



## ***Waggin' Tales - May 2021 edition***

Hope you can join us for a zoom meeting Sunday, May 23, 1 p.m. MDT. Instructions are in the email for logging in. Hope to see you! This is the meeting right before our all-breed obedience/rally trials so please do join in if you can. A couple of people have had difficulty getting into the video so please feel free to call in. Phone numbers are listed in the email and you can call in and be put on speaker phone. Either way, it will be great to hear you or see you! In person meetings will be back soon!!

Welcome to Timberline BHC new Associate members! Voted in at the April meeting.

Margret Webber  
Christine Bailey  
Laura Bryant

Shows are back on schedule. Here are some coming up soon:

Flatirons Kennel Club, Estes Park - June 4-5-6  
Plum Creek Kennel Club, Littleton - June 11-12-13  
Colorado Springs Kennel Club – July 2-3-4  
Central Wyoming Kennel Club, Casper – July 30-31,  
Aug 1  
Rocky Mountain Hound Assoc, Greeley- Aug 19-20  
Greeley Kennel Club, Greeley, Aug 21-22-23  
Cheyenne Kennel Club, Sept 1-2-3

### **OBEDIENCE/RALLY TRIALS MAY 28-29-30, 2021**

**IT'S REALLY HAPPENING!!** Our inaugural all breed trials are happening in Barn A at Boulder County Fairgrounds. Ours is the very **FIRST WEEKEND BOUDER COUNTY IS HOLDING AN EVENT SINCE THE START OF COVID!** Obedience entries are fabulous – full on Friday and almost full on Saturday. Rally entries, not as good. For some reason, Rally has not been drawing good entries at any of the trials, and that will erode our profit margin a bit.

We will be doing 50-50 raffles all 3 days. Many thanks to club members who will be helping steward and help direct traffic at these trials: Betty Pearce, Jeanne Dietrich, Chris Orlikowski, Malina Dorchak, Mishka Killgore, Elisa Parenti, Carol Makowski.

There will be trophies for High in Trial and High Combined so donations are still welcome - pottery pieces by local artists. Make checks payable to Timberline Basset Hound Club, and mail to:

Carol Makowski  
9007 Tahoe Lane  
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### **Upcoming Events:**

May 22, 2021	TBHC regular meeting
May 28-29-30	TBHC all breed obedience/rally trials, Boulder County Fairgrounds
September 10	TBHC Specialty, Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO
September 25-26	TBHC all breed agility trials, Apex, Lakewood, CO
October 1-7, 2021	BHCA Nationals, Lima, Ohio

## MARIJUANA AND DOGS



The number of cases of marijuana intoxication in dogs has risen dramatically in recent decades. Fortunately, it's rarely fatal, but it

can bring about some worrying symptoms, and you should always seek veterinary advice if you suspect your dog has ingested this drug.

### Why Has There Been Such a Drastic Rise in Reported Cases?

In 1996, California became the first state to legalize cannabis use for medicinal purposes. Marijuana is now only prohibited in a few states, and an increasing number also allow its use for recreational purposes.

As a result of the drug's increased accessibility, there has been a significant increase in the reports of dogs suffering from marijuana toxicosis.

The Animal Poison Control Center, for example, reported a staggering 765% increase in calls about pets ingesting marijuana in 2019, compared with the same period the previous year.

The Pet Poison Helpline also saw an increase of more than 400% in the number of calls they took about marijuana-related incidents over a six-year period.

The increase in reported cases even prompted a retrospective clinical study that evaluated the trends of marijuana toxicosis in dogs living in a state with legalized medical marijuana usage between 2005 and 2010. There was a concerning four-fold increase in the number of cases reported to the two Colorado veterinary hospitals that were the focus of the study.

### Marijuana Toxicity Exposure

There has been a much higher incidence of dogs suffering from marijuana toxicosis than cats. This is because users often mix the drug into palatable baked goods, which is a particular problem if a dog is a renowned counter surfer.

However, your dog can also suffer poisoning from eating any part of the actual plant (including the leaves, seeds, stems, and Flowers), from smoke inhalation, consuming hashish oil, or even from eating the feces of an individual that has ingested cannabis.

### Symptoms of Marijuana Poisoning in Dogs

- Stumbling and crossing over feet
- Dull and lethargic
- Dilated pupils
- Urinary incontinence
- Vomiting
- Tremors and shaking
- Agitation

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the potent psychoactive substance in marijuana and dogs have a much more severe reaction to this than humans. Symptoms are typically visible within 30 minutes to an hour after ingestion of the drug, or sooner if inhaled.

Dr. Stacy Meola is a Criticalist at Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital in Colorado and was also one of the lead veterinarians involved in the above-mentioned study. She explains that “the most common sign is stumbling and crossing over their feet, and walking like they are drunk (ataxic).” In the study, 88% of the dogs presented with this symptom. Around 50% of dogs will also likely appear dull and lethargic with dilated pupils, and will flinch in reaction to fast movements toward their face.

“The most interesting sign in dogs is urinary incontinence,” says Dr. Meola, adding that around half of the dogs studied dribbled urine uncontrollably when they had marijuana in their system. “My guess is the drug would not be as popular if 50% of people dribbled urine when they used marijuana!”

Other possible symptoms include vomiting, tremors and shaking, agitation, and some dogs can become comatose.

## Treatment of Marijuana Poisoning in Dogs

Treatment is quite variable depending on the severity of the symptoms presented, and some dogs can be treated as outpatients at home, while others will require hospitalization for intravenous fluids and supportive care.

“In severely affected animals, we recommend a treatment called intralipid therapy, which is an infusion of lipid (the fat used in IV nutrition support) to help bind the marijuana and allow it to be eliminated from the body faster,” Dr. Meola says.

With proper treatment, dogs will usually recover fully within one to two days.

## Why It’s Important to Seek Veterinary Support


Marijuana toxicosis is rarely deadly, and Dr. Meola is unaware of a fatality from marijuana ingestion alone. However, a high proportion of the cases of marijuana toxicosis in dogs involve

combining the drug with [chocolate](#) or artificial sweeteners like [Xylitol](#)—both of which are also toxic to dogs—in the form of brownies or cookies. It’s worth noting that medical-grade marijuana butter products may present a higher risk of more serious symptoms. These butters are commonly mixed into cakes and cookies.

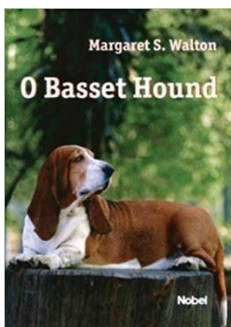
Regardless of how your dog’s marijuana ingestion occurs, you should always seek veterinary advice. “Because the potency of marijuana is variable and the amount in edibles is not regulated by a regulatory agency, it is very hard to know exactly how much a dog has ingested,” explains Dr. Meola. “With that said, we also do not know a toxic or fatal dose when inhaled or ingested, so it is always best to have a pet evaluated.”

*Taken from the American Veterinary association newsletter.*

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<b>BRAGS</b>	
Jeanne	Susie got her TD at the Denver Foothills Tracking Association Test!!

## **PEG WALTON’S PERSPECTIVE ON THE BASSET HOUND**



When Bassets first arrived on these shores they were brought to hunt as pack hounds. Little did those Masters dream that their wonderful, athletic, steady, docile hounds would turn into what we have today!!

The Basset Hound is NOT: Block headed with a light eye and high ear set! An overstuffed ottoman with a leg on each corner! An unsound fronted hound with one foot heading north, the other west! A short backed, clutzy clod who cannot make it around the ring, much less

hunt for five hours in the field. Nor does he/she trip and stumble over feet due to poor shoulder placement.

The Basset IS: An athlete, hard in body, muscled, with well-laid back shoulders, long body, sound front and rear movement. He/she has a quiet temperament, steady and sometimes almost a reticent nature, but NEVER shy or aggressive. The coat is hard and water repellent with little to no undercoat.

The head of the Basset has always been referred to as “a Bloodhound head, reduced”. In the first British standard it states: “It is most perfect when it closest

resembles the head of a bloodhound, with heavy flews and forehead wrinkled to the eyes." Since our first American standard for the breed was copied directly from the British with the change of only a word or two, we followed on for years. When the new and present standard was being worked on, the American Kennel Club stated they wanted no breed standard to refer to any other breed, thus eliminating the reference to the "bloodhound" head. Therefore, the committee tried their best to describe the head without the reference. Even today, the general outline of the head is indeed bloodhound, although in most hounds we have lost the parallel planes; proper breeding could correct this in a very few generations.

I have always considered the entire forequarters of the Basset, including the neck, as one piece. The neck on a dog hound should be "stallion like" with a beautiful arch and very powerful, flowing into a well laid back shoulder (45 degree angle), the sternum MUST show prominently in front of the forelegs and the leg must wrap around the sternum giving the look of a "crook" but NEVER crooked. The leg from knee to foot should be straight or nearly so, a slight turning of BOTH front feet is permissible but NOT JUST ONE FOOT. One often reads articles written by "experts" stating that the front must turn out in order to balance the shoulder. I can produce photos of hounds of 85 to 100 years ago with perfectly lovely fronts and they also had excellent, well-laid-back shoulders. If one places a ruler through the center of the front leg and go up through the shoulder, you will see exactly where the withers or top of the shoulder blade lie. Try this on any profile of a Basset.

The body should be long from sternum to set on of tail with an extremely SHORT loin, thus holding the spine in proper position. A hound with a long loin may eventually wind up with serious back problems.

The tail is set on as an extension of the spine and is carried with a slight curve - never "teapot", bouncing off the back nor straight up as is sometimes seen.

When viewed in profile, the Basset should be 1/3 leg and 2/3 body in order to be functional in the job for which it was bred. Too low would inhibit proper movement and too high gives a very leggy appearance. Statements have been made that a 15' hound would be leggy but that is not necessarily true. I once had a top winning and Best in Show hound who measured 14 3/4" and (officially) weighed 67 pounds, in top show condition and was the exact ratio of 1/3 to 2/3. Breeding does tell.

In the overall picture a basset is a regal, elegant, balanced hound with lovely head and expression, well-laid back shoulders, long body, and a rear no wider than his front. If the shoulders are not loaded and straight, the rear need NOT be overdone nor blobby. If a hound stands "hocked under" (hind legs forward under the body) you may be sure he is weak in the rear. If the exhibitor has the hound stretched out so it is standing on "tippy toe" he is probably trying to straighten out a poor topline.

A Basset should be judged coming and going as major faults in the breed are front and rear and are better assessed in this manner.

Many judges find this breed difficult to judge so an ideal solution would be to go out with a recognized pack and watch them do what they were bred for. If this is not possible, then spend some time ringside and study the breed. It will pay off with better judging!

*The Basset Hound by Margaret S. (Peg) Walton  
(reprinted in the Tally-Ho, January/February, 2000,  
pg. 35)*

**REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR NEW TITLE INFORMATION TO MISHKA BEFORE JULY 1 SO SHE CAN GET THE AWARD PLAQUES READY FOR THE SPECIALTY AND ALSO INCLUDE YOUR BASSET'S TITLE IN OUR SCRAP BOOKS TO DISPLAY AT THE SHOWS. PLEASE FILL OUT FORM**

**[http://www.basset-tbhc.org/tbhc\\_documents/TBHCAwardsForm.doc](http://www.basset-tbhc.org/tbhc_documents/TBHCAwardsForm.doc)**

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