



The Hound Express

March 2015

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Apologies for the delay in getting this Newsletter out to all members as our Editor was in the midst of moving. Thank you for your patience.



From Your President

Dear Members:

Spring is just around the corner and so is our Bloodhounds West Trailing Event to be held on March 21 and 22nd. With our Bloodhounds West VP and Trailing Committee Chair, Sue Sappok, and Barb Copeland, serving as Trial Secretary, you are insured a well-organized Trailing Weekend for you and your Bloodhounds along with friends, fun and good food.

I want to take a moment to say "Thanks so much" to all those involved in our Rescue effort. It seems to me that no matter what part we play with our Bloodhounds, whether it be Conformation, Tracking, Trailing, Search and Rescue, Pet Ownership, we all have a "HEART" for our Bloodhounds needing a loving home. I will just name a few, that I know, first-hand have been involved recently in rescuing, fostering and finding homes for our Breed...Pam Herranz, Josephine Lisowski, Susan Hamil, Randy Greenlee, Jan Stallings, Derek Thompson, Pat Moffitt, Lyn Sherman and those are just a few. Between Breeder Referral Central (Molly Nye), Emily Williams, who is so active in Rescue and Fostering, we are networking throughout the United States to find homes by forwarding our E-Mails to each other and it "is" working...God bless you all. Please remember that there are expenses for travel and to pick up the hounds, feeding them and providing medical care. Please support our Rescue financially. Our Rescue Chairman is Susan Hamil.

Please contact Susan at: CAH20372@aol.com if you wish to send funds to support our Rescue.

Our next Supported Entry for Bloodhounds West insofar as Conformation, is on Saturday 4/11 and Sunday 4/12 in Silverado, California , "The Hound Classic" also known as Western Hound. We plan a General Membership Meeting after we show on Saturday with a Luncheon hosted by Bloodhounds West. We hope all of you will plan to attend.

As President of the Club, I need to know how, we as a Club, can make the membership experience better for you. The meeting at Western Hound would be a perfect time for your positive thoughts on how we can do things better. Too much responsibility for Club activities falls on the shoulders of too few. So, we are hoping more of our Members will jump in and help us throughout the year with all of our plans. If you have an area where you would like to help, please let us know (no experience necessary). Hospitality (Conformation and/or Trailing), Fundraising, Trophies, Trailing, and Rescue all need your help. Please contact: Judy Walker at: bassetwalker@cox.net and let me know where your interests lie. I will be sending E-Mails to update you on the Events ahead. Be sure and mark your Calendar for the Supported Entry in Hollister, California hosted by Bloodhounds West North and Gavilan Kennel Club 5/2 and 5/3 and our Ventura Summerfest Show the first week of July, always a great time.

Our Club Membership is intended to be fun. Celebrating our Bloodhound Breed is what the Club is about. Sometimes, as Volunteers, we don't always meet each other's expectations. I'm hopeful that more of us will get involved and that we will continue to be positive and patient with each other.

Happy Spring and Happy Easter.

Hug your Bloodhounds every day!

Judy Walker, President
Bloodhounds West South



Trailing Committee:

If you still need, or want to try for your EECT, please contact Sue Sappok and we will help you get a date to test.

If you have never trailed before we can help you get started.

The Trailing Committee would like to thank everyone who is contributing to our trailing efforts for our ABC Sponsored Trailing Trial March 21 and Our Trailing Committee for 2015 consists of: Sue Sappok, Chair, Barb Copeland, Secretary, Rick Smith, Logistics Chair. The Trailing Trial Committee consists of: Sherri McGuire, Lyn Sherman and Barb Copeland.

*Let Sue know of any nice parks in your area that we could practice trailing at so we can have practices each month that will accommodate all members. **Every Monday in the high desert there will be a trailing practice.** Contact Sue for time and locations. We are searching for more areas in the Inland Empire for trailing activities and practices.*

Membership Committee: Sherri McGuire is handling all of the Club's membership responsibilities. Send your dues or questions about membership to Sherri at 17680 Linden St., Hesperia, CA 92345 (760) 964-7123; or Halnbns@aol.com.

Renewal is \$25, new memberships are \$35. Renewal or new application can be found at our website: Bloodhoundswest.org If you are a new member don't forget to sign the Code of Ethics page. Or you can pay via PayPal. Just put

membership renewal in the comment section.
Deadline to pay dues for 2015 is January 31, 2015.

NOTE: Deadline for dues has been extended to March 15, 2015. If your dues are not paid by then this will be the last Newsletter you will receive. So get your dues in to Sherri McGuire.

New Members:

We would like to welcome the following new members into Bloodhounds West – South:

Steve and Carol Boyd. The Boyds have been active in our club for the past year or more and Carol and her Bloodhound Joshua entered the trailing at the Nationals and obtained their MT title. They will be an asset to our club.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

None reported.

Braggs:

Let us celebrate with you. Send us your brags. Show results, special events just about anything you would want to share with all of us. We would love to hear about them.

Classified

No ads submitted.

Calendar of Events

March

- 1,2 Scottsdale, AZ
- 5,6 Sequoia KC, Hanford, CA
- 7,8 Kings KC, Hanford, CA
- 13,14,15 Del Sur KC, Valley Center, CA
- 21,22 ABC Bloodhounds West Trailing Trial
- 27,28 Kern County KC, Bakersfield, CA

In case we miss something these are your show websites: Jack Bradshaw; Onofrio; InfoDog.

Over The Rainbow:



No canine losses reported but sadly we did have some human losses. Our prayers to each of you.



Trailing Trial Committee:

March 21, and 22, 2015, ABC Trailing Trial sponsored by Bloodhounds West – Southern Chapter's Trailing Trial Committee consists of:

Barb Copeland, Sherri McGuire and Lyn Sherman

Trailing Trial Event:

Trailing Event Chair – Sue Sappok, (760) 954-8485
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Trailing Event Secretary – Barb Copeland, (951)
204-0025 or rocknroses@aol.com

Trailing Event Logistics Chair – Rick Smith

Do not hesitate to contact either Sue or Barb if you
have any questions.

**Event Secretary if you are
bringing a dish.**

**Come out and have some fun
with us. This is the time to
see what trailing is all about if
you have never trailed before
or just come out and help us
as we can always use the help
and enjoy everyone's
company.**

**ABC sponsored March Trailing
Trial entries are closed! We
have 6 MT trails with 1
alternate and 2 MTI trails
with 2 alternates. Good luck
to everyone! See you all at
Lake Skinner March 21 and
22, 2015. Base camp is at
campsites B-250 and B-251
and B-226. Be sure to check
in. A breakfast will be
provided each day as well as
lunch and a pot luck dinner on
Saturday night. Contact**

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Closing dates are the 20th of each month for the
following months' publication. Newsletter will
normally be completed and sent to all members
after the 25th each month. Don't forget to check
out our website: <http://bloodhoundswest.org>. We
are also on Facebook.

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opinion of the Editor or any club or club member. It is for
informational and entertainment purposes only.*

RESCUE SECTION

*Below are two rescues,
Franklin and Cyrus, within our
club that have found loving
forever homes and are also
entered in our Trailing Trial.
Way to go!!*



Cyrus



Franklin

MEET WYATT AND LOLA



Wyatt on left and Lola on right

When a bloodhound comes our way in need of re-homing, our dedicated volunteers do what they can to assist the owner in need of surrendering.

Contrary to popular belief, surrendering can be seen as a 'bad thing' and labeled in our beloved dog community as 'forbidden.' The way most dog owners see it, it can be upsetting, but surrendering is often one of the most *honorable choices* an owner or family can make. Especially when the owner chooses to surrender to a specific group, rather than opting to surrender their Bloodhound to a shelter, without knowing if their beloved pet will be euthanized in 72 hours or re-homed to a family unprepared for a slobbering hound.

Lola, a black and tan unspayed female was the first of three black and tan 'lady dogs' that would head our way, in a span of three weeks!

A colleague contacted me via e-mail (through a canine behavior academy we both attended) and she asked me to assist a friend's daughter (400

miles away) who bought a bloodhound puppy from a pet store that she no longer could handle. Lola was living in the backyard due to her slobbering and size. She would behave in all the classic manners that young bloodhounds do: counter surfing, jumping, and other things most of us bloodhound owners accept and usually laugh at.

However, the owners, although took steps wonderfully caring for Lola by hiring a trainer and dog walker—who eventually cared for Lola free of charge, they decided reluctantly they had made a mistake by bringing her home. Their heart was in the right place, but financially and emotionally, they could no longer care for Lola the way Lola needed.

It took 40+ hours and a half a dozen volunteers to assist in Lola's surrender. Starting with the colleague who reached out to me, Lola's new journey began. Susan LaCroix Hamil of Southwest BH Rescue also assisted in comforting Lola's owner, and getting her spayed prior to pick up. After speaking with Pam Herranz, vice president of Bloodhounds West, My first transport mission was underway!



LOLA

Driving down to Southern California, there was a surge of adrenaline and wonder because we never met Lola's family and there was the chance that the 'pick up' could go awry.

I found out quickly that trust needs to be established especially when a family is surrendering their companion. Prior to pick up, Lola's mom and I spoke over the phone on several occasions for surrender protocols such as completing the legal surrender application, going over Lola's behavior and medical history, and selecting a transport/pick up date. On several occasions, Lola's owner cried and although heartbreaking, I needed to stay strong for Lola and her owner.

In the end, my bloodhound Wyatt (aka foster brother) and I embarked on a life changing, long weekend road trip. Since Lola was spayed the night before, she slept the majority of the ride home.

There is a lot more to this story--- with that said, Lola is now rehomed. As are the other two beautiful black and tan females; Louloubelle and K9 Kala.

We hope Lola's story will encourage our Bloodhound Members to open their hearts to volunteering! We can always use transporters, foster homes, donations for medical exams, food, treats, toys, beds, ---pretty much anything a Bloodhound needs!

By Josephine Lisowski

Please feel free to contact the rescue committee members via the Bloodhounds West web page at: www.bloodhoundswest.org/rescue for further information!

See you at our Trailing Trial