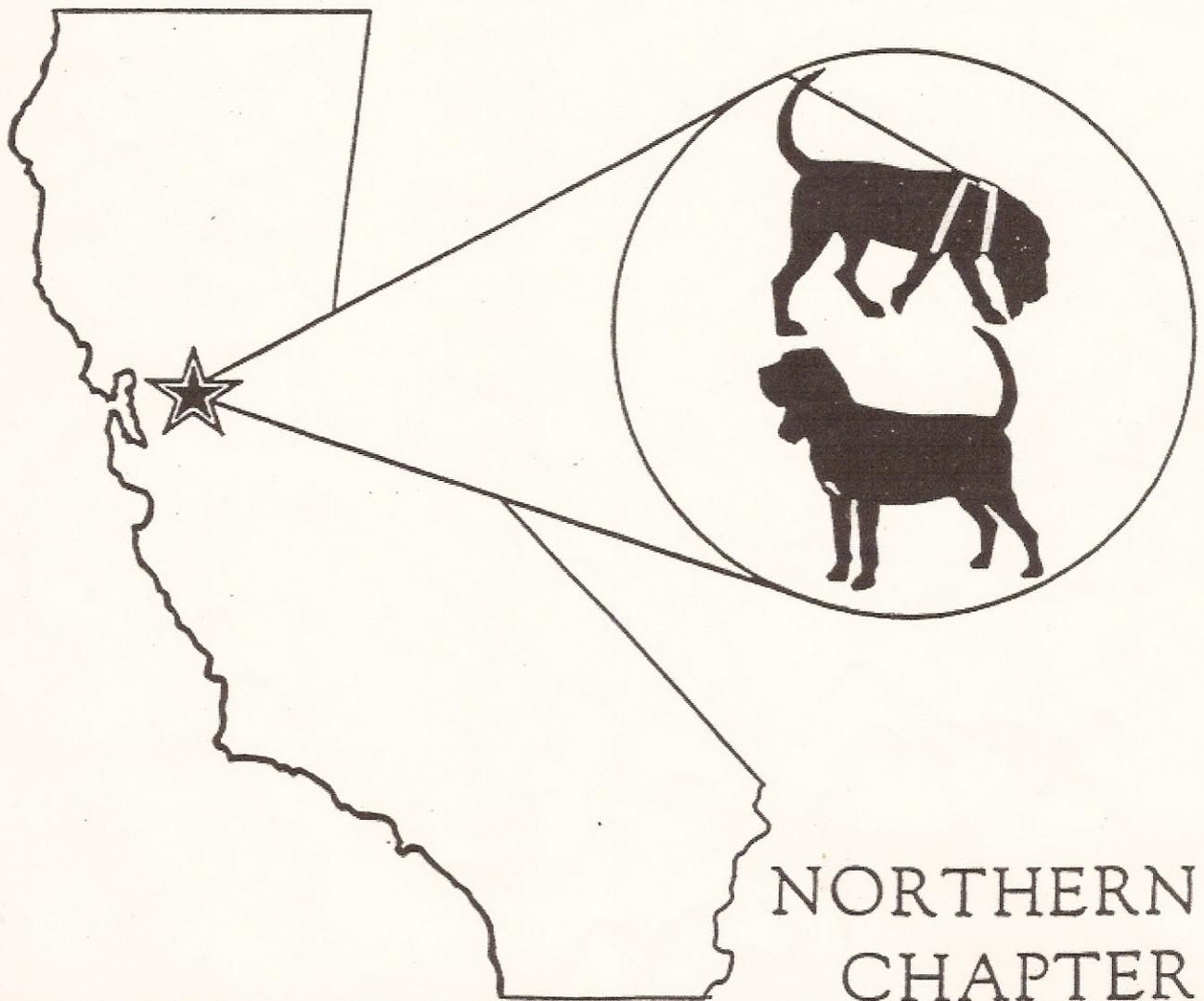


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A special congrats to Cindi and Sage who earned a score of 192 in Sage's first match in Placerville. All this done in the wheelchair as well!

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December 16, 2007

Dear Members,

It has been an eventful past few months for me and I am behind in my message for the newsletter. Shortly after my last note for the newsletter, pain started in my right leg. Making a long story short, I had spinal surgery on November 12. The recovery is ongoing and I went back to work on December 10. Now that I look back on how miserable I felt all summer and fall, I should have had the surgery sooner. It appears that everything is healing as it should. I think the worst part of the whole ordeal was before the surgery being nervous about being with the dogs as they all wanted their playtime and individual ear rubs and I couldn't give them what they expected. For the first 3 weeks after the surgery I didn't step foot in to the yard with them and that wasn't easy. Being able to see them, talk to them and only stick my fingers through the fence for sniffs and licks wasn't enough. I'm still cautious but at least I can interact and be with them. It's the old saying "you don't know what you've got til it's gone". Thank you all that gave me encouragement and support before, during and after this little setback.

So much has happened with the National, Eukanuba and the show world in general since my last note. I'd like to say congratulations to the South Central Chapter for what I hear was, quite an event at the National. I missed seeing everyone and look forward to 2008 in Long Beach.

Many thanks to our past ABC president Cindy Andrews and welcome to our new president, Lyn Sherman.

We are starting to collect auction items for the National. If you have anything you would like to donate, please forward it to Lynne Aguirre, 1278 Bridgeport Avenue/ Corona, California 92882-5864. Bloodhounds West/Southern Chapter has a storage facility and we will gather everything there.

The rescue situation as always could use any help you are willing to give. Foster homes, transport, shelter checks, home checks, financial contributions - anything helps.

It was 105 degrees the day I wrote my last newsletter. Today I gathered firewood and it is 52 degrees outside with rain in the forecast. I still wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

A special thanks to "Team Bonckers" for your work this past year. I have the easy part of this newsletter.

After trying unsuccessfully to step down as president of our chapter, I'm still here. If anyone would like to help out, please let me know.

I hope you all have a great holiday season with good health and happiness in 2008.

Respectfully,

Tim

RESCUE CORNER

The latter part of May I received a phone call from Chuck Stockham in Red Bluff regarding a young Black and Tan male Bloodhound who had been rescued from a shelter in Southern Oregon by Chucks next door neighbor. Chuck, who is a breeder of Wolfhounds fell in love with this boy and tried in every way to keep him but this happy go lucky boy would chase the neighbors cattle etc. and Chuck then had to make the hard choice of finding him a home. There was nobody on my list that really fit this dog and I wanted to be sure that he went to a home where he would stay forever. Buford lived for a month or so with Chuck, charming Chuck into thinking this dog can live here but his wife was not so thrilled with the slobber, the neighbors complaints, and Bufords howl that could be heard all over the country side! Reluctantly Chuck and I made the decision to place Buford with someone who had owned and loved Bloodhounds before. This all came about after we had tried to read the microchip that Buford had although not one veterinarian could get a reading. John Galloway a former rescue dog owner and Bloodhounds West member had called and was interested in having another Bloodhound rescue and after I told him a bit about Buford he decided to drive to Red Bluff and meet Buford. Chuck and John spoke on the phone and decided to each drive part way so that John could meet this wonderful boy. The rest is now history John adopted Buford and the last I heard the relationship was growing day by day.

This is one of the good stories about rescue. Buford was well behaved and Chuck and his wife were wonderful foster parent's for him....giving him time to learn to live with people again and the love, training and understanding that hounds require. I will forever be indebted to them for everything they did for Buford and also to John Galloway for giving him the home he so deserved. This is a happy ending for a pup that started out being shifted from "pillar to post" for the first 8 months of his life



Judy Robb

BUFORD UPDATE 12/22/07

Buford has found a good home and has a wonderful playmate Watson, the Otterhound. Having 2 young boys is quite a challenge. Buford still likes to counter surf if I am not watching him. Thanks for all your hard work with Bloodhound Rescue. John, Watson and Buford.

John Galloway- Young Black and tan male rescued by Chuck Stockham in Red Bluff (Irish Wolfhounds). This dog had a microchip which nobody could get a reading on. He was 8-9 mos old and a very sweet and grateful young boy. John adopted him 6-9-07.

Tim Chang adopted a beautiful 11 mos old spayed blk and tn female on 11-5-07. She was with another couple who couldn't keep her and Scott Milheim brought her home after I spoke with Tim who picked her up the next day.

For months, I had had plans to go to N. California and meet up w/ friends at a dog show. I was listed for my flights, (which is the best I could do, as I was flying standby), and as best as I knew, was set to go. The end of

the week prior to leaving, I received an email that had been sent to all AZ members of Bloodhounds West Rescue, that a 10 month old bloodhound boy named Rocko, who was blind, was in the shelter. The request was for someone to be able to pick this boy up, and help arrange for transport to So. California. Now came my dilemma, I was headed to the wrong part of CA, and I was flying...so, transport for him did not look promising at that point. Since I was going to be gone until Monday evening, I would not be able to pick him up until Tuesday. I contacted Stacy from BH West, and since she had not heard from anyone else, she made calls to the shelter to see if they would hold this guy until Tuesday.

The good news was, they would hold him, so the plan was for me to go by the shelter after I got off of work on Tuesday. It looked like a road trip would be in the works some time after that. Saturday rolls around, and as my luck would have it, I was unable to get a flight out.

So, I waited until Sunday morning, and still nothing. At this point I have given up, and made my phone calls sending my regrets of not going. The only positive side of this was it allowed me to get to the shelter 2 days earlier and get this guy out. So, off I go, with one of the kids in tow, (the oldest, who is 20). I find the gentleman who had been working w/ Stacy and myself and take care of his paperwork.

Since he was "blind", they had kept him in the hospital kennels and away from the public.

When we got to his kennels, he was at the gate ready to greet us like long lost friends.

The staff had said that he was really using his other senses, to make up for the loss of sight.

Now, I may not be a doctor, but at that very first meeting, with a gate between us, I was just not believing that this was a blind dog, but, they assured me that he was. They said, "he might be able to see some light, but that was it". So, we get a collar and leash on him, and out the door we go. We walked through the shelter, (well, perhaps that wasn't the best word, because Rocko had no leash manners), but we make it to the door to the outside.

Once out, something got his attention...one of the staff members told me he was just "smelling and hearing the outside". Again, the non-expert (me) watched him watch a pigeon walk across the parking lot. We get to the car, and he jumps in the backseat, and off we go to his new "temporary housing". The "introduction" to the house went just as well. I anticipated walking him through each room, and out in the yard...however, he made it quite clear that he needed no "guidance" and checked things out on his own just fine. A few

days passed without incident. He was obviously housebroken and soon claimed his "spot" on the younger (16 yr) daughter's bed. Every night, after dinner and a bathroom trip, the two of them called it a night. Then, the kennel cough kicked in. A trip to our vet, (where it was "officially" agreed that Rocko was not blind), and we settled in for the duration of the illness. By this time, Greer, has changed his name. She said that Rocko was very unfitting and she wanted to name him Stanley. I tried to remind her that he was only a visitor and would soon be on his way.

Not only was I given that sad bloodhound look from "Stanley", but from his human kid as well.

After talking, we agreed that the house certainly had room for this big goofy boy, and arrangements were made with the rescue group for him to remain in AZ. Stanley is now appx. 19 months old, and living the high life in sunny Phoenix. He's made me eat my words about not getting a "boy" dog, and has opened up that door that I had nailed shut after losing Chaos almost 2 years prior. I'm sure Chaos is probably the one who sent him our way.

Jan Stallings

Thank you one and all for these wonderful stories. So perfect for the Holiday Season.

OBEDIENCE

Jasper Jack Gardner RN (owned and handled by Amanda Gardner)
November 4 – Vallejo Dog Training Club – Obedience Novice A – Qualified – 2nd CD leg

After one year and eight NQ's later, Jasper finally received his second qualifying score in Obedience Novice A. Two legs down, only one more to go, and hopefully not another year. I also showed Jasper in Rally Advanced A at the Vallejo show. Jasper had perfect heeling until we got to the off set figure eight with distractions. The AKC

regulations state that the distractions shall contain “tempting dog treats.” Well, these treats were surely tempting. Jasper ran straight to the treats and nothing I did could pry him away. The judge excused us from the ring, but apologized and stated “he sure is a cute dog.”

I showed Jasper at Del Valle in October and we unfortunately received another NQ. My thanks to Evelyn Jones for watching and supporting us. Only bloodhound owners can truly understand how hard it is to train a bloodhound. I will be showing Jasper in Obedience Novice A and Rally Advanced A at the San Mateo shows on December 29 and 30. If you are in the area, please stop by and say hello. Jasper is always a big hit at the shows and loves the attention. (See picture below)



SHOW RESULTS

June 14: Shasta KC, Gridley, CA
BOB CH Brewdun's Old Deuteronomy RTZ, L
& S Aguirre, E & R Dunkel
RWB Pinehollow's Kept On Ice, Kathleen
Brown

June 15: Shasta KC, Gridley, CA
BOB, BBBE, Gr 2 (1 point) Pinehollow's Kept
On Ice
BOS CH Brewdun's Old Deuteronomy RTZ

June 16: Butte KC, Gridley, CA
BOB CH Brewdun's Old Deuteronomy RTZ
RWB Pinehollow's Kept On Ice

June 17: Butte KC, Gridley, CA
BOB Pinehollow's Kept On Ice (1 point)
BOS CH Brewdun's Old Deuteronomy RTZ

August 4: Richmond Dog Fanciers, Dixon
BOB CH Pinehollow's Watch For Ice, J & M
Robb
WB Pinehollow's Kept On Ice
RWD Pinehollow's Zaquiri Ice

August 5: Richmond Dog Fanciers, Dixon
BOB Pinehollow's Watch For Ice
BOW, BOS Pinehollow's Zaquiri Ice
WB Pinehollow's Kept On Ice

Sept.1: Gold Country KC, Grass Valley
BOS CH Heather's Where Eagles Dare L
Sherman, H Whitcomb
BOW, WB, BBBE Pinehollow's Kept on Ice
RWD Pinehollow's Zaquiri Ice

Sept. 2: Gold Country KC, Grass Valley
BOB CH Pinehollow's Watch For Ice
BOS CH Heather's Where Eagles Dare
BOW, WD Pinehollow's Zaquiri Ice

Sept. 15: Sir Francis Drake KC, San Rafael
BOB CH Brewdun's Old Deuteronomy RTZ

Sept 16: Sir Francis Drake KC, San Rafael
BOB CH Brewdun's Old Deuteronomy RTZ

Oct. 21: Del Valle DC of Livermore, Pleasanton
BOW, WD Pine Hollow's Zaquiri Ice

WB Pinehollow's Kept On Ice

Nov. 24: Golden Valley KC, Turlock, CA
WB Sherick M&M Heaven Scent C Sims &
Sherry Duling
RWD Andorra's 3 Coind of Pinehollow S & T
Robertson, J & M Robb

Nov. 25: San Joaquin KC, Stockton, CA
RWD Andorra's 3 Coins of Pinehollow
RWB Sherick M&M Heaven Scent

Nov. 30: Lond Beach KC, Long Beach, CA
BOS CH Heather's Where Eagles Dare

Sept. 29 Carson City KC, Carson City, NV
BOB CH Pinehollow's Watch For Ice

Oct. 6 Donner Trail KC, Roseville, CA
BOS Pinehollow's Kept On Ice

Oct. 7 Donner Trail KC, Roseville, CA
BOB, BOW Pine Hollow's Zaquiri Ice
BOS Pinehollow's Kept On Ice

Oct. 13 Tyler Texas KC, Tyler, TX
CH. HHP's Taxable Income Paul & Karen Crary

Oct. 14 Tyler Texas KC, Tyler, TX
CH HHP's Taxable Income

Oct. 20 Lawton Dog Fanciers, Lawton, OK
BOS Pacesetter's Hera of HHP Paul & Karen
Crary

Oct. 21 Lawton Dog Fanciers, Lawton, OK
BOB/Group 3 CH HHP's Taxable Income

Nov. 24 Cen-Tex KC
BOB CH HHP's Taxable Income

Nov. 25 Cen Tex KC
BOB CH HHP's Taxable Income

Dec. 1 Conroe KC, Conroe, TX
BOB CH HHP's Taxable Income

Dec. 8 Shoreline Dog Fanciers, Long Beach, CA
BOB CH Heather's Where Eagles Dare, Lyn
Sherman & Heather Whitcomb

(Thanks Kay for your help in this area!!)