

TELECONFERENCE OF THE PACIFIC RIM BLOODHOUND CLUB BOARD
Monday, June 20, 2011, 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

PRBC President Becky Irving convened today's teleconference to discuss the financial needs of the PRBC rescue operation. Other board members participating in the conference were Treasurer Kay Schmitt and Board Members Janis Hardy, Cheryl Cromeenes, and Lynn Harty. A quorum of the board was verified.

BACKGROUND:

The conference call was set up in response to a 6-15-11 e-mail by Dr. Sonnya Crawford, PRBC secretary and co-owner of Grays Harbor Veterinary Clinic. Sonnya and her husband, Dr. Tim Crawford, with primary support from clinic staff members, manage and operate the PRBC rescue operation. Bloodhounds in rescue are housed on the clinic premises and receive veterinary care, boarding, and grooming from Drs. Crawford and the clinic staff. With the exception of one-time financial support from PRBC to purchase additional kennels and a stipend from the American Bloodhound Club, the rescue operation is self-support (\$200 requested donation per hound on intake and \$200 when placed), and financial outgo has grown larger than income, resulting in the clinic's having to financially subsidize the rescue operation. The rescue treasury is kept in a separate account from other PRBC funds.

INITIAL ITEMS OF DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT:

- All board members participating in the conference call agreed that Sonnya, Timm, and Grays Harbor Veterinary Clinic provide an invaluable service to PRBC and bloodhounds in need. They do an excellent job, and we want to support them.
- PRBC will reimburse Becky Irving for past, present, and future club teleconferences.

QUESTIONS FOR SONNYA AND TIM:

- What is the average baseline expense of caring for a rescue bloodhound on a monthly basis? This average figure would include food, shelter, grooming, and veterinary care.
- How much is the current financial discrepancy between rescue income and expenses?
- Does the rescue operation need to be closed if Sonnya and Tim are burned out?

FUNDRAISING IDEAS:

- Sonnya has been working to set up a PayPal account. Use the PayPal account to enable people to pay the intake fees and purchase a rescue hound. Would this practice preclude a hound's being repossessed if necessary?
- Offer the bloat kits for sale online now.
- Create "Help this Bloodhound Now" donation auctions on FaceBook.
- Ask club members to make donations to rescue (\$5 per workout, for example).
- The \$200 charge seems low. Rethink/revise this to include spay/neuter/other veterinary fees.
- Revise veterinary fees so that the amount owed is paid directly to the vet (Grays Harbor or other) by the new owner when the dog is picked up from the clinic to go to its new home.
- Require humane societies and/or other rescue groups to spay/neuter or finance other veterinary expenses before PRBC takes their rescue dogs.

- Offer two microchip clinics per year with the proceeds earmarked for rescue.
- Split PRBC event profits 50/50 with rescue.
- Take stainless steel heads to the nationals for sale.

NEXT STEPS:

- Take no new rescue bloodhounds pending financial revisions.
- Seek and receive input from Sonnya and Tim (see "Questions" page #1) by July 11, 2011.
- Conduct a second teleconference on Monday, July 18, 2011, at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Harty
PRBC Board Member
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