

## November, 2017

The next regular meeting is Sunday, December 3, 1:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Denver Airport restaurant. Meet in the lobby at I70 and Chambers Road. We'll be meeting at the Nationals 2019 hotel periodically just to stay in touch and keep the facility fresh in our minds. On the agenda:

- HPT wrap-up
- Tally Ho ad
- Christmas Party
- Tracking in March
- Specialty in April

**Michele Alberts was voted in as a new member at the October meeting. Welcome to Timberline Michele and Bessie the Baussie!**

It's time once again to select judges for our specialty – this is for April 2019. **Please submit your suggestions to Carol – [bristlecone бассетс@yahoo.com](mailto:bristlecone бассетс@yahoo.com) – sometime prior to December 31** so they can be published in the newsletter and voted on in January. Include the judge's name and why you are recommending them. Doc and Vicki Steedle are judging for us in April of 2018, and Debbie Moore is doing our specialty in conjunction with Nationals in 2019. We'll need 2 conformation breeder judges and one sweepstakes judge for April 2019.

We'll also be needing a nominating committee to present the names of officers and board members for the coming year. If you are interested in serving on this committee or in being on the board please contact Susan – [Steinway\\_s@yahoo.com](mailto:Steinway_s@yahoo.com). The committee should decide on a slate by mid January.



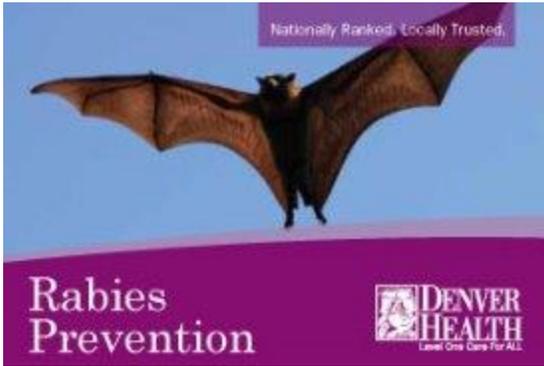
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY / GIFT EXCHANGE**

**DECEMBER 16, 2017**

**Plan on joining us for our annual Christmas/Holiday party and gift exchange at Nicole Yeanoplous' home, 4483 Meyers Court, Castle Rock, CO.** Nicole has sent out a sign up sheet for side dishes so please let her know as soon as possible what you plan on bringing. Also bring a gift for the gift exchange – if you bring one you get one. The item could be something Bassety or “doggie” but doesn't need to be. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. Please RSVP to Nicole – [badanimuls@msn.com](mailto:badanimuls@msn.com) . See you there!





## THE SCOOP ABOUT RABIES IN COLORADO

Rabies is a disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. It is transmitted in the saliva through the bite of an infected animal. Rabies causes severe inflammation in the brain and spinal cord and is fatal. All mammals are susceptible to rabies, including humans.

In Colorado and throughout the United States, many different wild animal species can carry rabies. Skunks and bats are the most significant sources of rabies in Colorado, but other animals such as dogs, cats, horses and livestock, can become infected with rabies through contact with wild animals. Small rodents and rabbits do not usually carry rabies.

Rabies is becoming more common in wildlife along Colorado's Front Range, placing both humans and animals at risk for this deadly disease.

Rabid animals usually show abnormal behavior, such as aggression, confusion or lack of fear of people.

Contact with infected wild or domestic animals places you and your family at risk for rabies infection. Immediate medical treatment is required if a person or domestic animal is exposed to rabies.

Rabies in humans is 100 percent preventable through prompt and appropriate medical care. Your health provider, possibly in consultation with your state or local health department, will decide if you need the rabies vaccination series.

### Get the facts

- Half of the people who die from rabies are under the age of 15.
- Rabies attacks the brain and spinal cord. If it is not prevented, it will cause death.
- In the United States, rabies has been reported in every state except Hawaii.

- Rabies gets its name from a Latin word that means "to rage" because animals with rabies sometimes act as if they are angry.
- Any mammal can get rabies. It can only be passed to another animal or a person through saliva. You cannot get rabies from blood.
- Animals with rabies may act differently. It's always best to stay away from wild animals and to be careful with other people's pets.

Improvements in animal control, animal vaccination programs and advancements in medical treatments have reduced the number of human deaths from rabies in the U.D. to two to three per year since 1990.

Protecting your pet with appropriate rabies vaccination(s) protects you. Check with your veterinarian for the proper schedule. ***Rabies vaccine must be administered by a licensed veterinarian in order to be valid in Colorado. Self administered vaccinations or vaccinations given prior to entry in the U.S. are not considered valid in this State.***

### What should I do if I am bitten by an animal?

Clean and wash the wound for at least 5 minutes with soap and water. All animal bites should be evaluated by a physician immediately. After seeking medical attention, contact your local public health department for guidance on rabies risk, next steps and to make a report. Antibiotics, a rabies vaccine and a tetanus booster might be needed. Treatment for rabies should begin as soon as possible to avoid death.

How can I reduce the risk of getting rabies?

Do not feed or interact with wild animals. Wildlife may be carrying the rabies virus and by close to them you risk becoming infected through bites and scratches. Vaccinate your pets (dogs and cats) to protect them from the rabies virus. If You've already vaccinated your pets, make sure their vaccinations are up-to-date. Keep pets indoors to limit their contact with wild animals. Do not feed pets outside.

Who do I contact about rabid animals?

If you or a family member has been in physical contact (even if it didn't bite you) with an animal that could have rabies, seek medical attention immediately and contact your local public health department. If you live in Denver County, call 3-1-1 or call Denver Public Health at (303) 602-3614.

If you see an animal, especially a wild animal, that is staggering, disoriented, overly aggressive without being provoked or acting in ways that seem unusual, contact Denver Animal Protection by calling (720) 713-1311.

***Have you heard of or used cold laser therapy?***

***Has your vet – or your doctor (chiropractor) -- recommended it?***

When my hound didn't want to move one day and the vet determined the problem was a back ache and the X-ray showed a calcified disc (arthritis), I learned about it. My usual local vet didn't have it, but another vet who is a friend and has an animal hospital recommended it.

Actually, he'd used it on me a few years earlier after shoulder surgery. It consists of a small machine that is connected to a wand. The machine is turned on and the wand is moved over the surface of the wounded area for several minutes. You can't feel anything other than the wand touching the skin (or, if you're a dog, hair). You can't see anything because it works at the cellular level. You can see the laser light, but you shouldn't look at it as it can damage the eyes. Protective glasses can avert that from happening.



My hound improved quickly after beginning two weeks of Prednisone and six cold laser therapy treatments. He stayed symptom free for five

months. When he started slowing down again, I started the Prednisone again and found a lower-cost vet to do the therapy. She said she uses it with horses also. This time, it only took three treatments for my dog to bounce back. This vet charged \$30/treatment where the previous vet had charged \$60, so shop around if you decide to use it.



After my vet friend had used it on my shoulder, I thought nothing of it and my shoulder improved like new. But after seeing its use with my dog, I think it's a miracle and I highly recommend it. I know there is no formal scientific proof that it works or exactly how it works, but seeing is believing.

***Susan Steinway***

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

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| <b>December 3, 2017</b>  | <b>Regular Meeting Crowne Plaza Hotel Restaurant 1 p.m.</b>                                     |
| <b>December 16, 2017</b> | <b>Annual Christmas party and gift Exchange, Nicole Yeanoplous' home in Castle Rock, 1 p.m.</b> |
| <b>March 4, 2018</b>     | <b>Combined TD/TDX Tracking Test, Chatfield State Park (Susan Steinway)</b>                     |
| <b>April 13, 2018</b>    | <b>Morning and Afternoon specialties, Adams County Fairgrounds (Mishka Killgore)</b>            |
| <b>April-May, 2018</b>   | <b>HPT at Mishka's in Ramah, CO. Dates TBD.</b>   |

Out of the past - Georgia and Eric White, Cherry Hills Basset Hounds at the TBHC Specialty. Recognize the location?

***HUNTING PERFORMANCE TEST  
NOVEMBER 4-5, 2017  
FOX AND HARE FARM  
RAMAH, CO***

This was our first 2-day Hunting Performance Test in Colorado and in spite of the 60+ mph winds it was a very successful test. And we had rabbits! Every stake had an opportunity and 2 of our club members came away with legs – first leg on Nicole’s young dog, Percy toward his Hunting Hound title, and first leg on Susan’s dog, Thumper toward his Senior Hunting Hound title. One of the dachshunds owned by Dawn Renee Mack also qualified. Three of our judges were new: Thom Stanfield, Joyce Vanek and Nicole Yeanoplous. Others who judged were Betty Pearce and Kathy Edwards. Thanks to Mishka for letting us use her property once again and congratulations to those who earned legs! Here are some photos. Note the windblown hair and ears flapping in the breeze.



*Christine Kim, Dawn Renee with Dachshunds and Judges*



*Mishka's property*



*Carol with Abner and Sparkle heading for brush pile*



*Buckley basking in the sun in her yard*



*Jane Jonas with Wyatt*



*Chris' hunting Basset cookies – chubby but cute!*



*Chris with Almondine in the field with judges watching*



*Susan and Thumper celebrating first leg SHH*



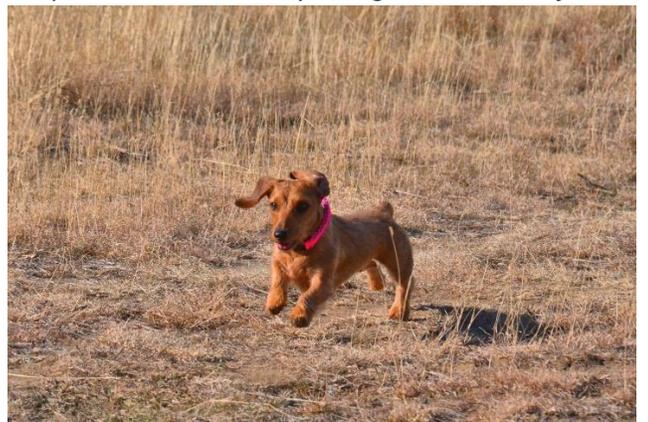
*Llamas wondering what is going on!!*



*Sparkle and Abner stayed together and had fun*



*Nicole and Percy celebrating first HH leg in solo*



*Flying Dachshund!*

*Twas the Night Before Christmas, when all  
though our home,*

*Not a basset was playing, not with pig ear, nor bone.*

*The stockings hung neatly, red cloth paws in a row,  
marking the home of good bassets - Santa would know.*

*The hounds were tucked in, nice and warm in my bed  
while sweet dreams of snausages danced in their heads.*

*In warm flannel PJ's, I checked on each hound,  
Then turned out the light, when I heard a strange sound.*

*The bassets were snoring, but that wasn't it -  
It came from the roof, a sound that wouldn't quit.*

*I jumped out of bed without waking a hound,  
Cranked open the window and looked all around.*

*The moon's reflection on the new fallen snow  
Gave the illusion of Frosty Paws to objects below.*

*Then I saw it - this is what made the strange sounds...  
A shiny red sleigh and eight baying hounds.*

*With Santa Paws driving and steering the sleigh,  
He had gifts for the bassets, I knew right away.*

*Much quicker than bunnies, in packs bassets came and  
Santa Paws whistled and called them by name.*

*"Now Cleo! Now Clarence!  
Now Maggie and Molly!  
On Caruso! On Dudley!  
On Mandy and Raleigh!*

*Sniff out the homes  
of the good little hounds,  
then onto their roofs, we'll arrive with a bound!"*

*As dust bunnies in the homes of hound's fly,  
when they meet with a broom and float to the sky,*

*so up to the roof tops the pack of eight flew,  
with a sleigh full of chewies and Santa Paws, too.*

*Now all the hounds were awake with the noise  
and excitedly pranced around for their toys.*

*'Shhhh', I told them, 'Don't make a sound'  
Just then Santa Paws came in with a bound!*

*On his back was a sack full of wondrous toys  
All ready for good little hound girls and hound boys*

*We tried to be quiet, but then one hound sneezed,  
and said, Santa Paws, fill our stockings - we've been very  
good -please?'*

*Santa's eyes spied the bassets and he smiled a smile  
that stretched cheek to cheek; he smiled a mile.*

*'Ho Ho Ho!', he bellowed, 'What a wonderful home,  
With a house full of bassets, you're never alone.'*

*Santa laughed a big chuckle with his hands on his belly  
that jiggled and shook like a bowl full of jelly.*

*We stared in amazement and watched happily  
as the old elf took each gift and put it under the tree.*

*After the stockings, he gave each hound a pat,  
then flew back up the chimney, where his own pack was at.*

*Each hound got a biscuit, then he sprang to his sleigh,  
'Hurry!' he said, 'before Christmas day!'*

*Onto all basset homes, Santa steering the hounds,  
Away they all flew with the most magical sounds.*

*Yet, I heard him exclaim as they drove out of sight,  
Happy Howlidays to All, and to All a Good Night!*

*Vickie, TK & Amber  
Bearpaw Bassets*

