

WAGGIN' TALES

NOVEMBER, 2019

*The official newsletter of the
Timberline Basset Hound Club*

The next regular meeting will be Sunday, December 1, 2019, 11:30 am at the Islamorada Fish Company restaurant, Fireside Room, Northfield Shopping Center adjoining the Bass Pro Shop, Denver, CO. Please RSVP bristleconeassets@yahoo.com and let us know if you plan to come. Also **NOTE EARLIER MEETING TIME**

Nationals is behind us thank goodness!! Timberline did a great job hosting this year. We all pulled together to make it happen and everyone seemed to have a really good time. They loved the Crowne Plaza convention center – lots of room and no crowding in the grooming area. Thanks to Sukey, the raffle and auction items were outstanding this year. Everyone deserves a ton of thanks for a job well done. Will we be doing this again anytime soon?? Not likely - 😊

Now on to real life in the world of Basset Hounds. On the agenda for this month's meeting is:

- Selection of a nominating committee
- March tracking test at Chatfield State Park
- Recap of Nationals
- All Breed Agility trial
- Scent work trial possibility
- September 2020 Specialties

Please come if you can. Your input is needed and wanted and we have some important decisions to make.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

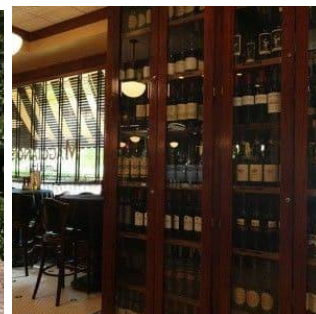


BHCA National and TBHC Specialty Best of Breed



GCH-B Castle Hills Snoline Man in Black

Our Christmas get together will this year be at **Maggiano's Little Italy**, Denver Tech Center, 7401 South Clinton ST., Englewood, CO. Please email Chris at northstarsolutions@msn.com and let her know if you're coming. **Bring something for the gift exchange** – nothing too expensive but something Bassety or doggie would be best. If you bring one, you get one. Remember to RSVP to Chris.



Congratulations to our Timberline members who did so well at Nationals this year. Very proud of you both!!



Trumbull's Fitz And The Tantrums

Fitz was Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Winner of the Best Bred By Trophy sponsored by Margaret Ledward at the Timberline Basset Hound Club Specialty – judge Penny Swan

and

**Winners Dog at the Nationals from the Bred By Class – judge Mary Ann Clark
Congratulatiions, Kim and Roger and Fritz!!**



Meadow Moon of the Ozarks

Meadow got her Novice Rally title in 3 consecutive trials during Nationals week. First place at the TBHC Specialty on Monday, 2nd place the first Nationals trial on Tuesday and first place the second trial on Wednesday

Congratulations to Chris and Dan Orlikowski and Meadow!!

COMMENTS FROM THE UK - MOVEMENT



Movement- Best Guide to Overall Conformation and Soundness.

- A smooth free action with forelegs reaching well forward and hind legs showing powerful thrust.
- Hound moving true both front and rear most important. (Single tracking).
- Hocks and stifles should not be stiff in movement nor must any toes be dragged.
- Could hound fulfil its purpose?
- The head and neck act together to maintain balance in turning, accelerating and stopping.
- To speed up the hound extends his head and neck forward.
- To stop he brings his head up.

Thank you, Margaret Ledward

HUGGING YOUR DOG



To say that you love your dog is an understatement. But giving your pup a big old bear hug may not be the best way to show your affection (as much as you want to throw your arms around their neck and squeeze!) After examining 250 photos of dogs being

hugged by humans, Stanley Coren Ph.D., author of *The Intelligence of Dogs*, determined that 82 percent of the dogs were giving off at least one sign of discomfort, stress, or anxiety. According to Coren, only 7 percent of the pooches were comfortable with the embrace. Coren's research isn't hard science, but it does call into question whether pups like that particular type of affection. So we asked Jason Cohen of [Canine Cohen Dog Training](#) in New York City to give us tips for how to figure out if your doggo really does want to hug.

Give them some space.

"Every dog is different, just like every human is different," says Cohen. If you don't know the dog, don't pet it, much less embrace it. "Hugging is restraining to the dog. You're taking away their number one response: flight," he explains. But what if you and the pooch in question are old pals? Cohen advises that you should still proceed with caution. "Even a lovable dog could be having a bad day," he says. And a hug isn't necessarily the way to turn it around.

What **NOT** to feed your pet(s) on Thanksgiving:

- Turkey Skin
- Nuts
- Turkey Bones
- Mushrooms
- Gravy
- Fat Trimmings
- Stuffing
- Corn On The Cob
- Sage
- Chocolate
- Raisins/Grapes
- Candied Yams
- Onion
- Butter
- Garlic
- Bread Dough
- Nutmeg
- Alcohol

Get acquainted—or reacquainted.

Maybe you've been giving your pup hugs for years—and maybe all this time they've just been tolerating it! To make sure your embrace isn't like the forced, awkward kind at the end of a bad Tinder date, read your dog's signals. If they're looking away, licking their lips, yawning a lot or giving you a whale-eyed look (where you see they whites of their eyes), they're communicating avoidance, says Cohen, which means you may want to cut back on your cuddling.

Try communicating on their terms.

Instead of hugging, consider expressing your love in ways your pup can appreciate. Spending quality time with your dog—going on walks and creating a consistent routine—is the best way to show that you care, but if you crave more physical contact, then Cohen says petting is a no-brainer. Rub your dog's chest, their side, under the chin (you know all



their favorite spots). Another affection option they appreciate? Gentle ear rubs, which can release feel-good endorphins in your dog, says Cohen.

And save those hugs for the humans who can actually hug you back.

Taken from [MyOllie.com](#)



HOW TO BATHE A BASSET HOUND



Fill bathtub. Use three times as much water as you think you need. Basset Hounds have large porous feet which soak up water at an alarming rate. If you use only as much water as looks appropriate, you will discover that when you finally get the dog into the tub, the liquid will barely cover its toenails.

Catch dog. This bit is not as easy as it sounds. A Basset Hound who is determined not to have a bath has

amazing metamorphic abilities. It can transform itself into a long, slender creature which can slither into the tiniest crack of a closet door. Once in the closet, the dog will promptly burrow its way under last year's Christmas trimmings, crushing \$40 worth of hand blown ornaments in the process.

Coax dog into bathroom. Basset Hounds may not be Einsteins, but they have long memories. In essence, the best plan is teamwork. One person pulls the dog from the front; the other pushes from behind, the toenail gouges which the dog has left in the floor can be smoothed out at a later time.

Prepare to place dog in tub. Remember all the weight-lifting techniques you ever learned. Take a deep breath before hoisting dog from floor. Bassets tend to quadruple their weight when airborne. Finding yourself unexpectedly supporting 160 pounds of dog leads to double hernias and slipped discs. Even if you don't slip a disc, you can count on walking funny for the next three days.

Second effort. Your problems are only half over once you have gotten the dog off the floor. You still have to get it into the tub. It is a proven fact that at any given time barely three-fourths of the dog will be in contact with the water. The right rear paw will retain a death grip on the shower door track. Therefore, (a) Gently remove right rear paw from shower track. The dog will now have managed to hook its left rear paw on the shower track. (b) Remove left rear paw. Repeat steps (a) and (b) several times. Distract the dog's attention by making funny faces and quickly snatch it into the tub with a classic clean and jerk lift. Inevitably, the dog will be facing the wrong way. You will discover that there is nothing more sullen than the back end of a rebellious Basset.

Wet the dog's coat. Just as you begin to lather in the shampoo, the telephone will ring. You get brownie points if you refrain from swearing at the nice lady from your local home remodeling company who is trying to sell you aluminum siding and storm windows.

Return to the bathroom. You will find that the dog who never in this world could have gotten into the tub on its own has managed to get out of same unaided. Dog is now wedged between the sofa and your new flocked wallpaper, leaving huge, wet splotches on both. Dislocate your remaining seven intact vertebrae by hauling sofa away from wall in order to capture dog.

Repeat the third, fourth and fifth steps. Under the circumstances, swearing is not only permitted, it is encouraged. You already have slipped discs and a hernia; you don't need an ulcer from repressing extreme emotion.

Wash dog. This is, after all, the purpose of the whole operation. Get dog out of tub and towel it as dry as possible. Reliable studies have shown that it takes 47.3745 hours for a Basset Hound to become reasonably dry. The ears and ruff take even longer. The flews never dry. Using a hairdryer on the flews is a nice gesture, but a waste of time and electricity.

Begin mop-up procedures. Clean out tub. Wipe bathroom floor. Wet-vac suds trail to living room. Gently sponge-dry the flocked wallpaper. Buff toenail gouges from hardwood floor. Sweep broken Christmas ornaments from closet.

Go to kitchen for a cup of coffee or a stiff drink, whichever seems most appropriate. Look out kitchen window. Discover that dog is gleefully rolling in your neighbor's freshly tilled, freshly manured vegetable garden.

Scream at dog, who will pay no attention. Basset Hounds are notorious for their keen sense of selective perception. They have a finely honed ability to hear what they wish to hear and ignore all other stimuli. In this case, the dog has no intentions of giving up its joyful romp in all that lovely horse manure. Count your blessings. It could have been chicken manure which smells infinitely worse.

Stiffen your drink. Take a deep breath.

Fill bathtub. Use three times as much water .

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TBHC November regular meeting

December 1, 2019, 11:30 am

Islamorada Fish Company

TBHC Christmas party, Mazziano's Littleton

December 15, 2019, noon Sunday

TBHC All Breed Tracking Test, Chatfield

March 1, 2020. Combined TD/TDX

TBHC Specialties, Greeley, CO

September 4, 2020

Searching for a new date for our agility trial.