

SOUTH CENTRAL BLOODHOUND CLUB RESCUE JUNE 2014

The floodgates of bloodhounds needing rescue have opened wide. And the need to find a way to deal with poor breeding and selling practices has never been more urgent. How to do so may be the biggest, most compelling question facing all of us who believe in purebred bloodhounds and good breeding practices. If we don't find an answer to these problems we may well be swept up in the public ire at breeders. And we will continue to lose good homes to bad breeders. Homes that may have stayed and become active, involved, and steady advocates for the breed.



Dolly and Maybelline



Mickie

Our highlight this Bulletin is on three females that appear to be related. All are full coat blacks. Dolly and Maybelline appear to be about the same age. Mickie appears to be a year older. All three are from the same geographical area. They are pretty girls. They seem to be healthy and they all have good temperaments. They are good dogs. They may have had a breeder who with the right approach would be an asset to the breed, who truly loves their dogs. And they may have a breeder who will never be more than a poor excuse of a human when it comes to breeding. But unless we find them and engage them we will never know which it is.

It truly is a deluge. I've been contacted by 3 people in two days asking for help re-homing their young bloodhounds. I've got pictures of 5 bloodhounds in shelters that we've been asked to pull. We can't meet the need for all of them. But for those we do pull they will have a chance at the life all of us want for the dogs we've bred or purchased.

We are always asked what we need. And the answers are always the same: Money; foster homes; dog food; prevention; etc. I believe what we most need is a way to help stem the tide. We need to find some way to work together to weed out the bad breeders, help those who have the potential to be good breeders, and keep bloodhounds out of inappropriate homes. I hope this isn't a pipe dream.