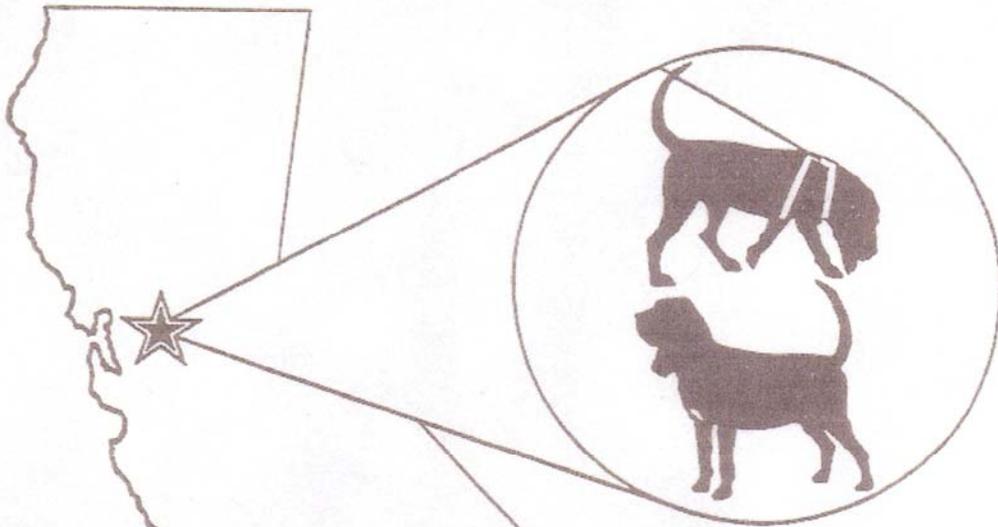


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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

January 16, 2009

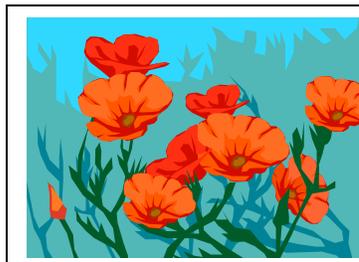
Happy New Year! 2009 has started off with a bang. Sherry and I moved during the holidays and have been working on our new house non-stop. We live in an area of Salinas known as Prunedale off of 101. The biggest adjustment will be having neighbors. We have lived so far out in the country for so long this will take some getting used to. One neighbor showed Shar-Pei's for many years and is very tolerant of the dogs so far. The dogs are adjusting very well and learning how to dig again. The area we moved from was on a mountaintop and was rock one inch under the surface. Here it is fertile soil and the tunneling and trenching contest have begun. Mae will no doubt win – as always! No escapes so far. Some new fencing is in their future.

The National in Long Beach was a huge success. I got to meet many new members there and was able to see some old friends too. It was a lot of work for all of the members that put the show together but the rewards were great. The entry was strong and the competition was tough but the exhibitors had fun, the dogs had fun and the spectators were given an example of what it's all about. Congratulations to all of the winners. (Results can be found in this newsletter) The highlight of our trip to Long Beach was coming back home with Betty, aka B-Bops, Peaches, Betty Boo in tow. We are so blessed to have Lynne and Steve as friends who knew we just had to have another Bully in our lives. Our house is once again full of laughter and antics.

Our Regional is the last weekend of April at the Gavilan Kennel Club all breed shows in Hollister. Friday is the Regional and Saturday is a Supported Entry. We always have fun at this show and as the tradition continues, I will be cooking something. (I haven't been told yet what it is) The banquet is going to be at our house this year so I need to get as many projects done as I can before then. (Additional information in the newsletter)

With 2008 behind us and a new year ahead, we all have many things to be grateful for. The big things such as surviving the economy, being mindful of our health and keeping spirits high can sometimes be tough to do. If you ever have a moment when it all seems to be too much, look into your dogs eyes and realize it's all worth it. This generally will lead to an ear scratch or a hug for your dog and in that short time, it all goes away. Best wishes and I look forward to seeing you in 2009.

Tim



BEST FRIENDS DO FUN THINGS TOGETHER

**2009 ABC SW Regional Specialty Best Veteran in Sweeps
CH Andorra's Bolla Mae of PH "Mae"
8 years young and still loves to dance!**



**Bred, loved, owned & handled by
Tim & Sherry Robertson of Andorra &
Judy & Myron Robb of Pinehollow**

CINDI AND SAGE HIGH IN TRIAL



OFF TO THE NATIONAL/LONG BEACH

I could not believe Sage and I were off to the National in Long Beach, CA. The flight was 1-1/2 hours. Since Sage is my Service Dog, she flies in the cabin of the plane with me. I think I was more nervous about the flight than showing Sage in obedience at the National in my wheelchair. Where was a 100 pound Bloodhound to lay, is the flight full, is she going to drool on the person next to us, especially when they open the peanuts. (I did bring an extra drool rag) or is she going to shake her head and spit goes flying, or she might decide to greet everyone with an aroooo. Maybe I should have driven! But as everyone reminded me, she has always been there for me and she would make me proud. We got the window seat in the bulkhead and she sat quietly and watched everyone out the window. The plane was full. The passenger that sat next to us fortunately loved dogs and gave up his foot space for Sage. (Loaned him a drool rag, just in case.)

So, she was able to stretch out and take a nap for most of the flight. She visited with the gentleman next to us and she was very well behaved. The flight landed and Sage enjoyed saying goodbye to everyone as they were leaving the plane. The flight was over and I could breathe now. I was so proud of her! The site for the National was beautiful. I was a little overwhelmed. Never seen so many hounds at one time.

Sage and I had to show in obedience the next day, so after she rested up I wanted to take her around and get her used to the surroundings. The Queen Mary was just down a ways and hoping the horn did not sound-off as we were showing. Working in the wheelchair always has a few obstacles to overcome but she took it all in stride.

Well the day had finally arrived. Usually when I am in my wheelchair she knows she has a job to do. The weather was beautiful. The show ring was very wet so I knew my wheelchair would not do too well but we had to make the best of it. We did the on-lead heal, figure-of-eight, stand for exam, off-lead heal, and she did not make any major mistakes. Sage has to heal a little wide especially on right turns and about, in order to avoid getting her feet run over by the wheelchair. Now it was time for the recall----told Sage to "wait", went across to the over side of the ring and called her. She came running in, but instead of sitting in front of me, she decided to jump up and lay half her body on my lap and give me a big slobbery kiss. I could not be upset with her as she knew she had done a good job and that I would be happy with her and just had to show her love and share that moment with me. "I did it!" The sits and downs were completed uneventfully.

This entire experience was definitely one to remember. Fun was had by all, especially by Sage. I could not have been more proud of her, she gave above and beyond what I could ever have asked of my girl.

Cindi Sims

The Most Exciting Road Trip to Los Angeles

January 2007, both Toby (basset hound, 14 y.o.) and Savannah (bloodhound, 10 y.o.) were diagnosed with cancer. Savannah's was melanoma cancer. She went through 2 surgeries, a 5-vaccine regimen, then one chemo treatment. On October 8, 2007, we rushed her to the specialty clinic at 8:45 a.m. because she stopped eating. At noontime, I get a call from the oncologist giving me the saddest news - that Savannah passed away in her sleep. That was the most devastating loss for me, mainly because I never got to say goodbye to her. I truly thought that she would still come home.

In March, 2008 we had to put our 17 year old mutt, Chachi, to sleep, no illness, just old age, he stopped eating and couldn't walk anymore.

Then on November 2nd, 2008, it was Toby's turn. It was time to call the vet. She showed up at our door at 10:15, did her examination and gave us the sad news, his blood pressure dropped and his heart was racing, his cancer must have spread. There was nothing else she could do. It was up to us to make that very sad decision. We stayed right next to him till he breathed his last breath. The house felt so empty, even the cat was looking for her friend. We debated whether to get another dog or not, was it too soon? We checked out every single bloodhound and basset hound listing on so many rescue websites. Then I contacted Judy Robb, Claudia Myers and the Southeast Bloodhound Rescue in GA. It was like we were desperate. We just couldn't stand it without a dog in our life, too empty.

Then good news came. Claudia informed us that Susan Hamil and Stacy Mattson had 3 female rescues. We immediately got in touch with them and bingo. We were off to Trabuco Canyon that Friday afternoon. Mind you, I haven't been on a road trip in a little over 2 years due to hospice care for all 3 dogs. We had an appointment to see Stacy Mattson's bloodhound rescues 8 a.m., Saturday, November 8th. We were so excited.

We saw all 3 girls. It was not an easy decision to make. We were at Stacy's for 5 hours. Juancho wanted to get two but we decided to start with one first so we picked Penelope, a black and tan 15 month old rescue. We had to rename her because our cat's name is Penny, also a rescue. Her name is now Lilly, she's heaven sent. Savannah, Toby and Chachi led us to her with the help of all our bloodhound friends. We are now happy again.

Pamela and Juancho Herranz

(PLEASE SEE PICTURE NEXT PAGE)



If a dog was your teacher.....remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

Take naps.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, drinks lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

**COME JOIN US
2009 ABC SW REGIONAL SPECIALTY**

APRIL 24TH

**ALSO, SUPPORTING THE BLOODHOUND
ENTRY FOR GAVILAN KENNEL CLUB,**

APRIL 25TH.

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*OBEDIENCE AND RALLY OFFERED BY GAVILAN
BOTH FRIDAY & SATURDAY*

*MR. JON COLE – BREED JUDGE FOR REGIONAL
MRS. LYNNE AGUIRRE – SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE FOR REGIONAL*

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**SUPERINTENDENTS – MS. KIM GUINN, REGIONAL
& MBF, GAVILAN KENNEL CLUB
SHOW SECRETARY – CLAUDIA MYERS**

**COME JOIN US IN SUNNY
HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA**

&

ENJOY THE CALIFORNIA POPPIES



REGIONAL BLOODHOUNDS WEST, NORTHERN CHAPTER, INC

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

Mrs. Claudia Myers, Show Secretary c/o Ms. Kim Guinn
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Sweepstakes Judge - Lynne Aguirre
Breed Judge - Jon Cole
Don't Miss - Same Location
Gavilan Kennel Club
Friday - Sunday April 24 - 26, 2009

All Breed Shows (Sat and Sun) and Obedience (Fri)
Friday, April 24, 2009-

Obedience Judge: Mrs. Rosalie G Alvarez

Rally Judge: C Z Pat Alvarez

Saturday, April 25, 2009-

Rally Judge: Mrs. Rosalie G Alvarez

Bloodhound Judge: Ms. Diane L Malenfant

Hound Group Judge: Ms. Diane L Malenfant

Show Judge: Mr. Lee Brown

Sunday, April 26, 2009-

Bloodhound Judge: Ms. Barbara Ann Langlois

Hound Group Judge: Jon Cole

Show Judge: Ms. Diane L Malenfant
Superintendent: MB-F

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**2009 ABC SW REGIONAL
DINNER BANQUET RESERVATIONS**

**WHEN? – FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009
HAPPY HOUR 5 PM, DINNER 6PM**

*where? – Tim and Sherry Robertson's house – 18 glenn ave.,
Prunedale, Ca*

who? – everyone is welcome

*what? – shrimp cocktail, greek salad, shishkabobs, grilled veggies,
baked potato, bread and dessert*

ENTERTAINMENT? – YOU BET!!!

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RESERVATIONS BY APRIL
10TH**

name _____

number in party _____ X \$22.00 = _____

make checks payable to bloodhounds west and mail to:

*judy robb, treasurer
19524 ponderosa drive
pioneer, ca 95666*

TROPHY DONATION FORM

We need your support!!!

Please sponsor a trophy or make
a donation to the general trophy fund!!!
ABC SW Regional & Supported Entry Gavilan KC -
Fri. & Sat.,
April 24th & 25th, 2009

For more info: pinehollow@volcano.net
Judy Robb 209-296-8420

SWEEPS

Dogs - 1st \$10 each
2-4 \$5 per class

Class	Fri/Sat 1 st	Fri/Sat 2-4
Puppy 6-9	_____	_____
Puppy 9-12	_____	_____
JR 12-18	_____	_____
JR 18-24	_____	_____

Bitches - 1st \$10 each
2-4 \$5 per class

Class	Fri/Sat 1 st	Fri/Sat 2-4
Puppy 6-9	_____	_____
Puppy 9-12	_____	_____
JR 12-18	_____	_____
JR 18-24	_____	_____

	Fri/Sat
Best Puppy \$15	_____
BOS Puppy \$10	_____
Best JR \$10	_____
BOS JR \$10	_____

Grand Sweeps Winner \$20
Fri/Sat _____

Veteran classes (1st) \$15 each
Fri/Sat _____

7+ dog _____

7+ bitch _____

Best in Vet sweeps \$20 each
Fri/Sat _____

Best Vet Dog _____

Best Vet Bitch _____

REGULAR CLASSES

Dogs - 1st \$10 each
2-4 \$5 per class

Class	Fri/Sat 1 st	Fri/Sat 2-4
6-9 dog	_____	_____
9-12 dog	_____	_____
12-18 dog	_____	_____
Novice dog	_____	_____
Am Bred dog	_____	_____
BBE dog	_____	_____
Open dog	_____	_____

	Fri/Sat
WD \$20	_____
WD Trivet \$20	_____
RWD \$15	_____

Bitches - 1st \$10 each
2-4 \$5 per class

Class	Fri/Sat 1 st	Fri/Sat 2-4
6-9 bitch	_____	_____
9-12 bitch	_____	_____
12-18 bitch	_____	_____
Novice bitch	_____	_____
Am Bred bitch	_____	_____
BBE bitch	_____	_____
Open bitch	_____	_____

	Fri/Sat
WB \$20	_____
WB Trivet \$ 20	_____
RWB \$15	_____

Best of Breed \$25 _____
Best of Breed Trivet \$25 _____
Best of Opposite Sex \$20 _____
Best of Winners \$20 _____

OBEDIENCE HIT - \$20

Fri. _____

RALLY QUALIFIER - \$20

Fri. _____

VET DOG - \$15 Fri/Sat

VET BITCH - \$15 Fri/Sat

BFST VFT - \$20 Fri/Sat

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