

BONCKERS

Bloodhounds of Northern California, Kennel Education, Rescue, Show, and Search Society



Bloodhounds West, North

September 2017

Bloodhounds West Northern Chapter



Meet our cover dog!

Owner: *Jack Oliver*

Name: "Jefferson"

Age: 3 years

Favorite activity: baying at people idling by our front yard

Favorite treat: soup bone from the butcher

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Contributions to your newsletter are always welcome!

President's Message



Hope everyone is having a wonderful Summer! Fall is just around the corner. Please add these dates to your already busy calendars:

- ABC National Specialty in Ocean Shores, WA, October 9-14.
- Northern Chapter Trailing Trials, Elverta, CA, November 24-26.
- Bloodhounds West-sponsored Agility Event, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, March 9-11, 2018.

We need help for these last two events. Please volunteer.

Our 2018 Regional will be held at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds in October. The Show Committee also needs volunteers – please help!

I want to welcome our new members and hope to see you at our events whether it's a dog show or a trailing camp/trial. It's always nice to meet new bloodhound-loving people. We always have so much fun sharing our stories and supporting our fellow members. Please join us.

Does anyone have interesting and useful apps that they would like to share with all our members? Please let me know so we can list them in our next newsletter.

We need to start thinking of people to be our Officers or Directors for 2018. The next term starts in January. Please say "yes" when the Nominating Committee calls.

Pamela Herranz, President

Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter

Chase the ball, they said. . .



Aldo Branch photo

. . . it will be fun, they said.

More on our Cover Dog

By *Jack Oliver*

“Jefferson’s” favorite activity is baying at anyone who idles near our front yard, much to the enjoyment of the neighborhood. He has a very deep and loud bay. He enjoys tracking and earned his AKC Tracking Dog (TD) title, trained and handled by me. Training for the next level, the TDX, has been delayed due to his busy napping schedule, time spent with the three boys he shares his home with (ages 8, 10, and 12),



“Jefferson” relaxing with *John* (age 8)

and time goofing off with his best friend, a Bloodhound named “Merle.”

We chose a Bloodhound because of our interest in their deep and rich history and because of their loving and shy demeanor. My cousins in North Carolina have owned hounds and loved them, but not Bloodhounds, so that also peaked an interest.

“Jefferson” likes to chase our cats, but also lets them sleep in his bed with him and has never hurt a fly. He hates

hunting, but loves the chase. Recently he has taken up swimming and loves it. He swims out 20 yards into a pond and will retrieve a tennis ball just as well as any retriever breed. Whenever his best friend “Merle” walks in front of our house, he smells him coming and breaks into a cry and whine so loud you would think he just broke his leg. Any other dog he doesn’t know well, he bays.

Bloodhound Show Winners

Since 1930, only five bloodhounds have won the Hound Group at the Westminster Kennel Club show. Two of these, “Fanny” and “Knotty,” were owned by Bloodhounds West members.

1953 Ch. Fancy Bombardier, owned by **Tom & Pearl Sheahan**

1956 Ch. Fancy Bombardier, owned by **Tom & Pearl Sheahan**

1987 Ch. Viking’s Thor, owned by **Charles Sexton**

1988 Ch. Viking’s Thor, owned by **Charles Sexton**

2001 Ch. Ridgerunner’s Unforgettable “Fanny,” owned by **Susan Hamil & Lori Burch**

2005 Ch. Heathers Knock On Wood “Knotty,” owned by **Lyn Sherman**

2014 GCh. Flessner’s International S’Cess “Nathan,” owned by

Shirley VanCamp, Heather Buehner, & Zack Helmer

General Meeting Minutes

Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter, Minutes

June 10, 2017

Held at the Woofstock Dog Show, Vallejo

General Membership Meeting called to order at 12:03 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

Aldo Branch, Diane Branch, Pam Herranz, Elaine Marshall, Gary Marshall, Michael McMillan, Claudia Myers, Michelle Rockwell, Kay Schmitt, and Lyn Sherman,

B. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the June 2017 issue of *BONCKERS*.

C. REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

No report submitted.

D. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Aldo Branch, Treasurer, reported there is presently a balance of \$21,864.57.

E. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Rescue: **Pam Herranz** gave an update on bloodhounds in Rescue. Owners of newly adopted rescues will be urged to become members and take advantage of the "no dues for the first year" rule. Discussion of bank balance and need for support of Rescue activities. **Mike McMillan** made a motion (based on **Aldo's** suggestion), seconded by **Diane Branch**, to contribute \$2,000 to Northern California Bloodhound Rescue.

BONCKERS: **Mike McMillan** asked that members continue to send in photos, stories, or activities of members and their hounds for our newsletter.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

By-Law Voting: Ballots concerning the newly revised Constitution and By-laws are due by June 28 and need to be sent to **Pat Moffitt**, North's Recording Secretary.

G. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Aldo Branch, Membership Chair, asked for a vote on current applicants for membership (**Cindy Milani**, sponsored by **Jack Oliver**; **Georgann Prochaska**, sponsored by **Aldo Branch**; and **David and Tiffani Williams**, sponsored by **Michele Jay Russell**). All were approved unanimously.

H. NEW BUSINESS

Supported Entry: **Pam Herranz** is planning to apply to the ABC ECC for permission to hold a Supported Entry at the Stockton shows on December 1, 2, and 3, 2017.

2018 Regional: It was suggested that the Regional take place at the Hanford show in March. Dates need to be confirmed as the ABC Agility Trial in Santa Rosa, held on March 8, 9, 10, 2018, is earmarked for our sponsorship. Application to hold that event will be made to the ABC ECC as well.

I. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 PM by **Diane Branch**, seconded by **Aldo Branch**. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Schmitt, substitute Recording Secretary

This is the first time they've remembered my birthday . . .



. . . *in seven years!*

Photo taken by **Dylan Jenkins**, first place winner in the Young Pup Photographer category in The Kennel Club's 2017 Dog Photographer of the Year contest. See other winning dog photographs at <http://www.dogphotographeroftheyear.org.uk/>

Board Meeting Minutes

Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter, Board Minutes

August 17, 2017

Held By Telephone Conference Call

Board Meeting called to order on August 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM via a conference call.

A. ROLL CALL

a. **Pam Herranz, Lisa Jones, Aldo Branch, Suzi Paine, Pat Moffitt, Amanda Gardner, Debbie Levy, Diane Branch, Jessica Dickson**

B. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of forming a Nominating Committee.

1. **Jessica** and **Pat** agreed to be Board members on the Committee.
2. **Pam** will send out email recruiting other members for Committee.

b. Discussion about getting a Show Chair for 2018 Regional.

1. **Suzi** said keep it simple and only do Regional on Saturday.
2. Do a Supported Entry on Sunday.
3. We do not pay for judges or ring, less stress.
4. Start applications 9 months prior to closing date of show.
ABC application, Show Chair job, brief form on financial costs, ECC at ABC.

c. Motion by **Jessica** that we hold the Regional and Supported Entry at the Pleasanton Show on October 20-21, 2018. **Pam** 2nd, motion passed.

d. **Suzi** provided contacts for the show: **Linda Souza, Betty-Anne Stenmark** (specialty liaison), and **Sandy Katos** (ABC Corresponding Secretary).

e. **Lisa** said she would consider Show Chair position, will research job and let Board know her decision at a later date. **Suzi** offered to assist **Lisa**.

f. ABC website has information on Regional Specialty shows and Supported Entry procedures. ABC will be asked for dispensation for holding the Regional less than 30 days after the National Show.

C. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:08 PM by **Aldo**, 2nd by **Pat**, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Moffitt, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

By **Aldo Branch**, Treasurer

After a donation of \$2,000 to the *West Coast Bloodhound Rescue* in June, and a July payment of \$100 on behalf of the Bloodhounds West Northern Chapter towards a gift basket to be donated to the 2017 American Bloodhound Club Nationals in Ocean Shores, Washington, our checking account balance is now \$19,764.57.

Membership Update

By **Aldo Branch**, Membership Chair

With the approval of new members in June, we now have a total of 48 voting members. A current password-protected membership directory can be found on the *Bloodhounds West* website (<http://bloodhoundswest.org/2017-membership-list/>). Contact me if you need the password.

Happy Labor Day!



By-Laws Revised

After several years of effort, the *Bloodhounds West* Constitution and By-Laws have been revised following an affirmative vote of the membership. The Amendment Committee (**Lynne Aguirre, Aldo Branch, Mike McMillan, and Lyn Sherman**) has clarified a few issues surrounding implementing the revisions.

- The By-laws became effective immediately following certification of the election by our two Chapter Presidents (**Pam Herranz** and **Evelyn Jones**). This was done on July 1 at the Southern Chapter's membership meeting during the Southwest Regional Show in Ventura.
- A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws has been posted on the Bloodhounds West's website for easy future reference.
- Future by-law changes should be much simpler. The process may be initiated by motion from a Board member (and Board voting to pass the motion) or by petition (written or email) sent to a Chapter Corresponding Secretary from 20% of that Chapter's members in good standing.
- Term limits begin implementation with 2018 being counted as year number one even though some officers and directors have already been in office for several years. Term limits are not enforced retroactively.
- Instead of five years, directors now serve two-year terms with two elected in even years and three in odd. This fall's election, while actually held in 2017, is considered an even-year election as the directors will take office in 2018, an even year.
- Two vacancies will occur this fall, the director whose five-year term is up (**Amanda Gardner**) and the director who had one year remaining (**Debbie Levy**). Both are eligible to run for re-election. These two positions will be the even-year directors.
- Next fall, three director vacancies will occur, those of the three remaining directors (**Cindi Sims, Diane Branch, and Jessica Dickson**). All three may run for re-election. These three positions will be the odd-year directors, beginning their terms in 2019.

Can you say "*I Love Lucy*"?

"Lucy" is a four-year-old female bloodhound from *West Coast Bloodhound Rescue*. She was fostered, then adopted, by Bloodhounds West member **Pat Moffitt**. **Pat** says "Lucy" is working on her Trick Dog title, already shaking hands and jumping through hoops and tunnels. "She has taken over the house."



Call for Board Member Candidates

Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter, has put together a Nominating Committee (***Erica Weis, Jessica Dickson, Kay Schmitt, Mike McMillan, Myron Robb, and Pat Moffitt***) to find helpful members willing to be on the Board for 2018. As you can see on the next page, many of the same people have been holding down these jobs. We'd really like to have some different ideas from new members on what the Club should do.

We need your help. Would you like to run for Officer or Director?

There is not that much work or time involved. Most Board meetings are conducted by conference call so little travel is involved. To keep the Club responsive to our members' interests, we need your input. Please contact any Officer or Director (listed on page 2) to volunteer for this important yet fun task. ***We need your help.*** The Board members thank and welcome you!



Diane Branch photos

Membership meeting at Woofstock, Vallejo

Past Officers of Bloodhounds West, North

Bloodhounds West member and past President **Claudia Myers** has discovered some back issues of *BONCKERS* enabling us to fill in more of our former officers. Thank you, **Claudia**, for helping preserve our history.

	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>	<u>Recording Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
2017	Pam Herranz	Lisa Jones	Suzi Paine	Pat Moffitt	Aldo Branch
2016	Gary Marshall	Pam Herranz	Kathleen Brown	Pat Moffitt	Aldo Branch
2015	Gary Marshall	Pam Herranz	Kathleen Brown	Pat Moffitt	Kay Schmitt
2014	Gary Marshall	Ted Taylor	Kathleen Brown	Pat Moffitt	Kay Schmitt
2013	Cindi Sims	Pam Herranz	Kathleen Brown	Pat Moffitt	Myron Robb
2012	Sherry Robertson	Lisa McCall	Nancy Vitek	Lyn Sherman	Myron Robb
2011	Sherry Robertson	Judy McBride	Nancy Vitek	Lyn Sherman	Myron Robb
2010	Barry Welch	Florence Vu	Kay Schmitt	Sherry Robertson	Myron Robb
2009	Tim Robertson	Myron Robb	Kay Schmitt	Kathleen Brown	Judy Robb
2008	Tim Robertson	Troy Marrow	Kay Schmitt	Kathleen Brown	Judy Robb
2007	Tim Robertson	Troy Marrow	Kay Schmitt	Kathleen Brown	Judy Robb
2006	Tim Robertson	Troy Marrow	Kay Schmitt	Kathleen Brown	Judy Robb
2005	Tim Robertson	Troy Marrow	Kay Schmitt	Kathleen Brown	Judy Robb
2004*	Tim Robertson	Troy Marrow	Kay Schmitt	Kathleen Brown	Judy Robb

	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
2003	Claudia Myers	Ward Huffine	Kay Schmitt	Judy Robb
2002	Claudia Myers	Ward Huffine	Kay Schmitt	Judy Robb
2001	Rick Silva	Claudia Myers	Kay Schmitt	Judy Robb
2000	Rick Silva	Claudia Myers	Kay Schmitt	Judy Robb
1999*	Rick Silva	Claudia Myers	Kay Schmitt	Judy Robb
	Sherry Robertson	Rick Silva	Kay Schmitt	Judy Robb
	Karen Crary	Jay Anderson/Jane Mangels	Elizabeth Silva	Judy Robb
1998	Karen Crary	Jay Anderson/Jane Mangels	Elizabeth Silva	Judy Robb
1997	Karen Crary	Jay Anderson/Jane Mangels	Elizabeth Silva	Judy Robb
1996	Bob Mangels	Jay Anderson/Jane Mangels	Elizabeth Silva	Judy Robb
1995*	Ray Schmitt	Jay Anderson/Jane Mangels	Kay Schmitt	Judy Robb
1994	Ray Schmitt	Dale Hopkins	Kay Schmitt	Judy Robb

*2004 Secretarial duties were split into Corresponding and Recording Secretaries

*1999 had some turnover and temporary officers.

*1999-2003 had two Vice Presidents, designated North and South, only North's are listed here

*1995-1999 had two Vice Presidents

Bloodhounds in Literature

Virginia Lanier (1930-2003) was an American mystery fiction writer, author of a series of six novels featuring bloodhound trainer **Jo Beth Siddon** and her hounds. All the novels feature bloodhounds in the title and plot, including ***A Bloodhound To Die For*** (2003), her final story, from which this passage is taken.

The family and Hank all stood on the front porch watching Gulliver traverse an eight-foot area back and forth with me trailing behind. He was

trying to pick up the one scent that he had been trained to search for and identify, and separate it from the thousand others that were in the air and on the ground.

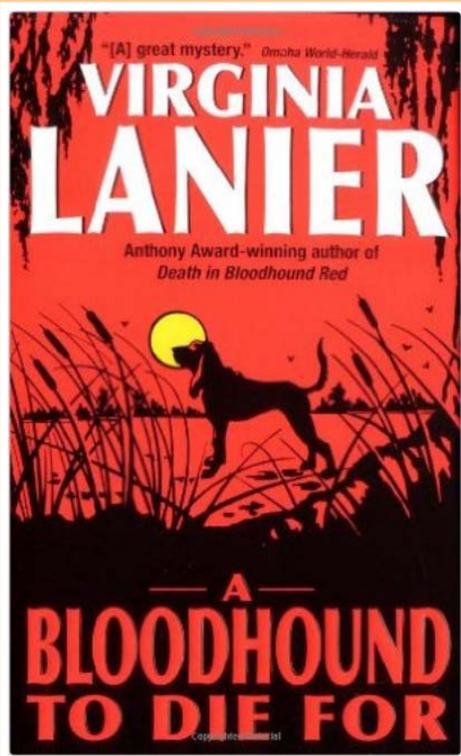
Even after seeing this for several years on hundreds of trails, I was still amazed by the awesome ability that had been bred into this noble bloodhound breed, and their enduring trait of following where their noses led them until they dropped. Owners and trainers fed them, cared for them, gave them rules of conduct. Then we could only follow along behind and let them do the work and perform their magic. ...

I knew the day was slipping away in the afternoon sunshine, but you can't rush a bloodhound's nose. I

followed Gulliver as he was heading again for the backyard and lifted my gaze to the edge of the clearing. There was a narrow path there that led to the creek where we had found her last year.

"Gulliver stopped so suddenly. . ."

Gulliver stopped so suddenly, just when I had taken my eyes off him, and turned so quickly, he almost ran into me reversing his forward motion. I danced out of his way as he hurried by, hesitated for a heartbeat, and took a new direction that headed directly for the creek path. His tail was high and rigid. His body stance became taller and his pace increased. I trotted behind him with quickening breaths of tentative optimism. He seemed to be locked onto a viable man-trailing scent ... (Source: book and Wikipedia)



Conformation Show Results

Prepared by *Kay Schmitt*

- May 26, 2017 **LOS ENCINOS KENNEL CLUB**
Judge: *Mr. John P. Wade*
1/W: Al Pacino Gioia
- May 27, 2017 **ANTELOPE VALLEY KENNEL CLUB**
Judge: *Mr. Douglas A. Johnson*
1/W BOH Gr.4: Al Pacino Gioia
- May 28, 2017 **SAN FERNANDO KENNEL CLUB**
Judge: *Mrs. Jane E. Treiber*
1/W: Al Pacino Gioia
- May 29, 2017 **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY KENNEL CLUB**
Judge: *Mr. Jamie Hubbard*
1/W: Al Pacino Gioia
- June 3, 2017 **KENNEL CLUB OF PASADENA**
Judge: *Mrs. Barbara Rupert*
1/W/BOB: Al Pacino Gioia
- June 4, 2017 **KENNEL CLUB OF PASADENA**
Judge: *Mr. Anthony DiNardo*
2/RW: Al Pacino Gioia
- June 8, 2017 **YOSEMITE KENNEL CLUB**
Judge: *Mrs. Elizabeth Muthard*
1/W: Al Pacino Gioia
- June 9, 2017 **YOSEMITE KENNEL CLUB**
Judge: *Mr. Lou Guerrero*
1/W: Al Pacino Gioia
- June 10, 2017 **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY KC**
Judge: *Mrs. Shirley Limoges*
1/W: Al Pacino Gioia
BOS: GCH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden MT
- June 11, 2017 **CONTRA COSA COUNTY KC**
Judge: *Dr. John A. Reeve-Newson*
1/W: Al Pacino Gioia
SELECT: 2 GCH pts.: GCH Loamy Lane's McKinney, MT

June 30, 2017 **VENTURA COUNTY DOG FANCIERS**
Judge: **Ms. Amy Sorbie**
1/9-12 puppy dogs: Al Pacino Gioia
1/6-9 puppy bitches: Nunya's You'll Be Charmed by Brewdun
1/W/BOW: Quiet Creek's Distant Thunder
BOB: GCH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden MT

July 1, 2017 **BURBANK KENNEL CLUB**
ABC REGIONAL
SWEEPSTAKES
Judge: **Ms. Stacy Mattson**
1/18-24 puppy dogs: Quiet Creek's Distant Thunder
1/BOB: Nunya's You'll Be Charmed by Brewdun
REGULAR CLASSES
Judge: **Ms. Gay H. Dunlap**
1/9-12 puppy dogs: Al Pacino Gioia
1/W/BOW: Quiet Creek's Distant Thunder
SELECT/BOBOH: GCH Hunterhound the Grail Maiden MT

July 2, 2017 **BURBANK KENNEL CLUB**
Judge: **Mrs. Eva Berg**
1/9-12 puppy dogs: Al Pacino Gioia
RWB: Nunya's You'll Be Charmed by Brewdun

August 12, 2017 **SOUTH BAY KENNEL CLUB**
Judge: **Mr. Robert L. Robinson**
1/9-12 puppy dogs: Al Pacino Gioia
1/W/BOS: Wychway's Miss Stachio

August 13, 2017 **SOUTH BAY KENNEL CLUB**
Judge: **Col. Joe B. Purkhiser**
1/9-12 puppy dogs: Al Pacino Gioia
1/BOW/BOS: Wychway's Miss Stachio



The Bloodhound is not a dog that one simply owns or belongs to; it is a breed that totally envelopes everyone who even casually becomes involved. There are no Bloodhound owners but lots of Bloodhound people.

All good Bloodhound breeders are pests. They will sell you a dog for a fortune and then haunt you for the rest of your life to be sure you are taking proper care of their baby. You adopt their dog and they adopt you. The contract may not read that way but that is what happens. ~ **Roger Caras**

Bloodhound Conformation History

Twenty Years Ago. In October 1997, Bloodhounds West held a Regional Specialty and Supported Entry show in Pleasanton. Show chairman was **Judy Robb**.

At the Regional, Judge **Kent Delaney** awarded:

- Best of Breed to Ch. Button Bay's Chips 'N Salsa "Nacho" owned by **Judy and Myron Robb, Julie Northshield, and Donelle Richards**;
- Best of Opposite Sex to Ch. Ridgerunner's Unforgettable "Fanny", owned by **Susan Hamil and Lori Burch**; (*Editor: this same judge would later pick "Fanny" as Hound Group winner at the 2001 Westminster show*)
- Best of Winners to Shiloh's Queen of Hearts, co-owned by **Claudia Williams and Susan Hamil**;
- First Place, **Brace Class**, to Sapphire's Third Masterpiece and Sapphire's Mustang Shelby GT, bred by **Suzi Paine and Noelle Stockwell**.

At the Supported Entry, Judge **Robert Stein** awarded:

- Best of Breed to Ch. Bosco Trooper of Anderlues, handled by **Steve Aguirre**;
- Best of Opposite Sex to Ch. Windsor's MH Autumn Serenade, owned by **Dave Lockridge** (co-bred by **Kay and Ray Schmitt** and **Judy McBride**);
- Best of Winners to Quiet Creek's Mi Vida Loca, owned by **Susan Hamil**.



Ridgerunner's Unforgettable taking Hound Group at Westminster 2001

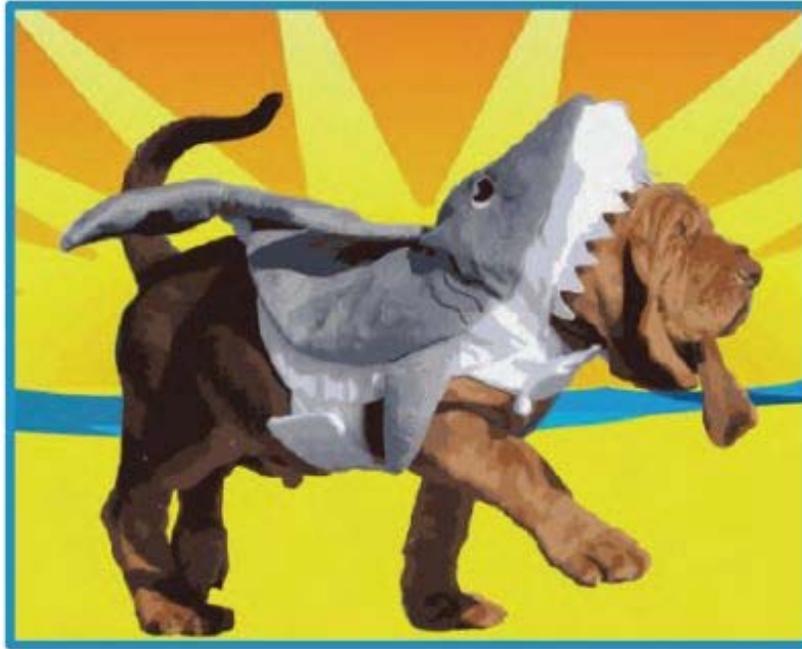
Brace Class For those not familiar with the term, a **Brace Class** is for any handler brave enough and willing to work hard enough to train a pair of bloodhounds to move and stack themselves in perfect symmetry for the judge. VERY few bloodhound owners even consider showing a brace!

When **Ray** and I were still novices at showing, **Judy McBride** talked us into showing our littermates "Deke" and "Cassie" as a brace at a National. We had shown the pups separately but never together. We didn't even know what a brace was until she explained it to us. But with no training, **Ray** took them into the ring against **Jill Dingle's** brace (she and her pups knew what they were doing!). He struggled bravely through the ordeal. Afterwards he threatened **Judy** and I....if we ever uttered the word "brace" again in his presence, WE'D be wearing the brace collars! We never did. But she and I often giggled about it. ~ **Kay Schmitt**

Bloodhound National Show

Surf's UP! Get ready for the fun!

At the ABC 2017 National



National - October 9-13, 2017
ABC/NW 2017 Regional - October 14, 2017

JUST BEACHY!

Get ready for the 2017 ABC National Bloodhound BEACH BASH!

Located in Ocean Shores, WA, it is sure to be filled with FUN, FRIENDS, and a FABULOUS atmosphere. Please browse the link below for more information.

<http://www.pacificrimbloodhoundclub.com/abc-national-specialty.html>

Show Entries Close on September 20, 2017!

Premium Lists, Judging Programs, and Event Documents available on-line at:

https://barayevents.com/show_data.phtml?action=viewshow&sid=1206

Trailing Entries Close on September 10, 2017!

http://www.pacificrimbloodhoundclub.com/uploads/7/2/9/7/72972217/2017_national_trailing_trial.pdf

Bloodhound Movie Quiz

These two images were taken from a 1999 romantic comedy film that starred **Julia Roberts**, **Richard Gere** (no, not *Pretty Woman*), and a bloodhound. Can you name the movie? Answer will be in the next issue of *BONCKERS*.



Answer to the June 2017 *BONCKERS* Bloodhound Movie Quiz: the two Northern Chapter bloodhounds, “Deke” and “Crockett,” appearing in the **Patrick Swayze** movie *“Letters from a Killer,”* belonged to members **Ray and Kay Schmitt**.

California Bloodhounds in the News

POMONA, CA - A police bloodhound tracked a suspect from a rollover traffic collision 1/2 mile away to a hiding spot under a bush in Pomona according to a Pomona Police Department news release.

Using a shoe that had been found outside the vehicle for scent tracking, the bloodhound, Jax, tracked the suspect, who had minor injuries from the crash. The suspect vehicle was on its roof and sustained significant damage after striking a parked vehicle.

Donovan Manuel Pedraza, 18, of Pomona, was arrested on suspicion of hit and run, child endangerment and driving without a license, according to the statement. Witnesses reported that a man, and a woman with a toddler were seen running away from the crash scene about 1:22 p.m. in the 1200 block of Pavilion Drive.

Officers found the 19-year-old female with the 9-month-old child at a nearby park. The female sustained minor lacerations. The toddler, who had been strapped into the car seat that was not latched in to a seatbelt, was taken to a hospital as a precaution. *(Gail Wesson, The Press-Enterprise)*



RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA - A San Bernardino County Sheriff's bloodhound helped deputies track a juvenile considered responsible for vehicle vandalism who had run across eight lanes of the 210 Freeway to escape according to a sheriff's news release.

K9 Dare tracked the Rancho Cucamonga 17-year-old boy's scent to his hiding spot under a bush near a freeway off-ramp. The teen was arrested on suspicion of vandalism, theft and resisting arrest, and released to the group home where he lives, with a citation to appear in court.

The incident began when suspicious subjects knocked on residential doors, broke glass in the middle of the intersection and knocked over trash cans near Holly Street and Valinda Avenue, south of the freeway, just east of Haven Avenue. *(Gail Wesson, The Press-Enterprise)*



RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA - It's not an episode of *Scooby-Doo* but a recent crime caper in California does sound pretty darn close: a police bloodhound came to the rescue after teens lured a Domino's delivery driver to an abandoned house and then robbed him of both money and pizza.

According to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, a pizza delivery driver arrived at what turned out to be an abandoned home in Rancho Cucamonga. A male teen was waiting outside, and another approached him from behind, allegedly hitting him over the head with a bottle. The suspects then allegedly stole the pizza he was carrying *and* all the pizza inside the vehicle, and fled.

The delivery driver called the cops to report the robbery, and they brought their K9 unit, Dare the bloodhound. He was able to pick up the scent of the suspects (more like pizzahound, am I right?) and led deputies to a nearby home.

Police say when they arrived on the scene, there were two teens outside the home, while another two juveniles were inside the garage chowing down on the pizza. Deputies investigated and found evidence that linked two of the teens to the pizza crime, and arrested them for the robbery.

It is unclear whether Dare got a pizza snack as a reward for his super sleuthing skills, but we'd like to think he did. (Mary Beth Quirk, *Consumerist.com*)



IDYLLWILD, CA - A Riverside County Sheriff's deputy and his bloodhound are being praised for their heroic actions in locating a man with Alzheimer's in Idyllwild.

Deputy Robert Ochoa and K9 Windy used a worn shirt belonging to **Gilbert Jermott** to track him down. **Jermott** had walked away from the Idyllwild Arts Academy earlier in the day.

Windy was able to follow **Jermott's** scent two miles into the woods until she found him. **Jermott** was dehydrated and disoriented but was evaluated and released to his wife.

Riverside Sheriff's Office helicopter Star 9 dropped water and gatorade down to Jermott and the crews below, who had been working in temperatures that reached 95 degrees.

(**Danielle Gersh**, <http://www.kesq.com>)



Bloodhound Health

“Reduce GDV Risk Through Breeding?”

Researchers at the *Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center* in Seattle recently published a study in which they identified specific gene markers (alleles) associated with gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV) in Great Danes. While this study only examined Great Danes, it holds promise that other large and giant breeds, such as our bloodhounds, may have similar gene markers.

This study involved 81 Great Danes, 42 healthy (the control group) and 39 who have had one or more episodes of GDV (the GDV group). They examined two sets of genes to amplify and sequence, looking for specific gene differences between the two groups.

They identified three GDV-associated alleles (alternative forms of a gene) that “may serve as diagnostic makers for identification of Great Danes at risk for GDV.” One allele of each gene “retained a hazard ratio >2 after controlling for temperament, age, and familial association in the multivariate analysis,” meaning the gene marker was more than twice as likely to occur in the GDV group than in the control group.

The authors concluded “additional research is needed to determine whether other dog breeds have the same genetic associations.” If bloodhounds do have this genetic trait, GDV risk may be reduced in future litters by screening breeding pairs for GDV as is currently done for degenerative myelopathy (DM), cardiac, and orthopedic issues.

GDV, or more simply, bloat, is a leading cause of death in bloodhounds. It occurs when the dog’s stomach (*gastric*) inflates (dilates, *dilatation*), then rotates (*volvulus*, from Latin *volvere* ‘to roll’), twisting closed both ends. As the sealed stomach continues to enlarge, it creates pressure on internal organs reducing blood flow and may quickly become a serious medical emergency.

Associations between gastric dilatation-volvulus in Great Danes and specific alleles of the canine immune-system genes *DLA88*, *DRB1*, and *TLR5*

Michael A. Harkey, Alexandra M. Villagran, Gopalakrishnan M. Venkataraman, Wendy M. Leisenring, Meredith A. J. Hullar, and Beverly J. Torok-Storb

[American Journal of Veterinary Research](https://doi.org/10.2460/ajvr.78.8.934), August 2017, Vol. 78, No. 8, Pages 934-945
(<https://doi.org/10.2460/ajvr.78.8.934>)

(Editor: the American German Shepard Dog (GSD) Charitable Foundation has funded this same research team through the AKC Canine Health Foundation to study this genetic occurrence in GSDs. We will soon know if this gene association is present in another large dog breed. If present in GSDs, it increases the probability it will be present in bloodhounds.)

Bloodhound Breed Status

“Hounded Out?”

Back in March of this year, the *Scottish Daily Mail* (Ref. 1) ran a story called “Hounded Out!” It described how many classic British dog breeds are facing extinction as dog owners opt for more trendy breeds. The story began:

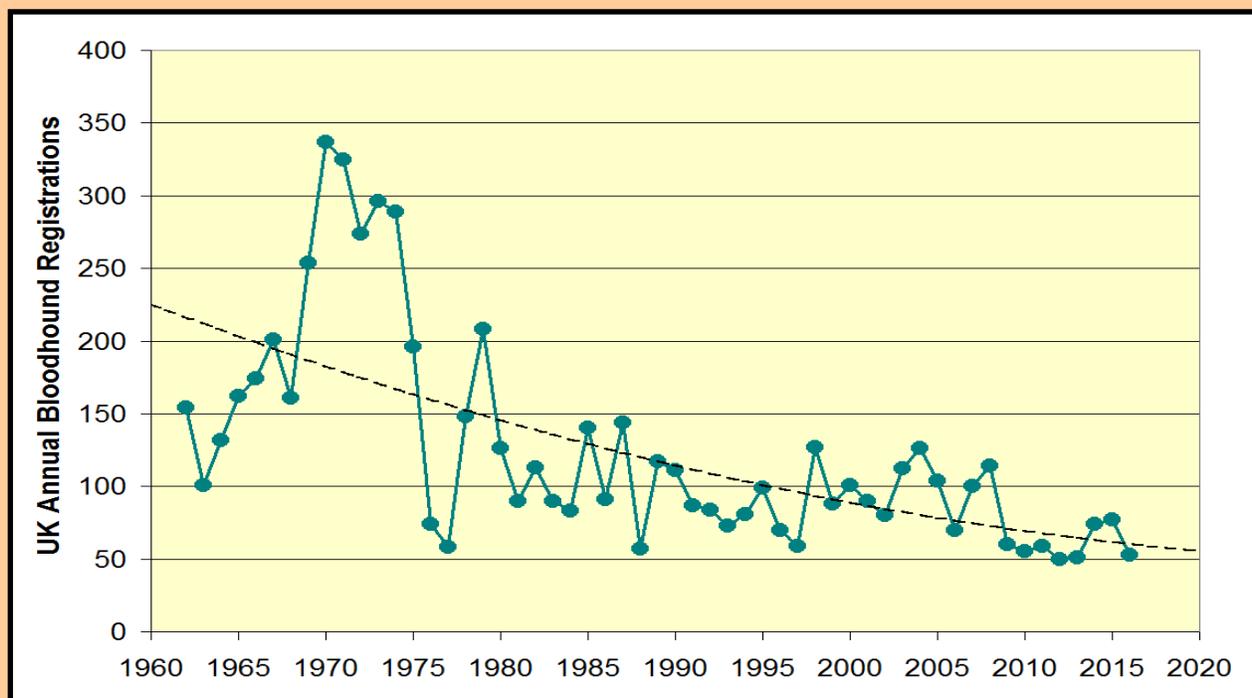
*“Spare a thought for man’s spurned best friends. Proud British pedigrees such as the Skye terrier, **bloodhound** and Dandie Dinmount are facing extinction – rejected in favour of ‘It’ breeds beloved of celebrities.*

*A mere 28 Skye terriers were registered with the Kennel Club last year, along with 40 otterhounds, 53 **bloodhounds**, 49 Sussex spaniels and 84 King Charles spaniels.*

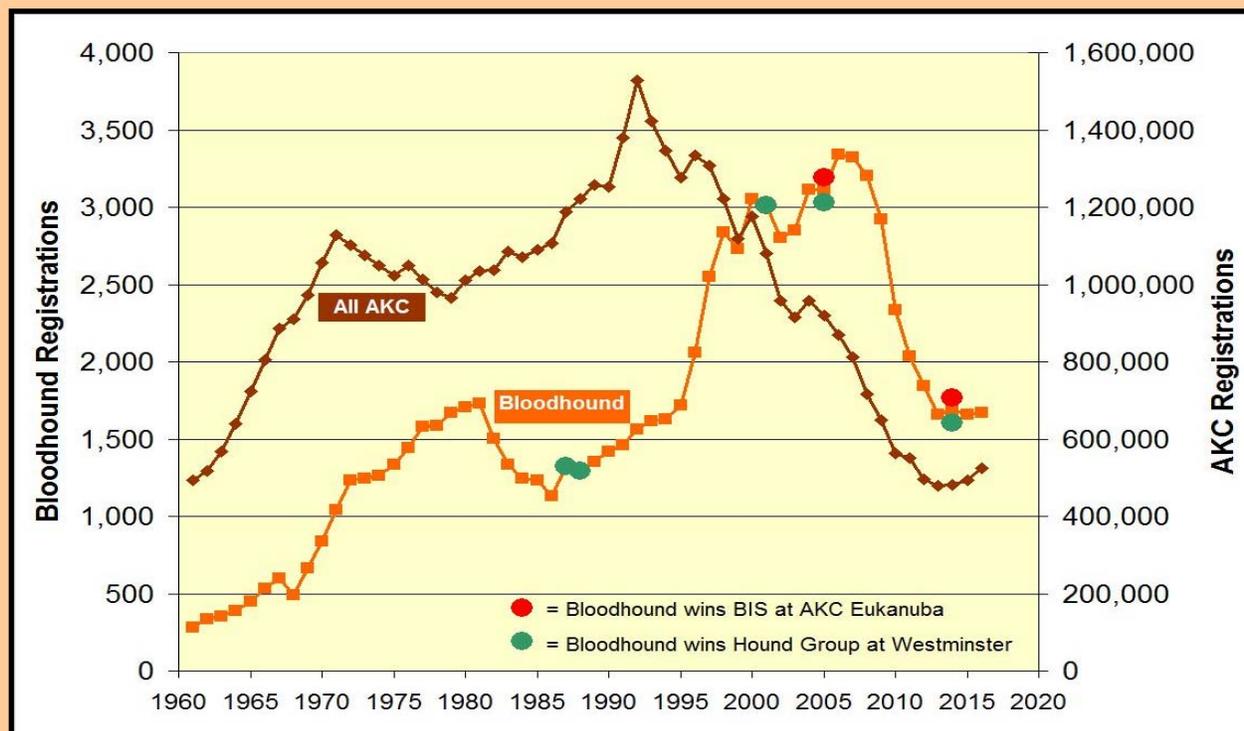
Such numbers are insufficient to protect their minuscule gene pools from inbred doom. Breeders believe a birth rate of 300 puppies a year is needed to guarantee a large enough pool for a health population.”

UK Bloodhounds. So what is happening with our beloved bloodhounds? With assistance from **Colin Sealy**, Library Assistant with The Kennel Club, the annual registration numbers for bloodhounds in the UK from 1962 through 2016 (past 55 years) were collected.

The numbers do indeed show a gradual drop-off in bloodhound registrations with The Kennel Club from a peak of 337 hounds in 1970 to low of only 50 in 2012.



US Bloodhounds. So this prompted a concern about bloodhounds here in the US, how are they faring? Using American Kennel Club (AKC) on-line archives (Ref. 2) supplemented with recent data obtained by *Mary Lou Olszewski*, the American Bloodhound Club's AKC delegate, we obtained data on annual bloodhound and all-breed registrations (including bloodhounds) by the AKC. These numbers are shown on the following graph. For the past 15 years, there have been about 280 all-breed registrations for each bloodhound registration.

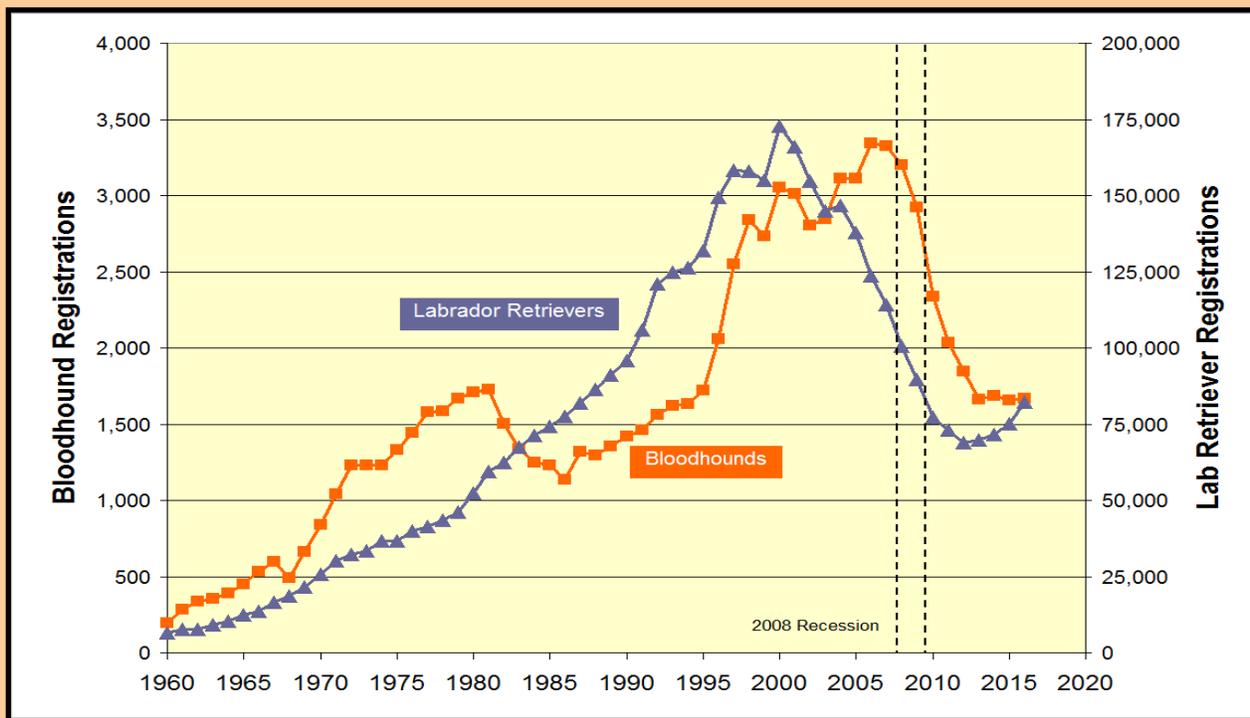


Annual bloodhound registrations with the AKC have increased from 350 in the early 1960s to a peak of 3,343 in 2006. A decline begins in 2007 leveling off at about 1,670 in 2013-2016. This mimics the general shape of the AKC all-breed registration curve.

Time Lag. What's interesting is the lag between the two curves. AKC has a minor peak in 1971; bloodhounds peak ten years later in 1981. The AKC numbers dip in 1979; bloodhounds dip in 1986, seven years later. AKC highest peak occurs in 1992; bloodhounds highest peak occurs in 2006, 14 years later. The lag disappears in recent years, both AKC all-breed registrations and bloodhound registrations have leveled off during the past four years (2013-2016).

Show Winners. This graph also indicates years when a bloodhound won the Hound Group at the Westminster Kennel Club Show or Best in Show at Eukanuba. It was thought perhaps the wins would increase the popularity of the breed but there doesn't seem to be any consistent influence on registrations.

Versus Labradors. So how might bloodhounds compare with a more popular breed, Labrador Retrievers for example? They have been ranked by AKC as the most popular breed since 1991.

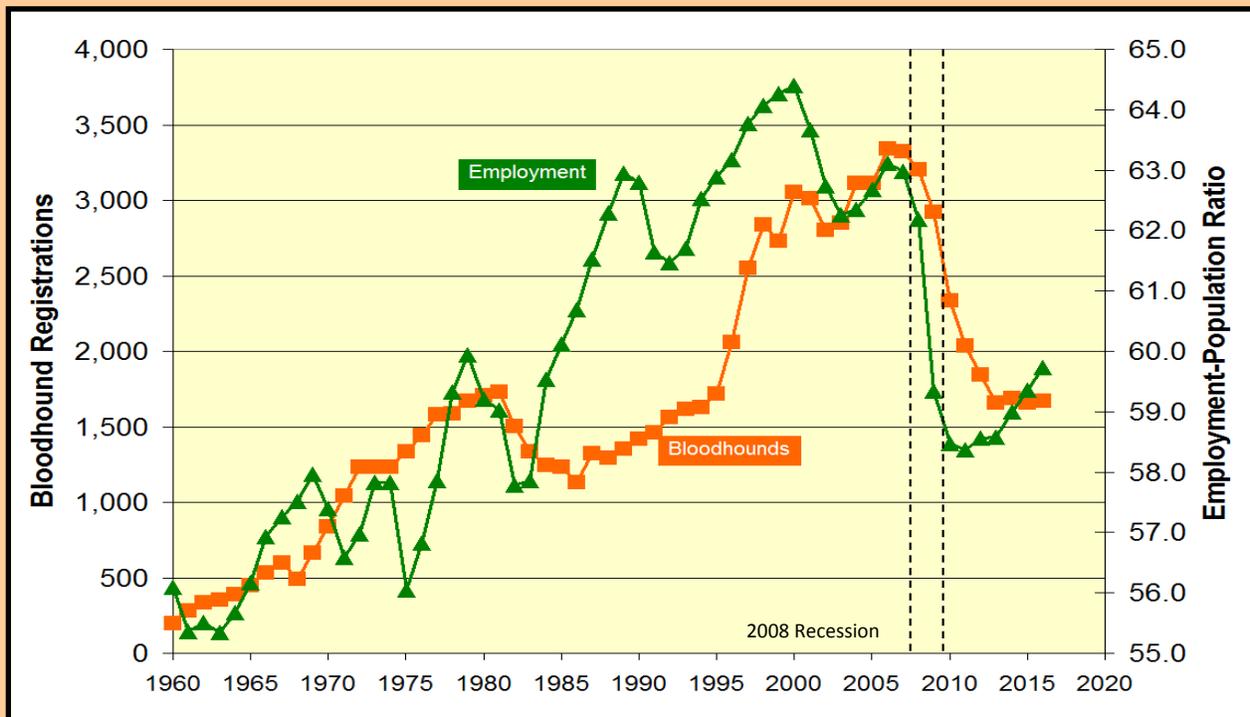


This graph compares annual registrations for retrievers with bloodhounds, very similar shapes. A similar lag occurs: retrievers peak in 2000, bloodhounds peak six years later in 2006. The drop in bloodhound numbers seems to coincide with the start of the 2008 Recession (generally considered to run from December 2007 to June 2009) (Ref. 3). Retrievers, in contrast, started to decline right after the 2000 peak and continued their decline for 12 years. They start to recover in the past four years.

Expensive. Bloodhounds are a large breed, often expensive to purchase and maintain. Competing in the AKC event of conformation (for which AKC registration is required) can also be an expensive hobby. Perhaps general economic conditions played a major role in the rise and fall in popularity of bloodhounds and other AKC breeds.

Economy. One indicator of the state of the economy is the seasonally-adjusted employment to population ratio as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Ref. 4). This is the ratio of total civilian employment to the civilian non-institutional population, or more simply, the portion of the population that is employed. The greater the ratio of people employed, the more income may be available for discretionary spending on pets and hobbies.

Employment versus Bloodhounds. The following graph shows the employment-population ratio and the number of annual AKC bloodhound registrations over about the past 60 years. Visually, there appears to be a good correlation between the two; statistically, the Pearson correlation coefficient, r , is 0.76 (where 0.00 is no correlation and 1.00 is complete correlation). Employment ratio peaks in 2000 (time of the “dot com” boom), bloodhounds peak a few years later. Both curves drop sharply at the start of the 2008 recession.



Perhaps bloodhound registrations are influenced greater by general economic conditions than are the more popular breeds such as Labs. But recall the general statistical caveat that “correlation does not imply causation” – just because the curves line up doesn’t necessarily mean bloodhounds and the economy are related.

What do you think? What’s behind the fluctuations in annual bloodhound registrations? Is it simply economics or are there other influences at work? Are pure-bred bloodhounds at risk? Send your thoughts to *BONCKERS* and we’ll share them with other bloodhound lovers.

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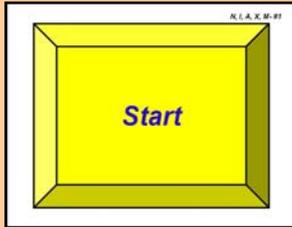
(Editor: next issue will look at the changing relationship over the same time period between annual bloodhound registrations and bloodhound litter registrations).



Bloodhound Sports

“Exciting Changes to AKC Rally – Are You Ready?”

By *Amanda Gardner*



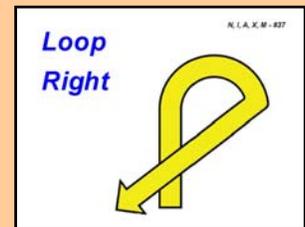
Exciting changes are coming to the AKC Rally program on November 1. The AKC is adding new classes, new titles, and new signs to the existing classes. Whether you are a Rally veteran or new to the sport, there is something for everyone.

AKC Rally is a fun sport that is based on obedience skills, but is not as strict as AKC Obedience. It is like an obedience obstacle course composed of numbered stations, each with a specific exercise. Unlike Obedience, Rally encourages communication between the handler and dog. Rally offers both an excellent starting point for novice handlers and dogs and challenges for seasoned pros.

New Classes

The AKC is adding two new classes to the Rally program: Rally Intermediate and Rally Master.

Rally Intermediate, an optional class, was designed for dogs that have earned the Rally Novice title, but are not yet ready for the Advanced level, which requires dogs to work off-leash. In the Rally Intermediate class, dogs work on-leash and perform the same course as the Advanced class without the jump. A dog must have earned the Rally Novice title to be eligible for the Rally Intermediate class. Rally Intermediate is an optional class, meaning that it is not required for dogs to enter the Advanced class. Rather, it is for dogs that are not yet ready for the off-leash work that is required in the Advanced class, but want an additional challenge beyond the Novice level.



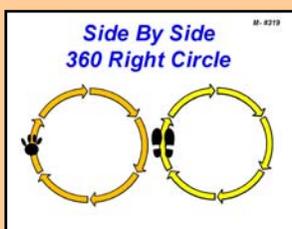
Rally Master was designed for dogs that have mastered the Advanced and Excellent levels and want further challenge. A dog must have earned the Rally Excellent title to be eligible for the Rally Master class. All exercises are performed off-leash and no retries are allowed.

New Titles

Along with the new classes, come new titles.

RI – Dogs earning three qualifying scores in the Intermediate class, under at least two different judges, earn the Rally Intermediate title (RI).

RM – Dogs earning ten qualifying scores in the Master class, under at least two different judges, earn the Rally Master title (RM). For each additional ten qualifying scores a dog earns, the letters RM will be followed by a numeric designation signifying the number of times the dog has earned the RM title. (RM2 for 20 qualifying score, RM3 for 30 qualifying scores, etc.)





RACH – Once a dog has achieved the RM title, they will begin earning Rally Championship points. Scores of 91 or better from the Excellent B and Master classes earn Rally Championship points. The RACH title requires 300 points, of which at least 200 points must come from the Master class. In addition to the required points, a dog must have earned 20 triple qualifying scores (a qualifying score in the Advanced, Excellent, and Master classes at the same trial). Like the RM title, a dog that has met the requirements for the RACH multiple times will receive a numeric designation after the letters RACH. (RACH2 for 40 triple qualifying scores and 600 points, RACH3 for 60 triple qualifying scores and 900 points, etc.)

New Signs

In addition to the new classes, the AKC has added new signs to the existing classes. The Novice class has six new signs. The Advanced class has five new signs. The Excellent class has five new signs. All the signs in the Master class are new. Further, some of the existing signs had their photo and/or description modified.



Additional Info

Sounds confusing? Not sure where to start? The AKC has several Rally Videos on the AKC Obedience & Rally YouTube Channel that demonstrate how to perform the exercises:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOmnrKKiM2kcaowVI3SXeVQ>

A summary of the changes that are effective November 1:

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Rally signs and descriptions in pdf:

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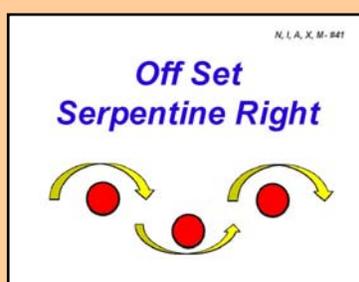
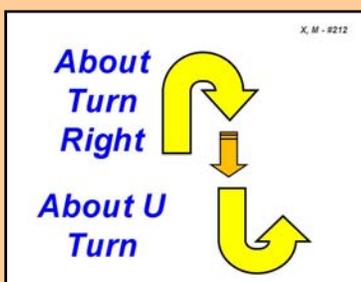
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Full size Rally signs:

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Have fun with Rally and happy training!



“Merlin” (February 2009 – August 2017)

By *Pat Moffitt*

“Merlin, the Magician of Windsor,” was born February 13, 2009, and when he was only 4 months old he came into Rescue as a puppy. I trained him for trailing and with this experience he was the dog that many people used to get an introduction to trailing. **Mike McMillan** worked him before he got “Basker.” Many others also worked with him throughout “Merlin’s” career.

“Merlin” had one big accomplishment. He was called upon to search for a missing cat. The cat went missing two weeks before I was contacted and asked to help. We went to cat’s house and used the blanket the cat slept on as a scent article. “Merlin” sniffed the blanket and quickly took me out the back door and stood up against a wooden fence where cat was last seen jumping over the fence.

We moved out into the front yard and proceeded through an urban neighborhood, past the back side of Windsor High School, and into a park on Starr Road. “Merlin” worked the woods and grass area before he jumped up on a park bench and just sat down. That was the end of the trail. I told the cat’s owner to come back in the early morning the next day and wait on the bench.

Sure enough, the next morning the cat saw her waiting and jumped in her lap very happy to be rescued. The cat was full of ticks, stickers, and fleas and required veterinarian attention. Otherwise the cat was healthy and returned to her home and I’m told never went on an adventure like that again. Home was so sweet to be safe in.

On August 3rd, “Merlin” passed over the Rainbow Bridge at the age of 8 and a half. He is now with his many friends like “Calamity,” “Black Majik,” “Rylie” and “Classy.”

He is truly missed.



“Merlin” at 4 months, direct from Rescue

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, re-homing 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*.



Their annual fundraiser is

the sale of calendars.

The current theme is bloodhounds and water. The 2018 calendars were nearly sold out by July so if you want the next year's (2019), place your order early with **Eileen Peers** (*Cilgwri Bloodhounds*) at: eileen@factsint.com



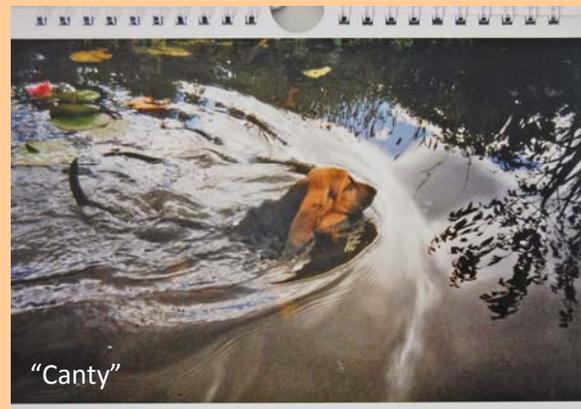
Visit their website: <http://www.bloodhoundlifeline.org.uk/> or join their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1505999483050589/>



"Bertie"

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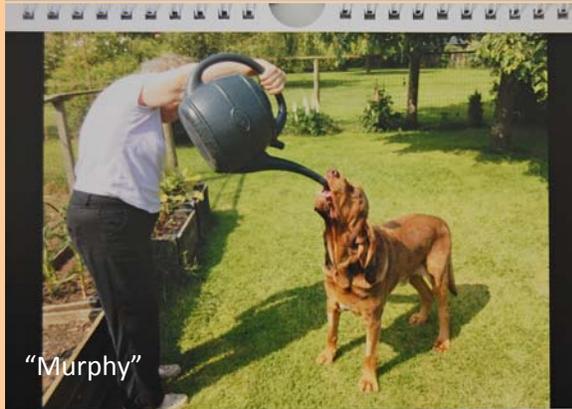
I love watching the boats on the river.



"Canty"

FEBRUARY 2018

Who pushed?



"Murphy"

AUGUST 2018

You just can't get the staff these days.



"Rocket"

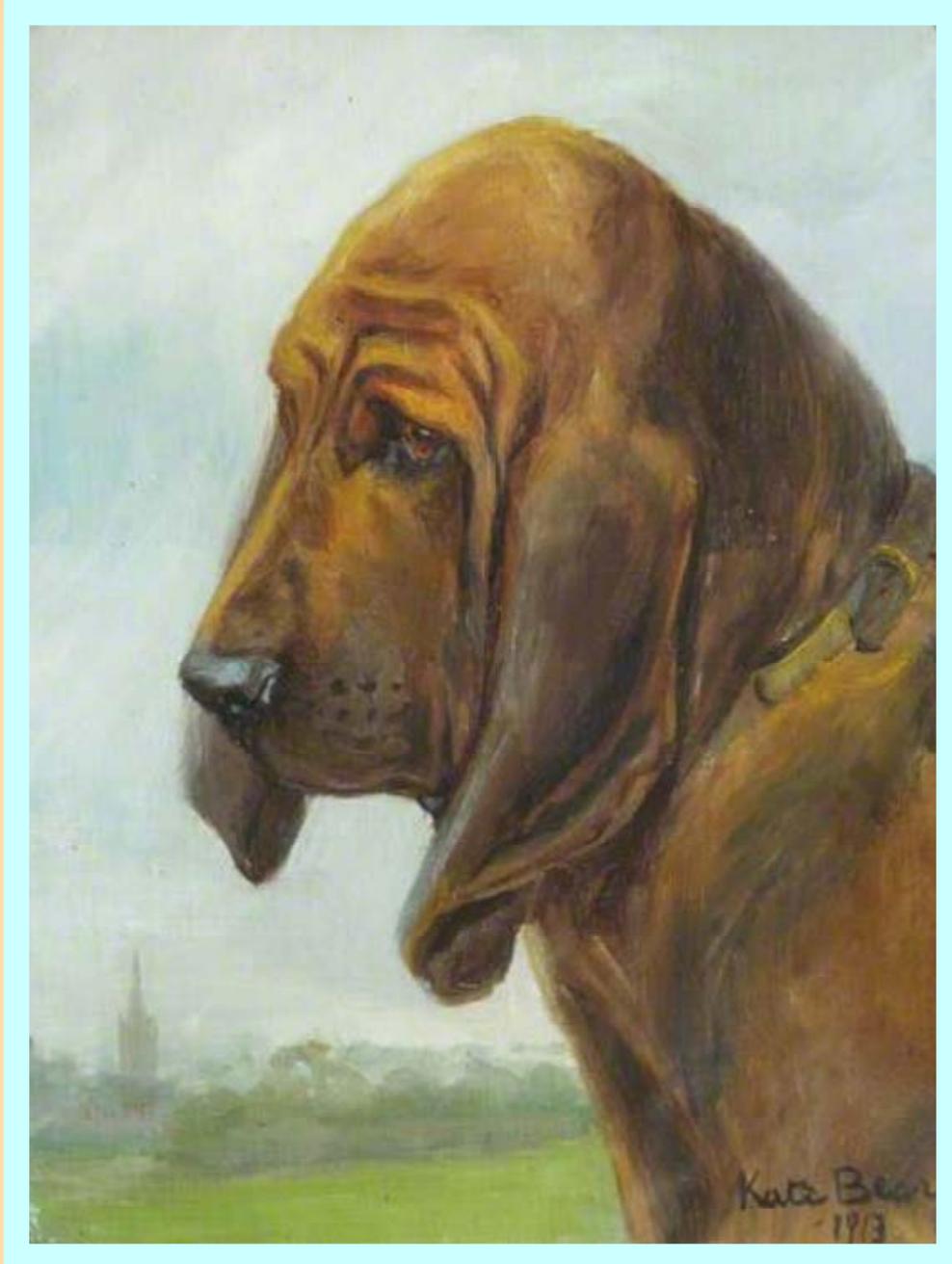
OCTOBER 2018

OK - I said I wanted a big drink but this is ridiculous!

September 2017

("Murphy" is a Badgershill hound, see March 2016 *BONCKERS*)

Bloodhounds in Art



“Lady Bountiful:” Study of the Head of a Bloodhound in a Landscape was painted by **Katherine Louisa Beard** (1867-1941) in 1913. The small (14x10 inches) oil on canvas painting is kept by the National Trust at Mount Stewart, County Down, England.

(Source: www.bbc.co.uk/arts/yourpaintings/)

Bloodhound Humor

Trailing (and tracking) is a fun bloodhound sport that lets our hounds do what hundreds of years of breeding have enabled them to do by instinct better than most dogs. It takes some practice, however, for them to understand what you are expecting them to do.

Wouldn't it be nice if they could give you some feedback on how to help them on the trail? Well, "Ray the Beagle" has made a *YouTube* video where he does just that. **"Ray" explains some important tips to get the most out of a trailing practice with your hound.**



For those unable to see the video (link below), at the end "Ray" summarizes the key points of logistics for a successful training as:

- bring the food,
- keep the line tight and untangled,
- bring the food,
- don't let me get stuck,
- bring the food,
- shut up,
- and bring the food.



And a commenter has added: trust your dog, and bring the food.

"Ray" is big on rewards during training.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG2rZicSQWk>

(If the link isn't active, cut and paste it into your browser or go to www.youtube.com and search for "Ray tracking").

November Trailing Trial



Get Ready to Trail.....

Bloodhounds West, Inc. – Northern Chapter
is hosting a **3 day trailing trial** on
November 24, 25 & 26, 2017
(Pending ABC approval)

Event Chair: Stacy Mattson
Headquarters Location: Sacramento, CA

Premium list and entry forms will be
available on September 25, 2017

Bloodhound Drool

Lynn Hayner recently wrote an article for *Dogster.com* called, “Think You Know Dog Drool? Meet These 5 Deliciously Drooly Breeds.” The subheading was, “Dog drool is nothing new – but some breeds like the Bloodhound and the Mastiff take slobber to the next level.”

For Bloodhounds, she wrote:

“Our origins are blue-blooded, so let’s not over focus on our extra spittle. Our stellar sense of smell made us a favorite with European noble huntsman. We were subsequently employed by gentry to track poachers. In the United States, law enforcement officials asked for our assistance with tracking. But yes, you should always keep dribble scraps handy for cleanup. I myself drool slightly more when I’m nervous. Some say we males drool more than the females due to our extra-large lips. *I suggest we forget about my dog drool and pay attention to my gentle, wise and noble expression.*”

You can read about the other four drooly breeds at:

<http://www.dogster.com/dogs-101/think-you-know-dog-drool-meet-these-drooly-dog-breeds>



New AKC Scent Work Judge

Bloodhounds West member **Pat Moffitt** has now been approved as an American Kennel Club (AKC) Scent Work judge. The new AKC titling program was described in the American Bloodhound Club’s (ABC) Summer 2017 issue of the *Bulletin*. It’s a lot like the nose work program of the *National Association of Canine Scent Work* described by **Debby Levy** in the June *BONCKERS*. As **Debby** wrote: “After all, who could be more suited for nose work than a bloodhound?”

Pat is now an authorized judge for:

- AKC Canine Good Citizen tests
- AKC Therapy Dog tests
- AKC Trick Dog tests
- AKC Scent Work tests
- ABC Mantrailing tests



Bloodhounds in Literature

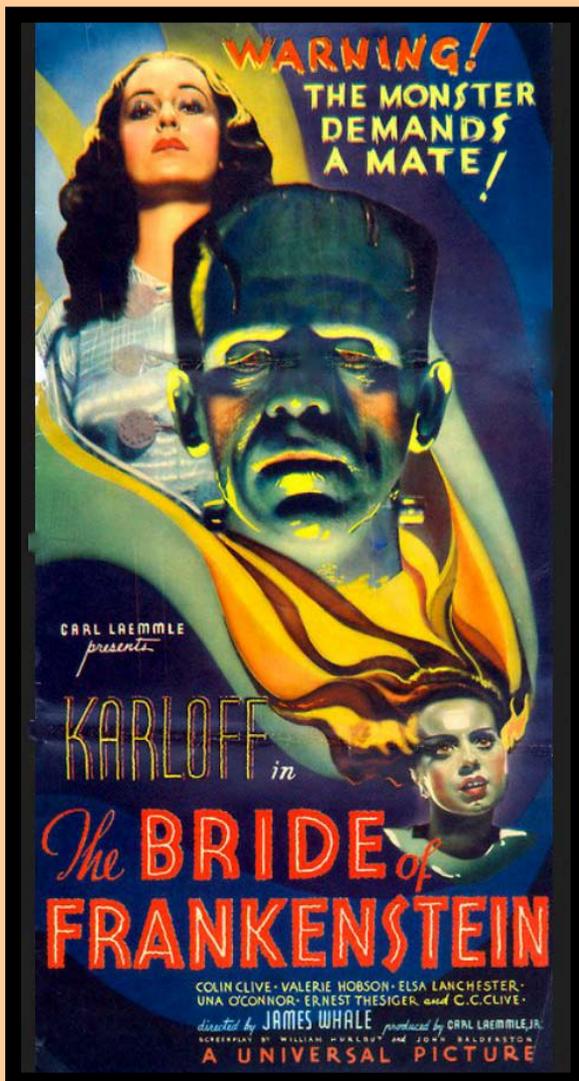
“The Bride of Frankenstein”

(Editor: a spooky tale for Halloween coming at the end of next month.)

Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus is a novel written by English author **Mary Shelley** that tells the story of **Victor Frankenstein**, a young scientist who creates a grotesque but sapient creature in an unorthodox scientific experiment. **Shelley** started writing the story when she was 18; the first edition of the novel was published in London in 1818 when she was 20.

The Bride of Frankenstein is a 1935 American science fiction horror film, the first sequel to Universal Pictures' 1931 hit *Frankenstein*. It is considered one of the few sequels to a great film that is even better than the original film on which it is based. As with the first film, *Bride of Frankenstein* was directed by **James Whale** and stars **Boris Karloff** as The Monster.

The text that follows comes from a paperback, *The Bride of Frankenstein (Fantasy and Horror Classics)* (2011) by **John L. Balderston**. (Editor: “burgomaster” means mayor).



‘The Monster!’ he gasped, clutching blindly at a chair for support. ‘He’s in the woods. A friend and I were out shooting – we saw him attacking a girl. My friend fired. I think he hit him.’

‘The Monster, you say? Excellent!’ It was the moment for which the pompous old burgomaster had been waiting. For years he had been longing to show the good people of Ingolstadt the kind of stuff of which he was made. He turned to his servant.

‘Stop gibbering, man! **Get out the bloodhounds.** Raise all the men you can. Lock the women indoors and wait for me.’ Fuming, he reached for a gun on the wall.

Outside the house he could hear his servant shouting the news. In a minute the narrow street was packed with a jostling throng of excited villagers, all armed haphazard with guns, pitchforks, crowbars and anything else to which they could lay their hands.

Headed by the burgomaster, they trooped out of the village.

They came to the spot where the other huntsman stood supporting the frightened shepherdess in his arms.

‘Which way did he go?’

Even before he could answer the burgomaster's question **the bloodhounds were baying and straining at the leash.**

'That way. Hurry!'

The hounds nosed the ground, their breath coming in quick, eager sniffs. They moved silently, swiftly, leading the mob off the rough cart track and up a steep, pine-covered slope.

Suddenly from the ranks of the crowd there came a cry.

'There he is!' 'Faster, faster!'

The burgomaster shaded his eyes. Ahead, just breasting the top of the hill, a vast, misshapen figure was loping. It ran awkwardly, as though its man-made limbs were unequal to the task. They moved ponderously like primitive metal pistons.

In a trice the hounds had reached it, and stood round baying while the rest of the human pack came up.

Snarling, the great creature faced them, its pallid lips drawn back above huge yellow fangs. It lunged out savagely, grunting and squealing like a tormented pig. Foetid green froth dripped from its gaping mouth . . . *(Source, book, Wikipedia, Amazon.com)*



Foot bones of a bloodhound versus a human.

The Last Page



"Moose" (2007-2016)

All his life he tried to be a good person. Many times, he failed. After all, he was only human. He wasn't a dog.

~ **Charles M. Schulz**

Membership Forms

On the following pages are:

New Member Application Form (2 pages)

Use this form to join Bloodhounds West, Northern Chapter.

We welcome new members to our club.

American Bloodhound Club Application (1 page)

Use this form to join our national parent organization.

More information is available at:

<http://www.americanbloodhoundclub.org/membership-application/>

A Little Bloodhound Humor

All photos by *Nona Perez*

I got a new trailing harness for my mate...



Don't say it!



...best trade ever.



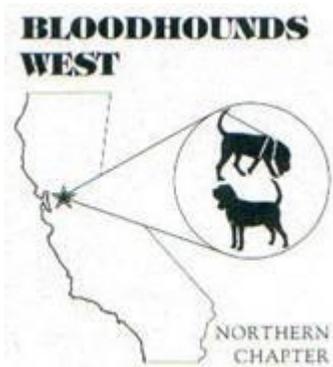
Those hounds have such a sense of humor.

They must get it from their owners.

I'm on a strict training program for the November trailing trials.

Started yesterday, so far I've only missed one day.





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(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Interests: Showing Obedience/Rally Trailing/Tracking Pet

Animals in household: # ___ Bloodhounds # ___ Other breeds (List) _____

Other animals _____

Why I am interested in joining Bloodhounds West: _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Sponsored by (please print): _____

How sponsor knows applicant: _____

Signature of sponsoring member: _____ Date: _____

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.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Aldo Branch 223 Sunnyslope Ave, San Jose, CA 95127

You may also submit your application fee through Paypal at bloodhoundswestnc@gmail.com (please enter your applicant information in the Paypal comment section). If you join via Paypal, please mail **Aldo** 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.



