

PACIFIC RIM BLOODHOUND CLUB
Special Board Teleconference regarding PRBC Rescue
October 26, 2012

Board Members Present: Lynn Harty, Sheri Whetstine, Kay Schmitt, Janis Hardy, Sonnya Crawford, and Marie Taylor

Board Members Absent: Stacey Poler

Guests: Suzi Paine

The special PRBC Board teleconference was called to order at 8:56 PM. On October 23, 2012, Dr. Sonnya Crawford submitted her resignation as breed rescue coordinator, so the purpose of this teleconference was to discuss the status of, and next steps for, PRBC breed rescue.

Janis Hardy moved to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting minutes. Kay Schmitt seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT STEPS FOR RESCUE - TALKING POINTS:

1. **LIKELIHOOD OF MAINTAINING A CENTRAL PHYSICAL RESCUE** – Would it be possible to have the rescue dogs placed in foster families in the region instead of having them housed in one central location? Sonnya Crawford has been trying to do this for five years, and no one has been willing to do long-term fostering. Although both Lynn Harty and Janis Hardy would poll the Friends of PRBC again for foster placements, it does not appear likely that we would be able to identify a family foster environment adequate to house multiple dogs. Discussion was held regarding “burn-out” when one person alone is responsible for running a rescue.
2. **LIKELIHOOD OF LINKING WITH ANOTHER PHYSICAL RESCUE/PARTNERING** – Lynn asked about the possibility of PRBC’s partnering with a “no-kill” shelter. Sonnya responded that no-kill shelters would not work in the bloodhound situation because some rescue dogs need to be euthanized.

Guest Suzi Paine suggested that partnering might not work but that making ourselves more known to local shelters and educating shelter workers on the breed itself and how to appropriately adopt out bloodhounds could be effective. Sonnya added that, if a request to adopt a bloodhound were received, we could refer the potential adoptive family to a shelter with a bloodhound. Suzi suggested offering people who want to “dump” a dog an evaluation of the dog with a referral to an appropriate shelter if the dog were suitable for placement. Janis suggested offering the shelter the assistance of home checks for potential adoptive families and brought up the potential for liability issues if placements were brokered between families without a shelter intermediary. Sonnya stated that we could have a “virtual rescue” if we were to partner with the local shelters; dogs could still be listed on Petfinders, and potential adoptive families could be referred to the appropriate shelter - “PRVBR.” Additional ideas were a YouTube educational video and a webinar.

The general consensus from the discussion was that virtual rescue and education-based referral partnership with local shelters would be best for PRBC. Janis asked if this change would be a

board decision or if a recommendation needed to be made to the general membership for a vote. Lynn responded that the club by-laws are silent on anything having to do with rescue. Kay Schmitt stated that the rescue account was opened in November 2002. There has not been any formal procedure in the past until Sonnya offered to take over the rescue operation. It was agreed that all members participating in the board teleconference were comfortable with this being a board decision. Marie Taylor moved that we move to a rescue based on education and partnership with local/regional shelters. Kay Schmitt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **STATUS OF TWO DOGS REMAINING IN RESCUE** – Sonnya stated that she was willing to keep the two red boys until they get homes. They are 5 and 6 years old, “nondescript” red bloodhound males. They have no health issues, do not chase cats, and are easygoing. They were taken from a place where there were 13 dogs in a two-car garage without any issues among the dogs. Suzi asked if there were photos of them, “cute head shots,” and basic information that could be distributed at the Pet Expo event in November. Suzi asked if anyone could bring them to Pet Expo. Brief discussion was held about whether the dogs were ready for this kind of event, especially since it is an indoor event. Lynn suggested perhaps seeing if one of them were more ready to attend a public event. Sonnya is willing to take the dogs one at a time to Home Depot to see how they handle it, and Janis will try and meet Sonnya for this tomorrow. Tina Kocar might be willing to transport one or both to the event, and someone will check with her to confirm. Suzi is willing to put a hard crate in her vehicle to hold a one of the red boys at the Pet Expo event.
4. **OTHER RESCUE-RELATED ITEMS** – Sonnya reminded everyone that there are still two kennels at the clinic that belong to rescue; these would be available if someone wanted to foster. Marie asked what would become of the rescue checking account. Discussion was held that the money could be used for education purposes, etc., but there is still money that needs to be paid out, and money that will be coming in. Sheri Whetstine moved that the checking account remain open until all monies have been received and all bills paid. Marie Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BALLOTING FOR DIRECTORS’ POSITIONS: Lynn Harty would like to discuss procedural issues regarding voting privileges for the new members. Her understanding was that new members were not allowed to vote because their dues were not paid for that particular voting cycle. However, Stacey Poler had said that, in the past, new members were allowed to vote immediately upon their acceptance into the club. As past president of PRBC, Suzi stated that the issue never had been raised when voting took place during a membership meeting. She was not aware of this issue’s having been brought up during any election. Discussion was held with the general consensus that all current members in good standing, regardless of length of membership, should be entitled to vote. All members with the exception of those living outside the Northwest Region (defined by ABC) will be mailed a ballot. Ballots will be returned to Stacey Poler, who will do the first count. Stacey will then mail them to Sheri Whetstine for the second and final count.

With no further business, the board meeting was adjourned at 10:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Whetstine, Secretary