

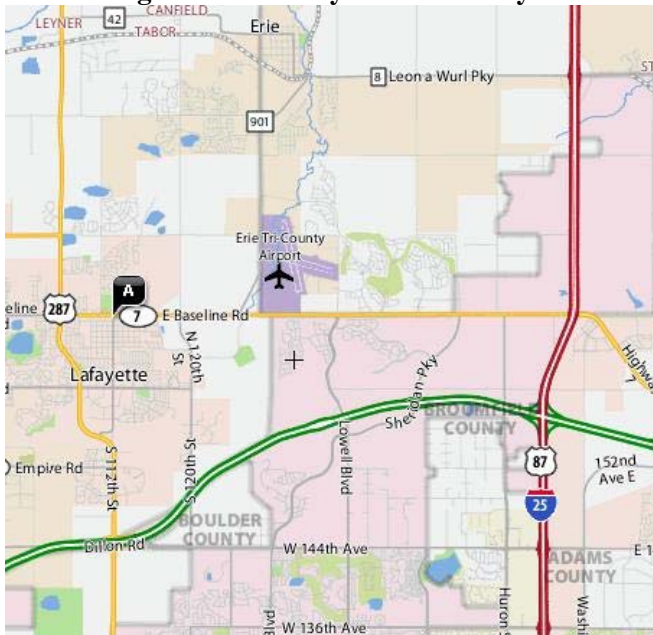


See Timberline Basset Hound Club's website - <http://www.basset-tbhc.org> with links to Waggin' Tales.

The next regular TBHC meeting will be Sunday, August 7, 1 p.m. at Mojo Coffehouse, at intersection of Baseline Road (Hwy 7) and Public Road in Lafayette – southwest corner.

<http://mojocoffeehouse.lbu.com/index.html>

There is a large table inside as well as tables outside so we'll have our meeting there. Will try to arrive early to save a spot.



**DIRECTIONS:** From I25, exit at Highway 7 and go west about 5 miles to Lafayette. Mojo's is right on the corner and easy to find.

### TBHC AGILITY TRIAL

If you haven't already received a copy of the TBHC agility premium list, let me know and I'd be glad to email you one. Our agility trial is just around the corner – September 25, same place – Arapahoe Park in Golden, Colorado. Your help is very much needed and appreciated. We need all the hands we can get to make this event a success. Please mark your calendars. Arapahoe Kennel Club has been contacted to be sure Basset Hounds are early on the Sunday judging program. This worked out well last year and members showed their dogs and still had time to come to the trial afterward and help. Gail will man the CGC testing booth. Brant Rosten is judging

Thank you and please contact Betty Gene – [ancestorhound9@hotmail.com](mailto:ancestorhound9@hotmail.com) or Carol Makowski [bristleconeassets@yahoo.com](mailto:bristleconeassets@yahoo.com)



## WAGGIN' TALES

August 2011 – Regular meeting

### How to contact Basset Rescue:

The email contact for Basset Rescue is [cobhr@coloradobassetrescue.com](mailto:cobhr@coloradobassetrescue.com) or you can phone Kurt & Karin Stangl, 303-432-9347

### TBHC Breeders who occasionally have/or will have puppies:

Laura Bryant – 720-838-6774  
Brian and Marilee Epperson - 719-683-7340  
Sue and Fred Horne – 505-984-2646  
[www.highdesertbassethounds.com](http://www.highdesertbassethounds.com)

Carol Makowski – 303-665-9007  
[www.bristleconeassets.com](http://www.bristleconeassets.com)

Mike and Joy Torgerson - 970-224-2249  
Kim Trumbull - 308-534-7722  
[www.trumbullsbassets.com](http://www.trumbullsbassets.com)

Bob and Charlene Vogel - 307-473-1614  
Sheila and Terry Gilles  
*(Please let me know if you'd like to be added to the list.)*

Need volunteers for October, November, December meetings. Contact Carol – [bristleconeassets@yahoo.com](mailto:bristleconeassets@yahoo.com)

Thanks!

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## A Basset is an Asset!!

"Be kinder than necessary for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle!"

## JUDGE NOMINATIONS FOR 2013

### Regular classes:

**I'd like to nominate Doug Taylor to judge our specialty in 2013.**

**Doug is a TBHC member, is a Basset Hound breeder/judge, has given seminars and has been active in the Basset community for many years. He's also supported our shows regularly and is approved for other breeds so there is a good chance Terry All could use him for their all breed shows the same weekend, and share expenses. He'd do a great job for us.**

**Carol Makowski**



*Hell Hath No Fury Like a Basset Owner Scorned*  
**- National Animal Interest Alliance**

## Dealing with Thunderstorm Phobias

Summer is here and in addition to sunshine and summer fun comes thunderstorms.

For many dogs, thunderstorm phobias are a big problem. Changes in the barometric pressure, the loud crack of thunder, the sounds of wind and hard rain, and flashes of lightening can all cause fearful reactions. Panting, pacing, drooling, quivering, and trying to hide are some of the signs your dog has developed a fear of storms. In some cases, dogs who have no issues with storms develop a fear later in life.

There are some things you can do if your dog is thunderstorm phobic.

1. Maintain a cool and level head yourself. Use a cheerful voice, don't act afraid, and don't baby the dog.
2. Even though you may not like your dog drooling on you and shedding large amounts of hair from stress, don't show any signs of being upset with your dog.
3. Reduce the sound of the storm by turning on the television or radio and moving to a room that is quiet.
4. Try an activity that can distract your dog such as ball play or another favorite indoor activity.
5. For many dogs who are afraid of storms, offering a safe "den like" place is a great solution. Cover the dog's crate with a sheet, or give your dog access to a room with no windows such as a bathroom.

You can also use a CD of thunderstorm noises to desensitize your dog to storm sounds. Finally, in extreme cases where the dog can actually get hurt, it may be necessary to talk to your veterinarian about the possibility of medication.

## New AKC THERAPY DOG PROGRAM LAUNCHES – NEW TITLE (ThD)!!

Who will be the first TBHC Basset Hound to earn this title?? Ken and Judi??

**The AKC has recently instituted this new program where dogs can now earn an official AKC TITLE – ThD.** Therapy dog owners, and those who have benefitted from comforting visits with these special canines, have long known this treasured expression of the canine-human bond has a healing touch like no other. On June 27th the American Kennel Club launched its AKC Therapy Dog Title program to honor those who have unconditionally given so much. To achieve AKC's Therapy Dog or "ThD" title a dog must be certified or registered with an AKC-recognized therapy dog organization, perform a minimum of 50 documented visits and be an AKC Dog through either AKC registration, PAL listing or AKC Canine Partners enrollment.

"We are proud to reward therapy dogs, who provide ongoing community service to help improve the wellbeing of others, with the distinction of the AKC Therapy Dog title," said Lisa Peterson, AKC Spokesperson. "We aim to give much-deserved recognition to these hard-working therapy dogs, their dedicated owners and the therapy dog organizations for all their efforts to help mankind."

For a full list of participating therapy dog organizations, visit <http://www.akc.org/akctherapydog/organizations.cfm>.

Meet the first dogs to receive the AKC Therapy Dog "ThD" title:

"Riker," an Australian Shepherd owned by Liz Palika from Oceanside, California with Love on a Leash Riker made his first therapy visits to retirement homes for senior citizens shortly after his first birthday. He has since visited hospice, skilled nursing and rehabilitation patients and participated in reading programs for kids.

Riker also participates in a program for special needs kids. At one day care center for children, who are in the foster system or face severe health, emotional or behavioral issues, he visited a blind and deaf young girl. She had been at the center for days and hadn't voluntarily moved from her chair, played with other kids or smiled during that time. The day care director placed the girl's hand on Riker's coat. Almost immediately, her hands began stroking him. Riker managed to sneak in a kiss on her cheek. Instead of being afraid, the girl laughed out loud, rocking in her chair. Soon, she was out on the playground and making noises, calling Riker to her!

"Riker has always been one of those dogs that was born loving all mankind," said owner Liz Palika. "I've done therapy dog work with many dogs previously, but Riker was just born to do this. Even now, at 12 years of age, when I get out his therapy dog vest, Riker wiggles and dances like a puppy. When I bring a dog in to visit someone and I see smiles and open arms greet us, well, life doesn't get any better than that!"

"Kayla," a Labrador Retriever owned by Lori and Roger Morgan from Green, Ohio with Delta Society

Kayla, a therapy dog since June 30, 1998, is the third longest-serving, active dog in the Delta Society therapy animal program out of 10,804 teams. She was found as a stray dog at about one year of age, with her collar partially grown into her neck. Since 1998, Kayla has accompanied her owner Lori Morgan to the school where Lori works as a guidance counselor. Now 14, Kayla is still working visiting Akron Children's Hospital in Ohio through the Doggie Brigade program.

Kayla and Lori are trained for crisis response through the National Organization for Victims Assistance (NOVA). They were first deployed to California in 2001 to assist a community recovering from the aftermath of a gunman who killed three people and wounded others. At one point during a large community meeting, they wandered around and Kayla approached a few people. Later, a person asked Lori if she had known that Kayla approached the mom of one of the victims as well as two other survivors. Lori had no idea, she had just followed Kayla's lead!

Kayla and Lori also assisted in the aftermath of September 11th. The pair worked in the New Jersey Family Assistance Center counseling victims and family members and also visited Ground Zero. While petting Kayla, one man shared how he had to sort through the rubble and place human remains in evidence bags. At the end of the conversation, he did not really realize he was being "debriefed" by a crisis counselor - he just saw a lady with a dog.

"We love therapy work because it makes a difference in people's lives. It follows a motto that I have hanging in my home 'we can do no great things, only small things with great love' (Mother Teresa)." said Lori. "To me, therapy dogs encompass that motto. They do so many small things with such great love and devotion."

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"Murdock," a Staffordshire Bull Terrier owned by Teri Meadows of Golden, Colorado with Therapy Dogs Inc.

Murdock and Teri have made more than 1,000 visits representing Therapy Dogs, Inc. The pair makes regular weekly visits, special holiday visits and personal request visits to places like nursing homes, libraries, hospice care centers, VA hospitals, youth detention centers, Good Samaritan homes, schools and day care centers. Patients with speech problems lovingly begin to pet him, looking at him and then to Teri with smiling eyes. After a few minutes they often try to speak to him. Over time, several patients form words. Children love to sit and read to him; he will look at their books as if listening and reading with them.

His visits to nursing homes became times of laughter and joy with residents. People's sorrows seem to fade away as they remember the dogs they have had during their lifetime. Today because of Murdock's age, more than 13-years-old, visits to nursing homes has even more meaning and closeness to the residents, according to Teri.

As a Staffordshire Bull Terrier Murdock sometimes has to face unfair breed stereotypes, but his friendliness and good manners win everyone over. He has been an outstanding ambassador for the breed. Murdock's kind, loving and gentle

temperament, along with his ability to sense what people need, make him a great therapy dog.

"The happiness that my dog's visit can bring to someone, even if for only a short period of time, gives me great satisfaction," she said. "They can briefly forget their problems, pain or sadness. The reward of enriching the lives of others through therapy is priceless; the feeling is indescribable."

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"Lucy," a Golden Retriever owned by Debbie Hanowell from Fayetteville, NC with Therapy Dogs International (TDI)

Since June 2005, Lucy and Debbie have averaged 2-3 visits per week and have logged well over 1,000 therapy visits. Most of the team's visits take place at Fort Bragg as part of the Womack Medical Center's Wounded Warrior Program. The pair visits wounded soldiers and ill family members and spends time in clinic waiting rooms cheering up children. Lucy and Debbie also visit Moon Hall, a resident facility of returning soldiers and work closely with the Red Cross unit at Womack Medical Center.

One of the team's most memorable visits was with a toddler who wore a body cast from the armpits down, with only his toes peeking out. Once Lucy began licking the boy's toes, the change in the toddler and his family was immediate - he started giggling and laughing, showing more emotion than he had in days. The two were honored to be invited to represent the Military Therapy Dog program at the American Red Cross 125th Anniversary in Washington DC in 2006. Lucy is also a Tail Waggin' Tutor, encouraging children to learn to read and have fun!

"Therapy visits allow us to spend a moment with a wounded warrior, an elderly Veteran, a lonely spouse, a frightened child, or a hard-working hospital staff member," said owner Debbie Hanowell. "Simply put, therapy visits give Lucy and me the opportunity to give back to those who gave so much."

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"Koko," an All-American Dog enrolled in the AKC Canine Partners program, owned by Steven Herz from Scotch Plains, NJ with St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center Paws for People

Last year, Koko and her owner Steven Herz - one of the busiest teams with St. Hubert's Paws for People - logged more than 100 visits at numerous facilities, including schools, hospitals, libraries and assisted living facilities.

In her six years as a therapy dog, Koko's teddy bear qualities have touched thousands of lives. Koko and Steven "have been blessed" to see a young man persuaded to get up out of his wheelchair to "walk" Koko down the corridor of a major children's rehab hospital, to tour a large VA hospital and visit with soldiers young and old, to be among the first to greet troops returning from Iraq, to help improve the reading of inner city second graders in Newark, New Jersey, to achieve breakthroughs with severely autistic kids, and to "give some love" to medical staff, patients, police and EMTs in a busy hospital emergency department on a Sunday afternoon.

According to Steven, "People are amazed to find out that Koko is my first dog. While growing up, my mom never let me have a dog, so it would have been enough to spend these years just enjoying Koko, but to be able to work together in the many diverse places that we do as part of St. Hubert's Paws for People takes the experience of "dog owner/handler" to an entirely different level. I store away each and every "thank you," "God bless you," and the highest payment of all, "You made my day."

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"Norman," a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel owned by Susan Drastal of West Caldwell, New Jersey with The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.

Norman, a certified therapy dog since 1996, has made more than 600 therapy visits and still works today at the age of 13.

In 2001, Norman comforted families of the World Trade Center following 9/11 at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, NJ. Some families had small children and they would play with the dogs, while their parent discussed very serious issues with one of the rescue organization's staff. The dogs formed a line outside for all the family members to pet before they got on a bus that took them to the ferry that would take them into Manhattan. They were there when the family members received their loved ones' ashes from Ground Zero.

"Norman is definitely a natural when it comes to pet therapy," said owner Susan Drastal. "He seems to know which patients need a visit and will spend more time with certain people. Sometimes, patients are fearful of upcoming procedures, therapy, etc. and they will talk to Norman as if he knows what they are saying. He is small enough that I can put him in the bed or the lap of the person and he presses up against the patient. Sometimes, when we work with children, I have Norman do tricks to entertain them. Norman knows hand signals as well as verbal and the kids always want to make him do a trick. So, I let them say the command, but I am behind the child, giving a hand signal, and when Norman performs the trick, this delights the child."

*"If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between dogs and man"*

Mark Twain



## TBHC Agility Trial Update

Our agility trial is on track for Sunday **September 25**. Entries open next Wednesday, August 3, so the mail will begin pouring in after that. Remember this is the first year we'll be sharing our agility weekend with the Newfoundland Club – a nice group of people who are very much like us – a breed club interested in performance events. Come as early as you can on the 25th, and it's okay if you can't stay all day. Even a couple of hours of your time would be extremely helpful. Arapahoe Kennel Club and Onofrio Dog Shows will schedule Basset Hound judging early in the morning to accommodate our trial so exhibitors can show and drive up to the trial immediately afterward. This worked well last year. We can use all the help we can get to make this trial a success. Some jobs like jump setting and leash running require no experience and we do have a lot of slots to fill. We especially need people to come at the end of the day 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. to help break down and load the fencing, posts and equipment. The Newfie Club does the set up and it's our responsibility to tear down.

The location is **Arapahoe Park in Golden, Colorado**. From I70, exit at Ward Road, (1 exit west of Kipling) Go south (left) on Ward Road, 1 block; Go West on 44<sup>th</sup> St.; Arapahoe Park is approximately 1 ½ miles west of Ward Road, on the right. It's easy to find and you'll see a lot of dog activity and people scrambling in that location around early in the morning. You can't miss it!! The first dog runs at 8 a.m. sharp and it's a fast moving sport, so you will be busy the whole entire time you're there. This is Timberline's one big fund raising event and the profits from this trial pay for a lot of our awards, judges and other show expenses.



Wear your blue TBHC polo so exhibitors can identify you as a Timberline member. If you don't have one yet, you can order directly from Lands End in the size of your choice. **The shirts are Item #401359-CY9, color is True Blue**. Lands End has our embroidered logo pattern on file, so when you order, just ask for the Timberline Basset Hound Club logo and they will know what to use. You **can order on line, or call 800-587-1541**. Prices are reasonable and the polos are nice quality.

Timberline is offering a Canine Good Citizens test on site in the afternoon. Brant Rosten will judge for us. Gail will man the booth. Holding this CGC will count toward our AKC compliance requirements and is an important activity to give our club visibility in the local canine community.

Please do come, even for a short while, and contact me with questions – [bristleconeassets@yahoo.com](mailto:bristleconeassets@yahoo.com), 303-665-9007. Thank you so very much!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August meeting              | Sunday, August 7, 2011, Mojo Coffeehouse, Lafayette, 1 p.m.  |
| September meeting           | Sunday, September 18, Cindy Underhill's home in Boulder, 1 p.m. <b>or</b> possibly at Bark in the Park in Aurora, 1 p.m. |
| <b>September 25 Sunday</b>  | <b>TBHC All Breed Agility Trial – mark your calendars!!</b>  |
|                             | <b>Arapahoe Park, Golden, CO</b>   |
| Sept 30-Oct 7               | BHCA Nationals, Fort Mitchell, Kentucky  |
| November 5                  | Fun hunt, Colorado Youth Outdoors, Timnath, Colorado   |
| December                    | Christmas party – date to be determined  |
| TBHC Combined Tracking Test | Sunday, March 4, 2012 – approval is in and we have our judges  |

### BRAGS

**Cindy** CH Heritage Damsel In Dis-Dress ( Wirehaired Dachshund) owned by Cindy Underhill, went Best of Opposite Sex on Saturday under Kent Delaney and Select Bitch Sunday under Dr. Carolyn Hensley at the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club shows on July 2nd and third.

**Carol** Bristlecone's Oh Very Young (Crystal) bred and owned by Carol Makowski went Best of Opposite Sex at the Buckhorn Valley Kennel Club show on July 2.

*“If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.”*

Will Rogers