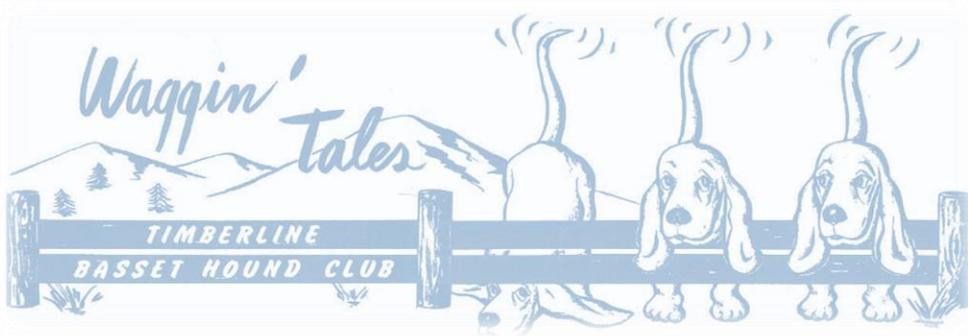


Next regular meeting, Sunday,
September 16, 2018, 1 pm,
Islamorada Fish Company,
Northfield Shopping Center,
Denver, CO -- Please RSVP
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SEPTEMBER 2018

THE AUGUST 12 FRIENDS OF BASSETS FUN MATCH – ADAMS COUNTY!

It was fun and here are a few photos. The entry could have been larger but it was a good learning experience, and some nice dog friends attended. Thanks to Susan, Mishka, Chris, Michele, Betty Gene and Malina smf for all the judges for being there to help.

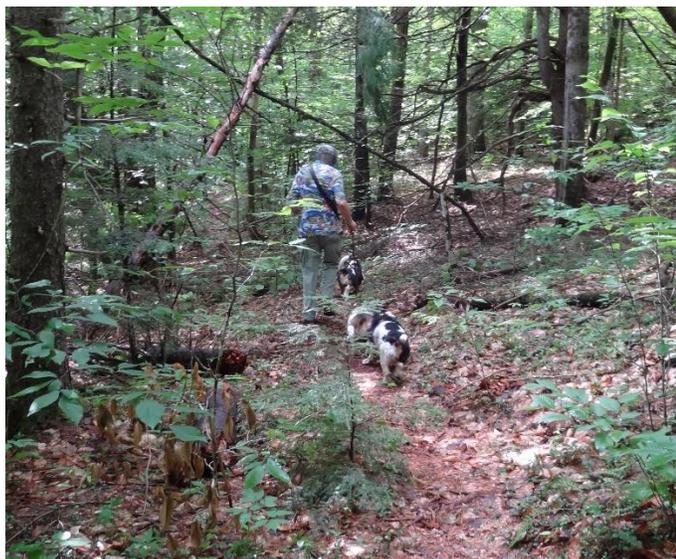


On the agenda for TBHC Meeting
September 16:

- Review the fun match
- Review September 23 agility trial
- Cookies for BHCA Nationals in Chicago
- Fall HP
- Christmas party
- March Tracking test- judges
- Our April specialty

News reports that several companies in Colorado are now offering Fur-turnity leave to employees so they can spend some time at home with new pets while they get adjusted to their new surroundings.

Here we all are putting together hand out items for the 2018 BHCA Nationals in Crystal Lake, Illinois. These are to be placed in the welcome bags. They are plastic bags filled with candy and other edibles tied with a ribbon and card from Timberline. Chris will mail to hospitality chairman, Ft. Dearborn BHC in Illinois. It was a fun project!



Bill Forrest on his daily walk with Bassets in the woods of New Hampshire - bridges, waterfalls, stone fences, all types of flora and fauna. Lucky Bassets!

Timberline members are busily baking and decorating butter cookies for this year's BHCA annual banquet in Illinois. They're being placed in transparent bags and sealed with an invitation card to our Colorado Nationals attached. All colors and markings represented. I don't believe any of us working on this project will ever eat another cookie as long as we live!



A Curious Facet in the History of the Basset

The First Use of All in Dogs -

PART II

By Lee Connor
(from *Canine Chronicle*, following Crufts)

*Dost thou in hounds aspire to deathless fame?
Learn well their lineage and their ancient stem
Each tribe with joy old rustic heralds trace
And sing the chosen worthless of their race.*

Tickle -

The Griffon Basset is a hound with a hard bristly coat, and short crooked legs. It has never found great favour here.

The Lane hounds are derived from the kennels of M. Lane, of Franquerville, Baos Seine -Inferieur, and are also very little appreciated in this country. They are of the lemon and white variety with 'torse' or bent legs. The Lane hound is decidedly of a plainer type, weak in colour, broader and somewhat flat, with shorter ears.

Monsieur Lan's hounds were required to hunt wild boar and so were of a larger type than the Couteulx strain.

The Couteulx hounds were a type bred up into a strain by Comte le Couteulx de Canteleu – one of the most noted cynologists and sportsmen France has ever produced. They possessed straight short legs, of sounder constitution than other strains, with the make generally of a more agile hound, and in the pedigree of the best Bassets owned in this country fifteen years ago, when the breed was in considerable demand, Comte de Couteulx's strain was prominent and always sought for. The Couteulx hound is generally a rich tricolor, sometimes flecked with black or brown, soft and supple in skin, the head long and lean, with magnificent pendulous ears finely folded and velvety; the muzzle square with heavy flews, and the dark eye not prominent but showing a good deal of haw."

The Earl of Onslow and Sir John Everett Millais both had recourse to the Couteulx kennel and Millais "Model" (imported in 1874) was the first Basset to be exhibited at an English dog show, his debut taking place in Wolverhampton in 1875.



Major Godfrey Heseltine's Basset Pack - 1912

In 1877 Lord Onslow also imported a dog and a bitch from the Le Courteulx kennels and from this small beginning the English Basset fancy was born. By 1886 no less than 120 specimens of the breed were benched at the Dachshund and Basset Hound show. Sadly, the concomitant result of this sudden increase from such a small amount of original stock was severe inbreeding that was to introduce a delicacy in constitution, infertility and a peculiar susceptibility to distemper. There was also a noticeable decrease in size and bone. Sir Everett decided that an outcross was desperately needed. His selection fell upon...the Bloodhound... and the experiment was a very interesting one (and the method in which it was carried out was certainly way ahead of its time).

There was no mating of the hounds, but a litter of puppies are artificially germinated in the itch by a process called "insemination" – a scientific experiment more marvelously striking than any in horticulture. By these extraordinary means twelve whelps were created, which favoured the Basset in conformation and the Bloodhound dam in colour.

Apparently these puppies were also born by another innovative procedure at that time – a caesarean section!

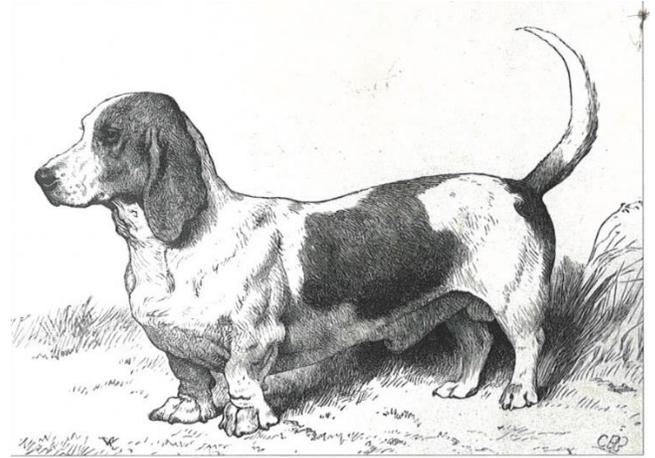
The progeny were bred back to a pure Basset, and in the third generation the descendants regained all the Basset characteristics, and were indistinguishable from pure specimens of the breed. They also regained the bone and size that had been sacrificed to type by inbreeding. In the fourth generation, to complete the interest of the unique experiment, there was case of “avatism” a whelp born that ‘threw back’ to the Bloodhound great-grandfather in colour. “

Seven champions were made up between the years 1904 and 1915 and in that number was a bitch owned by Queen Alexandra, ‘Warrender’ who became a champion in 1915.

There was then a gap of ten years before the next champion, Walhampton Andrew was made up in 1925 by Major Godfrey Heseltine, whose famous prefix was set to have a major influence on the breed. He and his brother were great sportsmen and were joint owners of the Walhampton pack. The 1920s certainly belonged to the Walhamptons both in the show ring (and one feels, at least to the sporting mad Heseltine brothers) more importantly in the field. The Walhampton pack provided the foundation for early American Basset hound lovers. Gerald Livinstone of Long Island began bringing in Walhampton Bassts and at least three notable Bassets from this famous pack - Ch Walhampton Andrew”, Ch Walhampton Linguist and Walhampton Alice – were exported to America.

When war broke out in 1939, most of the large packs of hounds were disbanded, the only two to survive were the Sciford Hall Pack, which belonged to Colonel Colman, and Lieutenant-Clonlel Morrison;s Westerby Pack which took over and absorbed the Walhamptons.

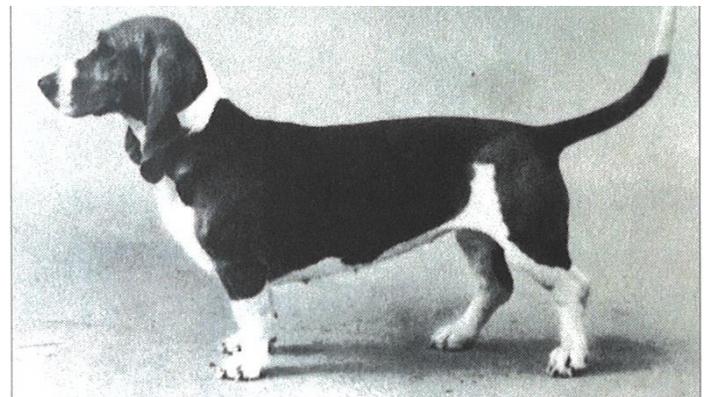
One of the very few show breeders who managed to keep going through those tough years was Miss Peggy Keevil with her ‘Grims Bassets’. During the war Miss Keevil soldiered on, going by pony cart, bike or even toboggan, to fetch supplies for her treasured hounds from the nearby villages. Sometimes she managed to secure flesh from the Hunt kennels, but usually she had to rely on chicken heads, rabbit, fish filletings and other meager scraps which she then had to cook...often in a blackout!



Mr. Everett Millais's Basset Hound "Model"

Few of us really think how hard it must have been to keep a dog, let alone a number of dogs, going through the austerity of war and food rationing. The hard work and struggle was to finally pay off for Miss Keevil and she established a dominant line from which no less than eleven champions were bred between 1950 and 1957.

However by 1949 she became quite disturbed by the dangers facing the breed from inbreeding. And in a case of history quite literally repeating itself, there were reported problems with fertility, hysteria” and cases of long coats appearing. Miss Keevil decided there was only one thing for it ... fresh blood ... however she didn't resort to anything quite as drastic as the Bloodhound outcross of the late nineteenth century; she looked to France and brought back two Basset Artesien Normand, a magnificent stallion hound named Ulema de Barly (bred in 1946 by M. Mallart of Barly, one of the oldest breeders in Somme), and a bitch names Cornermuse de Blendeques (also born in 1946).



Basset Artesien Normand

FINAL PART III IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

Upcoming Events:

TBHC Regular meeting	September 16, 1 pm Islamorada Fish Company
TBHC All Breed Agility trial	September 23, Apex Sports Arena, Arvada, CO
BHCA Nationals, Illinois	September 28 – October 5, 2018
October regular meeting	October 21, tentative
November regular meeting	November 18, tentative
Holiday party, White Fence Farm	Date TBD

Remember, our all breed agility trial is September 23 at Apex Sports Arena in Arvada. Here is a link to the sign up sheet. I've filled in some club member names but please feel free to change. Thank you!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/100XXZXWiFG-MRjMpJcxZrcKbj0c2CWI0-G2LmA17bk0/edit?usp=sharing_eil&ts=5b95d30e