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Greetings from the Board. Our club is still in search of a newsletter editor so please excuse the unprofessional look for this newsletter, we feel it is important to let the membership know what is going on. The position of Treasurer is also open. If you have time, a financial background, and a desire to be more involved we would love to talk to you. If you are interested in either position please contact one of the board members.



## American Bloodhound Club

### 2013 National Specialty Dog Show

September 22 - 28, 2013

Capital Plaza Hotel

Topeka, KS

This is the major project being undertaken by the club right now. Things are proceeding well but there are many things that the show committee could use help with. Events are tracking, trailing, obedience/rally, conformation, auctions, raffles, and the Parade of Honor. Something for everyone, including rescue dogs. The National is a great deal of fun and an opportunity to meet others in the club and breed. There are opportunities for education and health screenings. If you are interested in helping in any way contact the show chair, Tracy Favre at [tfavre@favrehouse.com](mailto:tfavre@favrehouse.com). Please visit the website at <http://www.abcnational.org/>.

## RESCUE



This picture says everything we need to say about Rescue. This is Ramona, one of our foster dogs with her foster.

Rescue has had a busy year so far. Unfortunately, the slowest part has been fundraising but we are holding our own. I would love to find someone interested in holding an event or putting together some ideas. When the money is gone we can't take in fosters so it is important.

We have some wonderful foster homes and that is the backbone of rescue. The devotion these foster families show to the dogs is incredible. For some of these dogs the foster home is the first time they have known any stability or real kindness. For others they are the loving arms that open wide to give them refuge when the family they love has to let them go. Many of these stories are incredibly sad for all involved, including the families giving them up. For some of these dogs we are often the only thing standing between them and a cold table and the grave. For others we are the difference between a real home and a life of separation, kennels, and loneliness.

Many of our members are show people, some of us are breeders, some of us are rescue but all of us love this breed beyond reason and sanity and wear more than one hat to do all we can to keep our breed safe and loved. And for some of us that takes us to the edge of breaking ourselves. The more people become involved the more we can relieve the stress felt by those who are carrying too much of the burden.

Unfortunately, we've had to euthanize 3 dogs this year for aggression. This is very difficult for the foster families who bear the brunt of the emotional pain. There is no way to tell you the strength our foster families have to have to do this job. For me, knowing that the dogs I've had to send to

their deaths are dying in loving arms is all that makes this job possible sometimes. And knowing that these dogs have known, sometimes for the only time in their lives, love and a family makes it possible to deal with the pain of their death. For the dogs, myself, and the fosters I wish this was a decision we never had to make but because the world is full of people who don't take responsibility we are the ones who end up with the pain. And our foster families who take this burden on for the dogs and the rest of us without complaint deserve a tremendous amount of respect and support.

All of our fosters are incredible people. I can't thank this individuals and their families enough.

We've had 13 adoptions this year. I would like to find ways of increasing the applications we receive and thus adoptions. The more we place in homes the more we can bring in and save.

As of now we have 8 dogs in foster.



This is 9 year old Bud, coming off a chain and on his way to a new life with his foster to learn how to be a companion.

TRANSPORTATION: I want to commend the members and non-members who do transport. This is a very time-consuming task and can get expensive for those doing it. While I would like to adopt dogs into homes close to the foster that often isn't possible and our transporters make the transition possible. Without transport we wouldn't have dogs in foster. These are the people who are often overlooked and under-appreciated.

### 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be on September 28 in conjunction with the National Specialty and Regional Specialty that Saturday. Topeka, Kansas is very central and we really hope to see a large number of the membership there. Elections will be held and the more people are involved the stronger the club.

## Texas Alliance for Homeless Pets

South Central is a founding member of the Texas Alliance for Homeless Pets. This is a coalition made up of shelters, rescues, and individuals primarily interested in the issues surrounding pet overpopulation. SCBC is the only breed club represented in the coalition which offers us a unique opportunity to have input on educating the general public about the importance of ethical breeders, ethical breeding, and pre-bred dogs in general. I encourage you to look at the web-site and offer your feedback as to how we as a club can be most valuable in this group. <http://petsintexas.org/>. Please contact me, [adopt@southcentralbloodhounds.org](mailto:adopt@southcentralbloodhounds.org), or Mark Kennedy, [mkennedy@asbell.net](mailto:mkennedy@asbell.net), to let us know what you think.

## TRAILING AS SPORT

I'm interested in looking at ways of setting up local groups who can work on trailing as a hobby with a regional tie. Anyone who is interested in this idea please contact me with your ideas or just to let me know your interest. I would love to see this help increase the number of bloodhounds participating in the trailing trials. Keep in mind that your dog doesn't have to be registered to do this, all of our rescue dogs would be able to participate and their age doesn't matter.

## TRAINING TIP: RESOURCE GUARDING

Here is a link to a great article by Patricia McConnell, my all-time favorite author. This is a fairly common issue with our breed and no matter how long we have had hounds or have much we know there is always something new to be learned.

<http://www.patriciamcconnell.com/theotherendoftheleash/resource-guarding-treatment-and-prevention>

I hope everyone's summer is off to a great start. Remember, the club is here to serve you and to give you a place to serve. Be in touch and give your hounds a hug.

Emily Williams owned by 4 bloodhounds, a lurcher, a shih tzu, and a terrier mix.