

Ears the News!

Spring/Summer, 2015

Take note:

- Tri-State reached and surpassed its 2014 goal of adopting a dog for each day of the year. Total adoptions numbered 372. Thanks to everyone who made that possible by fostering, transporting, interviewing potential adopters, working events, donating, and otherwise taking care of all the details that make a rescue run smoothly. Thanks to the TSBHR board, who do a fine job of running a very busy rescue. And many thanks to everyone from all the 2014 hound alumni.
- Summer is often very busy for rescues. Taking in more dogs means Tri-State has more bills too. Don't forget to donate to the hounds during this hectic time of year.



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Too Wet to Waddle?



Flash the Wonder Dog and some admirers in the latest TSBHR shirts that boast his artwork. (Photo courtesy of Pam Bair Grubb).

This year's BoardWaddle didn't start auspiciously when, on Friday, April 10, 2015, Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue discovered that the field where the Olympics are held was too wet for the event to take place. (The bassets weren't disturbed at that change, since they would have had to compete with ducks who were floating on their field!) Happily, the Pawction and dinner went on as scheduled on Friday night, and bidding became fierce on a wonderful selection of handmade and donated items.

Saturday, April 11, was perfect Waddling weather, a lovely sunny and breezy spring day, perfect for energetic bassets. So, with their usual joy, the Olympic contenders bounced their way over the course a day later than expected and didn't mind sharing their glory with the rest of the Waddle events.

Once again the Waddle hosted hundreds of dogs and people, including hounds in great costumes. Good food and excellent shopping followed at the picnic—with many unique basset items for sale at the Tri-State store (a special thanks is due to the Ocean City firefighters, who used their mini "jaws of life" to cut off the fractious lock of the TSBHR trailer, so the store could be unloaded).

The list of Olympic winners must have been absconded with by a jealous four-legged loser, but if your dog won, let the editor know, and we will include it in the next *Ears the News*!

Waddle contest winners were:

Best Trick

- 3rd place—Daisy for rolling over
- 2nd place—Baxter and his human, Joe Carstens, for rolling over
- 1st place—Rosie and her human, Charlie Howe, for doing multiple tricks

Longest Ears

- 3rd place—Buttercup, at 8½ inches, human Samantha Vigilotti
- 2nd place—Junior, at 9½ inches, human Eric Osterman
- 1st place—Copper, at a whopping 10½ inches, human Linda Hoffman

Closest to the Ground

- 2nd place—Mugsy, with a measurement of 3 inches off the ground, human Greg Crawford
- 1st place—Lulu, with a measurement of 2½ inches off the ground, human Jason Batchelor

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Seniors Waddle easily in the Seniors Rule truck. (Photo courtesy of Dana Mania.)

A Basset Buffet



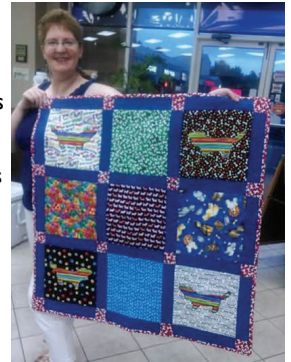
What were more delicious, the raffle items or the cakes? (Photo courtesy of Rita Jenkins.)

Tri-State's newest fundraiser, the Beefsteak and Vegetarian Buffet, garnered a crowd of sixty-five at Mary Anne's Gourmet Market, in Mahwah, NJ, on May 30, 2015.

Though this pretty-much-dogless event (the hounds who attended were Kathy Frisch's Pound Hounds, for sale or in the raffle) might have been limited by the health laws, this wonderful event still had the dogs in mind as it raised money for homeless hounds and allowed rescue folks to spend time together.

Bob and Rita Jenkins and co-chair Catherine Sloan hosted the luscious three-course dinner, consisting of a salad bar, a choice of delicious main courses, and a scrumptious and extensive dessert bar.

Following the food, an impressive raffle included items as diverse as a Kate Spade bag, jewelry, gardening items, and a prized basset quilt (enthusiastically won by raffle-ticket -caller Amy Shaffer Crawley). The event raised about \$2,100 for the hounds.



Amy Shaffer Crawley showing off her raffle win. (Photo courtesy of quilter Pamela McQuade.)

How much fun is it to head up a Tri-State event? "I had a great time," reported Rita Jenkins, who plans to continue the fundraiser next year. ♦

Fundraising Connection

The Waddle brings in an impressive amount of funding, but the need for money doesn't stop when Tri-State's major event is history because neither bills nor dogs stop coming in. There always seems to be another call about a hound who needs a home—and that means another hound who needs shots, vet care, and perhaps kenneling.

Though fundraising is a year-long need, Tri-State has never before had someone to organize this part of the rescue work. That's why it's such good news that Sharon Zimmer recently stepped forward to take on the role of Fundraising Coordinator for Tri-State. Have any idea for a new fundraiser? Then contact Sharon at szimmer122@yahoo.com. She will present your idea to the TSBHR board, and once it's accepted, she can help find volunteers, if necessary, and share and promote the event on Facebook and the Tri-State Yahoo group. Since Sharon's also working on updating TSBHR's Facebook page, she's the perfect woman for that job.

Thinking about starting a new event or online fundraiser? Don't waste time, contact Sharon so she can guide you through the process. Want to volunteer, but don't know what to do? Let Sharon know, and she'll connect you up with the person who runs the event. ♦

Upcoming Events

September 26, 2015, Noon–4:00 PM, BassetFest 2015. Tri-State's wonderful end-of-summer picnic takes place at a waterfront park, the perfect site for hound games, superb raffle tables, a wonderful pot-luck meal, and the whole TSBHR store. Bring your sociable hounds and enjoy the day together.

Location: Riverview Beach Park, Pennsville, NJ.

Contact: Sue Mason, (856) 678-1105, irescue2@comcast.net.

October 3, 2015, 8:00 PM (doors open at 7:00 PM), Comedy Night. Come enjoy the riotous fun of comedian Paul Venier, a raffle, and a 50/50.

Location: Town & Country Diner, Keyport, NJ.

Contact: Dana Mania, (732) 264-1482, dana@tristatebassets.org.

December 5, 2015, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, Howliday Party, 2015. Tri-State's annual holiday celebration, this year in a new, larger location, includes our famous International Buffet (please bring your favorite food to share), basset games, and pictures with Santa Paws. Bring a gift for another hound and take one home for yours or donate to the kenneled hounds and take home a new Stars of Hope for Homeless Hounds ornament.

Location: Long Hill Community Center, 1229 Valley Road & South Warren Ave., Stirling, NJ 07980. **Note new location this year.**

Contact: Pam McQuade, (973) 667-2397, plmcquade@optimum.net. ♦

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Best Look-Alike

3rd place—Vincent and Baxter, humans Arthur Berman and Kathy Frisch, respectively

2nd place—Emily and Rosie, humans Hannah Knapp and Charlie Howe, respectively

1st place—Tucker and Fred, humans Jesse Mead and Cody Lane, respectively

Best Costume

3rd place—Bailey the Mailman, human Jason Platt

2nd place—Vincent the Fire Chief, human Arthur Berman

1st place—Virgil the "ChippenDog," human Tammy Bauer

Best Parade Float

Honorable mention—Romeo and the Dr. Seuss Parade Float, human Hannah Knapp

3rd place—Buttercup and her USA Parade Float, human Samantha Vigliotti

2nd place—Raleigh and Raleigh's Dog Coop Parade Float, human Jennifer Starr

1st place—Miss Pickles and her Ice Cream Shop Parade Float, human Shannon McConnell



Virgil the "ChippenDog." (Photo courtesy of Dana Mania.)

Congratulations to all the winners and their humans.

2015 BoardWaddle Pledges

Tri-State has some impressive fundraisers! This year's top ten (with a tie for fourth place) were:

Craig and Sue MacFarlane: \$9,002.40

Jay Lieberman: \$7,310.00

Angela and Phil Villari: \$2,131.00

Hunter & Buddy's Waddle Crew: \$1,700.00

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Some beautiful hand-painted Pawction items. (Photo courtesy of Dana Mania.)

Rolling in the Snow

Though snow and a wintry mix did its best to deter attendees, nothing stopped Bowling for Bassets from rolling forward on February 21, 2015. Hit first by the bad weather, some Tri-State folks from the Lancaster area didn't make it, but Kathy and Bruce Frisch still successfully hosted the event. With the help of 15 other volunteers, they had put together a great occasion that allowed 88 people to bowl and gave everyone, including 25-30 nonbowlers, a chance to win big at a huge raffle table.

In the end, despite the seasonal weather, attendance only flagged slightly and the money raised at this year's event equaled last year's profits.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this a well-run event that was so much fun for bowlers and nonbowlers alike. ◇

Hot Weather, Hot Dog?



Dogs lose their body heat mostly through their tongues. On hot days watch for heavy panting and other signs to keep your dog from overheating. (Photo courtesy of Mary Kumor.)

Imagine if your body could only get rid of heat if you panted. No sweat, you think? That's just the way it is for dogs, because they *don't* sweat much. And that doesn't create a good situation for a dog stuck in the hot sun. Dogs have no way, except through the loss of heat through their tongues and some only slightly helpful sweat glands in their paws, to get comfortable. And if you think a small area like a tongue easily cools a basset body that averages 35-65 pounds, think again.

Dogs left in sun or heat fall prey to heatstroke more easily than humans. High-risk animals include the very young or old, overweight dogs, or those who are not in trim condition. Heart or lung disease also puts a hound at higher risk. But any dog, left in too much heat, can begin showing the signs of heatstroke. Since a dog's normal temperature may range from 99.5-102.5, it doesn't take a huge jump in body heat to spike a dog to or above the danger point of 104 degrees, at which a dog needs immediate vet care.

Panting, glazed eyes, more drool than usual, red gums, trouble breathing, a wobbly walk or lack of movement may indicate heat stroke. If that situation is not swiftly remedied, the dog's organs could become dysfunctional, and, should the hound's temperature reach 106 degrees, the heat could even become fatal.

Think your dog has gotten too much sun? Start by giving her a long drink of cool water. If that's not enough to cool her off, spray her down with a cool (not cold) shower, being sure to thoroughly wet down the back of the head and neck while keeping the head elevated, to avoid pneumonia. Do not use

very cold water or add ice to the water, since getting too cold too quickly can cause serious problems. You may put a cold pack on the head (a bag of frozen peas works well here). If a shower isn't quickly available, use a garden hose or a small pool or large tub of water, being careful to keep the dog's nose out of the water. You may even wrap the dog in cool, wet towels. As you cool the dog off, massage her legs. A hound who doesn't respond quickly and completely needs vet attention—when in doubt, err on the side of caution here. The dog must be treated until its temperature (taken with a rectal thermometer, preferably at the vet's) reaches 103 degrees.

But bassets don't need to get in trouble during hot weather. A few simple precautions help avoid danger. For example, try to walk your dog in the morning or evening hours, when the sun is lower in the sky. When you start out, check for hot sidewalks; place a hand on a sidewalk for five seconds—if it's too hot for your hand, it is too hot for hound paws too. Don't let your dog suffer burned and painful feet; instead walk your dog on grass, find some shade, or wait until another time to take a walk together. And don't spend too much time out in the heat.

Any dog who spends much time outside in warm weather should have a bowl of cool (not cold) water available at all times. If you go to the park, bring along a foldable water bowl and a bottle of water. A dog who lies out in a sunny yard on a hot day should have the water refreshed often. After all, who likes drinking bath-temperature water? And always provide a cool area such as a covered porch or the ground under a shade tree where your dog can escape the heat.

If your dog seems to love lying in the sun, don't leave that sun worshiper alone and keep a keen eye out for heatstroke signs. Move him inside if he begins to show signs of stress.

And remember, even though a pool might seem a good way to keep your basset comfortable in the heat, it can also be dangerous for deep-chested breeds. While young bassets may get away with swimming, as that chest drops and the dog adds on weight, a deep pool and short legs can be disastrous. Mature bassets often sink better than they swim, and short legs make escaping from the water more difficult. If you want your dog to enjoy the water, use a kiddie pool and keep an eye out. Or if your dog must make use of a deeper pool, a doggie life vest is a good idea. Whenever your hound is in the water, be right there to make sure safety is never an issue. Finally, a dog who has been in a chlorinated pool needs to be rinsed off afterwards, since chlorine is not good for a dog's tummy.

On the road? Even a modestly hot day can become dangerous if you leave your hound in your car. On an 85-degree day, it takes only 10 minutes for your vehicle to reach as much as 104 degrees—too hot for your basset—and the longer you leave the dog there, the hotter it becomes. Plan to leave the windows cracked? Besides offering an opportunity for your dog to be stolen, that will not change the temperature much at all. Try cracking the

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Bob and Rita Jenkins: \$1,700.00

Karen and Paul Curley: \$1,374.00

Joanne Gible: \$1,225.00

Annika Francis: \$1,156.00

Julie Biba/Andrew and Katherine Hubbard: \$520.00

Martha and Frederick Castenschiold: \$505.00

Thanks to everyone who asked friends, neighbors, customers, and coworkers for donations to help support the hounds.

No basset social event can be organized singlehandedly, and the Waddle weekend is no exception. A small army of folks worked ahead of time on readying the Waddle packet, donating postage, and mailing it out. On Waddle weekend, others took care of registration, sold tickets, donated food, Pawction, and raffle items, grilled and served food, and drove, hauled, and organized everything that's part of the weekend. Foster families brought along their dogs, in hopes they'd be adopted. There are too many "jobs" to be listed here, but thanks to everyone who made the weekend a success, no matter how you chipped in. Thanks also to everyone who donated money. Everyone who worked or donated was part of raising nearly \$58,000 to fund the rescue of hundreds of hounds in 2015. ♦

Hot Weather, Hot Dog? (continued from page 4)

windows and sitting in your car on a warm day, and you'll see just how quickly you become uncomfortable. Then remember not only can't your dog sweat, she can't turn on the air conditioner either!

If you're traveling and need to bring your dog, don't leave him in the car alone. As many people have become aware of the dangers of dogs left in cars, you could risk having someone break your window to help your hound. And even if you leave the dog in the car, the key in the ignition, and the air conditioning on, if your car suddenly fails, it could spell danger for your hound. It doesn't take long for the temperature to increase when you're in what's basically a glass-covered box. Travel with another person, and take turns at rest stops. Your hound will thank you.

"I'll just be a few minutes," some people excuse themselves as they leave their dogs in the car while they make a quick stop at a store. It doesn't take much to get distracted and end up doing more shopping than you planned on. And what if the checkout line is busier or slower than you expected? That simple mistake could cost your hound his life or make you both spend a lot of time in the vet's office while the staff try to remedy the mistake of "a few minutes." It can be a very expensive error. So, unless you can bring a dog into your destination, leave him home in comfort when you go out.

My neighbor's dog lost her life when her humans, who were running late to make it to an event, inadvertently left her in the car on a hot day. These were not uncaring people—they loved their dog, and they were devastated. But by the time they remembered, they were too late. If you are prone to forgetfulness, take some advice from those who recommend a way not to forget a child in the backseat: Remove your left shoe while you drive (assuming you're not driving a stick shift). When you get to your destination, this will be a tie-a-string-around-your-finger kind of memory device to make certain you think of your backseat or crated hound.

Still, don't rashly assume that your hound will be fine in your home, no matter how hot it gets. Both heat and humidity take a toll on dogs, just as they do on humans. Only, because humans have the better internal cooling system, they deal with it more successfully. Fans may move air around, but they alone cannot keep a dog comfortable in hot and muggy weather. During a hot day, when you are out, ignore those who may criticize, saying, "It's just a dog!" and leave air conditioning on—and even turn on a dehumidifier, if your air conditioner is not enough in muggy weather. Automatic settings on your equipment may help you save energy while keeping your hound comfortable. If necessary, test out your equipment on a hot weekend, when you're home, to be certain you have a good balance of energy saving and comfort throughout the day. Remember, you want to come home to a happy, healthy dog, not one you need to rush to the emergency room. ♦

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Donation Form

Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization run entirely by volunteers. Our modest adoption fees, which keep adoptions affordable for most people, cover only a portion of our vet bills and other expenses. We rely on fundraisers and donations for the rest.

A vital part of the rescue process is supporters who donate money to help the bassetts. Please help rescue hounds by printing and filling out the form below and sending it to:

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Basset "Clubs"

On June 13, 2015, at Sand Springs Country Club, Fore the Bassets proved that you don't have to be a golf pro to enjoy a day on links (or in the clubhouse) and support basset rescue. While 65 golfers took advantage of the golfing option and hit the links (where 18 holes had been sponsored), others enjoyed the nongolfing option at the clubhouse. According to TSBHR president Sue Mason, who took part in the nongolfing option, she "didn't go near a golf club" but "had a great time relaxing outside with friends and meeting hounds all day."

Mandy and Johnny Shema who organized the day, also arranged for participants to partake of three delicious meals and to enjoy raffles, awards, and prizes, along with a 50/50. New this year were the popular Jell-O shots, which proved a great success and pushed the profits to \$6,000. ♦



Kathy Frisch, delivering Jell-O shots. (Photo courtesy of Jesse Mead.)