

Waggin' Tales

WYOMING BASSET HOUND RESCUE, INC.

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Happiness is Waggin' Tails (no matter how you spell it!)

Wow, we have NINE bassets up for adoption!



Gus is 5½yrs old and great with dogs and kids. He loves rides and lying in the sun. He knows how to use a doggie door and treats are his friend! Gus is just a love bug & is very willing to please.



Tripp is 3½yrs old, a big boy and loves to play! He can't have too many toys! He gets along great with other dogs and would love a forever family. Tripp is taller than most bassets, but he is all hound!



Cookie will be 1yr old Oct. 26th, 2009. He is all puppy and loves to play with his foster home's dog! He's learning manners and is very smart! They don't come much "sweeter" than Cookie!



Mary Jane just turned 9yrs old & LOVES to play! She really likes her toys and to wrestle with the foster homes two younger, male bassets. She is a talker and likes for you to listen to her. She is 54#.

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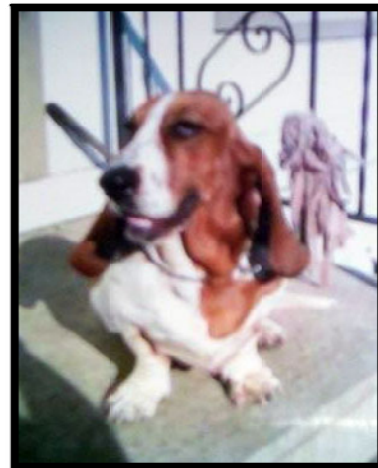
Ladybug will be 2yrs old October 25th, 2009. She and her brother, Max, are a great pair and we hope to place them together. Ladybug is great with kids, cats and is quite the snuggler!



Maximus is Ladybug's brother, so he, too, will be 2yrs old on October 25th, 2009. He is bigger than his sister and has actually lost some weight at the foster home. He likes kids, cats and toys, too!



Trace came in as a stray, but we think he is about 1yr old. He is getting along well with the dogs at his foster home & loves kids. He is fine with cats.



Ally is a 53# 7yr old girl who loves to have company and go for rides! She is great with other dogs, but she tends to chase cats. She would love a new home!



Benjamin will be 1yr old in December, 2009. He is 38#, shy at first, but warms up & then is all play! He is a sweet boy, gets along with kids and dogs!

All nine bassets are current on their vaccinations, are neutered/spayed and are micro-chipped. Some came into WBHR due to a divorce, to having to move where dogs weren't allowed, no yard and they got out or they were a stray. They all have different stories, but they are all looking for the same happy ending...a forever home with a family who will love them and make them a part of that family for the rest of their lives. **Is that family you???**



Don't look now, but we've adopted out more basset hounds to new homes! Since our April newsletter, the following basset hounds have gone to their forever families!



Jake is home with Murphy at the Stalvik-Janusz household!
Lulu is sharing a home with Dolly and Molly at the Roblyers.
Grace is living happily-ever-after with Buford at the Fenners!
Buddy has taken up top-dog status at the Zamora's house.
Scooby is king of the hill (and sofa!) at the Walrath home.
Stanley is running around at his forever home with the Bult family.
Sophie moved to Colorado with the Bells, with Pattie and Loosie!
Darlin' is at home in Colorado with the Tegtmann family.
Olivia is sharing her forever home with Rocko at the Kenners.
Alux is at his forever home with the Lombardy family.
Teton is settled in with Penny in Colorado at the Hankins home.



Our rescued basset hounds spend from as little as one week, to as long as eight months, in foster care before finding their forever home. Costs for veterinarian expenses to get them "good as new", range from as little as a micro-chip, for \$35.00, to over \$850.00, for vaccinations, micro-chipping, dental work, removal of lumps, x-rays, blood work, allergy tests and skin conditions.

This doesn't include surgery. We are non-profit with no paid staff. Several volunteers throughout the State donate many hours and dollars to helping the hounds, through transports, fostering, home visits and vet care! If you would like to help in some way, please let us know!

Thanks to our recent volunteers who have helped in fostering and/or placing basset hounds:

Sandra Adams & Barry Snyder, Roger & Jan Bird, Alice Cronkrite & Ed Russell, Ryle & Erin Fenner, Darla Haller, Linda Heberlein, Rick & Katie Heywood, Sherrie Johnson, the late & much missed Connie Jones, Shauna Lombardy, Kathy Mayash, Holly Mundorf, Kennedy & Evan O'Toole, John Pondish, Larry & Janette Richards, Bonnie Sargent, Jacob & Mary Sims, Tony & Paulette Stalvik-Janusz, Theresa & Chris Taylor, Amanda Tyson, Eric & Leigh VanTassel, Ed & Sally Vine and Bob Wirth.

Visit us online!

www.wyomingbassetrescue.com

At Wyoming Basset Rescue's web site you can check out our bassets available for adoption, visit the photo gallery, check our current raffle items, read information about the basset hound breed and our rescue and also find links to other great basset sites.

Sophie – The First Month. – By Fred Bell.

Our introduction to Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue was due to the loss (sudden and unexpected for us) of our second basset hound, Suusie, who was just over 12 years old. Shortly prior to contacting Holly, we had gone ahead and purchased Pattie, a basset hound pup. We had maintained a regular correspondence with Holly and looked forward to the basset hound picnic. Prior to the picnic, we had read about and seen the small photo of Sophie on the Rescue's web site. Since our first two bassets had spent most of their lives together, my wife and I decided we should adopt Sophie, who had been in the care of the Rescue for the past 4 months.

We saw a nice large color photo of Sophie at the picnic and completed all the paperwork for Sophie at the end of that fun day and made arrangements to pick Sophie up in Sheridan the next morning from her foster home. We met the next morning for the first time. This was the first dog we would have in the family who didn't start as a pup with us, as it's only owner. So as for Sophie, this was a new experience for us. Having seen only two photos of her, she of course was not exactly what we expected to see! Wow, what long legs and so small! First impressions. She was fine with Shirley, but at first barked at me and wouldn't willingly let me pet her. In fact, she wanted to be as far as possible from this unknown stranger. It took some minutes, but I finally convinced Sophie I meant her no harm and got a harness buckled onto her. Sophie also didn't like seeing Pattie, so her best defense on being with an unknown dog was to go on the offensive and attack. Hmm...was all this a really bad idea? I mean, if she didn't like me and couldn't stand Pattie, weren't these factors deal-breakers? (especially after being with oh so many super friendly bassets at the picnic!) Well, hey, these are only first impressions. I finally got her calm enough to trust a walk with me. So we walked perhaps 100+ yards and she had to potty. Then she decided she could probably trust me. So we walked back to the car and said our good-byes to the foster mom. But when we went to all get in the car, Sophie again wanted to attack Pattie. Well, it's a small car, with two adults and two basset hounds. So Shirley decided to sit in the center of the back seat and keep both dogs apart and give them time to "nose" and accept each other. We were also told Sophie really liked treats, but when offered one, she would snap and grab – not real good. Hey, was this a great idea or what? Well, Shirley got Sophie settled down and within two hours, three things happened. First, Sophie decided I was an okay fellow and sitting behind me, she was able to give my right ear a lot of loving, plus nest her chin on my arm. We were officially friends!

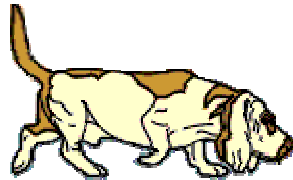
Second, stern words and instruction defeated Sophie's snapping and grabbing for treats. She now removed them so gently from the hand, one could hardly tell when she ate a treat! She will also, like Pattie, let anyone take something out of her mouth or look at her teeth. Very gentle she is. Third, after a lot of mutual petting with reassuring words, Sophie could sit next to Pattie without any attacks, barks or growls – peace in our time!

So by the time we got home, we were family. Whew!! So adopting wasn't a bad idea at all. Now, Sophie has been here for a month. She and Pattie are best friends. I've found out Sophie is mostly very gentle and, well, what I'd call a cuddler. If sitting on the couch watching a movie, Sophie will hop up beside you and lean against you – almost cheek to cheek. Then she'll get a bit more comfortable and lie across your lap, desiring of course, a decent belly rub!

Now what was a major stumbling block with Sophie? Well, early in her life she had a front leg injury. To see her stand or sit, her left-front leg is at an ugly angle and it would appear she could not walk well. She had previous vet exams and was currently on a twice-a-day pill medication. Yet, what did we have here? A very active, bursting with extreme energy, 17-month old basset pup. Thanks to the pills, no limping or pain here. With all that energy (you really can't believe how fast both Pattie and Sophie can race both around in the house and the yard, unless, of course, you also have a young basset hound at home!), walks seemed like a good idea. We already knew how much Pattie enjoys walks. Taking Sophie on a walk is a bit of an adventure. If one thinks about ships in WWII, Sophie displays the ability of three things: 1. She can zigzag with the best North Atlantic convoy to avoid u-boats, 2. She has the strength and power of any fast battleship, and 3. The agility of those famous PT boats. You must be fully prepared, because if any birds are nearby on the ground or if a rabbit is sighted, her harness and leash will be subjected to a 1000 pounds tensile-pulling test! And you better hold on! So, she gets daily early morning and late afternoon walks, up to 55 minutes so far (never less than 25 minutes). Thus far, no fatigue (for her!), no limping, (even with reduction of the medication), and fully enjoying those walks. She's so well, happy and enjoying everyone here, it's like she's been a part of the family from her first days and not only for the past month. It's hard to remember how it was without Sophie. I think Pattie would agree, too. She's simply a grand dog and it was the smartest thing we ever did adopting her. Wow – what a gal! Oh, did I say she was "small" – I was much surprised she weighed 47# and now weighs 48#. Thank you Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue.

We would love to have your **Adoption Story**, whether a recent adoption or one from years ago. Please send it to: Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue, Inc. P.O. Box 2131, Cody, WY 82414 or email to: bassetrescue@tctwest.net

As always, our most sincere gratitude to **Jane Elliott** for always maintaining our web page, adding dogs, updating dogs and even doing home checks. WHBR really appreciates all your help. We would be lost without you!



In Loving Memory...

Passing Over Rainbow Bridge:

Mat Brown and Sarah Bieber lost their cherished **Rusty** in October of 2008.
Sally and Ed lost **Gabby**, at the tender age of 3 years old, on April 10, 2009.
Eric and Leigh VanTassel lost their beloved basset **Harpo**, not yet 8, on June 26, 2009.
Larry and Regina Sortor lost her dear friend **Lucy** at the age of 12, on July 3, 2009.
Bob Wirth is greatly missing his boy **Bo**, 12 yr old, who crossed the bridge in July, 2009.
Margaret and Dan Stansill lost their **Missy** on July 10, 2009 at the age of 11 years old.
Allen and Holly Moen lost their **Toby** August 1, 2009, who was approaching 16 yrs old.

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.



It is about that time of year again....

2009 Santa Pet Photo Shoot!

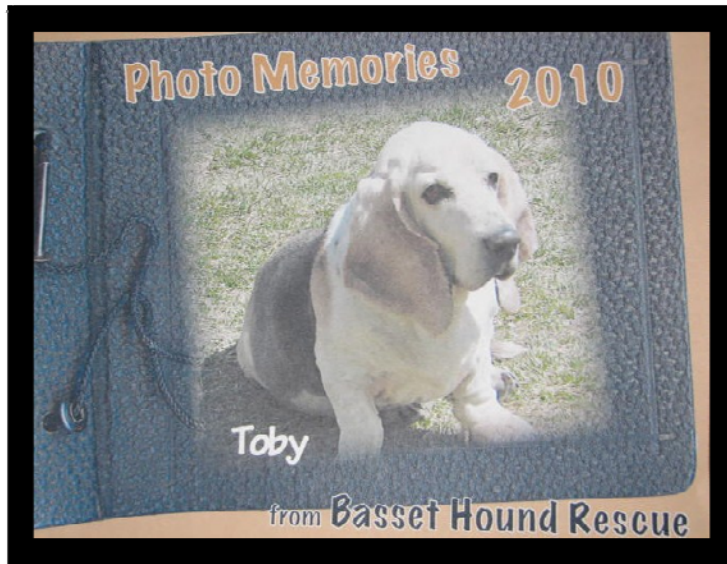
Bring your pet (be it dog, cat, rabbit, hamster, horse, etc.) to be photographed with Santa. Holiday season cards are included to insert your pet's 4X6 photo into for perfect mailing and gift giving. Extra photos can also be ordered the day of the shoot. Benefits go to the Humane Society of Park County and Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue!

Where: The Barn, 2621 Big Horn Ave., Cody, Wyoming
When: Saturday, November 14, 2009
10:00am - 2:00pm
Cost: \$10.00

“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”
--- Harry S. Truman ---

They’re here again.....

Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue 2010 Calendars!!



WBHR is selling 2010 Basset Rescue calendars! This year two months have **THREE** color pictures of basset hounds & each remaining month displays **TWO** color pictures of basset hounds, all who were adopted over the past year! **We were busy!** If you adopted since July, 2008, your basset is in here! Also included are some basset birthdays throughout the months of the year. And new this year is a collection of basset pictures inside the back of the calendar! The cost of the calendars is still \$13.50, plus shipping, which is around \$1.50. Please place your orders early, as we have only ordered 100 calendars. If this continues to prove to be a success, we will continue again in 2011 with more adopted basset pictures! Tell your friends & family!

Please mail the form below with your money of \$15.00 per calendar, which includes the mentioned shipping charge. **If you want to order large quantities** or have any questions, contact Holly (307)272-8089 or email bassetrescue@tctwest.net.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Number of Calendars: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

WBHR Wish List:

- ✓ FOSTER HOMES!!
- ✓ Donations of any kind

- ✓ Transport help
- ✓ Dog treats and toys

And did we mention...
Foster Homes?? Please!

New Raffle Format this Newsletter!



Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue is having four items in the fundraiser raffle! We are raffling a Basset Hound Rug (donated and hand made by Sandra Adams) made of strips of fabric, woven through rug canvas. The fabric is cut in strips and tied together. When a different color is used, then the previous and new fabrics are woven into the back. The rug is 33" by 56". We also have a Dog Quilt (donated and hand/machine made by Barb Roblyer) made totally of flannel and 20 embroidered dogs! The quilt is 41" by 48". Close-up shots are below. Winner's choice for either the rug or quilt and a second first place winner will get the other. Second place is an attractive leash and collar set, together with treats and a toy. Third place is a five-quart embossed, metal dog dish with treats and a toy. The drawing for all these items will be January 15, 2010. The winners will be notified by phone and announced in the April, 2010 Newsletter. We will then have 3-4 more raffle items in that newsletter, which will be drawn for on July 15, 2010. This past June's winners of the "Basket of Basset Hound Gifts" were Fred and Shirley Bell! Tickets are \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00, or 30 for \$20.00. If you would like to purchase tickets, please fill out the form on the next page and send it, along with your money to Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue, Inc., P.O. Box 2131, Cody, WY 82414.



Note all the loops in this rug! This rug was lovingly designed in the likeness of their basset Einstein.



Note all the colors - 112 color changes with 206,639 embroidery stitches! Over 28 hours in the making.



Raffle Items Order Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Number of tickets: _____

Thanks to Stacy, owner of "Camelot Pet Castle" in Gillette, for donating the other raffle items!!!!

**Bag of dog food....\$40...Initial visit to the Vet...\$150...
Foster Homes...Priceless!!**



We have our very own WBHR T-Shirts! With the great designs of Holly Mundorf, we have our own 6.1 oz, cream-colored, t-shirt and they are now available for sale. Sizes from small through x-large and are \$12.00. Size 2x-large is \$13.00 and size 3x-large is 14.00. Shipping for a t-shirt is \$1.50. To order your WBHR t-shirt, please use the form below & send to P.O. Box 2131, Cody, WY 82414.

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The basset is on the back and the circle is on the front, left chest. It says "Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue", has red paw prints, a black basset and also says "Opt to Adopt" in red.

T-Shirts Order Slip:
Card Style A - "Miss You"
"Perk Up Soon"

Name: _____

Address: _____

Size T-Shirt(s): _____

Total \$\$ enclosed: _____



Greeting Card Order Slip:

Name: _____

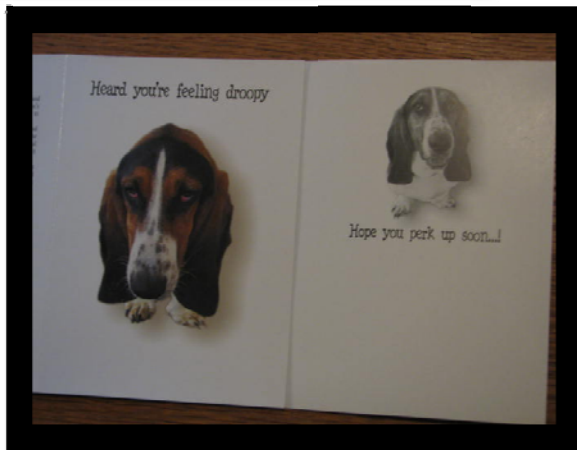
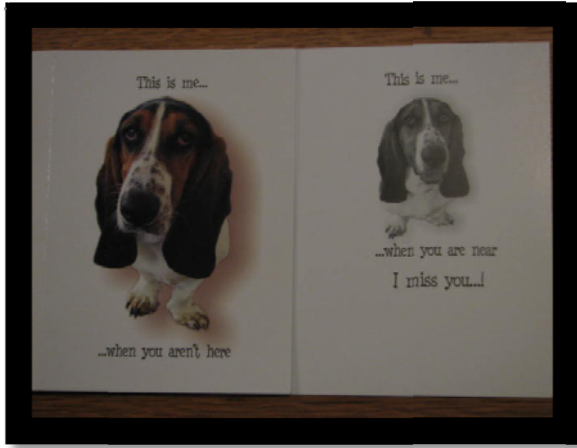
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Card style A Quantity: _____

Card Style B Quantity: _____

Total \$\$ enclosed: _____

Card Style B -



"This is me when you aren't here."
feeling droopy."

"This is me when you are near. I miss You!"
perk up soon!"

"Heard you're

"Hope you

We have two greeting cards to offer for sale. 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 above 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 pictures are actual photos of Mena. The cost of the cards, which includes envelopes, is \$1.50 each, five cards for \$7.00 or ten cards for 12.00. You can mix or match styles for your totals. **Shipping** is .44 for one; .60 for 2; .75 for 3 or 4 cards; 1.40 for 5; 1.50 for 6; 2.00 for 7 or 8 cards; 2.25 for 9 or 2.50 for 10. The order form is on the previous page below the t-shirt order slip. Mail to: Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue, P.O. Box 2131, Cody, WY 82414.



The hardest part about Rescue work is finding foster homes. If you, or someone you know, can

foster, please contact WBHR. Our address, phone numbers and email are listed throughout this newsletter. Thank you.



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