



DECEMBER 2016

Remember to sign up for the annual Holiday get together – Saturday, Dec. 10 @ 12:30 pm. TBHC is celebrating the season at Nicole's house, 4483 Meyers Ct., Castle Rock. Please see sign up genius for letting everyone know what you'll be bringing. See directions elsewhere in the newsletter. It'll be great to see everyone and have some time to visit.

Also, don't forget the gift exchange. If you bring one, you get one. It could be something Bassety or Doggy, but not necessarily. Cost should not exceed \$20.

We'll have a short meeting and choose a nominating committee for the coming year. Please let the committee know if you are interested in serving.



Upcoming Events

December 10, 2016

TBHC Holiday get together, Nicole's home.
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March 5, 2017

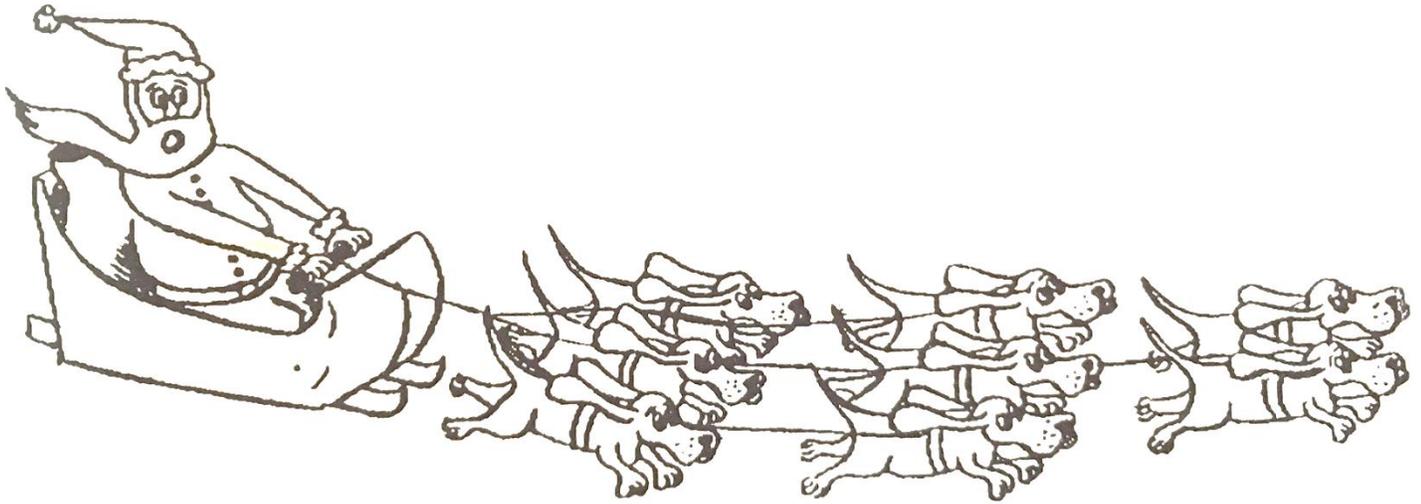
Tracking Test, Combined TD/TDX at Chatfield State Park. Judges are Jean Hilbig for both, Kathy Marshburn for TDX and a new local provisional judge, Milan Hess, for TD. Need a lot of help with this event.
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April 7, 2017

TBHC Specialties, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton, Colorado. Judges are Jackie Beare (Switzerland) in the a.m.; Bill Russell in the p.m. Our new secretary is Jan Curtis. You will be pleased. Terry All judges for Saturday and Sunday are Margaret Ledward (Basset Hound breeder judge from the UK) and Elaine Young. Group judges are Bill Russell and Sid Marx. A special get together, dinner and drinks are planned off site after the show.

Date and location of our agility trial is under discussion and we'll let you know as soon as a decision is made. An indoor location and possible date change are being considered.

There has been discussion about hosting a field seminar for hunt test and field trial enthusiasts in the Denver metro area. There is a need and we've heard from field participants in California and Texas who are interested in attending. Stay tune. Possibly March.



Christmas was scarcely one week away,
 On strike, Santa's reindeer went for more hay.
 "Meet our demands or Christmas is lost.
 We don't really care how much it will cost."

Said Santa, "I won't give in to that threat.
 I'll bring in replacements on that you can bet."
 For sleigh pullers he searched as he made all his rounds.
 But all he could find were eight Basset Hounds.

"I'll teach them to run, I'll teach them to fly.
 They can't trip on their ears when they're up in the sky.
 In the first few long days Santa worked with his team
 It all seemed to him like a very bad dream

He shook his grey head as he sat down to brood.
 "How can I teach them MUSH! doesn't mean FOOD?"
 Things improved as he tried a sneaky new trick
 He put a huge doggy biscuit on a very long stick.

"A shovel I'll need, they're so long and so low,
 They may very well get high centered in snow."
 Verbal commands they practiced in flight.
 "Haw" to the left and "Gee" to the right.

Before Christmas Eve he said, as he dressed,
 "To look at their eyes just makes me depressed.
 But my spirits are lifted and I knew we won't fail,
 When I see each one of them wagging his tail."

The first landing on a rooftop was a real dandy.
 "This pooper scooper I brought will sure come in handy."
 As he went down the chimney, Santa he begs,
 "I'll be just a minute, please don't cock your legs."

Before it was over Santa's nerves were a-fraying.
 From incessant howling and deep-throated baying.
 Folks all 'round the world were awaking
 Wondering what on earth was outbreaking.

When Santa came home, he sat on a stool,
 His head was all frozen and covered with drool
 Dog-tired, he said "I'll sleep for a week.
 Then a better rapport with my reindeer I'll seek."

Now when you see a Basset at work or at play,
 Remember the time that they saved Christmas Day.
 At times they're unruly and for food they are hogs,
 But they forever remain the most faithful of dogs.

(written by Eric Golbeck, Illustrated by DWN Goldbeck Johnson)
Submitted by Kim Trumbull. Thank you!



How to Recognize Signs of Holiday Stress in Your Dog

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Jingle bells are in the air, and with them come visits from your extended family, loud noises, distracting decorations, guest appearances from grabby kids and many other sensations related to the holiday season.

It's a lot to handle for a human, and it can be even more stressful for a dog **who doesn't have total** understanding or control of the situation.

While some dogs enjoy the increase in activity and new experiences that come with holidays, an equal **number of pups aren't fans of change. That's why it is** important to be able to recognize signs of stress in your pet, so you can remove them from overwhelming situations and help them relax.

Unfortunately, dogs can't eloquently speak on the particulars that are bothering them, but they do have **their own ways of letting you know "I am freaking out."**

[Camp Bow Wow's Training and Behavioral Expert Erin Askeland](#) has come up with a list of canine stress signs to look out for this holiday season, along with helpful ways to comfort your pet and ensure everyone enjoys this festive time of year.

Signs of Pet Stress

Lip Licking and Yawning – Both are indicators of stress. It is important to assess the exact situation. If a dog is lying on the couch by itself and licks its lips or yawns, it is most likely not stress. If a dog is being hugged, tugged on, etc., and begins to emit these warning signs, this is a clear indicator that he/she is now anxious.

Wide Eyes and Averting Gaze – Wide eyes and showing the whites of the eye both indicate that a dog is stressed out. Often dogs with this expression avoid your gaze as well.

Hackling (spiking of the fur along the spine) – For a dog, this is an involuntary response to his environment and can mean the dog is nervous and anxious.

Growling and Snapping – Never try to get a dog to stop growling; we WANT it to growl, as it lets us know that he/she is uncomfortable.

Stiff Wagging Tail – A dog that is experiencing stress (and may bite) will wag its tail in a stiff manner. Look out for a tail that is pointed high and moves quickly back and forth.

Shivering or Shaking – A stressed dog may shiver or shake and appear to be cold. This is typically not due to being cold, but due to being nervous and anxious. Again, you must look at the whole situation to determine the cause.

Cowering or Tail Tucking – This behavior indicates **that a dog is fearful. It doesn't mean the dog will bite, but could if the dog's fear continues to increase.**

Backing Away or Hiding – Whether the dog backs itself into a corner or tries to hide, this is a clear sign that the dog is uncomfortable and trying to escape. It is important to leave these dogs alone! Allow them to come to you.

Pacing and inability to settle down – A dog that is stressed may also pace around an area and not be able to relax into one spot.

How to Comfort Dogs Showing Signs of Stress

Provide a safe space – Set up a crate, separate room, bed, or other escape where the pet can lie down **and not be bothered. It's important to ensure** those around the pet leave it alone when it goes to its safe space.

Remove your pet from stressful situations – If a pet is stressed in a particular setting, the best thing you can do for yourself and your pet is to remove it from the situation entirely. Forcing a pet to be in a scary situation that causes it stress can make it worse and increases the risk of the pet injuring someone or themselves out of fear.

Occupy your pet – A little extra exercise and access to treats that take time to go through can help take the **pet's mind off of its stress and relax. A long-lasting** bone or chew paired with its safe space can provide relief.

Try a calming aid – There are also calming aids available like slow-paced, classical music, natural calming sprays, thundershirts, and pet rescue remedies that could help take the edge off your pet. **These may not work for every pet, and if the pet's** stress levels consistently get worse, it may be time to talk to a rewards-based trainer and veterinarian.

Off Leash with Thumper



By Susan Steinway, Thumper's mom

Waiting

When I walk Thumper, I have to wait a lot for him to sniff around. Sometimes I drop his leash and go on my way instead of waiting. He comes running to me when he's finished analyzing the scent news. I love seeing that happy face run to me. And I love knowing I can trust him to not run off.

When we are in the car, there is a lot of waiting at traffic signals, or to turn left, etc. He starts to whine if the car isn't moving. It makes me aware of how much waiting I do in the car. "We have to wait our turn," I tell him. Whine, whine.

Waiting: Waiting for the road to clear; waiting for Thumper to quit sniffing and peeing. How much of my life will be spent waiting? It makes me wonder why all the spare time.

Waiting involves patience and anticipation. There are some teachings that say if you hold the thought of what you want and if you feel like you already have it instead of complaining about your current situation, then you will attract what you want. Perhaps my new year's resolution should be to practice this during all my time spent waiting.



How many scent receptors do Basset Hounds have?

Second only to one (the bloodhound), these dogs have a serious sense of smell. Bassets have over **220 million smell receptors**, and the portion of their brains responsible for the sense of smell is 40 times that of a human's (humans, by the way, have just **five million scent receptors**)

Exactly how superior is the Basset Hound's nose?

It's said that if a pot of stew is cooking on the stove that a human can smell the stew but a dog smells the beef, carrots, peas, potatoes, spices, and all the other individual ingredients.

All dogs are superior to humans in terms of detecting odors. But some breeds, especially scent hounds, have better noses than others due to selective breeding.

Basset Hounds were originally bred in France to hunt by scent rather than sight. They were specifically used to trail small game such as rabbits and hare. Therefore, they were bred to have a strong ability to detect and distinguish odors and a relentless desire to follow a trail.

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