What’s Happening??  TBHC News

- Plum Creek Kennel Club has reserved a slot for Timberline to host a Basset Hound Meet The Breeds from 11 to noon on Saturday, February 16, Hall of Education Expo Hall, northeast corner. We’ll put up the club display and have handouts. The display may need a little work since it’s been in storage for awhile – some of the pictures are starting to loosen. Allow a little time before 11 to help get the display looking good. Glue, tape and scissors will be available. There will also be club handouts for the public. Come and bring your Bassets. This is a high traffic time of day and a great opportunity to talk to the public about our wonderful breed. It’s only one hour. You’ll need to pay for parking but if you tell the ticket sellers you’re there for Meet the Breeds, there should be no charge for getting in. Hopefully there will be a little time for us to get together and visit afterward.

- Our tracking test is Sunday, March 3 at Chatfield State Park. Several of us will be out there on Saturday plotting tracks. If you’ve committed to help (track layers, cross track layers, drivers, flag carriers), please confirm with Carol – bristlecone@bassets@yahoo.com. It takes quite a few people to put on a good test and we need each and every one of you. Jane reports receiving a good number of entries already. This is an all breed test with Basset Hounds getting priority. We should have at least one Basset Hound entry. The premium list is on our website.

- The deadline for submitting information on new titles earned the past year is March 1. Submit a photograph and completed form to Marilee Epperson so she can prepare the award plaques for handing out at our specialty luncheon. For a copy of the form, contact Marilee at bumblingb@aol.com. Please contact Fred or Sue Horne if you have an item to bring to the specialty raffle this year – sue.fred@comcast.net. Fred is handling the raffle this year.

- Our specialty show is coming up quickly – April 12. Premium list will be available soon. All is a go and we’re hoping for a nice entry.

- An educational program is in the planning stages for the month of June in the Denver metro area. Details will follow.

- We’re planning a picnic this year in July, possibly at DeKoevend Park in Centennial. This will be a pot luck open to all Basset Hounds and their owners. We’re planning games, demos, and lots of fun for you and your Hounds. Stay tuned.

- The club sent a get well card and gift card to Richard and Gail Day. Richard is taking medication and doing well. Send lots of good karma his way.

Officer and Board Nominations for 2013-14

VP/Treas: Betty Pearce
Recording Sec. Carol Makowski
Board members: Christina Cox, David Kingsmill
Board members remaining Gail Day
Through 2014: Marilee Epperson

At this time there is a vacancy in the president and corresponding secretary slots and hopefully those can be filled before the election.

Per Article VI, Section 5 of the By-Laws
Nominations may be made before February 10 by written petition to the Secretary signed by five members and endorsed by each additional nominee, signifying that person’s willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one office. Article VI, Section 5 of the TBHC By-laws

Additional nominations - The additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who were not nominated by the Nominating Committee or who declined such nomination as above provided. However, no person who has declined the committee’s nomination may be nominated by petition for the same position.

It's behind me... Isn't it..?
The “bunny” is 2 year old Julia Mae Brigham, daughter of Daniel Brigham and Amanda Bryant. Her good buddy is Classy, Ch Bristlecone’s Cocktails At Six, now 9 years old.

This lovely stained glass Basset Hound piece donated by Hal and Beverly Haddon will be offered for auction at our specialty. It’s very heavy and measures 28” by 65” so transporting will be difficult. We’ll be accepting bids by email to the secretary with a minimum to start. The window is beautiful with light shining through. The Basset depicted is one of Libby and Bill Sallada’s.

**BRAGS:**

Jane Jonas: Ch. Ambrican Chaynne Chaleureux, CD, RN, TDX, VC added her Advanced Rally title by Qualifying three days in a row at the Longs Peak Obedience/Rally trails this past weekend in Greeley, CO.

This was our first time in Rally Advanced B. She did a great job on her part while I tried to keep my footwork job as reliable as she was. I'm proud of this girl who will be 7 in March. How did the time go so fast??!!

Doug Taylor: Young male Ch Halcyon Double Jeopardy (Alex) went Hound Group III at one of the St Joseph, Missouri shows.

Ch Dogwood’s Ingot passed away on December 20, 2012. She will be missed by Cindy very much.
Basset Hound Thrombopathia (BHT) was first described by Johnstone and Lotz in 1979. Since that time investigators at Cornell, Michigan State, and Auburn University have studied the disorder in affected and carrier Basset hounds in attempts to understand the functional, biochemical, and molecular bases for the disorder. The disorder is due to a congenital/inherit signal transduction defect in platelets. Platelets are small, circulating cytoplasmic fragments that are the first line of defense in stopping the flow of blood from injured blood vessels. An important aspect of platelet function is their ability to stick to each other and plug holes in damaged vessels until blood clotting and tissue repair can occur. The platelets of dogs with BHT are defective in their ability to stick to each other due to the inability of the platelets to transmit internal signals properly. Therefore, these individuals are at increased risk for spontaneous hemorrhage and they are also at high risk for excessive hemorrhage as a result of injury or surgery. Affected Basset hounds experience spontaneous mucosal type bleeding (including gingival bleeding, particularly during permanent tooth eruption, gastrointestinal bleeding, urinary tract bleeding, and nose bleeds), and petechial and ecchymotic hemorrhages of the skin (bruising that can range from small, pinpoint lesions to lesions as large as a half-dollar or larger) and hemorrhage at the tips of the ears secondary to trauma. Skin lesions on the abdomen can best be observed where the hair tends to be thinner. Gastrointestinal bleeding may or may not be apparent. If bleeding is severe, the stools will appear black and tarry. Gastrointestinal bleeds can also be slow and insidious (microscopic and not visibly apparent) resulting in iron deficiency anemia with time.

Until recently, the disease could not be diagnosed without bringing dogs to a testing facility that specialized in studying platelet function disorders in animals. Although these methods were accurate in diagnosing affected dogs, the methods could not readily identify carriers of the disease. Carrier detection is vital in controlling spread of inherited defects and DNA testing is the only reliable method of detecting these animals. During the summer of 2006, the molecular basis for BHT was determined at Auburn University. A mutation was found in a gene that encodes for a signal transduction protein vitally important in transmitting signals that result in normal platelet aggregation and granule release. By using DNA testing, affected and carrier Basset Hounds can now be identified by simply submitting a blood sample through the mail.


The sample required for testing for BHT in Basset hounds is a 2 ml EDTA tube (purple top) containing at least 1 ml of whole blood. Care should be taken to not cross contaminate samples during collection, particularly if more than one dog is collected at the same time. Samples should be labeled clearly so that there is no confusion regarding sample identification. Samples should be kept cold (use ice packs; do not freeze the samples) and shipped overnight to the address below. Take care to make sure tubes are protected well to prevent breakage during shipping. Please do not ship on Friday or the day before a holiday. The fee for testing is $100 per sample. Make checks payable to: Auburn University, Department of Pathobiology.

Please provide the following information on each dog being tested:

Name and AKC Registration Number _____________
Male or Female (Circle one)
Age at time of sampling or Date of Birth ___________
AKC Registration Number of Sire _______________
AKC Registration Number of Dam _______________

I am hereby requesting this sample be tested for the mutation described as causing Basset Hound
Thrombopathia in Basset Hounds. I understand that my individual test results will only be released to me. I certify that I am the owner of this dog. I understand and agree that the results of this test may be confidentially combined with those of other owners and used in aggregate result form for research purposes including publication. I understand in aggregate result from my individual results will not be identifiable specifically to my dog. I release Dr. Boudreaux and any associates working with her and Auburn University from all liability regarding this sample.

Owner’s Signature Date____________________

Owner’s Name (print clearly or type)____________________

Telephone number ____________________________

Address Results should be sent to: __________________________________________

Send samples to: Mary K. Boudreaux, DVM, PhD
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College of Veterinary Medicine
Auburn University, Alabama 36849-5519
(334) 844-2692

Upcoming Events

February 16  Basset Hound Meet the Breeds at the National Western Hall of Education Expo Hall, 11 a.m. to noon
March 3   TBHC Tracking Test, Chatfield State Park, draw for TD is 7:45 a.m.
April 12  TBHC Specialty Show, Adams County Fairgrounds followed by luncheon
May 5   TBHC Hunting Performance Test, Peyton, CO (tentative)
July 14   TBHC picnic for Basset Hounds and their owners, DeKoevend Park, Centennial, CO (tentative)

Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,
If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
If you can do all these things,
Then you are probably the family Basset Hound.

Everyone is frustrated by barking dogs from time to time. Did you know you can stop barking without the use of corrections or aversive collars? Full Circle Veterinary Care is hosting me for a free talk on barking Friday February 22nd at 6:30pm at the Johnstown Senior Center in Johnstown CO. Email me training@thecognitivecanine.com or contact Full Circle 970.587.5140 for details!

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