.00 APPLICANT INFORMATION Name(s): Address: _____ City: Zip: Home Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Interests: Showing □ Obedience/Rally □ Trailing/Tracking □ Pet □ Dogs in household: #____ Bloodhounds #____ Other breeds (List)_____ Other animals I am interested in joining Bloodhounds West because: SPONSOR INFORMATION Sponsored by (please print):_____ How sponsor knows applicant:

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Signature of sponsoring member: ______ Date: _____

American Bloodhound Club Code of Ethics

All new applicants must read, sign, and adhere to the American Bloodhound Club Code of Ethics shown below.

As a member of **Bloodhounds West**, **Northern Chapter**:

- ❖ I agree not to engage in the practice of providing any Bloodhound to any individual, commercial wholesaler, or retailer for the purpose of resale.
- ❖ I agree that if any Bloodhound on whose papers I am shown as either breeder or cobreeder becomes a part of any breed rescue program, that upon written notification either I will assume financial responsibility for those Bloodhound expenses to which I agree and assist the Rescue Chairperson in finding suitable placement, or I will resume custody of the Bloodhound.
- ❖ I agree that I will provide each buyer of our Bloodhounds with accurate records regarding pedigree and certificate of health including the name, address, and telephone number of the attending veterinarian.
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- ❖ I agree not to release any puppy to its new owner prior to seven weeks of age or what the local ordinance states.
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Applicant Signature:	Data
Applicant Signature:	Date:

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Fern & Tate

We are very thankful to Pam and Kristy from West Coast Bloodhound Rescue for allowing us to adopt 3 beautiful bloodhounds during the last 3 years. Pam has been in constant communication with us since our first adoption and does a truly fantastic job saving these beautiful animals.

In 2020 we became aware of the organization via social media and started following the page as we were in the process of looking for a dog. This is where we saw the post for Sherlock, a 1.5 year old liver bloodhound boy that had been found on the side of a road in Redding, California. He had his ear ripped and had clearly suffered some form of abuse. After the passing of our beloved Basset Hound named Inspector, we knew Sherlock was made for us when his post popped up on Instagram. After flying upto to Vancouver, Washington in September 2021, I rented a car and drove over to Pam's house to meet Sherlock for the first time.

Although Sherlock was always a bit hesitant with men he greeted me right away and I fell in love with him instantly. We took the 18 hour road trip back to Orange County together and he was introduced to his new Mommy, Megan who he adored. Sherlock was our pride and joy and we were so grateful to be able to wake up with him every morning. He took beach walks and swims everyday, trips to the local cafe and made many friends along the way. Unfortunately in August 2022 he was diagnosed with Aggressive Lymphoma and battled the disease until April this year when he sadly passed away. During his fight with the disease he was still the center of attention every day and lived life to the maximum with no pain and fear. He continued with his swims and beach walks. His strength, beauty and kindness showed us the true meaning of friendship and love.

After Sherlock's passing we were devastated but were also very grateful that we had got to spend 1 and half years with him. Although his life was very short (too short) he taught us many great things and it has changed our lives forever. Quickly after his passing, Pam informed us of 2 more bloodhounds called Tate and Fern they were out of an abusive hoarding and were clearly in need of a loving home (just like Sherlock). Tate is a baby boy around 1.5 years old and Fern is a 6 or 7 year old girl that has given birth to many baby bloodhounds, Tate clearly being one of them.. Sadly you can see that Fern was taken advantage of and used to sell many puppies.

We recently drove upto to Paso Robles to collect these two wonderful, slobbery hounds. These 2 inseparable doggies now have a safe, loving home together and bring us daily laughter, joy and love.

Every day we are forever grateful for Sherlock's life and for teaching us to be able to give love to many more loving bloodhounds that need a good home! He has given us a mission to help more dogs that were in his situation. Thanks again Pam, Kristy, Sherlock and West Coast Bloodhound Rescue as our lives would be empty without these special animals in our home!

-By Megan Saepae and Tom Taylor

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