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# Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter

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### Meet our cover dog!

**Owners: Justine and  
Mike Elges**

**Name:** Jack Daniel "JD".  
JD was rescued at 18 months and spent the next nine years happily in his forever home. He reached the Rainbow Bridge in February 2015.

### 2015 Board of Directors

**Gary Marshall**  
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**Pam Herranz**  
Vice President

**Kathleen Brown**  
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**Pat Moffitt**  
Recording Secretary

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Treasurer

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Contributions to your newsletter are always welcome.

## President's Message

I want to wish a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all Bloodhounds West members! With January just around the corner, it is time to reflect on what our club has accomplished and what is in store for the New Year.

Serving as President for the past two years we have successfully held the 2014 National, held several trailing camps, sponsored agility trials, and held our Regional show in Gavilan. It has been a pleasure to go and support other members as their dogs showed at various locations. If you are showing or participating in rally or obedience, please let club members and me know so we can come and support you as well.

We just finished having a very successful Trailing Trial at the end of November in Santa Rosa. Ten dogs ran trails for MT, MTI, and MTX titles.

Golden Gate Kennel Show is coming January 30-31 to the Cow Palace in San Francisco. This is a benched show. We will be doing a Meet The Breed. We will also be having our first 2016 Club Meeting on that Saturday sometime after lunch. Time and location will be announced at a later date. Hope everyone can come and participate not only in the meeting but to support those who will be showing.

If you have any ideas of what you would like the club to do in the coming year, please bring those ideas to the meeting or send me an email.

See you soon . . . Happy Trails!

**Gary Marshall**, President  
**Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter**



(With a nod to *Jurassic World*)

Our President: "*Don't worry, I got this!*"

# Election Results

By **Pat Moffitt**, Recording Secretary

For 2016, all club officers except our Treasurer, **Kay Schmitt**, chose to continue in office. **Kay** decided to step down after serving as Treasurer for two years (and after serving for many years as Corresponding Secretary and *BONCKERS* editor).

The club's five directors serve a five-year term with one director's term expiring each year. This year **Michele Jay Russell's** term was up. **Michele** served one year after being appointed to fill the unexpected vacancy of **Andy Hilkey's** remaining term.

A Nominating Committee was formed to develop a complete slate of candidates. The slate was prepared and emailed to all members on October 15. Our bylaws then provided a 30-day window during which any member may nominate an alternative candidate for any officer position or for the vacant director position.

Since no additional nominations were received by the Recording Secretary during the 30-day period, our bylaws state the slate as submitted by the Nominating Committee shall be deemed elected.

I am pleased to announce the 2016 officers for  
Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter:

**Gary Marshall**, Castro Valley, CA      **Pam Herranz**, Burlingame, CA  
President      Vice President

**Kathy Brown**, Olivehurst, CA      **Pat Moffitt**, Windsor, CA  
Corresponding Secretary      Recording Secretary

**Aldo Branch**, San Jose, CA  
Treasurer

The new director is: **Diane Branch**, San Jose, CA

Directors fulfilling existing terms and not up for election are:

**Amanda Gardner**, San Mateo, CA      **Cindi Sims**, Lotus, CA

**Mike McMillan**, El Sobrante, CA      **Suzi Paine**, Tacoma, WA

A sincere thank you goes to both **Kay** and **Michele** for their contributions during their time as Treasurer and Director. We now wish the new slate of officers and directors the best of luck during their coming terms.

## New Officers and Membership Chair

### *Diane Branch, Director*



I first became involved with bloodhounds back in 2011. My husband, **Aldo**, had been reading about rescued hounds that **Pat** was taking care of. At the time I was trying to heal from the untimely passing of my beloved Golden Retriever, Kailee. **Aldo** started sharing Belle's story with me which began to pull on my heart strings. So within a month of my heart breaking it began to heal with the adoption of Belle. Belle was a timid rescue but with our encouragement and love she started trusting us. I became a club and ABC member two years later.

In April 2014 we obtained a second bloodhound, Saidee. I am very proudly showing Saidee in conformation and this past June she became Ch Hunterhound the Grail Maiden. I have met so many nice people through Bloodhounds West and made some wonderful friends. That is why I'm looking to give back to the club by volunteering for the director's position.

### *Elaine Marshall, Membership Chair*



I am an active member of Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter and the American Bloodhound Club. I look forward to becoming the new Membership Chair in January.

My first experience with bloodhounds was with a 3-year-old rescue named Dixie. She came with a lot of issues, but with a lot of love and hard work she turned herself around and won a special place in our heart. We decided to expand our bloodhound family with Dakota, Diamond, and Darla. Dixie raised them as if they belonged to her. Dixie passed over the Rainbow Bridge when she was 11 years old and took a piece of our heart with her. Then Denali came and there are now four, yes, four bloodhounds! All have received their EECTs and Dakota has his CGC. Our home is full of love and drool that only a bloodhound can give.

I hope to share my love of the breed with new members that join our club.

### *Aldo Branch, Treasurer*



I have been a member of Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter since 2011, and a member of the American Bloodhound Club since 2013. For the past couple of years, I have been the Membership Chair for BWNC, and I am now looking forward to serving the club and its members as the club Treasurer.

My wife **Diane** and I are currently owned by two bloodhounds, Belle and Saidee. Belle was our first bloodhound, obtained through Bloodhounds West rescue. She obtained her MTI man-trailing title at the ABC Nationals in Ohio this year. Saidee (Ch Hunterhound the Grail Maiden, MT) was obtained from Hunterhound Kennels in Australia. Saidee will be attempting to pass her MTI trail at the **Judy Robb** Memorial Trailing Trial in November. Prior to bloodhounds, we

owned Newfoundlands, a Samoyed, and a Golden Retriever. (Photos by the talented **Nona Perez**)

# Thank You, Kay!

By **Suzi Paine** for Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter



Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter (BWNC) extends great gratitude and wonderful wishes to **Kay Schmitt** who is retiring as our Treasurer (and former Corresponding Secretary and co-editor of *Bonckers*). **Kay** and her husband **Ray** raised, trained, showed, and worked bloodhounds for many years. They were active in SAR work, participating in many searches and providing SAR education to schools and agencies in the Northern California area. They also showed and bred several lovely bloodhound champions.

**Kay** has been a long-time active BWNC member with many accomplishments to her credit. She acted as

Secretary for our November **Judy Robb** Memorial Trailing Trials. She developed and chaired the beautiful and most successful inaugural American Bloodhound Club Top Twenty event in Auburn, WA in 2005, which formed the model for this popular National event we now look forward to each year. She also chaired the 2014 Top Twenty in Sacramento, another successful and beautifully designed event. Along with the late **Judy McBride**, **Kay** developed and has guided the BWNC/ABC Agility Trials, a first for the ABC and major fundraising events for the past several years. In addition to all these activities, **Kay** also served several terms as Treasurer for Pacific Rim Bloodhound Club, the Northwest region's



club, retiring from this position in 2014. She participates and continues to lead our club in numerous large and small ways, always positive and ready to do whatever is needed.

Although **Kay and Ray** no longer live with bloodhounds – they have “downsized” and are the proud owners of two handsome champion whippet boys, Rocky and Chase – **Kay's** interest in our breed and the success of our club continues to be strong and active. Thank you, **Kay**, for all you have done and continue to do for us! We are so privileged to have this talented and hard-working lady among us, and I am honored to call her friend.

Congratulations on your retirement, **Kay**, and we look forward to your continued participation and support!



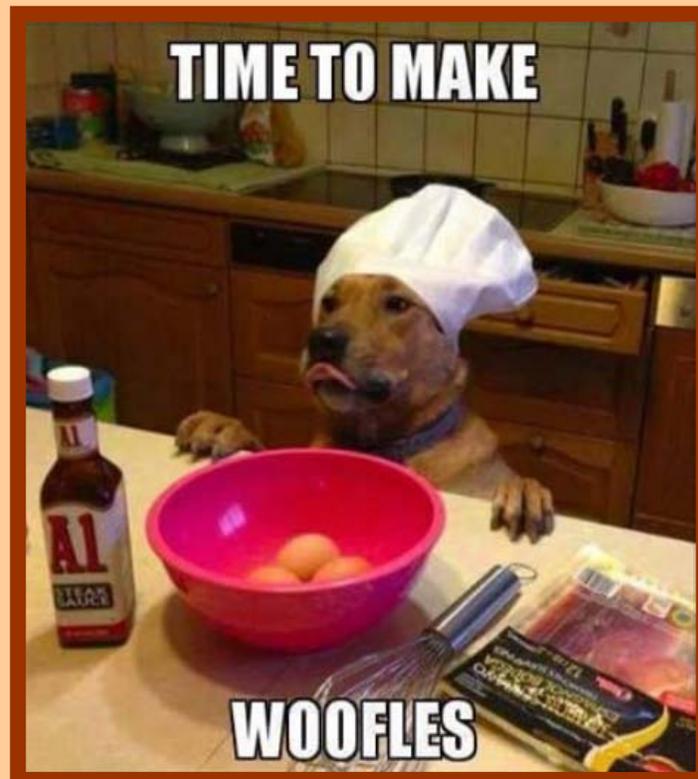
## Membership Update

By **Aldo Branch**, Membership Chair

This is my final membership report. It has been my pleasure to serve Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter as membership chair for the past few years. Effective January 1, 2016, I will pass the membership chair position to **Elaine Marshall**, and will begin my tenure as the club Treasurer.

With the approval of membership applications from **Susan Springer**, **Lisa Jones**, and **Kimberly Basham**, we will have added eight new members in 2015. The addition of these three new members brings our total membership count to 48 voting members (family memberships count as one).

It is that time of year again! Renewal dues for calendar year 2016 are \$25 per voting membership. Payment is due on or before January 31, 2016. Recently admitted members and members who have adopted a bloodhound through our rescue **this year** do not have to pay renewal dues until calendar year 2017. Please send your 2016 renewal dues to **Elaine Marshall** at 21143 Ashfield Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546. A membership renewal form is provided on the following page.



# 2016 Membership Renewal Form

## *Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter*

*Membership dues (\$25) are due on or before **January 31, 2016***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Numbers:

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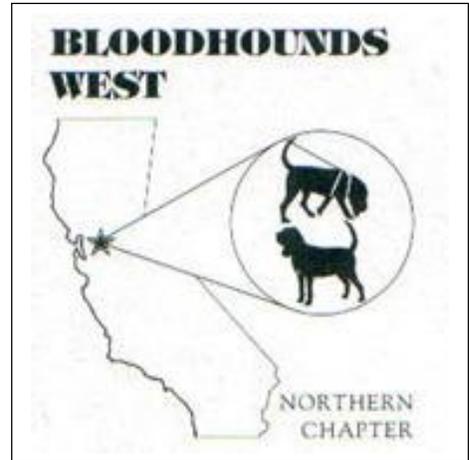
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Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email2: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_



Please list your bloodhound names, titles, and date of birth (or adoption date) here:

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**Member's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form and a check for \$25 (payable to Bloodhounds West) to:  
**Elaine Marshall** 21143 Ashfield Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546

You may also submit your dues through Paypal at [BW4Paypal@aol.com](mailto:BW4Paypal@aol.com) (please enter your membership information in the Paypal comment section). If you renew via Paypal, please still send **Elaine** your renewal form showing any corrections, changes, or additions to your information.

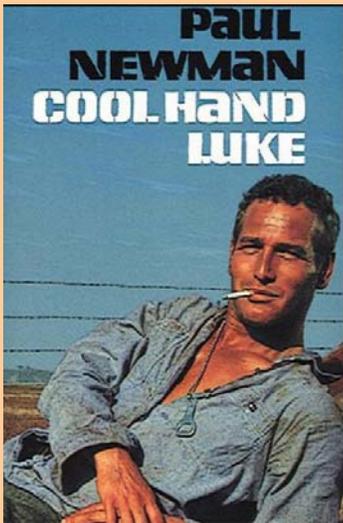


## Bloodhounds in Literature

**Cool Hand Luke** is a 1967 American prison drama film directed by **Stuart Rosenberg**, starring **Paul Newman** and featuring **George Kennedy** in an Oscar-winning performance. **Newman** stars in the title role as **Luke**, a prisoner in a Florida prison camp who refuses to submit to the system. The film, set in the early 1950s, is based on **Donn Pearce's** 1965 novel of the same name from which this quote is taken.

But Luke's trail became confused and then lost among the footprint's trampled in the sand and the complications of the various scents of the community. The dogs were led away, taken out to the nearby road and patiently circled this way and that. Eventually the scent was picked up again. With whoops and hollers the posse climbed a fence and started across an open cow pasture. And then, without warning, in the middle of nowhere at all, just like that – the trail stopped.

*“And then, without warning, in the middle of nowhere at all...”*



The dogs went round and round, yelping with confusion. Sneezing and gagging, they began scratching at their muzzles with their paws. Cursing and stamping his feet with anger, the Dog Boy realized what had happened. The Negroes had given Luke all the black pepper and all the chili pepper and curry they had in their kitchens so he could sprinkle it behind him as he ran to obliterate his trail in a fine, irritating cloud.

It was more than an hour before the dog's noses began to clear. Even then it was mainly due to the Dog Boy's skill and persistence that they were able to put the dogs in the right direction.

All day and into the night they would find the trail and then abruptly lose it again in a cloud of spices, quite aware that Luke was hidden within a stone's throw of them, lying in the bushes somewhere and watching them, resting up for his next dash. But all they could do was persevere, patiently unraveling the snarled patterns of his escape. ...

(Source: book, Google, and Wikipedia)



# Conformance Show Results

Prepared by *Kay Schmitt*

August 1, 2015

## **RICHMOND DOG FANCIERS**

Judge: Mr. *James E. Fredericksen*

BOB: 2 GCH pts. GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather

August 2, 2015

## **RICHMOND DOG FANCIERS**

Judge: Mr. *Whitney J. Coombs*

BOB: 2 GCH pts. GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather

August 14, 2015

## **ABC NORTHWEST REGIONAL SPECIALTY**

**SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE:** Ms. *Janet Kelly*

**Best Veteran Bitch:** GCH. Pinehollow's Watch For Ice

**BREED JUDGE:** Mrs. *Lesley Hiltz*

**BOB:** GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather

**BOS:** GCH Pinehollow's Watch For Ice

**SELECT BITCH:** CH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden

**AOM:** GCH Buffalo Groves Sassy's Tinkerbelle, MT

**BVB:** GCH Pinehollow's Watch for Ice

August 15, 2015

## **OLYMPIC KENNEL CLUB**

Judge: Mr. *Dana P. Cline*

BOBOH: CH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden

SELECT: GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather

August 16, 2015

## **OLYMPIC KENNEL CLUB**

Judge: Mr. *Jeffrey G. Pepper*

SELECT: CH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden

SELECT: GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather

August 22, 2015

## **MENSONA KENNEL CLUB**

Judge: Ms. *Sharol Candace Way*

1/W/OS: McGuire's Good Golly Miss Molly of CNG

SELECT: GCH M&M's Price of Freedom

- August 23, 2015 **MENSONA KENNEL CLUB**  
Judge: Mr. **Joe Walton**  
1/W/OS/BP: McGuire's Good Golly Miss Molly of CNG  
BOB: 4GCH pts. GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather  
SELECT: GCH M&M's Price of Freedom
- August 29, 2015 **GOLD COUNTRY KENNEL CLUB**  
Judge: Mrs. **Sulie Greendale-Paveza**  
1/W: McGuire's Good Golly Miss Molly of CHG  
BOB/Group 3: 2 GCH pts: GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather  
Rally Novice Title:99 pts GCH Heroes In Your Dreams Mandolin
- August 30, 2015 **GOLD COUNTRY KENNEL CLUB**  
Judge: Ms. **Sharon V. Derrick**  
BOB: 3GCH pts.: GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather
- September 12, 2015 **SIR FRANCIS DRAKE KENNEL CLUB**  
Judge: Mrs. **Sandy Gelinis**  
SELECT: CH Loamy Lane's McKinney
- September 13, 2015 **SIR FRANCIS DRAKE KENNEL CLUB**  
Judge: Mrs. **Karen C. Wilson**  
SELECT: CH Loamy Lanes' McKinney
- September 19, 2015 **TWO CITIES KENNEL CLUB**  
Judge: Mr. **Joe Tacker**  
BOB: CH Ridgerunner Constant Comment RN CGCA
- September 20, 2015 **TWO CITIES KENNEL CLUB**  
Judge: Ms. **Elizabeth Mutherd**  
BOB: CH Ridgerunner Constant Comment RN CGCA
- October 3, 2015 **DONNER TRAIL KENNEL CLUB**  
Judge: Mr. **Alberto Berrios**  
BOS/BOBOH: CH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden  
BOB: 3GCHpts: GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather  
SELECT: CH Loamy Lanes' McKinney

October 4 2015

**DONNER TRAIL KENNEL CLUB**

Judge: Mrs. *Donnelle Richards*

BOB: 2GCHpts: GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather

BOS: CH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden

SELECT: CH Loamy Lanes' McKinney

October 17, 2015

**DEL VALLE DOG CLUB OF LIVERMORE**

Judge: Mr. *Elliott B. Weiss*

BOS: CH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden

SELECT: CH Quiet Creek's Blarney Stone

October 18, 2015

**DEL VALLE DOG CLUB OF LIVERMORE**

Judge: Mrs. *Edith Tichenor Hanson*

BOS/BOBOH: CH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden

SELECT: CH Quiet Creek's Blarney Stone



## ABC Top Twenty Winner



Winner Of The 2015 American Bloodhound Club Top Twenty

► GCH Badgershill Muldoon of Heather ◀

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(**Lyn Sherman's** beloved "Knotty" won the very first ABC's Top Twenty at the 2005 National. I chaired that Top Twenty with **Suzi Paine's** help. She was Show Chairman and the idea to introduce the Top Twenty was hers. – **Kay Schmitt**)

### Bloodhounds West, Southern Chapter, Meeting Planned

Bloodhounds West, Southern Chapter, will hold a membership meeting on Saturday, December 5, at the Shoreline Dog Fanciers Show at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. We will meet after we show based on our show times.

We hope all will join us as we plan club events for the coming year and discuss our leadership and committees. If you will email **Judy Walker** at [bassetwalker@cox.net](mailto:bassetwalker@cox.net) with an RSVP, the Club will order enough pizza for all those who have responded.

Looking forward to a New Year filled with bloodhounds and fun. – **Judy Walker**

# ABC National Show Story

## “On The Road to the 2015 Nationals” by *Pam Herranz*

October 22, 2015, 6:00 AM, was the start of our 34-hour road trip to Wilmington, OH (only 2,500 miles to go). **Aldo, Diane**, me, “Belle”, “Saidee”, and “Mack” packed into the **Branch’s** Chevy Suburban. Highway 80 here we come! Are we there yet?



We went from California to Nevada to Utah to Wyoming to Nebraska to Iowa to Illinois to Indiana then Ohio. We traveled in all four time zones. **Aldo** did all the driving. Thank you, **Aldo**. I did offer, right **Diane**?

We even got to meet up with **Lyn Sherman** on our second day in Omaha, Nebraska.

We had a BLAST! No, literally, “Mack’s” farts were blasting us out of the car. I made a mistake by adding *Evanger’s* canned rabbit to his meals, it definitely did not agree with his tummy. “Mack’s” fart’s were making **Aldo’s** eyes water and **Diane’s** hair curl.

The scenery was fantastic. The Fall foliage along the drive was gorgeous. We even crossed the Mississippi River.

They have some strange gas stations in the eastern states, i.e., *Love’s Gas Station* and *Kum & Go Gas*. Did you know that the



**Pam, “Mack”, and Diane**

*McDonald’s* in Nebraska serves a steak and eggs *McMuffin*? It was delicious, it’s a hamburger patty with grilled onions topped with an egg and cheese in an English muffin.

We arrived at the hotel in Wilmington on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. We got to sleep in Sunday morning.

First two days were for tracking and trailing. I even got to lay a trail with **Aldo** for one of the participants. Their trails are easy compared to the ones that we do in our area, piece of cake. That was fun!

There were 18 trails run at the Nationals resulting in 10 new titles awarded. “Belle” and **Aldo** were the only team of the six MTI trails to pass, congratulations! (*Thanks, Pat! – Aldo*)



**Larry Fenner, Lyn Sherman**, and ABC President **Camille McArdle** – “Muldoon” wins ABC Top Twenty!

“Saidee’s” breeder from Australia, **Michelle Ashpole**, arrived on Sunday. “Mack’s” breeder from Belgium, **Linda Van Der Sichel**, arrived on Monday. **Michelle** offered to show “Mack” at the Ohio Nationals and Regionals. The ring was huge. It gave “Mack” a chance to show how he can really strut his stuff. “Mack” made the cut in Best of Breed out of 55 bloodhounds. They both did fantastic. **Michelle** was so proud of “Mack”, even if he did whine a lot and kept looking for his mommy, who had to hide behind the black curtains. At least I got to see the videos. I’m so proud of my “Mackey Doodle.”



**Lisa Jones, Michelle Ashpole, Linda Van Der Sichel, Diane Branch, Aldo Branch, Mary Ginter, Tony Ginter, and Pam**

“Mack” got to meet his brothers “Magic” (littermate) and “Nigel” (from the second litter). “Saidee” won first place in the 18-24 months Bitch Sweepstakes at the Nationals and Owner Handler Best of Breed at the Regional. “Saidee” is such a Pro. She practices a lot with her mommy.

We had way too much fun every single day at the Nationals from morning to evening. We had a great time with all our bloodhound friends from all over the US and from foreign countries. It was great seeing the ABC members who attended our 2014 Nationals. And we got to meet even more ABC members in Wilmington.

Then the fun had to come to an end, very sad. We had to say good-bye on Sunday, November 1. On the road again, back to sunny California. **McDonald’s** in Nevada did not have a steak and egg **McMuffin**, very disappointing! But Nevada did provide an unexpected snow storm that slowed things down a bit, but we made it through safe and sound – thanks again, **Aldo**.



**Diane and “Saidee”**



**Jan Rothwell, Aldo Branch, “Belle” and Carl Chandler with the MTI award**

Till we all meet again in Chattanooga, Tennessee for the 2016 Nationals. (Photos by **Diane** and **Aldo Branch**)

## Regional Specialty Update

by **Suzi Paine**



Photo by **Nona Perez**

Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter, members are climbing aboard to support planning for an exciting Regional Specialty show on Friday, May 6, 2016, with supported entry events on Saturday and Sunday (May 7 and 8) in conjunction with the Gavilan Kennel Club show in sunny Tres Piños (about 10 miles by truck southeast of Hollister, Calif.).

**Myron Robb** will judge sweepstakes (both puppy and veteran) and **Bill Russell** will judge the regular/non-regular classes and BOB.

Dinner Friday night will be with the Gavilan Kennel Club just following our specialty. We are working on a Bloodhounds West dinner at a restaurant for Saturday night which we hope will include a raffle, club meeting, and lots of social time!

**Suzi Paine** is our lead driver for this spectacular event assisted by experienced teamsters **Aldo Branch, Gary Marshall, Pam Herranz, and Lyn Sherman.**

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these exciting events, hitch a ride with Show Chair **Suzi Paine** at (253) 535-1408 or [themaja@comcast.net](mailto:themaja@comcast.net).

Look for more information in a special mid-January email!



Keep on Truckin'

*All roads  
lead to Gavilan  
in 2016!*

♪ On the road again, like a band of gypsies we go down the highway  
We're the best of friends, insisting that the world be runnin' our way ♪  
And our way, is on the road again, just can't wait to get on the road again  
- **Willie Nelson** 1980

## Bloodhound Conformance



History: August 2013, "GCH Badgershill Play It Again" with show judge and **Pat Moffitt** at the Mensona Kennel Club show earning Best of Opposite Sex and enough points to become a Grand Champion. (*Ken O'Brien* photo).

### Two-Day All-Breed Handling And Grooming Seminar

Two Cities Kennel Club is offering a two-day all-breed handling and grooming seminar January 16 & 17, 2016, at the Yuba-Sutter Fair Grounds in Yuba City with **Eric Salas**. The workshop is designed to develop and master skills of all levels.

**You will learn** problem solving: pulling on the lead, crabbing, bait surfing, lagging, backing away from judges, lack of confidence. **You will learn** to communicate and read K9 behavior, eliminate dog show burn-out, fix problems before they happen, and develop focus and desire to show. **And you will learn** the art of presentation vs. standing in the ring with a dog, how to choose the best equipment, getting the most out of your dog, perfect stacks, fine-tuning the gait, and how to make your dog stand out.

One day is a grooming workshop, the other day is a handling workshop. You may register for one or both days, with or without your dog.

For more info contact **Mary Carter**, 530-933-4216, [dogwood222@aol.com](mailto:dogwood222@aol.com), or their website: [www.Twocitieskennelclub.com](http://www.Twocitieskennelclub.com). Checks must be received by December 15.

*(Editor's note: Bloodhounds West does not endorse or recommend any commercial products, trainings, or services. This information is provided simply as a service to members.)* Thank you, **Kathy**

# Bloodhounds in the News

## Bloodhounds and Pepper

*But it worked in the movies. . .*

Early in the morning of June 6, 2015, two inmates were discovered missing from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, NY. After weeks on the run, one was shot dead on June 26 and the other was shot and captured on June 28, 2015. There were news reports of ground pepper being scattered by the two inmates to confuse the bloodhounds used during the three-week search.

“We can confirm that pepper was used by the inmates to try and elude canine teams, but have no evidence that it helped the inmates elude law enforcement,” the New York State public information office said in an email to *DogWatch*, newsletter of the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

“It’s extremely unlikely that that would work,” said **Alexandra Horowitz**, a dog cognition expert in a *New York Times* article. **Dr. Horowitz**, who directs the Dog Cognition Lab at Barnard College in New York and is writing a book about dogs’ sense of smell, explained that as people move, they slough off dead skin cells, and the scent from those cells lingers both in the air and on the ground.

“There is no way that people can erase the olfactory information that they are leaving when they move through space and touch things in the world,” **Dr. Horowitz** added. “The dog is more effective than the escapees’ attempt to elude the dog.”

This myth was also busted on the TV show “*MythBusters*” in 2007. They tried pepper to confuse “Morgan”, a trained bloodhound. None of their techniques worked.

(Sources: *New York Times*, June 30, 2015; *DogWatch*, October 2015; and *Wikipedia*).



Bloodhounds and handlers outside the Clinton Correctional Facility, NY. (Photo from [a.abcnews.go.com/images/US/AP\\_clinton\\_correctional\\_facility](http://a.abcnews.go.com/images/US/AP_clinton_correctional_facility))

# Bloodhound Health

(Editor's note: this is an older study (2006) but is useful if you're not aware of the findings).

## Dry Dog Food Ingredients and Risk of Bloat

Gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV), or more simply, bloat, is a leading cause of death in bloodhounds. Bloat occurs when the hound's stomach twists thus sealing both ends and trapping blood and gas. The enlarged stomach puts pressure on internal organs and can lead to difficulty breathing, shock, and unfortunately, death.

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, with support from the **American Bloodhound Club** and other national breed clubs, has provided grants to research veterinarians to study GDV. One published report (cited at the

“...the authors reported an unexpected finding of ...”

end of this article) from these grants looked at the ingredients in dry dog food on the risk of GDV.

The purpose of their study was to identify any association between the type of ingredients among the first four listed on a dry dog food label and the risk of GDV. The dogs studied included **bloodhounds** and ten other large breeds. They were limited to those that consumed a single brand of commercial dry dog food; the dogs were followed for four years. There were 279 dogs in the study including 85 dogs that developed GDV and 194 dogs without GDV (the control group).

While the study intended to look at plant and animal product ratios, the authors reported an unexpected finding of a significant increased risk of GDV when an added oil or fat ingredient was listed among the first four label ingredients. **This was a significant 2.4-fold increased risk of GDV.** They mentioned how stomach emptying is partly affected by the composition of food. Carbohydrates and protein are emptied from the stomach faster than fat. They suggested that delayed stomach emptying aggravated by added fats in the diet may, over time, predispose dogs to GDV. The authors stated: “These findings suggest that the feeding of dry dog foods that list oils or fats among the first four label ingredients predispose a high-risk dog to GDV.”

On their main investigation, the study concluded: “Neither an increasing number of animal-protein ingredients nor an increasing number of soy and cereal ingredients among the first four ingredients significantly influenced GDV risk.”

**M. Raghavan, N. Glickman, and L. Glickman.** (2006) The Effect of Ingredients in Dry Dog Foods on the Risk of Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus in Dogs. *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Assoc.*, Vol. 42, No. 1, pages 28-36. <http://www.jaaha.org/doi/abs/10.5326/0420028>





## Ingredients in Some Common Dry Dog Foods

| Dry Dog Food Brand                                                                                                | Ingredients Listed on Label |                 |                     |                   |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                                                                   | First                       | Second          | Third               | Fourth            | Fifth              |
| Blue Buffalo Life Protection                                                                                      | chicken                     | chicken meal    | brown rice          | barley            | oatmeal            |
| Eukanuba Large Breed                                                                                              | chicken                     | corn meal       | whole grain sorghum | chicken meal      | ground barley      |
| Iams Proactive Health                                                                                             | chicken                     | corn meal       | whole grain sorghum | chicken meal      | ground barley      |
| Nutro Max Chicken & Rice                                                                                          | chicken meal                | whole wheat     | wheat flour         | ground rice       | corn gluten meal   |
| Pedigree Large Breed                                                                                              | whole corn                  | poultry meal    | corn gluten meal    | <b>animal fat</b> | meat & bone meal   |
| Purina One Smartblend                                                                                             | chicken                     | brewer's rice   | poultry meal        | corn gluten meal  | whole wheat        |
| Purina Pro Plan Focus                                                                                             | chicken                     | brewer's rice   | whole wheat         | corn gluten meal  | whole corn         |
| Royal Canin Maxi Adult                                                                                            | chicken meal                | brewer's rice   | wheat               | brown rice        | <b>chicken fat</b> |
| <i>Eight above from <a href="http://bluebuffalo.com/">http://bluebuffalo.com/</a></i>                             |                             |                 |                     |                   |                    |
| Beneful Original Chicken                                                                                          | ground corn                 | chicken meal    | corn gluten meal    | whole wheat flour | <b>animal fat</b>  |
| <i>One above from <a href="https://www.beneful.com/">https://www.beneful.com/</a></i>                             |                             |                 |                     |                   |                    |
| Natural Balance Original Ultra                                                                                    | chicken                     | brown rice      | chicken meal        | oats              | potatoes           |
| <i>One above from <a href="http://www.naturalbalanceinc.com/">http://www.naturalbalanceinc.com/</a></i>           |                             |                 |                     |                   |                    |
| Taste of the Wild High Prairie                                                                                    | buffalo                     | lamb meal       | chicken meal        | sweet potatoes    | peas               |
| Taste of the Wild Pacific Stream                                                                                  | salmon                      | ocean fish meal | sweet potatoes      | potatoes          | <b>canola oil</b>  |
| Taste of the Wild Wetlands                                                                                        | duck                        | duck meal       | chicken meal        | sweet potatoes    | peas               |
| <i>Three above from <a href="http://www.tasteofthewildpetfood.com/">http://www.tasteofthewildpetfood.com/</a></i> |                             |                 |                     |                   |                    |

(Note: the 2006 study examined the first four ingredients on dog food labels, this table lists the first five in 2015)

## Bloodhounds in the News

(Editor's note: our member **Kathy Brown** was recently mentioned and shown on the front page of the Marysville *Appeal Democrat* newspaper in a story about the Two Cities Kennel Club dog show.)

### “Rally Advanced” by **Kathy Brown**

Rally is not an everyday event for Bloodhounds. It involves immediate and correct response to commands - and cursing, correcting, and bribing only work in practice.

Fortunately, Rally Novice involves the use of a lead and, I suspect, a fair amount of leeway on the part of the judge, so it is possible to actually pass the course the required three times to earn a Rally Novice title. If the planets align and you earn that title, you can actually move up and immediately compete in Rally Advanced, God forbid. I suspect Bloodhound owners and their darlings are **supposed** to flunk that outing.

Rally Advanced is a particular challenge for Bloodhounds, and more so for their owners, as there is **no gate** to the ring and everything is off-lead. You probably get the picture. You probably also know that Bloodhound owners must focus, as their drooly friends **do not** do so on anything but a scent trail or dinner.



Both photos taken by **Chris Kaufman** and appeared in the September 20, 2015 edition of the *Appeal Democrat*. Used with permission.



The photo above of Rally Advanced is miraculous in that it was the **only** exercise we did right. The fact is that Bloodhounds are not necessarily famed for their interest in heeling, sitting, staying, standing, and turning on command and doing it immediately. Jumping over a board and meeting their owners in a heel position on the other side (or anywhere else, to be truthful)? Hah! Who knew it would be captured on film and, indeed, published for the world to see?

(This just in: “Coco” and **Kathy** earned their first Rally Advanced leg November 23)

# Breed Rescue Report

By *Josephine Lisowski*

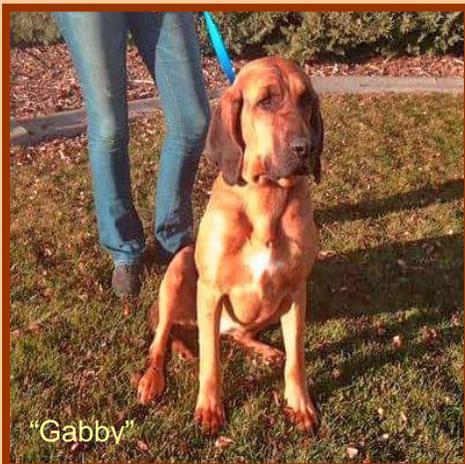
Efforts of **Northern California Bloodhound Rescue** continue at a steady clip. I want to give everyone a heads up that our rescue funds are running very low. Most of the hounds we take in require several hundred dollars in up-front costs. This includes transportation costs to retrieve them, spaying/neutering fees, veterinarian exam fees, sometimes a vision specialist exam to rule out any eye issues, and then food and shelter costs while they are in foster care.

We have established rescue rates with specific vets, vision care specialists, and emergency vets. Many animal hospitals are willing to perform surgeries at cost or a reduced rate in order to give our bloodhounds the fresh start they deserve. Members of our rescue committee and I have also given much of our time and resources to save these bloodhounds.

During this holiday season, if you would consider a donation to **Northern California Bloodhound Rescue**, the hounds and we would be very grateful. Please contact **Josephine Lisowski**, Logistical Coordinator, Northern California Bloodhound Rescue [jylisowski@gmail.com](mailto:jylisowski@gmail.com) to help with any aspect of bloodhound rescue. Thank you very much for any support of our efforts to rescue these magnificent animals.



Our cover dog, “JD,” was rescued by **Justine and Mike Elges** over a decade ago from their local animal shelter. While “JD” reached the Rainbow Bridge early this year, he’s smiling down on his family for rescuing a second hound, “Gabby,” from the same shelter during this Thanksgiving week. Justine says, “I still cry when I think of him but at least we have “Gabby” now to keep us company. I imagine “JD” is happy for us and for ‘Gabby’.”



## Bloodhound Story

### “Bella Resurrected” by *Pat Moffitt*

On October 10, I received a *Facebook* page from Petaluma Animal Services Foundation (PASF) showing a photo of a red female bloodhound called Bella. She had been turned in by a Good Samaritan who found her wandering the streets of Petaluma, abandoned and malnourished.



Bella at Animal Services

Bella was debilitated and very weak with an extended belly. She had pus-filled eyes, severe infections in both ears, and a weeping yeast infection under her neck. She bumped into things like she was blind. She had been cruelly used to produce litter after litter of puppies for sale.

Tears filled my eyes when I read about her, and then I got mad that someone would do this to a dog. I promptly contacted PASF and introduced myself as Director of Northern California Bloodhound Rescue. I offered to take her immediately into foster care and to

help solve her medical problems.

PASF had her spayed (“yay,” no more puppies for her) and is working closely with us on her medical conditions. I’ve slowly got her eating again. She only could eat soft canned food at first as her teeth are in bad shape. Her canine and front teeth are totally worn down to the roots. *I wondered what she was forced to chew on to try and survive.*

I believe Bella is about six years old. She is slowly gaining her strength back and responding well to her medical care. Thank you, **Valerie Fausone** of PASF for your care and concern with this gentle mother.



On the road to recovery

Bella is well enough now to enjoy lounging around in my big blue chair or stretching out on the floor in front of the television.



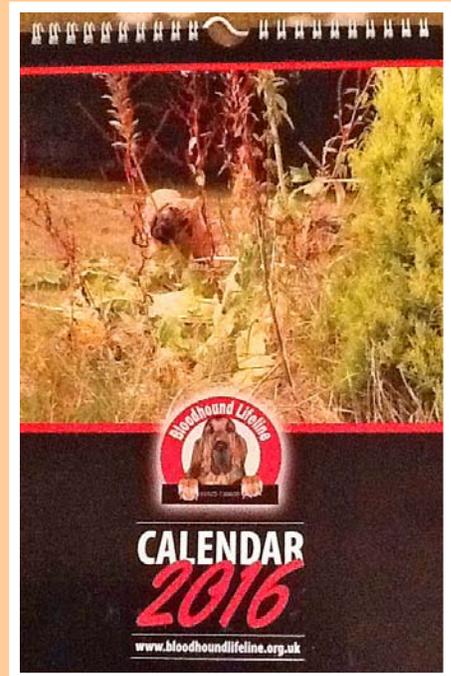
Comfy on the big blue chair

Bella may be available for adoption in 2016. If you’d like to provide a home for this sweet girl, please contact **Pat** or any member of our Northern California Bloodhound Rescue committee (**Pat Moffitt, Josie Lisowski, Pam Herranz, Cindi Sims, or Kathy Brown**).

## International Bloodhounds

**Bloodhound Lifeline** is a sister organization in the United Kingdom (UK) operating to rescue bloodhounds. They were incorporated in 2008 with the principle aim of providing for the rescue, welfare, assessment, rehabilitation, rehoming and return to health of bloodhounds and related types of hounds. It is the only registered UK rescue charity specifically for bloodhounds and bloodhound types and is endorsed by the *Association of Bloodhound Breeders* and the *Bloodhound Club*.

**Bloodhound Lifeline** itself does not have members per se and runs on a purely voluntary basis. Ashwood is the only place in Britain that has the facilities to take in, assess, and rehome hounds. They do not have a massive rescue problem, thank goodness, but their numbers go up because they also take in some pack bloodhounds who have fallen on hard times. These are sometimes hard to place.



Their annual fundraiser is the sale of calendars. To order a copy of their new 2016 calendar, send \$23 through PayPal account [eileen@factsint.com](mailto:eileen@factsint.com) to **Eileen Peers** (of *Cilgwri Bloodhounds*); include your mailing address when using PayPal account.

Their website: <http://www.bloodhoundlifeline.org.uk/> or join their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1505999483050589/>

### Bloodhound House Rules

1. The bloodhound is not allowed in the house.
2. OK, the hound is allowed in the house but only in certain rooms.
3. The hound is allowed in all rooms but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The bloodhound can get on the old furniture only.
5. Fine, the hound is allowed on all furniture but is not allowed on the bed.
6. OK, the hound is allowed on the bed but only by invitation.
7. The hound can sleep on the bed whenever she wants but not under the covers.
8. Fine, the hound can sleep under the covers but by invitation only.
9. The bloodhound can sleep under the covers anytime.
10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the hound.

(Adopted from the October 2015 issue of *SAR Dog News*, National Search Dog Alliance.)

## Bloodhound Story

*"The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog" – Mark Twain*

by **Kathy Brown**

Awhile back we had a woman who wanted us to place her less-than-a-year-old Bloodhound girl. She was unemployed and living in her motor-home and the ranch where she had been living was no longer available to her. We found a wonderful placement with a family of primarily Basset people – and their 12-year-old was ready for this girl. Well, appointments were made and broken and made and broken and made and broken - this situation dragged on for weeks.

Finally I got a call from the motor-home lady – she really had no choice, she was reconciled to parting with this dear, sweet pup, and would I meet her in Ukiah? Groan – Olivehurst is a straight shot to Ukiah on Highway 20, but the area near Highway 20 was on fire and the road closed. Great, the southern route – at least an extra two-hour drive. So I loaded up my Bloodhound "Coco" – to keep me awake – and off we went. An eternity later, we arrived 10 minutes early at the rendezvous point (the WalMart parking lot) in Ukiah. Thirty minutes later I called the woman – oh, she was at Lake Mendocino, could I meet her there? Fine. And very fishy.

*"CoCo" remained aloof and refused eye contact. . .*

I found her at the lake. She brought out the pup, a surprisingly lovely black and tan bitch. She frolicked on the beach off lead and didn't stray. She and "Coco" liked each other. "Coco" remained aloof and refused eye contact with the lady (confirming fishy?). All systems were go for 30 minutes or so.

Then Mama dropped the bomb – "I don't know how to tell you this, but I just got a job offer up north a couple of hours ago, so I can keep her after all."

GRRRR. She continued, "I'm going to call these people and apologize."

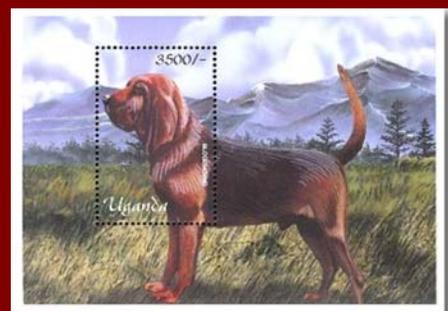
I took a very deep breath, the better to not throttle her after at least a four-hour drive and the prospect of the same to get back home. Then I unloaded, up one side and down the other. "Lady," I said, "you will **not** call these people, now or ever. Their daughter has been let down by you several times already and **you will leave them alone**. Furthermore, you will **not** change your mind again and cost me another \$400 in gas, nor will you **ever, ever** contact our rescue team again."

To my credit, I did not peel out of the parking lot. I did, however, contact the potential adopters – relating exactly what I said to that woman. They agreed with me completely, and passed along my apologies to their daughter.

As far as I know, we have not heard back from her.

I am grateful for all the folks who care enough about their Bloodhounds to contact us when re-homing is the only path available. And I get very protective of the folks who open their homes and hearts to make these unfortunate hounds part of their families. You are very special, and I thank you.

# Bloodhounds in Art



(Source: Google)

## Bloodhound Story

### “Getting Out of the Way” by Nona Perez

Daisy sniffed the scent article and looked over at the barbeque, the kids, the dogs in the park. I stood still, trying to guess where the trail was, trying, as always, to quiet my mind’s chatter, trying to will her to pick up the trail. She seemed much more interested in checking out what was for dinner and greeting children. I began to think she wouldn’t start at all, when she finally put her nose down and chose a direction to go. She sniffed around under bushes quite a bit and I found myself telling her to “leave it” and “get back to work” frequently. I thought she might actually be on the trail, but I was far from certain. After a bicycle interrupted our path, she got right back to work, and I began to feel a hint of confidence. But then we neared an area that was fenced off. The trail could turn left toward the river or right toward a grassy park area. The rules say there will be a turn, I reminded myself. It should be ninety degrees or more. It should be obvious.



**As we neared the fence, she began circling. And I began worrying.** I really wanted to pass, I really didn’t want another fail. This would be my third try. I would have to start over and get another EECT. Not such a big deal, but the thought was just so... discouraging. What did Pat say? “Stop and wait.” I stopped. Daisy drifted in a circle. I waited. She sniffed all around. She sniffed leaves and twigs and animal droppings, then meandered toward a small trail that went around the end of the fence. It was narrow, she was less than resolute and I really had my doubts. But I followed her

- against my better judgment, I followed her. Out of my periphery, I could tell that the judges were not following us. Daisy rounded the end of the fence, and just as I was thinking I should stop, the judges called me back.

Hearing the judge call to you is such a disheartening feeling. It was confirmation that we were about to fail. Again. As I brought Daisy back to the area where she had floundered for awhile, (oh, a scent pool – duh) the judges asked if I

wanted to restart. Yes. Of course. Please and thank you. Walking back to the start, I saw her head pop. It was clear. Daisy popped her head to the left as we passed a

*“Hearing the judge call to you is such a disheartening feeling. . .”*

paved path going into the park area. I scanned the area and saw a man standing by a tree. Maybe that's our runner. I hoped.

"Do we have to restart from the beginning or from where I feel we went wrong," I asked. "From the beginning," one judge answered.

I made a mental note of the head pop, the path, the man, and followed the judges back to the start.

Slow, distracted, I thought she wasn't going to restart at all. She was completely unenthused. I looked at the judges and shrugged my shoulders. They stood stoically, waiting. Daisy wandered off in the complete opposite direction from our original start, and I began to doubt everything. But then she changed direction and began to retrace her first start. I felt hopeful.

**"She's a hard dog to read. . ."**

"She's a hard dog to read," Pat had said at our last practice.

The comment had made me feel better about missing some of her signals. But it sure didn't boost my confidence in reading her now.

We got near the paved pathway, the one she popped her head towards when we were heading for the restart, and to my great relief and pleasure, she turned right onto it and confidently headed into the park. It was the most obvious sign she'd given me that day. I saw the man again, hoping fervently that he was our runner, but Daisy went right past him without any recognition of his existence. I kept hoping my runner was just behind that tree, or around that building, or next to that fence post, but no one was there. Daisy kept meandering along, lackadaisically. I kept scanning, hoping.

A flock of birds flew up in front of us. Daisy jumped up with excitement and enthusiasm for the birds. It seemed like everything was more interesting to my dog than the trail. "No birds, Daisy," I scolded. "Get back to work." She did.



***But something changed. I changed.*** For some reason I cannot explain, it really no longer mattered to me if we succeeded or not. Actually, I was sure we were headed for another failure. But I didn't care. I was having a great time. I was learning. And I would try again. So what if I never got an MT with Daisy. I have knowledge I didn't have before, I've done things I didn't think I could do, I've met people I would never have met. I decided I would just see where Daisy took me, not worry anymore, watch and learn. The judges would call it when we were too far off or ran out of time.

Daisy's demeanor changed almost immediately. Her nose focused on the ground. Her tail curled up over her back. She moved forward with determination. I scanned the area and saw a row of large boulders but saw no one. Then I realized one of the boulders was, in fact, a person, sitting and waiting. An uncontrollable smile broke

across my face. It's funny, how many times I've succeeded in practice, but the feeling is so different when you are trying to obtain a title. I can't even imagine the feeling of finding a real lost person during a search.

***"Is that her, Daisy?  
Show me!"***

As she approached the runner and began sniffing her, I could barely contain myself. "Is that her, Daisy? Show me!" I turned to the judges and excitedly yelled, "This is my runner!" which they affirmed, with congratulations and praise.

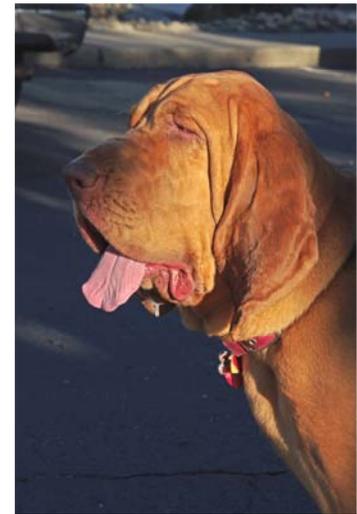
As I've told everyone who asks about training Bloodhounds, I'm not training my dog - I'm learning how to understand what she is telling me. But more than that, I'm learning about myself, and how my own ego and anxiety gets in my dog's way. The change in her was profound when I let go of a need to succeed. I had been over-thinking and trying too hard to will Daisy to follow the right trail, a trail that I could not detect. I know that impacts her, but try as I might, I couldn't help it. **I now have a much deeper understanding of what it means to "Trust Your Dog."**



***Suzi Paine, Nona Perez, "Daisy", Lyn Sherman, and Cindy Wolfrom  
with Daisy's MT red ribbon.***

♪ "I don't ask for much, I only want trust, and you know it don't come easy" ♪  
***Ringo Starr, 1971. Daisy, 2015.***

# Trailing Practice, September 2015



# American Bloodhound Club Judy Robb Memorial Trailing Trials

**Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter,**  
held American Bloodhound Club trailing trials on  
**November 28 and 29, 2015**

A full report will be provided in the March issue but we want to recognize the new title holders now.

On Saturday, one MT, four MTIs, and one MTX ran. Only the MT passed.

Congratulations to:

**Gary Marshall** and "Diamond"  
**Marshall's Red Diamond MT**

On Sunday, three MTs and one MTI ran. Two MTs passed.

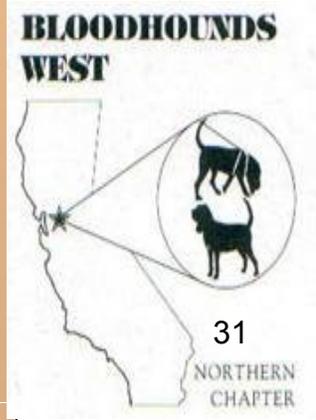
Congratulations to:

**Evelyn Jones** and "Cricket"  
**GCH Quiet Creek's Irish Upon A Star MT TD RN**

**Greg Allen** and "Mandy"  
**GCH Heroes In Your Dreams Mandolin MT RN**

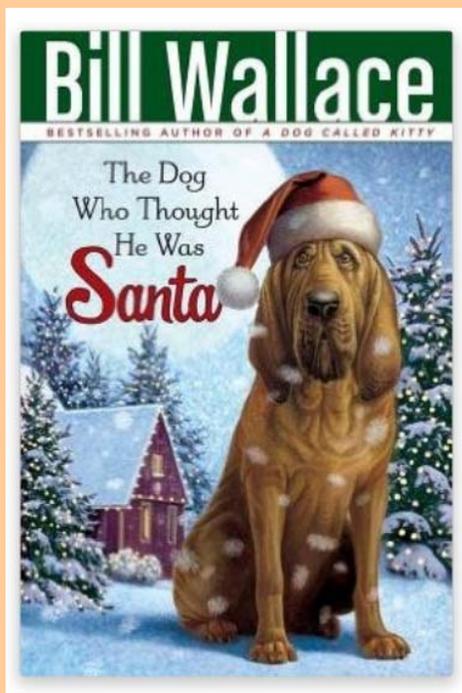
Photos courtesy of **Nona Perez**

*Thank You to All Who Attended*



## Bloodhounds in Literature

**Bill Wallace** (1947-2012) wrote **The Dog Who Thought He Was Santa** (2007) about a bloodhound named “Frank.” Set in 1957, problems at the coalmine threaten to ruin Christmas for fifth-grader **Don**, his family, and the rest of their Oklahoma town. **Don's** bloodhound, “Frank,” is determined to do whatever it takes to make the holiday special for **Don** and his six-year old sister, **Susan**. Alternate chapters are told from the human and canine points of view.



When Susan wasn't watching, Don and Mom looked at Dad. Dad and Mom looked at Don. Then Dad and Don looked at Mom. Then . . .

**Everyone looked at me!**

I shrugged my ears, “Don't blame me. I didn't do it!” I even thumped my tail on the floor. They kept staring, and I knew that even though I told them, there was no way I could make them understand. . .

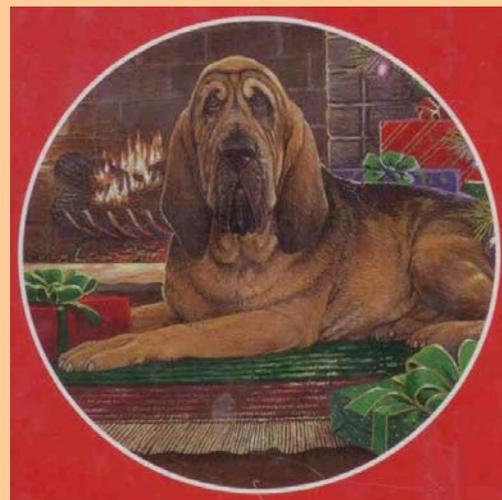
Don shook his head. “No. I was with him last winter when we had that big snow. Bet there was eight inches of snow on the ground. We were walking up past the lake and his old tail got to switching. He sniffed his way to this pile of snow. Not a track going in, none coming out. When he was about three inches from the pile, it exploded

like somebody dropped a cherry bomb in it. This rabbit came flying out and took off. I don't think snow bothers his nose one little bit.”

Dad nodded his agreement. **“I've heard that a bloodhound can even smell stuff that's down under the water.”** He sighed and glanced up. “Reckon we might never know where that kitten came from. But I still think it's him. He brought Mr. Devlin's rod and reel home, 'cause he knew Don wanted one. Why wouldn't he bring a kitten home for Susan?”

Mom reached across Dad to the end table beside the couch. She patted the black book that she took with her every Sunday when they went to church. “I guess if a little faith can move a mountain, it doesn't take much to move a kitten.”

(Source: book and Wikipedia)



## Hounds and Holidays

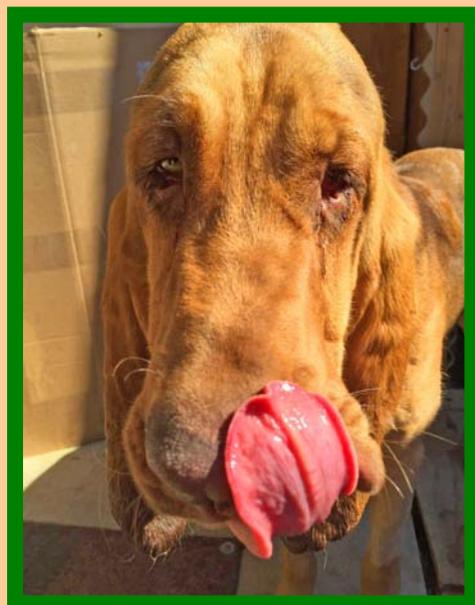
### Gift Ideas for You and Your Hound

We asked a number of our members if their hounds had a favorite holiday toy or treat or if they received a favorite gift to use with their hounds. The responses were as enthusiastic as they were varied. Here are some of their ideas to make this holiday season the best ever for you and your bloodhound.

**Claudia Myers** “Katie” loves helping us open packages and loves everything we give her, but I'm not so sure she enjoyed wearing this Santa hat!



**Debbie Levy** One of my favorite dog accessories is the Poop Transporter, available at [hanksdogstuff.com](http://hanksdogstuff.com). It's a washable nylon bag that attaches to your leash. It holds your full poop bags until you can get to a place to properly dispose of them. It also has a pocket that holds a roll of bags. It comes in 10 different colors and if you buy them as gifts, you can get them in little burlap bags so you don't have to do any wrapping!



I got one a couple years ago at the Golden Gate Kennel Club dog show and used it daily for a very long time. When I had a clip break, I contacted the woman who started *Hank's Dog Stuff*, and not only did she send me another clip, but she gave me a new Poop Transporter personalized with my dogs' names. I was so impressed I bought three or four more for gifts.



Here's a picture of “Poppy,” the 11-month-old bloodhound I recently adopted from the club.

**Randy Greenlee** Over the years, experience has taught us that you never know what your bloodhound will like. Our oldest boy “Buck’s” favorite toy of all time is a toy snowman that came with him in his crate when we picked him up as a puppy.

Here are a couple of pictures of “Morgan” with two of his favorite toys - a huge rawhide bone and a fat hedgehog that he won as a prize at the recent National Show in Ohio. Everyone loves the hedgehog.

When buying a gift for your bloodhound we have found that the toy should be on the large side, and rugged, and that bloodhounds have very strong jaws and can destroy most toys in a matter of minutes.



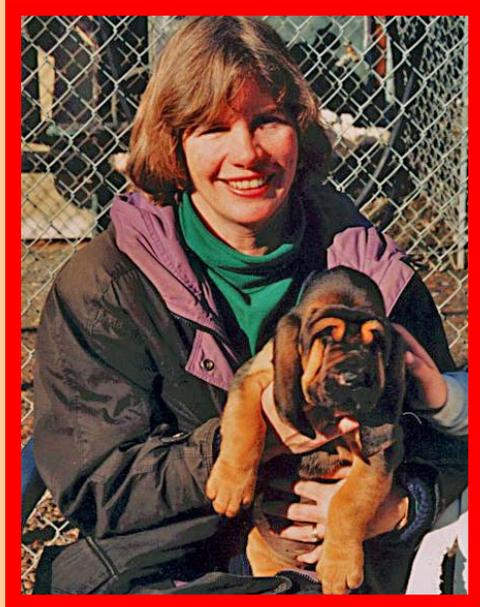
**Ted Taylor** “Belle” and “Mandolin” are notoriously hard on toys. The most popular toys seem to be the black (extremely heavy duty) Kong Traxx dog toys (shaped like tires). We've got several of them (all still intact) but ordinarily only one is being contested at a time. The black large Kong bones ultimately get one end chewed partially off and at that point I throw them away before too much can get ingested. All the regular Kong black balls and various regular Kongs stay intact and are always popular, too.

Attached is a picture of “Mandolin” with a Kong Traxx tire that she had just dropped. By the time I took the camera away from my eye, “Belle” had grabbed it! And the hound drama continues.



**Megan Sell** We were lucky to have “Ginger” for over nine years. Unfortunately she is no longer with us. She was bred by **Ray and Kay Schmitt**, her sire was the late “Ace” owned by **Myron and Judy Robb**.

She loved any little stuffed animal - they were like her surrogate babies! As far as treats go, I would give her slices of the liver that comes in the rolls that you see at the pet supplies store. When I made a whole chicken I would reserve the chicken liver for her, this was the ultimate treat! I have attached a photo of her when I picked her up at the **Schmitt's** home as a puppy.



**Sue Springer** Our first bloodhound, “Rye”, was 11 months old when Christmas rolled around. We quickly discovered he thought the tree was doggie indoor plumbing. We didn't set up another Christmas tree for years.



**Owen** happened to see an ad in the *San Jose Mercury*, “bloodhound puppies for sale.” We'd been looking for several years, and because we had a good hay crop that year we actually had some savings. We drove to Madera and saw the most beautiful bloodhound sight: mom, dad, and three puppies. The black and tan boy picked **Owen**. On the way home we stopped at the San Luis Reservoir forebay for lunch.

A swarm of bees swooped by - **Owen** grabbed his precious puppy, jumped in the pickup and I swear locked me out! We named the puppy “Rye” in honor of the hay crop that allowed us to buy him.

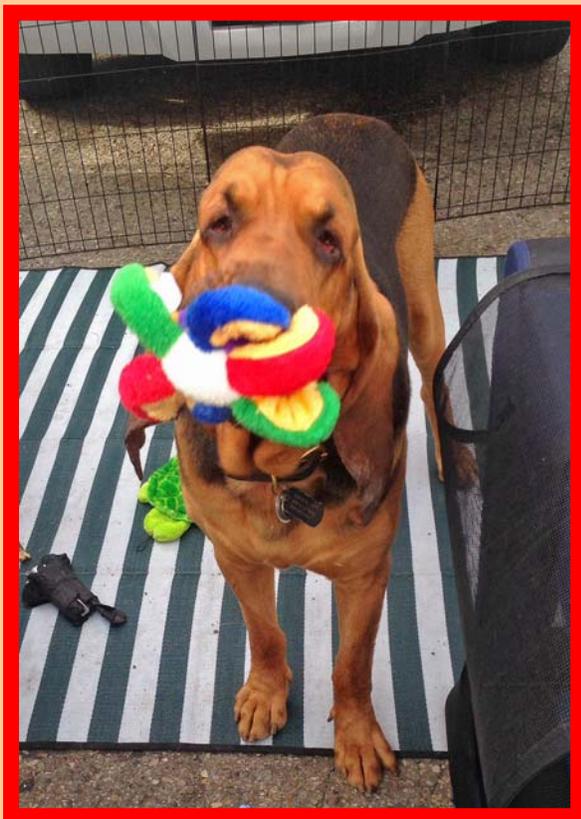
**Michele Jay-Russell** Our Nancy Drew (“Drew”) never got into “toys” per se, but she loves food. She also loves to go on the trail with my husband, **Steve Russell**. Here's a photo of **Steve** and “Drew” with her trailing equipment (line, harness, reward). I'm the “runner.”



**Carol Thompson** Every year since “Daisy Duke” has been a puppy, we have dressed her up in a Santa hat, scarf, or reindeer antlers, etc. We would add the photo to our annual Christmas card. She, being as patient as she is, always sat there and smiled for the camera. See photo attached.



Absolutely, her favorite toys are squeaky animal toys: the more they squeak, the better. She would run around the house after unwrapping her Christmas squeaky (of course, she seemed to know it was a squeaky even though covered in gift-wrap). After her happy runs she would lay down and chew it until she got all of the squeakies out and then bury the animal.



**Lisa Jones** I think my dog’s favorite toys are balls. “Luke” loves to pick them up and drop them, then pounce on them and make them bounce and roll. Secondly, he loves plush toys to destroy, removing the squeakies and stuffing!

When I come home he will examine all the bags to see if I have brought him anything. He uses his bloodhound natural talents to search out toys from the bags.

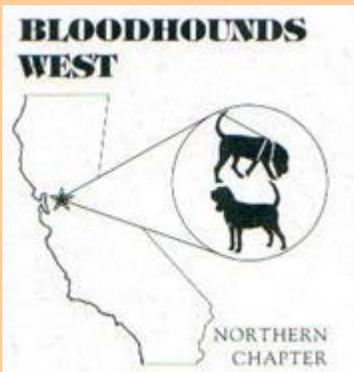
**Amanda Gardner** “Jasper” loves obedience training. One of my favorite gifts that I received was “Jasper’s” custom Utility scent articles. Utility is the highest level of competitive obedience. In the Scent Discrimination exercise, the handler scents one article, either metal or leather, and the judge places the scented article in a pile with eight unscented articles. The handler and dog do not know the location of the scented article. The dog must go to the pile of articles, find the scented article, and bring it back to the handler. This is the only exercise in obedience where Jasper gets to use his nose. Jasper’s leather articles are striped red and white, like a holiday candy cane.



**Nona Perez** I'd have to say the things “Daisy” loves most are kittens, real ones, not a stuffed toy. This year she got three! Two strays and one of them arrived pregnant, so the new kitten in the picture is from one of the strays.

So I have a sweet stray cat that could use a new home if anyone is interested. She has been spayed and is comfortable around dogs. *She would make someone a great holiday gift.*





## BLOODHOUNDS WEST, NORTHERN CHAPTER New Member Application

Please use a separate application for each person. The new member application fee is listed below. Please provide the following information, then read and sign the second page.

### TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Individual \$35.00     
  Family: \$35.00     
  Junior: \$25.00

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE PROVIDE SPONSOR AND OTHER INFORMATION

Known & sponsored by (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of sponsoring member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: Showing \_\_\_ Obedience/Rally \_\_\_ Trailing/Tracking \_\_\_\_\_ Pet \_\_\_\_\_

Animals in household: # \_\_\_ Bloodhounds # \_\_\_ Other breeds (List) \_\_\_\_\_

Other animals \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in joining Bloodhounds West because: \_\_\_\_\_

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All new applicants must read, sign, and adhere to the *American Bloodhound Club Code of Ethics* shown below.

As a member of Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter:

- ❖ I agree not to engage in the practice of providing any Bloodhound to any individual, commercial wholesaler, or retailer for the purpose of resale.
- ❖ I agree that if any Bloodhound on whose papers I am shown as either breeder or co-breeder becomes a part of any breed rescue program, that upon written notification either I will assume financial responsibility for those Bloodhound expenses to which I agree and assist the Rescue Chairperson in finding suitable placement, or I will resume custody of the Bloodhound.
- ❖ I agree that I will provide each buyer of our Bloodhounds with accurate records regarding pedigree and certificate of health including the name, address, and telephone number of the attending veterinarian.
- ❖ I agree not to promote indiscriminate breeding practices by using the advertising of availability of “breeding pairs”, “stud dogs”, or “bitches in whelp for sale” in my effort to sell my Bloodhounds.
- ❖ I agree not to release any puppy to its new owner prior to seven weeks of age or what the local ordinance states.
- ❖ I agree to act in a sportsmanlike manner and not deliberately degrade other exhibitors, breeders, or their dogs.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail both pages of this form with a check (payable to Bloodhounds West) to:

**Elaine Marshall** 21143 Ashfield Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546

You may also submit your application fee through Paypal at **BW4Paypal@aol.com** (please enter your applicant information in the Paypal comment section). If you renew via Paypal, please mail **Elaine** your two-page application form indicating payment was made on-line.

*New member applications will be acted upon at the next membership meeting of Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter.*

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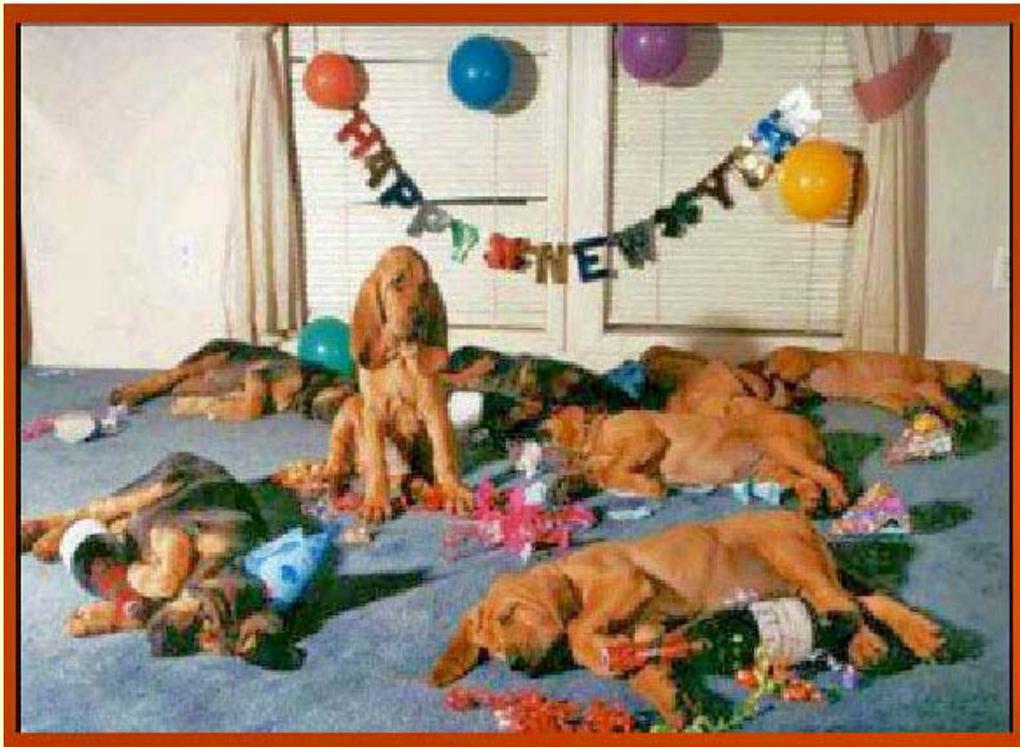
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Happy New Year! Sitting puppy is Yahoo's Pasadena Rose (1999-2010), born on New Year's Day. Photo was taken by **David Lockridge** of Rose and her littermates. (Photo and information from the June 2010 issue of *Bloodhounds West, Southern Chapter's Gazette*).