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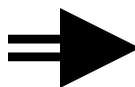
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Third Board Member to Be Determined

Secretary's Message

Hello PRBC Members,

Hope this newsletter finds you safe, warm and dry. The recent forest fires, snows and floods have been horrific in our region and I hope everyone has come through unscathed. Please keep those humans and hounds directly affected by the regional weather disasters in your hearts as they deal with their personal tragedies.

The holiday season is fast approaching and has everyone on their toes. Unfortunately the club did not have the planned meeting at the Monroe show in November and thus it appears we will not have a final meeting in 2007. I understand a meeting is scheduled for early January of 2008, details to come.

I would like to take a moment to thank our 2005-2007 officers and especially, President, Cindy Partington, for all of their hard work. Cindy came into the President position unexpectedly, and with grace and professionalism. She accomplished many wonderful things during her term, and was a true hero in the face of difficult

times for our club. Please take a moment to thank Cindy for all that she has done.

Please also welcome the new slate of Officers who will take affect January 1, 2008. Our slate remains the same with two updates. We welcome Suzi Paine as the new President and Sonnya Crawford as new Vice President. As always, our board has wonderful plans for the upcoming year, with exciting events to come. The new board's first order of business will be to fill the vacant director position created when Suzi moves into the President's seat.

Finally, we have had several votes recently for the bylaws and our 2008 Sweepstakes judge. Please find the results of these votes inside your final newsletter of 2007. I look forward to continuing my term as Secretary next year and have big plans for updating the "style" of our current newsletter and possibly redesigning the website.

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and I will see you at the clubs events in 2008!

Sincerely,
Stacey Poler



Why should I support Breed Rescue?

By: Sonnya Crawford

Occasionally someone will ask, 'Why should I care about breed rescue, it isn't my responsibility?' As someone up to her eyeballs in Rescue, I would like to answer that question from Rescue's perspective.

First - and most important - is our love for the breed. We are all in this club because we love Bloodhounds. They are a special and unique breed. We love them because they are comical, quizzical, independent, competent and, in a word, lovable. People are attracted to the breed's unique appearance and their reputation for being a combination of slow-moving porch dog and super-sleuth extraordinaire. Unfortunately, the drooling, pyoderma-prone, destructive, vocal, hyperactive, independent hounds that they are often eventually make the uninformed realize that they are in over their heads.

Politically, we are faced with issues such as AB-1634 in California, which attempts to ban dog breeding. As Susan Hamil pointed out at the American Bloodhound Club (ABC) meeting held during the Regional, "This legislation will likely be picked up in other states." The ultimate goal of the activist groups supporting this type of legislation is an end to all dog breeding across the United States. The restrictions proposed will effectively put an end to purebred dog breeding, both by responsible hobby breeders and breed enthusiasts or will make it cost prohibitive to breed. This could conceivably lead to the extinction of many of the more unusual breeds, such as the bloodhound. Effective opposition requires preemptive action including having breed rescue in place to keep representatives of our breed from further overloading the shelters, humane societies, and pounds.

It is my opinion that breeders should be the parties that are the most supportive of and active in breed rescue. Virtually all ABC member/breeders adhere to the highest standards of owner selection for their puppies and being available to take a puppy back at any time during its life. That, however is not enough. Every puppy bred and placed potentially displaces another dog, as there are more dogs than homes. Moreover, there is no way to guarantee that the puppy will not produce more dogs in future generations, regardless of the contract that the new pet owner signed. As a veterinarian, I see examples of this every day. Several months ago, a client presented her new puppy, which was an unusual breed for our area. During the exam I recommended spaying her new pet. She em-

phatically refused, while acknowledging that she had signed a contract requiring her to spay her dog. She described to me "the way it worked": "You see, breeders only have a few dogs that are show quality from each litter, and the rest they have to place as pets. They must restrict breeding of all of the pet quality dogs that they sell, so that they can retain a monopoly on the available homes". This enlightened client realized that she could make her money back if she bred her dog and sold the puppies as "pets".

We must act as champions and benevolent caretakers of our breed. As Antoine De Saint-Exupery said "You become responsible forever, for what you have tamed". In breed rescue, we are often called upon to euthanize the lost souls -- the aggressive, the unsocialized, and the unplaceable. Factors forcing us into this necessary but heartbreaking task include:

- Many dog owners are in denial about an aggressive dog situation. They cannot bring themselves to make the difficult decision of euthanizing their pet, yet they are too afraid to keep it in their home or around their family, so they turn to Rescue.
- Compassion and humanity require us to end the suffering of those that are trapped in the pain of mental illness.
- We do not want our breed's reputation to be tarnished by the few truly aggressive dogs that are in the general population as they get bounced from home to home to shelter to home.

Whether you are involved in Search and Rescue, are a breeder, or are just an enthusiast, we are all responsible for the welfare of this wonderful breed. Go home tonight and spend some time looking deep into the eyes of the hound that you love the most. If tomorrow a tragedy separated you and your pet, you can feel comforted in knowing that breed rescue will be there to provide compassionate care for that wonderful soul and place him/her into a carefully selected, loving home. If for no other reason, we should all be enthusiastic supporters of breed rescue.



Hounds Visit Federal Way Classroom

By Suzi Paine

In September, I received an invitation from Lisa Davison, a 5th and 6th grade teacher at St. Vincent's School in Federal Way WA, to bring a Bloodhound and talk to her students about the breed and their unique trailing ability. I told Lisa I'd not only be happy to talk to the students, but I'd do something even better; bring a trained trailing dog and set up a demonstration for the kids to watch!

On October 26, Janis Hardy and I arrived at the school, a beautiful woodsy campus with lots of space for laying a trail where the class could observe it from start to finish. Of course every student had raised their hand when Lisa had asked for volunteers to be the "lost person" who would lay the trail for the hound. Through a little contest, a 6th grade boy by the name of Keanu had been chosen. When we first got to the classroom, Janis and Keanu went off to lay a trail. Meanwhile, Spud and I did a meet and greet with the rest of the class, about 25 charming young people who all were anxious to pet Spud and get a few kisses! Spud complied, being the social butterfly that he is, and the kids were so excited to pet his ears, hold his big paws and ask many questions such as why does he slobber? and why are his eyes red?

After Lisa was able to coax everyone back into their seats, I took Spud up front and taught the class a little

about the basics of Bloodhound form and function; how and why all the parts come together to make the "Original Search Engine". Near the end of this explanation, Keanu, Janis and Follie returned and Janis had some comments to add about training a Bloodhound and what to look for when picking out the right puppy for this activity.

Then came the best part! Out we all trooped, to a good vantage point where everyone could watch Follie start her trail and work all the way through the ball field, downhill through a lovely treed area to the play equipment near the buildings where Keanu was sitting up on the top level of a Big Toy platform waiting to be "rescued". Follie did an amazing job of working the trail and by the time she got close to the find, the kids were entranced with her ability to locate the boy, who was about 8 feet over her head! He was found to great cheering and all the kids crowded around Follie for a closer look at this amazing creature!

After a few more questions and answers, it was time for the kids to move on to their next class (Music, one of their favorites, but NONE of them wanted to go!). The teachers took some photos of the kids with Spud and Follie and they sadly waved goodbye.

What a wonderful morning we had with this class. It was obvious that they not only enjoyed it, but they learned a lot as well. It was really a positive experience, and I would welcome more opportunities to educate kids about Bloodhounds and their abilities.



A fellow Fancier suffers extreme loss in the recent floods of Western Washington.

Update: 12/09/07

Dear Friends of Nancy Punches,

I talked with Nancy this morning and then again, briefly, tonight. She is doing just about as well as can be expected. The initial euphoria that she experienced upon her rescue has begun to subside as the reality of all that she has lost is setting in. She is very moved by the outpouring of help that is coming her way, both from people in the area and from around the world. (The most far-flung donation we've had so far is from India, and there have been others from England, Canada and Africa.)

This email was sent out shortly after the flooding in western Washington followed by an update email a few days later. It is never easy to hear these stories, but wonderful to know how people come together to help one another in difficult times.

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12/06/2007

Dear Friends,

We need some help.—A good friend of ours, Nancy Punches, has suffered a terrible disaster. Her home was not too far from the Chehalis River, in coastal Washington. On Tuesday morning when the river crested at 75 feet, she lost nearly everything. Nancy is in her early seventies, a fiercely independent and remarkable woman-- generous, kind and an extraordinary part of the purebred dog world.

She has raised, trained and exhibited dogs from the early 1960s, first Doberman Pinschers, then Pulik, Smooth Fox Terriers, American Foxhounds and most recently she had acquired a much loved Black Russian Terrier, Dali. She is also an AKC judge, but is so busy with her work in the lab of the Morton Hospital and with her own dogs that she doesn't accept many assignments. She is however, always ready to help out, she chairs shows and ring stewards, helps build majors and offers advice and comfort and guidance to all.

Nancy spent many hours of the night and into the morning, alternately treading water and clinging to a china hutch as water in her home rose to within ten inches of the ceiling. When the China hutch gave way and fell into the water, Nancy kept her head above water by clinging to a plank. Just before the flood, knowing that bad weather was coming, she brought her most beloved dogs into the house for safekeeping. Dali, the black Russian terrier. The Foxhounds-- Cruise, Whistler, Jack, Priss, Minnie, Precious, Dixie. All champions. All beloved. One by one they each drowned in front of her.

She did manage to save a litter of five week old puppies. She had placed them in a styrofoam cooler and floated them alongside her all through the night. Like Nancy, they survived and were rescued by helicopter late on Tuesday morning. Nancy thinks that one of the Foxhounds in the kennel also rode out the storm, but all the others, more than thirty dogs in all, perished.

Nancy is in Providence Hospital in Chehalis, WA with frostbite to her feet. Her home has been demolished, and everything she has, save four little puppies and maybe one lone foxhound, everything else is gone. She did not have flood insurance, so the loss of her home, her van, her motorhome, her kennel--- none of that is covered. Some philanthropic organizations have been contacted and we are doing our best to find help for Nancy. She will need every dime.

"And I really believe after much thought that holding those puppies on my stomach kept my core temperature up enough that made the difference of living or dying."
Quote from NBC News

Your generosity has really touched all of us working to help Nancy. This morning she was talking about "however will I repay you?" and I said "No one expects to be repaid, Nancy!" to which she responded "Well, I'm just going to be a lot nicer to everyone then!" Of course, she has always been a wonderful person and for those of you who know her, it would be hard to imagine her being "a lot nicer!" She is bashful

about accepting these gifts, but she knows that she couldn't make it without your help. We are not sure how long Nancy is going to remain hospitalized, though I think she will remain in Providence Hospital for at least a few more days. Should you wish to send a card, or donations of material goods can send them to:

Nancy Punches
c/o The Morton Hospital
Medical Lab
P.O. Box "C" (or for UPS, 521 Adam St.)
Morton, WA 98352

This is where Nancy has worked for a long time, and her colleagues there have graciously offered to serve as a delivery point for Nancy's mail. The Morton Hospital owns a little house and they have offered it to Nancy for when she is well enough to be released. She has also been offered the loan of a car, and there is some thought that her van may be covered through comprehensive insurance coverage. We are still trying to find a good van to replace it-- because even if the insurance pays up, the van is ruined. A mini-van might work-- if anyone spots a great bargain, let us know!

Nancy has been contacted by Good Morning America, and as I understand they are coming to film a segment with her (and the puppies!) next weekend. The puppies are all being cared for. We believe there is still a Foxhound bitch at large in the area, so if you are local, please be on the lookout. Initially it was thought that the neighbor had her, but apparently she couldn't be caught.

Today a crew went to Nancy's house to take stock, and see what could be salvaged. I believe that all the dogs that had perished were laid to rest today. Nancy said that she wished she could have been there, but I don't really believe



Image From KomoTV.com

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All of the Bully babies have homes!

The Ritz' latest set of little paws all have special families waiting for their arrival for Christmas.



THOR

Thor, Gold Boy, now lives in Chico, CA with Ken Seaman.



EDDIE

Stogey, Green Boy, now lives in Orange, CA with Mary Nadeau



STOGEY

Eddie, Blue Boy, now lives in Manhattan Beach, CA with the Urlich family.



BEAR

Buster, Purple Boy, now lives in Newport Beach with Harry Hansen.



BUSTER

Bear, Turquoise Boy, will be going home with his Mom, Pearl to Illinois. Frank and Leah are looking forward to getting Pearl back and are excited to bring Bear into their Bulldog/Bloodhound family.

We will miss them all!

www.theritzbloodhounds.com

Results for 2008 Regional Sweepstakes Judge

We are excited to have had such a huge response for our sweepstakes voting this year and are even more excited to announce we are welcoming MYRON ROBB to judge sweepstakes in 2008!

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that she could have stood it emotionally even if she were physically able.

The big shock of the afternoon came when debris was cleared away from one area of the kennel. A male Foxhound was found mostly buried in the mud, still alive. He had been there for five days and had to be dug out with a shovel. He is under the care of a veterinarian, but its too early to say if he will make it. We sure do have our fingers crossed and prayers said.

Please continue to spread the word to anyone who might be able to help. Though we are so grateful for everything that's been done for Nancy, it is still going to be a long, hard road back. I will try to keep everyone updated a couple of times a week as to what kind of progress we're making, at least for the near future.

Thank you all again for your generous contributions. You have restored my faith in humankind, I know that you have reaffirmed for Nancy all the wonderful reasons she has to keep going. She has named the one male puppy in the saved litter "Noah." Our most sincere thanks.—Larkin Vonalt

Update: 12/12/2007

Nancy is doing great. She still may lose a couple of toes from frostbite but hopefully not. She had a big cut on the toe that has the worst frostbite. It was infected but is getting better. She is in what they call a transition room. She'll be in there another week or so. It's truly a miracle that she survived. The water in the house was to the top of the windows. The neighbor knew that they hadn't rescued her the night before so the next afternoon they some how drove for miles thru the 2' of mud and found her still alive.

When the paramedics came to get Nancy they did find 1 male Fox Hound up to his neck in the mud. They dug him out and he is doing good. We brought him and the 4 puppies home to Sarah's house until Nancy is settled in another residence. The puppies are doing great. Nancy does have somewhere to go for a couple of months after she gets out of the hospital.

It's TOTAL devastation. She has absolutely nothing left. The mud was atleast a foot deep in the house. We dug out some of her personal items that she wanted. The house has to be torn down and probably the garage also.

We couldn't believe it when I found a handmade leather bound bible where the leather cover was soaking wet but the pages inside are dry. The only mud on the bible was where I put my hand on it to pick it up. Someone had made it for her when she got married 40 years ago. EVERYTHING in the house was covered in mud but the bible was clean. Unbelievable but true.

We went to see her in the hospital after the cleanup. Sarah and I snuck two puppies in to the hospital under our coats. She was thrilled to see the puppies and they were excited to see her too. We also gave her the bible.

Good Morning America is supposed to do an interview with her on Saturday morning. I don't know yet if it will be aired that day.
Bonnie Rose



Image from NBC News

Bylaws Update Approved!

The membership has voted to accept the changes to the bylaws as proposed by the bylaws committee. One update was suggested to keep the document consistent throughout.

Article IV, Section 4, (c).

(a) If no valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before October 15th, the Nominating Committees slate shall be declared elected effective January 1 of the following year, and no balloting shall be required.

LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT



Nunya's "Catch" Litter
 Fingers crossed for Spring of 2008
 Expected Black and Tan

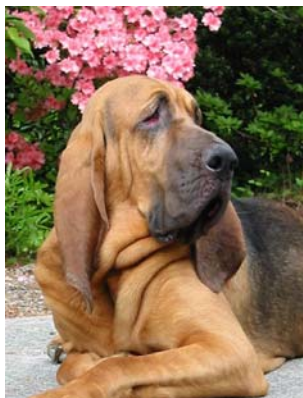


CH Sherick's Dakota Wild Pitch CGC



CH Nunya's Russet Hideaway CGC

Nolan x **Tater**
 Nunya Bloodhounds
 Ryan and Stacey Poler
www.nunyabloodhounds.com



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Pacific Rim Bloodhound Rescue Hosts Fundraiser at Local Rest Stop

Article Written by: Janis Hardy Edited by: Stacey Poler

The location: Silver Lake Rest Stop on I5 at Everett, the day after Thanksgiving, also known as "black Friday." The Idea: "Lets serve coffee, tea, cookies and hound slobber to those traveling home from Turkey feast and to the mall to SHOP!!!!!!"

Well we did just that and made a whopping \$170.00, not as much as hoped for but better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick (as my mom would say!). Had a couple hounds on deck intermittently, as some unruly kids can't be left home that long unattended, and some were moving on with their folks to other activities throughout the day. Spud passed out soft kisses to the masses, and Follie was good breed education material for the "not your casual porch dog" message.

The day started at Oh-600 with myself manning the booth and I did not pour a single cup till almost 7:30!!!! All are sleeping in in a Turkey tryptophan stupor, apparently, but then traffic picked up and Suzi & Sonnya took the 10am to 2pm shift, Chris & Laura Hansen from 1-4pm, and Larry Law & Janis till closing at 10 pm. A long day, but spent in fun & good fellowship, while providing a necessary public safety service.

Jan Cook and Kay Schmitt provided funds for supplies and support and Northwest Bloodhound SAR donated equipment for operations (pots, cups etc.) as well as coffee and condiments, so ALL of our proceeds went to the pot and not to setup. Thanks to all who took part in this endeavor, your support of our awesome rescue program is much appreciated and enjoyed!!! Happy Holidays & Happy Trails to you all! Janis Hardy & ALL the crew!!!



PRBC Membership Roster Updated December 2007

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19	Kocar	Tina & Frank	14726 77th Ave. Ct. E	Puyallup	WA		98375	253-536-3027	crownvalleyfarm@yahoo.com
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30	Seanor	Nancy	8504 Lakewood Rd.	Stanwood	WA		98292	360-652-2225	nseanor@earthlink.net
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32	Sherman	Lyn	22111 Saddlepeak Rd.	Topanga	CA		90290	310-455-3244	lynsherman@aol.com
33	Stockwell	Noel & Jon	1013 271st St. East	Spanaway	WA		98387	253-846-9123	saphirebh@aol.com
34	Taylor	Marie and Kevin Doty	131953 State Route 26	Colfax	WA		99111	509-397-4508	maindoor@msn.com
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