

Waggin' Tales



Holly's 'Pause for Paws'

'The Final Day'

I would guess that every one of you reading this has gone through the experience of your pet dying. Whether a dog, cat or any other pet; whether in your adult life or when you were a child. We've all been through it, and for the most part, when they die, we all feel like we have this tremendous pressure on our chest, that keeps you from breathing normally. You don't know how you'll ever smile again.

The hard part is knowing when to make the final decision. Do you run more tests? Is there a chance that something will finally start working? Is there another treatment option you haven't tried? If you could just find that *one* food that they'll really take an interest in and keep eating.

You have this family member, who brings you so much joy, who knows when you're feeling down and who is so happy to see you walk through the door. It doesn't matter if you've been gone to work all day or if you just walked out to the mailbox and came back within 10 minutes, they're so happy to see you! How can you make the decision to end all of it?

Their lives are so much shorter than ours. With basset hounds, we hope they make it to 15 or 16 years of age. We hope that they'll live forever and we hope that we can care for them in such a way that they'll never feel any pain. They can't talk to us, so we watch for signs and try to pick up on when something is 'off'. We work hard to take care of their vaccinations, get them exercise, feed them good food and care for their ears, teeth and toe nails, so they are healthy and happy for a long, long time.

But when the day comes, we're just never ready for it. If they've been sick for any amount of time, you hope that they pass away in their sleep, that you'll

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WBHR - We're a Winner!

September 2, 2015

Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue
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Dear Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue,

Congratulations!

You are the WY 1st Place State Winner for the 2015 Play It Cool Shelter Challenge for The Animal Rescue Site and GreaterGood.org \$100,000 Shelter+ Challenge.

A check for \$1000 will be mailed to you by GreaterGood.org.

We hope that you will join us in thanking our friends at The Animal Rescue Site for their generous sponsorship of this contest. Let them know how you plan to use this prize. Email your letter to admin@shelterchallenge.com. If you have digital photos, attach some! Help The Animal Rescue Site share your story about all the great work that you do and how your supporters helped you in this Challenge.

Best,

Elizabeth Baker
Executive Director, GreaterGood.org

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Holly's 'Pause for Paws'

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wake up one morning and they're gone. We don't want to have to make the decision. We hope that we'll have a sign that lets us know it's time, so we don't have to teeter back and forth with deciding if they need just one more day to make sure we've tried everything we can to possibly keep them with us for just a bit more time.

When you do finally know it's time, the best thing you can do for them is be there. They've been by you every day, they've kept you company, made you laugh and lifted your spirits. They've lived for you, for being with you and loving you. You have been the center of their world for the entire time they've been a part of your family, so being with them on that final day, to that final moment, is what you have to do.

There are options of taking your pet to the veterinarian or having the veterinarian come to your home. Some dogs don't mind a trip to the clinic, but if they've been seeing a lot of that place for the past few weeks, while they've been sick, you'd do best by them to have the vet come to your home. It will be less stressful for your companion and less stressful for you.

If you have other pets, it's good for them to know what has happened to their friend. They don't grieve like we do, but they'll understand and not wonder where they went. Having your deceased pet home can help with that transition of the remaining pets and going forward with their lives.

There are then the options of burial or cremation. You know what you feel most comfortable with and you should let your heart tell you what to do.

So though it's not what any of us wants to think about, and we definitely don't want to plan for it, doing the right thing when that final day comes, is something we *shouldn't* have to think about. Be there for your pet. Comfort them and let them know that you loved them every day. Be the last thing they see and smell as they make their journey to cross the bridge. They deserve that from you and you will be glad you gave them that final comfort, letting them know that they were loved and that they weren't alone.

WBHR Director

Holly



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2016 WBHR Calendar Ready for Purchase

Well, believe it or not, it's that time of the year again to start thinking about gearing up for the next year and what better way than to order a 2016 WBHR official calendar.

Also in that believe it or not category, we've been able to maintain our production cost factors so the calendar will again be \$14 direct from Holly if you are in the Cody area or \$16 for shipping and handling if ordered by mail.

To order by mail just include a check for \$16 made payable to WBHR and mail to Holly at: WBHR, P.O. Box 2131, Cody, WY 82414. You can also contact Holly at (307) 272-8089 or via email at: bassetrescue@tctwest.net

A big 'Thank You' to Sylvia and Wes Huber for developing our calendar!



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to Drool!*



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Fruits and Veggies Are Not Always Good for Pets

How many times have you heard nutritionists stress the importance of eating your fruits and vegetables? Plenty we'll bet, but when it comes to your pets, not everything receives the proverbial two thumbs up.

Writing on the Cesar's Way website, Josh Weiss-Roessler draws attention to that fact.

"You probably already know some of the foods people eat can be dangerous for dogs such as chocolate, but you might not know that a number of seemingly healthy fruits and vegetables should be avoided as well.

"Here is a rundown on eight different types of produce that can be toxic for dogs.

1. Grapes, Raisins and Currants

They are great human snacks, but grapes and raisins are one of the most dangerous types of food your pup can eat. Consuming as few as four grapes or raisins can cause irreversible kidney damage to a 20-pound pooch. Within hours after consuming grapes or raisins, your dog may experience vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. You may notice that it stumbles when attempting to walk.

2. Onions, Garlic and Chives

Consuming a teaspoon of powdered, raw, or cooked, or any other form of garlic, onions or chives can cause serious health problems for dogs. Eating them can destroy your dog's blood cells, causing anemia and irreparable harm to their kidneys. After eating on-

ions, garlic, or chives in any form, your dog may exhibit signs of weakness, breathlessness, tiredness, and experience vomiting and bloody urine.

3. Avocado

It may be great on chips and tacos, but guacamole should always be kept far from your curious pet. Avocado trees contain persin. This substance is harmless to most humans, but

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Passing over the Rainbow Bridge

In Loving Memory.....

The Smith family in Idaho Falls saw

Lucky (10) leave too soon on June 28

John and Fay Pondish in Rapid City said

a sad farewell to Kirby (11) on July 23

Keri Mann of Gillette lost Luci (10 1/2) on

June 4

Scott and Pat Vandell in Laurel, MT,

sadly said goodbye to Dukers (10) in

June and then Rosie (19) on Sept. 24

Buford (10 1/2) left the Cates family of

Gillette on Sept. 25

Mark and Jennifer Boudier of Milliken,

CO, saw Charlie (13) leave them on

June 23

Larry and Regina Sorter in Alabama lost

Shadow (12 1/2) in September shortly

after moving from Wyoming

Bob Wirth lost his long-time pal Chloe

(8) on Oct. 5

Foster parents Dan and Amanda in

Casper sadly saw Hanna (7) depart on

Oct. 8

Susie Q. (11) left Nyal Walker on June

10

Loss is never easy and even more so with an ever-loving pet. May your sweet memories of their not-long-enough life help you through the hard times and inspire you to extend your love to another basset who is waiting for you.

If you have lost a special friend and would like them listed in this section please contact WBHR Director Holly Moen per the information on page 2.



As always, our most sincerest gratitude to Jane Elliott for maintaining our web page, adding dogs, updating dogs as well as doing home checks. WBHR really appreciates all your help. We would be lost without you!

Jim Minor Donates Rights to Rocky's Memoirs to the WBHR

Jim Minor has been a staunch support of the Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue over the years and now he has gone one step further in that assistance.

Jim has kindly been donating proceeds from the sale of his "Memoirs of an Abandoned Basset Hound" (written in cooperation with Rocky) to the WBHR, but now he has turned over all rights to the publication to us.

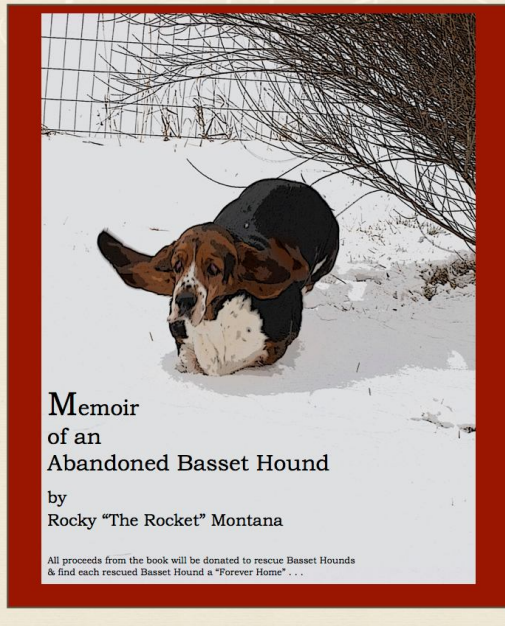
This is an exceptionally kind gesture and we thank Jim sincerely for this and his continued support.

Currently we are completing all of the legalities, etc. and will shortly be determining the best method to continue making Rocky's memoirs available whether it be via direct sales, donations and so forth.

We fully anticipate completing all of the groundwork in time for the publication to be available for Christmas sales so please check our website for updates.

Check www.wyomingbassetrescue.com for status updates!

Memoir of an Abandoned Basset Hound



Hooray, I've Got a Home!

Since our last newsletter these bassets have found their 'Forever Home'

Emma has her new home in Clarkson, WA, with Calvin and Linda

Veggie is at the dinner table with Jan in Casper

Deja is happy again in a new home with Ashlee and Fernando in Baker City, OR

Copper is new to the beat in Glendive, MT with John and Cindy

Tater only has eyes for Bill and Penny in Huntley, MT

Daisy is stalking new territory in Greybull with David and Debbie



Loulabelle now makes her home with David and Jennifer in Billings

River is running free in Peyton, CO with Cindy and Fred
Tufo is saying hi to new surroundings in Great Falls with Holly

Colonel Mustard and Miss Peacock went as a couple to David and Irena in Ammon, ID



Just a Reminder that the WoofTrax Program Aids WBHR

The WBHR has been aggressively exploring new avenues of financial support to aid our loveable basset friends and the WoofTrax program we have mentioned previously continues to be a welcome addition to our efforts.

The program has really blossomed over the past year and this summer was honored worldwide by the PeaceJam Foundation's "One Billion Acts of Kindness" campaign as a 2015 Hero Award recipient for "Best Business Act".

The campaign is spearheaded by 13 Nobel Prize Laureates including Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.

WoofTrax was presented the prize by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel of Argentina.

"Our judges recognized WoofTrax as a true agent of change in helping to solve some of the biggest global issues around the world, said Dawn Engle, Executive Director of the Hero Award and co-founder of PeaceJam.

If you haven't already done so we would like to encourage you to become a part of this innovative method of generating funds not just for WBHR, but rescue organizations and animal shelters across the country.



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WoofTrax 'Walk for a Dog' Campaign is Now World Renown

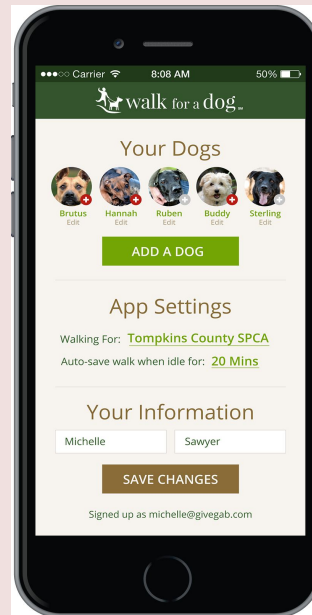
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For those not familiar with WoofTrax it is the driving force behind the 'Walk for a Dog' program. The basic premise is that you walk your dog for pet and personal exercise, but you are raising funds at the same time; the proverbial win-win situation.

Walk for a Dog is an iPhone or Android smartphone app which you download for free at the WoofTrax website. The program actually kicked off a year ago so one good thing at this point in time is that any kinks have already been worked out of the system plus conceptually the program has been streamlined as well.

The WBHR will receive a varying amount of money based upon a combination of the number of walkers, number of walks and the total miles. Donations average between 11 and 25 cents per mile.

Funded by sponsorships, advertising and investors, donations are provided approximately every four months. Organizations can monitor donations by checking the WoofTrax Facebook and Twitter pages.



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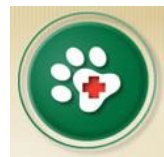
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Fruits and Vegetables May Seem to be a Healthy Snack for Pets, but Danger Lurks

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can cause a variety of dangerous side effects for dogs including vomiting, diarrhea, and difficulty breathing.

4. Persimmons, Peaches, Plums, Apricots, and Cherries

The seeds in persimmons can cause inflammation of the small intestine if consumed by your dog. Similarly, the seeds or pits in peaches, plums, apricots, and cherries contain cyanide, a chemical poisonous to humans and dogs alike. Intestinal obstruction and respiratory failure are possibilities for dogs who have swallowed the pit of any of these fruits.

eating ripe tomatoes is unlikely to cause problems.

If you do give your dog tomato, do so in small amounts, and give it the fruit part only. It's safest if the tomato is ripe and red.

7. Potatoes

Neither humans nor dogs should eat raw potatoes if they are green or have a green rim. Raw and green potatoes may contain solanum alkaloids that can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and irregular heartbeats in dogs. Like their relatives, tomatoes, raw potatoes contain harmful oxalates which can cause problems in its kidneys, digestive tract, and nervous system.

8. Rhubarb

Rhubarb also contains oxalates, and consuming this type of plant can cause problems with your pet's nervous system, digestive tract, and kidneys.

Rhubarb can also reduce the calcium in your dog, causing renal failure and other health issues.

If you believe your dog may have eaten any of the aforementioned foods, you should take it to the vet or emergency clinic immediately.

Your vet or animal care professional may be able to prescribe an appropriate treatment such as oxygen therapy, blood transfusions or induce vomiting.



Toxic Foods



apple seeds
avocados
grapes*
raisins*



chives*
garlic*
mushrooms
onions*
potato leaves & stems
rhubarb
tomato leaves & stems



*Denotes high possibility of toxicity and danger to your dog

5. Mushrooms

Certain types of wild mushrooms can be poisonous and even fatal if consumed by dogs. If your dog has eaten a toxic mushroom, it may begin to exhibit symptoms such as wheezing, vomiting, diarrhea, and changes in heartbeat. Depending upon the type, mushrooms can induce organ failure, seizures, and comas in dogs.

6. Tomato Plants

The stems, vines, and leaves may contain atropine and tomatine which can be poisonous to dog and cause symptoms such as dilated pupils, tremors, seizures, vomiting, diarrhea, and drooling. In some cases, consuming the plant part of tomatoes may even cause comas and death in dogs. In addition, consuming unripe tomatoes may cause gastronomic pain for your pup, though



Beware the Hound of Halloween!

Meningitis Not Confined to Just Humans as It Can Hit Your Pet with Devastating Impact

Meningitis impacted the WBHR recently as we took in Hannah in late summer only to find she not only had thyroid cancer, but severe meningitis. Sadly, we lost Hannah before she advanced from a foster home in Casper.

Which all raises a question about meningitis in dogs.

Much like in humans, the system of membranes which envelops the dog's central nervous system is called the meninges. If this system becomes inflamed, it is referred to as meningitis. Meningoencephalitis, meanwhile, is the inflammation of the meninges and brain, and meningomyelitis is the inflammation of the meninges and spinal cord.

Inflammation of meninges commonly leads to secondary inflammation of the brain and/or spinal cord, resulting in various neurological complications. Long-term inflammation can also obstruct the flow of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) — the protective and nourishing fluid that circulates around the brain and spinal cord — which leads to accumulation of CSF in the brain and thus severe complications such as seizures and paresis.

Causes

The most common cause of meningitis is a bacterial infection in the brain and/or spinal cord originating from elsewhere in the body. Meningoencephalitis, meanwhile, is usually due to infections of the ears, eyes, or nasal cavity. And meningomyelitis generally proceeds following diskospondylitis and osteomyelitis. In puppies and dogs with compromised immune system, such infections commonly reach the



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Symptoms of Canine Meningitis

Most cases of canine meningitis happen as secondary complications of other diseases caused by bacterial infection. Dogs of any age, breed or gender can be equally affected. Newborn puppies seem to be especially at risk. With meningitis, the affected dog is almost always systemically ill. Clinical signs include one or more of the following:

- High fever (elevated body temperature)
- Muscle stiffness
- Muscle spasms in the back (often painful)
- Rigidity of the muscles of the neck and forelimbs (often painful)
- Extreme sensitivity to touch (hyperesthesia); may jump or yelp when touched
- Loss of appetite (anorexia; inappetence)
- Lethargy
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Stiff, awkward stilted gait
- Inability to bend legs
- Head tilt
- High fever
- Depression
- Vision impairment/ blindness
- Progressive paralysis
- Seizures
- Confusion/disorientation
- Agitation
- Loss of coordination (ataxia)
- Aggression





Diagnostic Tools for Vets Run the Gamut from a Simple Biochemistry Profile to X-Rays and MRIs

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brain and spinal cord via the blood.

Diagnosis

You will need to give a thorough history of your dog's health, including the onset and nature of the symptoms. The veterinarian will then conduct a complete physical examination and several laboratory tests — such as complete blood count (CBC), blood culture biochemistry profile, and urinalysis — to help identify and isolate the type of infection.

Biochemistry profile, for example, may indicate liver and kidney involvement, while blood testing may reveal an increased number of white blood cells, which is evidence of an ongoing infection. Urinalysis may also reveal pus and bacteria in the dog's urine, an indication of urinary tract infections.



MRIs for dogs can be helpful in many circumstances

Other tools often used to identify the infectious agent involved include magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), abdominal ultrasounds, thoracic and abdominal X-rays, and samples from the skin, eyes, nasal discharge, and sputum.

One of the most important diagnostic tests, however, is CSF (or cerebrospinal fluid) analysis. A sample of your dog's CSF will be collected and sent to a laboratory for culturing and further evaluation.

Treatment

In severe cases of meningitis, meningoencephalitis, or meningomyelitis, the dog will be hospitalized to prevent more severe complications. Once the causative organism is identified, your veterinarian will employ antibiotics intravenously to maximize their effectiveness.

Antiepileptic drugs and corticosteroids may also be

prescribed to control seizures and reduce inflammation, respectively. Dogs that are severely dehydrated, meanwhile, will undergo immediate fluid therapy.

Living and Management

Rapid and aggressive treatment is vital for a successful outcome, although its effectiveness is highly variable and overall prognosis is not favorable. Unfortunately, many dogs die from these type of infections once it reaches the central nervous system, despite treatment.

However, if treatment is successful it may take more than four weeks for all the symptoms to subside. The dog's activity should be restricted during this time and until it is stabilized.

Prevention

Treat your dog's ear, eyes, and nose infections promptly to avoid spreading these infections to the nervous system.

Source:
www.petmd.com



Anatomy of a Basset Hound





Stanley Coren
Psychology Today

Is That a Dog in Your Bed?

Just who are you sleeping with right now?

No, this is not a *Playboy* or *Cosmopolitan* survey about your sex life, but rather a question of whether your four-legged Lassie (or Rover) is snuggled in bed next to you. One recent survey found that about half of all dog owners allow their dogs to sleep on the bed with them.

Lassie's chance of sharing your mattress depends upon your age and sex. The highest percentage of people found sleeping with their dogs are single females between the ages of 18 and 34. Nearly 6 out of 10 women in this group allow the dog on the bed. The group with the largest likelihood of booting the dog out of the bed are married men over 45 years of age. However, even for this class of people, just shy of 40 percent still sleep with their dog.

Many famous, rich and powerful people have given their dogs bed privileges. According to information carved into his tomb, we know that the Egyptian pharaoh, Rameses the Great had a hound named Pahates who was given the title of "Bed Companion to the Pharaoh." Alexander the Great was known to have rested from his battles, sleeping beside his great greyhound, Peritas. Much later Queen Victoria actually died in bed next to her favorite Pomeranian, Turi. Peter the Great, Czar of Russia, slept with his Italian Greyhound, Lisette and Frederick the Great of Prussia slept with another Italian Greyhound, Biche, and so it has been with many historically important people.

For most people, having a dog in bed is psychologically comforting. The dog serves as a loving companion close at hand, and it keeps you from feeling lonely or insecure no matter how dark the night.

Anthropologists have noted that sleeping with dogs is an

ancient practice. After dogs were domesticated, in many cultures they shared sleeping areas with early humans, warning them of the approach of predators or hostile humans, and even curling up next to their owners and providing warmth. Without central heating (and sometimes without dwellings) humans had to face the harsh climates associated with winter on the plains or in forests, or even in the desert where the nights can be bitter cold.

Dogs, with their body temperature being higher than that of humans (104°F or 40°C), can be a significant source of heat if you have to sleep under cold conditions. In fact, the term "a three dog night" is said to have come from the fact that if it was

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chilly you took your dog to bed with you to keep you warm, while a really frosty night might require the services of three dogs to adequately protect you from the cold.

Some anthropologists have speculated that the idea of dogs sleeping with humans may be an ancient urge encoded in the DNA of dogs and/or people, pointing out the fact which anyone with children knows, namely that kids usually have to be specifically taught to keep the dog off of the bed.

A change in our sleeping conditions, combined with our desire to have our dogs sleep on our beds has spawned a small but growing industry. The stimulus for this is that the bedding industry has been raising the altitude of its products. Beds are becoming higher, in part satisfying customer preferences for ever-thicker mattresses, and in part because people living in

Sleeping with Your Dog Has Historical Precedents

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apartments or condominiums with limited space want beds with built in drawers under the sleeping surface to provide additional storage.

It is not unusual today to find a bed which may be 30 inches (76 cm) high. This may provide a problem if the bed has a short occupant, namely the dog. A small dog, like a Pug or a Pomeranian, could find this height quite difficult to scale. Even if you lift the dog onto the bed, when it wants to leave later it must take a flying leap off of a bed which may be three or four times higher than he stands. This may require an act of courage but it also could result in injury.

Furthermore, with the canine life span rising due to better nutrition and veterinary care, that old dog who once gracefully leapt up beside you might now have difficulty jumping onto the bed and may injure himself in the attempt to get on or off.

In response to these difficulties, the pet supply industry has created a product that allows Rover to reach the bed surface without flying through the air — namely “pet stairs.” These staircases come in a variety of styles ranging from decorative wooden steps, to carpeted stairs, and even some that incorporate ramps rather than steps.

If you Google “pet stairs” you will find that these are readily available in a wide range of prices. One retailer told me that over the past five or six years she estimates that the sales of pet stairs have risen approximately 10% per year. She added, “some of my older customers have also told me that they find that



Lassie as a bed partner. The same survey also found that 13 percent of the couples studied included a partner who so objected to the dog being on the bed that it had actually become a point of controversy and emotional strain in their relationship.

Historically this was the situation with the Indian fighter, General George Armstrong Custer. General Custer had frequent heated disputes with his wife Libbie over the presence of dogs on their bed. It eventually came to the point that she threatened to no longer sleep beside him if it involved sharing the bed with his dogs.

They eventually reached a compromise agreement. When Custer was at home the dogs could sleep in their bedroom but *not* on their bed. In the field, however, Custer shared his cot with his greyhounds Blucher and Byron and the fawn-coloured deerhound Tuck, who died with him at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

Thus, tread lightly in this matter. Your selection of bed partners can have a powerful influence on your life — even if that additional bed partner has four legs and a tail.

Stanley Coren is the author of many books including: *The Wisdom of Dogs*; *Do Dogs Dream?* *Born to Bark*; *The Modern Dog*; *Why Do Dogs Have Wet Noses?* *The Pawprints of History*; *How Dogs Think*; *How To Speak Dog*;

Why We Love the Dogs We Do; *What Do Dogs Know?* *The Intelligence of Dogs*; *Why Does My Dog Act That Way?* *Understanding Dogs for Dummies*; *Sleep Thieves*; *The Left-hander Syndrome*.



Custer with Tuck

their dog's stairs give them a welcome boost as they try to climb into bed with their arthritic knees.”

However, there is another potential problem with having

Can You Provide a 'Forever Home' for Me?



Daisy Duke

I'm not sure about everyone else, but I am liking that I have a bit of stability and familiar faces to see every day. I'm Daisy Duke and all the nice people who have been helping me think I'm around 3 to 4 years old. They tell me I'm a corgi/basset hound mix and I tend to have the sparkle and a bit of the herding instincts of the corgi, but I also have the dazzle of the basset hound's good looks!

I had a litter of puppies not long ago, but I am now spayed, current on my vaccinations, heart worm negative, had my ears and teeth cleaned and I'm micro-chipped! I'm also house trained and I like to go for car rides. I am looking for a home with no cats, though that is what the foster home says. I'd love to chase them, but I guess they're off limits to me!

I'm working on training and being a nice family member. I can be around other dogs, but I guess my new family will need to run the show, not me.

I really love people and being around them. Did I mention I love attention, too? So if you have a home that will lead the way for me, so I can just sit back and become a part of the family, I'm the girl for you!

Foster Residence: Gillette

If you would like more information on adopting or fostering any of these bassets, please contact Holly at (307)272-8089 or email at bassetrescue@tctwest.net.



Annual WBHR Santa Photo Shoot

*Saturday, November 14
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

The Barn - Powell Highway in Cody

All photos will be digital and emailed to you



WBHR Adds Amazon Smile Program to Fundraising Projects

In an effort to develop as many viable fundraising options as possible, the WBHR has become a member of the Amazon Smile program which provides qualifying organizations with a 0.5% donation on all designated purchases.

The mechanics are simple and the appropriate Amazon purchase page shows whether the purchase qualifies or not. Here's some of the basics on the program:

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

What are the eligibility requirements for charitable organizations to participate?

Organizations must be registered and in good standing with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) to be eligible to participate. Organizations must be public charitable organizations (not private foundations) and may not be supporting organizations, unless identified specifically as a Type I, Type II, or functionally integrated Type III supporting organization. Eligible charitable organizations must also be located in one of the 50 U.S. states or the District of Columbia.

How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

Is there any cost to charitable organizations or to customers?

No. There is no cost to charitable organizations or to AmazonSmile customers. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com

with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

Do you charge any administrative fees or take any deduction from the donation amount?

No. Charities must register to receive donations and have a valid bank account to which we can route donations, but there is no charge to participate and we do not deduct any fees from the donation amount.

What is the AmazonSmile Foundation?

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable



organizations selected by our customers. Amazon pays all expenses of the AmazonSmile Foundation; they are not deducted from the donation amounts generated by purchases on AmazonSmile.

Does the AmazonSmile Foundation take any portion of donations to fund its operations?

No. Amazon funds the operations of the AmazonSmile Foundation.

Please contact Holly with any questions about having your purchases qualify for donations to the WBHR.

For the love of a basset...

Show Your Love
and Support



Basset Hound Note Cards

There's something brand new for you note writers from WBHR - your choice of a 12-pack of cards featuring some of our inspiring bassetts and their stories. On the front is one of our rescued bassetts, the back highlights their story and the inside is blank. The cards measure 5.5 inches wide and are 4.25 inches high.

There are two packs with Pack A featuring Nick, Toby, Diamond and Cyndi and Pack B highlighting Chloe, Hugo, Daisy and Ripley. Each pack has three cards of each basset and are available at \$15 per set which includes shipping. Please note which pack you desire when ordering.

Iris Folding Greeting Cards

These beautiful cards are decorated with the iris paper folding technique. Each card is blank inside and lined with white card stock. Designs include two basset hounds, two poodles, two cats, a Scottie and a bulldog. The cost of the cards is \$4.75 each which includes postage and mailing envelope.



Charm Bracelets

These lovely handcrafted charm bracelets are available with either dog, cat or horse charms and in a variety of colors. Each bracelet is \$5. Shipping costs vary depending on quantity of bracelets ordered. One, two or three bracelets ship for \$2.25 and four, five or six bracelets ship for \$4.50. Shipping costs are added into the total price. Order the quantity of bracelets you want and after we receive your order we will contact you about what charms and colors you would like for each bracelet.

'Paws at the Yard' T-Shirts

If you missed our Paws at The Yard event this past September, you can still get a T-shirt, while supplies last. Quantities are limited. The T-shirts are white with blue screening, but, when they're gone, they're gone.

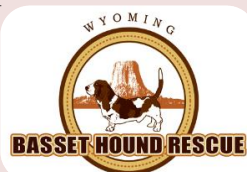
Available sizes are: Youth - medium and large; Adult - small. The prices are \$8 each which including shipping.



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WBHR Decals

Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Decals are 4" tall and 6" wide. They are suitable for placement on outside windows and come with instructions to apply them. \$6.00 each, which includes shipping.

Basset Hound Dog Treat Cookbook

This cookbook is 8½" x 11" in size, with over 40 pages of great treat recipes for your dog! The covers can also be personalized, such as "Toby's Treats" and they can also be made for other breeds, not just basset hounds. The cookbooks are \$20.00 including shipping. Personalized cookbooks are \$23.00 (dog's photo and name). Order well in advance if a gift as they take four-to-six weeks to compile.



Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue T-Shirts

Four adult colors - Yellow Haze, Stone Blue or Cardinal Red plus the new 'Texas Orange'. The shirts have 'Opt to Adopt' on the front and the WBHR logo on the back. It's \$13 for sizes Small through X-Large and \$14 for XX- and \$15 for XXX-Large. We've even got youth shirts at only \$11 in Cardinal Red, Yellow Haze or Indigo Blue in small (6-8) and medium (10-12). Postage is \$2.50 per shirt.

Basset Hound Greeting Cards

The basset pictured is Mena, who was rescued by an animal sanctuary in Nebraska.

The back of each card tells her story to her new, forever home. The pictures are of the front and inside, right of each card.

These are high-quality, 5x7 cards, with a glossy finish on the outside and a mat finish on the inside. The cost of the cards, which includes envelopes, is \$1.50 each with an additional \$.50 shipping per card for a total of cost of \$2 each.

'Missing You' Design

This is me.....



.....when you aren't here

This is me.....



.....when you are near
I miss you....!

Great Gifts for All Basset Lovers!

For questions about any of these items, please email Holly at:
bassetrescue@tctwest.net

WBHR Merchandise
Make Great Gifts

To the following
people for all their
help since our last
newsletter, whether
with fostering,
transport or placing
basset hounds



Audrey Bath, Jennifer Blossom and Ray Harrison,
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Sally Vine, Maria, Eric and Cordelia Wimmer.

*"It is amazing what you can accomplish
if you do not care who gets the credit."*

Harry S. Truman

Wishlist

Foster Homes
Transportation Assistance
Monetary Donations
Doggie Treats
Veterinary Assistance
Applicable Gift Certificates

*Don't forget
to check our web site
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*There's Nothing
Like a Good Bedtime
'Tail' Before
Retiring for the
Night!*

