

SOUTH CENTRAL BLOODHOUND CLUB NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2014

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From the President

It is hard to believe the year is half over already. It has been an interesting year so far to say the least. But there are a lot of good things going on and we are moving forward in very positive ways.

WE are pleased to welcome Jennifer Niedert as our new Treasurer. We are truly grateful to her for tackling what can be a challenging position. We will have a biography of her in our next newsletter.

After years of work the Board has completed the proposed changes to the Bylaws. You will be receiving a copy of them in the mail in the next couple of days. They are also in an attachment with this Newsletter. Please take the time to read them. Much of the reworking of the Bylaws you see is simply reformatting and cleaning up the language. There have been changes, though, in several areas and we ask that you take the time to read them and give your feedback to the Board through the Secretary at secretary@southcentralbloodhounds.org. You can find a copy of the current Bylaws on the South Central Bloodhound Club group page on FB or by asking for them from the Secretary. We welcome any questions as to why we made the changes we did.

In the same mailing with the proposed amendments to the Bylaws you will receive the Nominated Slate of Officers for 2015. Please look them over as well as the procedure for submitting names if you want to nominate someone for a Board position. If you are a paid member in good standing and don't receive these in the mail please contact the Secretary. We would like to thank our Nominating Committee Jeana Williams, Chair, Leslie Wigley and Richard Risner.

We are holding a Regional Specialty November 15 in Chickasha, OK this year. We'll be sending the form to sponsor a trophy in the next week. Please consider sponsoring a trophy. If you want more information on what that means you can contact me at president@southcentralbloodhounds.org. We are planning a low-key, back to basics, inexpensive, get to know each other Regional. We will also be holding a Raffle and Silent Auction so if you have items to donate please get in touch with us. The Raffle and Auction have been major fund-raisers in the past so please consider donating and buying. Even if you don't show it is a great time to meet and learn.

The Annual Meeting will also be held at this show so please start making plans to attend! For those who are unable to be there in person we are working on plans to hold a teleconference. We aren't sure yet that we will be able to get it set up but we are trying.

Please take a look on the FB Groups for the T-shirts, hats, etc. we have available. There is ordering information in here also. These items were donated by Leslie Wigley and all money collected is 100% profit for the use of the club to help our dogs. Plus they are cool, so please order some merchandise!

The Board is always interested in what you have to say so please contact us with any concerns or news.

Emily Williams

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our newest members: Ruth Belleville, TX; Adriane & Patrick Carr, AR; Stacy & Jeremy Galyon, TX; Cindy Harris, AR; Otikar & Zuzanna Likar, CA; Sarah Lyon, TX; Jennifer & Joe Niedert, TX; Leanne & William Poculan, AZ; and Lisa & Adam Szymanski, UT.

SHOW NEWS

In May, two months shy of her 10th birthday “Bizzy”, CH. Shericks Dakota ChanC Biz to Buff (bred by Catherine Brey, Sherry & Dick Duling, and Jim Adams, and owned by Brenda & Sean Buffum) went Best of Breed both days and took a Group 2 on the Sunday. I saw her last year at our National Specialty and I can attest to the beauty and ease of her movement. Our standard calls for a “free and elastic gait” which can only be seen when the dog is correct in their conformation. Bizzy is a beautiful example of the breed and to win breed and a Group placement at this age is remarkable. Congratulations to all of you.



RESCUE

Emily Williams Rescue Director

I wish I could say that Rescue has slowed down but it hasn't, in fact it is worse than I've ever seen it. I think that is due in part to our wider exposure which allows shelters and individuals to find us. But it is also due to what I believe is an increase in poorly thought-out breeding and misplacements. One of the goals of Rescue for this year was to formulate a plan to try to start addressing some core issues. With all of the animals in need and some of the other needs of the club that hasn't really taken place but I hope to make progress on it in the next couple of months. We are looking for members who would like to serve on the Rescue Committee so if you are interested please contact me. adopt@southcentralbloodhounds.org

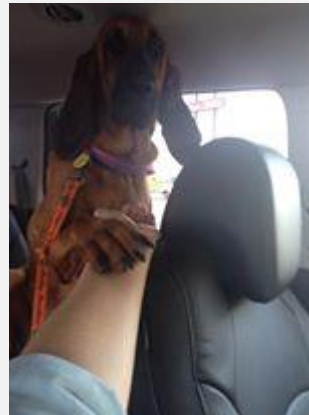
We've had some wonderful dogs come through and have wonderful dogs still waiting to be adopted. We keep slogging on because they are worth it.

After over a year in the program Abigail finally found her home. We had so badly wanted her to go to a working home and it just wasn't happening. And then everything fell into place for this wonderful girl. Abigail went to her new home in Virginia to start her training for Search and Rescue on Friday. By some miracle two of our new members, Adriane and Patrick Carr, were driving from Arkansas to Maryland going almost past her new home. This turned out to be one of our easiest transports ever! Thanks to Kerrie Kerns who found her in the shelter and fostered, to

Jeana Williams who fostered her for most of her time with us, and the wonderful transport team we may someday hear that Abigail has fulfilled the calling of this breed and saved a life. We can't wait to hear how she does.



Abigail feeling the stress of travel



Meeting her last transport

TRAILING WEEKEND

Those of us lucky enough to attend the Trailing/Fun weekend in April had a blast, learned about working our dogs, and ate some really good food. We can't thank Leslie Wigley and Carol Moore enough for hosting this event. The setting was beautiful and they were amazing hosts. The dogs particularly liked the little stream and pond that ran through the patio area. Well, we'll say we spent so much time there because of the dogs.

Our thanks to Don Ozee and his assistant Jill for traveling from Illinois to work with the handlers and the dogs. They did a fabulous job. We are looking forward to holding another event sometime this year in another state. If you think you would have an interest in hosting and want more information please contact the President.





HEALTH ARTICLES

Bloat seems to be a constant in discussions about our breed. Here is an article that has some good information. I'm not a vet and there are a couple of things I might be skeptical about but overall it is informative and presents some more recent information.

http://www.deerhound.org/Health/Claymore_Articles/BloatUpdate.pdf

This article deals with the heart. Many of us, myself included, don't have much experience with heart issues but we do know that the breed is affected to some degree.

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&S=1&C=0&A=2344&EVetID=3001459>

If you are like me you lose things you use so I'm giving this link also.

<http://www.walkervalleyvet.com/otc-meds.htm>

Maybe some vets will have some comments on these articles.

BEHAVIOR ARTICLES

Most of us are experienced dog owners but I know that for me it is helpful to go back and review information that I've "known" for a long time. I hope that you find these informative and helpful.

<http://www.barktalk.com/pottytraining.html>

I love Patricia McConnell and many of us face mounting issues.

<http://www.patriciamccconnell.com/theotherendoftheleash/mounting-by-any-other-name>

And one of my personal crusades on a subject that sparks a lot of controversy.

http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/issues/14_12/features/Alpha-Dogs_20416-1.html

Again, I hope these articles will spark conversation and further exploration for those who read them, enjoy!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

If you have something you would like to see in the next newsletter please send it to the Secretary. In the next couple of months we will be finalizing plans for a newsletter editor, deadlines etc. But in the meantime please send material for us to use. We truly want to make this a interactive Club/Membership endeavor.

NOMINATED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2015

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