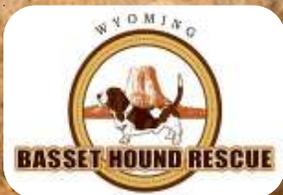


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Holly's 'Pause for Paws'



So this is the final 'Pause for Paws' and it doesn't seem like it's really here.

As you all know, we made the difficult decision several months ago to dissolve WBHR. The past three-to-four years have been very slow with intakes. Less than a total of 30 dogs were taken into WBHR in four years. Seven of the total came in from Texas, as we looked to reach out and help basset hounds from farther away than our usual area of Wyoming and states that border Wyoming. Also, 12 of the total were basset mixes. Between the lack of basset hounds and the struggle to find foster homes, we made the hard decision to close down.

We did have a great time at Basset Lover's Picnic this past June! We had 35 people and 13 dogs in attendance and a really nice day. Thank you to all who were able to make it to this final picnic.

I want to thank each and every one of you for all your support these past 38-39 years that WBHR has been in existence. Erika Phillips founded WBHR in 1987. Some of you were helping Erika with WBHR even before Allen and I started, which was back in 2000. Thank you to Erika for founding WBHR.

I also want to say thank you our Board of Directors. Jane Gates is one of those people who has been involved with WBHR longer than us. She has served as the Board Secretary. Jane has also maintained our web page with merchandise and available dogs all these years, plus keeping Petfinder updated with the adoptable dogs.

Michael Ryan has been on the Board and he has been the editor of our quarterly "Waggin' Tales", which started in 2011. Waggin' Tales is so professionally formatted by Michael! He has countless hours donated on just the magazine alone. Michael also organized numerous ways WBHR was able to raise funds through the years and he obtained the Blue

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Thanks for the Memories!

*The years they were great,
You could even say first rate.
We helped and saved so many dogs
And filled so many yearly logs,
It really was a joy.
Oh, thank you so much.*

*Let's note some bassets in Colorado
Who were filled with adventure and bravado
Like a sheriff name of George and good old Floyd
Whose frolics we always enjoyed.
And don't forget Kelvin, what a guy
And all the donuts John and Karen had to buy.
Oh, thank you so much.*

*And how about our picnics in the park
And the joy of walking bassets in the dark.
Our annual raffles and items galore
The funds we raised did so much more
To aid our long-eared friends.
Oh, thank you so much.*

*And now the final curtain falls,
We've answered all our many calls.
The paperwork's all finished
And our funds have been diminished
With grants to those most deserving.
Oh, thank you so much.*



If you are familiar with Hope's cadence of his USO 'Thanks for the Memories' end song try singing the poem.

Thank You All So Very, Very Much!

But Did You Know.....

When It's All Said and Done, Bob Hope's Signature Line Says It All on Behalf of WBHR

Probably a goodly percentage of our supporters recall the legendary Bob Hope's USO tours entertaining U.S. military personnel around the world and his signature phrase "Thanks for the Memory", but how many of you know of Bob Hope's relationships with basset hounds? Very few in all likelihood.

(By the way, for the record, Hope staged 57 USO tours in just under 50 years from 1941-91 with almost 2,000 full shows and countless impromptu sessions along the way.)



His main involvement was owning a basset at one time by the name of Recession albeit photos and references are rather hard to find these days.

Nevertheless, the pair had some wonderful years together.

Ignoring the cinematic saying about never having too much interaction on the screen with small children and animals, Hope partnered with a basset along with Rhonda Flem-



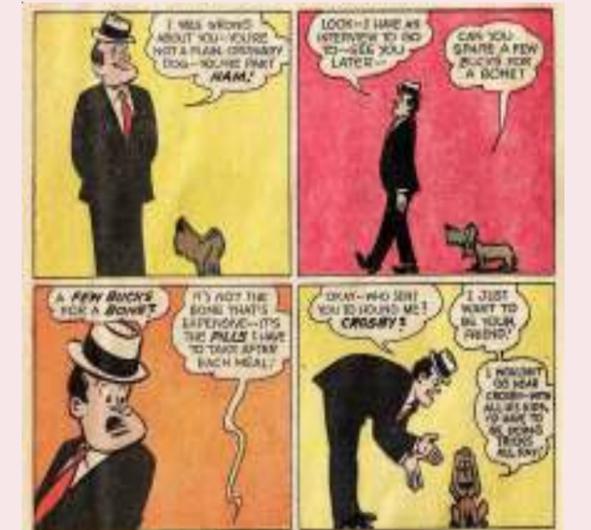
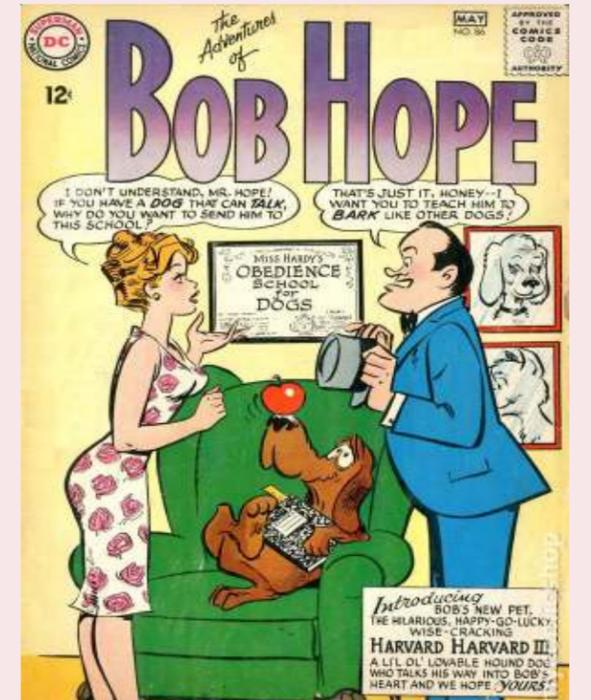
ing on the big screen in 'Alias Jesse James' in 1959.

(Film buffs will enjoy a star-studded cameo ending with Western heroes accounting for amazing shootings of the villains somewhat akin to 1961's classic, 'The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.)

Capping things off is a far-fetched with a cartoon basset hound albeit one that doesn't really look like a basset. This comes in the form of a comic book series from an imprint of DC Comics, 'The Adventures of Bob Hope'. It ran for 109 issues from 1950-68 and featured a hodgepodge of characters including monsters in the local high school and real-life fellow Hollywood celebrities and story lines leading many to question how it lasted so long.

Included in the lineup of characters is a talking basset hound, Harvard Harvard III, who made appearances in 11 issues spanning numbers 86-108 .

For the curious amongst you, HH III was taught to talk by Hope's nephew, Tadwallader Jutefruce, and eventually adopted by Hope.





'Toby' or 'Not Toby', That is the Question

Canine Dementia is Life- Changing for Dog and Owner

From Marilyn Euler



Marilyn with Maddie and Toby



Having lost a precious basset mix (Ladybug), I felt it was time to add another rescue dog to our animal menagerie. Here in Billings, where I moved from Illinois in 2001, rescued beagles and bassets were harder to find. Using Petfinder, I came across Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue and I was impressed by the website!

Pictures of a dapper looking boy caught my eye and the description of him hooked my heart. His name was Toby. Rescue Director Holly Moen had written as if Toby himself had actually said, "I really like to be around the action! I really want to be a member of the family, I have an easygoing personality and I JUST LOVE LIFE!"

My younger son, Justin, who lived nearby agreed so I contacted Holly and went through the very thorough adoption process. We were so excited to get the final approval!

WBHR had many devoted volunteers. Amanda and her then 6-year-old daughter, Maddie, had been fostering Toby and providing him with all of the food, love, snuggles and belly rubs he could handle while he awaited his forever home. They offered to bring Toby from Casper to his new home in Billings so we met at a park to check each other out. It was a big step for all of us and I could see that this family cared deeply.

Maddie said she called him Tobykins and over the years Toby would be given many nicknames. A favorite of ours was T-Bone, a moniker for a wrestler my son liked.



Two years after Toby joined our family in Billings, one of my sisters, one of my sons and I headed down to Buffalo for the day. We took Toby with us as we had plans to see his former foster mom and her daughter.

He was so excited when Amanda greeted him very warmly. He knew he was the center of attention! Then running from around the side of the house came Maddie. She ran right up to him, dropped to her knees and wrapped her arms around him. She said, "Oh, Tobykins, I have always loved you!" Nine years later, we have stayed in touch.

Toby was likely 6 years old when we officially adopted him. We had 8 years together, from mid-July 2016 to July 2024 and we shared some wonderful times. We made it to two of the annual WBHR picnics. He even won a ribbon for the longest ears! Ha!

Holly was so right. Toby LOVED life!

T-Bone was our gentle giant. He was kind and tolerant with his moody beagle sister. He was almost always content and very rarely barked, he was calm on car rides and at the vet's office. Toby was very affectionate towards me, with family and with friends and he was friendly when meeting new people. The one thing he refused to budge on was that he had to be the animal to cuddle closest to me each night. No exceptions.

My son, Aaron, met Toby during a week visit in 2018. Per Aaron, "Toby immediately became my best friend. He would sleep on top of me or I would carry him from chair to couch. He didn't react at all. He loved belly rubs and I would scratch his thigh and he would mouth my hand. Many good memories of the big guy."

The much too early passing of his BFF, Bandit, hit him hard. He mourned his buddy for a long time and he lost weight. He also had major surgery for a benign tumor that started growing rapidly. His vet performed the surgery and the pathology report from CSU described it as having tentacles that were crowding nearby organs. Recovery took a while.

Looking back I would say I started noticing some subtle changes, yet I knew he was 10 or 11 years old. His muzzle turned white quite rapidly and his usually alert eyes looked vague at times. His sleep had become restless and the vet had prescribed a low dose of Trazodone at bedtime. It helped calm him down without heavy sedation.

A new behavior that emerged was his looking very sad when I left for work. I'd tell him I would be back midday, that I loved him and that someone had to earn money for the food and the treats.

Over time Toby's personality continued to change and it was tempting to write it off as aging. He ate a bit less. The three dogs and the cat were used to an early morning meal but if I was home, Toby became very demanding for his second meal at 1:00 p.m. and then just a small snack at 8:00 p.m.

He started scratching at doors. I certainly tried to stop and distract him, but the damage was done. He started using those big basset paws to scratch at lower furniture and swipe objects off surfaces. So I quickly rearranged furniture and objects were moved higher.

While going upstairs to bed, he had always gently avoided stepping on the kitty. Mal learned to move quickly and to scold him as Toby would now walk on him. In the afternoons he was starting to pace. He would find me and then he would start barking repeatedly. I found that to be one of the hardest things as he had always been a quiet and content family member. Talking to him or patting him did not help circumstances.

Then there was having to get up three or four times a night to go outside with him because we did not have a doggy door so he did not have accidents.

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Canine Dementia Syndrome

Cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS) is a common age-related disease in dogs that affects the brain, causing deterioration similar to Alzheimer's disease in humans.

Dogs may start to develop CDS around nine years of age, or older. The condition may be underdiagnosed since the behavioral changes progress slowly, and owners may assume that some changes are a normal part of aging. Early intervention with environmental can improve the quality of life for dogs affected by CDS.

CDS is caused by gradual and degenerative age-related changes in the brain.

Cells called neurons play a key role in the brain by transmitting essential information throughout the body, helping regulate mental and physical interactions. But when dogs start to age, the cells in their brain, including neurons, start to waste away.

One of the degenerative changes that occurs is the build-up of a protein called beta-amyloid, which creates toxic conditions for neurons. As the neurons stop functioning properly or die off, the brain loses its capacity for processing information, and this breakdown of internal communication leads to the physical and behavioral changes that owners observe.

CDS may start as one clinical sign and progress over time, or have several apparent signs. The most common may include disorientation, interaction changes, sleep pattern changes, house-soiling, activity level changes anxiety and learning changes.

CDS is diagnosed based on the demonstration of clinical signs. Your veterinarian will perform a thorough physical exam and recommend checking blood and urine tests to rule out other conditions with similar signs, such as pain, arthritis, seizure disorders, systemic illnesses, and vision or hearing loss. In some cases, MRIs can provide advanced imaging to rule out brain tumors or other conditions.

There is no one treatment or cure for CDS, and research is ongoing in this area. Any concurrent health conditions, such as arthritis and obesity, must also be addressed.



'Then one morning Toby looked me right in the eye and he let me know it was time.'

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Back to the vet's with a list of changes and concerns. She listened carefully. I told her it made me think of dementia and sundowners, which I had seen in my work as a social worker in hospitals and nursing homes (Skilled Nursing Facilities), and also with my dear grandfather. She asked questions, did a full check-up on Toby and she ran a series of labs and tests as well.

The vet called me back to review. She explained that the official diagnosis is Canine Cognitive Dysfunction. I told her that dementia and sundowners made sense to me. She said the term "doggy dementia" is used by many people and then she told me about two medications called Selegiline (also known as Anipryl) and Propentofylline.

I chose Anipryl and Toby was prescribed a low dose tablet, which he took in the mornings. A 30-day supply was not inexpensive \$145. I needed to know if it would modify any of Toby's symptoms.

The vet explained that it might take a couple of months to notice any changes or that it might not even work at all. Although I cannot prove it, within 48 hours of his first dose, I saw the first glimmer of change in Toby. His eyes focused on me with much more clarity. I imagine this is rare, but for Toby it was the quick start of some improvements. He started barking less and he was calmer.



Marilyn with Maddie and Toby



Toby Chillin' Out with the Gang



Toby and Betty Enjoying the Sun



Toby Gets Ready for a Road Trip

Because Anipryl is a special order medication I asked my vet to have a month's supply on hand. Where would some of us be without our grants, Red Red Rover or the CareCredit card?

The whole family relaxed a bit as, overall, Toby was more focused and restful. He once again enjoyed the long walks as Justin and his buddy, Mike, took all three dogs on some evenings. Betty the Beagle even stopped her occasional growling and started snuggling Toby. Although he would always have dementia, it was modified by Anipryl. We continued the use of Trazodone along with exercise and lots of love

I wish our story ended on a more positive note. Six months later when Toby was out in the backyard with the boys, he started shaking and a large area on his right flank was badly swollen and

it was rapidly filling with fluid. It took three of us to get him across Billings to the emergency vet practice that is open for overnight urgent care.

After a lengthy examination, the vet had a list of five possible conditions. The vet said she believed he'd been bitten by a black widow and she had treated it as such. She felt that if he survived the night then that was the likely cause.

Later after Toby had been given some shots and some fluids, we brought him home with some medications. No one slept much that night. We took him to see one of his long-time vets in the morning and he came to the same diagnosis. He advised us to continue with the current treatment and to give him a chance to recuperate. This was a very hard call for me as Toby was not well, but luckily his pain was controlled.

He took a number of daily medications and he was waking up multiple times overnight. My son gave me a break at times, but I felt like a hospice nurse or a social worker. Some days I felt he needed to journey on, but then the next day he would eat heartily and rest outside.

I discussed it with one of the vets. And then one morning Toby looked me right in the eye and he let me know it was time. Justin and I took him in the next morning. We had some private time with him and then some favorite staff members helped with the final steps. I have always felt that it is my duty and my honor to talk to my beloved animals as they move on. He had a peaceful goodbye as we held him on the blanketed floor. We told him that he would always be in our hearts and that we would meet up again.

Dementia robs us over time of the very essence of the people or animals that suffer with this disease. There is a lot of information and support out there.

With Toby, we loved him up and provided him with cuddles, we plied him with his favorite foods as his appetite dictated and we took him for walks if he was interested in going. Caregiving can be exhausting and even frustrating at times. Although it is easier said than done, take care of your own health and seek respite when available. Always remember the saying "You can't pour from an empty cup" because it is absolutely true. Know that a dog's dementia can confuse, sadden or irritate other animals in the home. Be open to gathering information and finding support for the best ways to cope.

This is in honor of Toby and WBHR and to the many who made the rescue stellar. You all are appreciated!

*Never Mind Rain
Drops on Roses and
Whiskers on Kittens....*



These things are only a fraction of the favorite things that brought Toby joy:

- ◆ Rolling in the grass
- ◆ Running through deep snow
- ◆ Going on long evening walks
- ◆ Eating
- ◆ Head and belly scratches
- ◆ Squeezing his way in to cuddle with his humans on the couch, chairs, or bed
- ◆ After bath zoomies
- ◆ His other animal friends (a Maine Coon, a beagle and a chihuahua) who were all rescues and who all had challenging histories



A total of 25 national and regional organizations dedicated to providing service dog assistance in varying forms was deeply researched and analyzed by the WBHRF board and K9s for Veterans emerged as the hands down choice, receiving first place votes of the six ballots cast and one runner-up vote.

*'I can't begin to thank you enough for your awesome donation. It will go a long way to help provide a service dog a veteran.
'Thank you for supporting K9 and our veterans!'*

Michael Tellerino
CEO & Founder
K9s For Veterans



K9s for Veterans mission is to help veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder transition back to civilian life once their military service has ended with the help of trained service dogs.

K9s for Veterans is dedicated to providing trained service dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury, and military sexual trauma, helping them transition back to civilian life.

K9 provides free food and basic medical care for the life of the service dog. The lifesaving efforts of K9s for Veterans are doubled by the exclusive use of rescue dogs from kill shelters to train as service dogs for our veterans.

This approach truly epitomizes the question of "who rescued who". Our duty is to be honest and thoughtful stewards of the funds our donors entrust us with so we can maximize their generosity and the number of veterans that benefit from it.

Mission Impact: K9s for Veterans aims to end veteran suicide by pairing veterans with highly-trained service dogs. These dogs are often rescues, creating a powerful bond that aids in the healing process for both the veteran and the dog.

The program is designed to help veterans regain independence and improve their quality of life, with studies showing significant benefits for participants, including reduced reliance on medications and improved family relationships.

Services Offered

Service Dog Training: K9s for Veterans provides service dogs at **no cost** to veterans. The dogs are trained to assist with various challenges associated with PTSD and other service-related issues.

Ongoing Support: The program includes lifelong support for both the veteran and the service dog, ensuring that they can adapt and thrive together.

Community Awareness: K9s for Veterans also focuses on educating the public about the struggles veterans face, particularly regarding mental health and the benefits of service dogs.

The Forgotten Warrior Memorial in Channahon (IL) State Park was funded by K9s for Veterans and built as a tribute to all those veterans who have served and sacrificed their lives as a direct result of PTSD.




A staunch supporter of WBHR throughout the years, Basset Rescue of Old Dominion (BROOD) in Virginia was the foundation board's selection for the \$5,000 grant for a basset hound rescue organization.

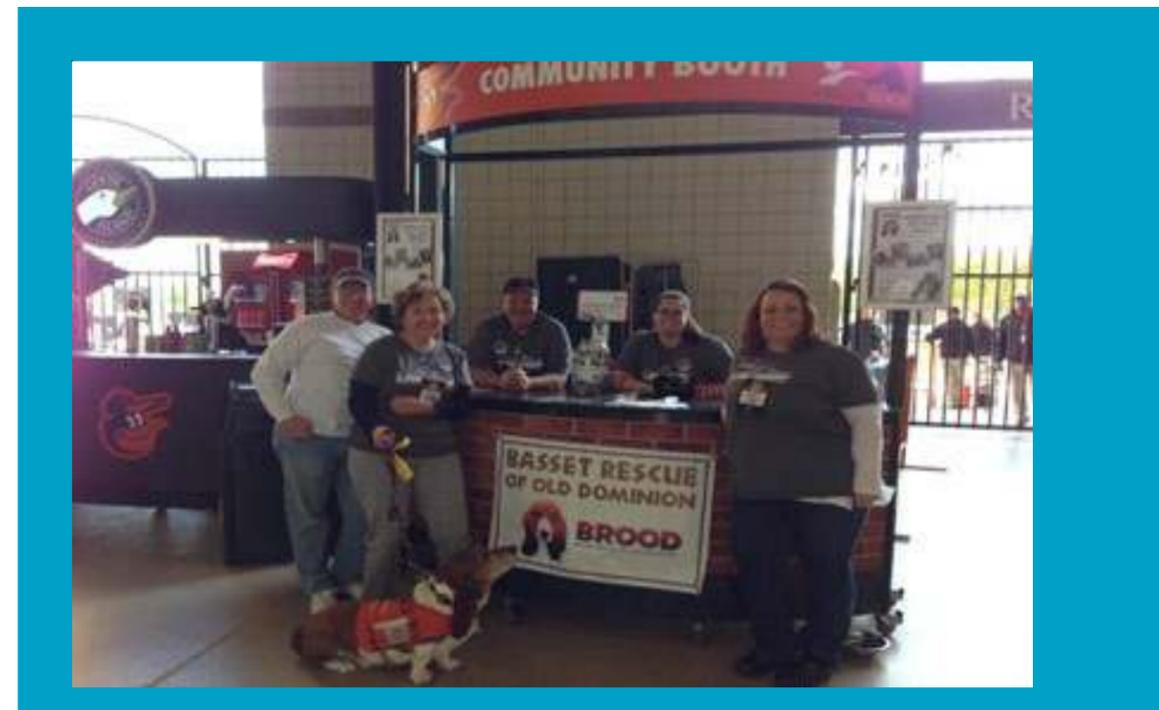
*Dear Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation,
'On behalf of Basset Rescue of Old Dominion, I would like to thank the WBHRF for its recent donation. 2026 is our 30th anniversary of rescuing hounds. We appreciate your generous support of our rescue work. We have rescued and placed in adoptive homes over 3,555 hounds.'*

Officially, BROOD is a limited-admission breed rescue organization licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia and rescues basset hounds in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and portions of Delaware and Pennsylvania. Efforts are focused on rescuing adoptable basset hounds in danger of euthanasia. BROOD works collaboratively with animal shelters, animal control facilities and animal rescue organizations to identify, rescue and place basset hounds.

The organization promotes the humane treatment of homeless, stray and abandoned basset hounds by providing food and shelter, medical care and placement in adoptive homes.

In BROOD's own words it sets out an ethos which encompasses a specific set of values:

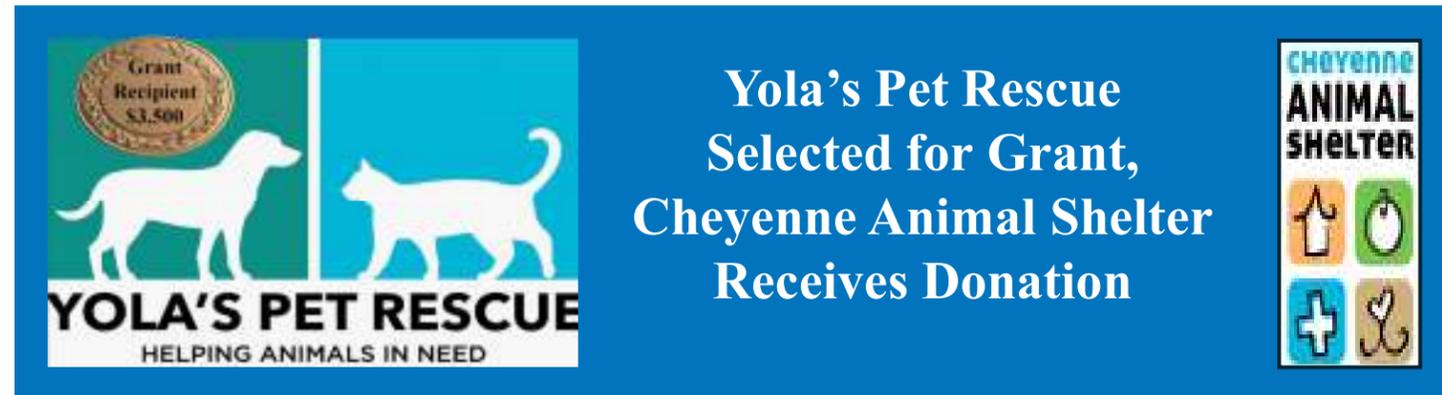
- ◆ We value every animal in our care and focus our efforts on finding homes for adoptable basset hounds.
- ◆ We value our relationships with animal control facilities and rescue organizations and strive to work in concert with them in our rescue efforts.
- ◆ We value our volunteers and supporters, who generously contribute their time, talents and resources to support our mission.
- ◆ We value our adopters who, as BROOD's customers, adopt our basset hounds into loving homes.



BROOD strives to maintain awareness within a variety of communities including periodic appearances at such high-profile events as at Camden Yards for Baltimore Orioles home games.



NOTE: The actual grants for K9s and BROOD was \$5,030.



Yola's Pet Rescue Selected for Grant, Cheyenne Animal Shelter Receives Donation

The third and final WBHR dissolution grant was in the amount of \$3,538 and awarded to Yola's Pet Rescue (aka Yola and Boogy Fund) in Cheyenne.

Founded by J M Marschner in 2017, it exists to help animals and pet owners in need and strengthen the bond between people and animals through financial assistance and education. The organization accomplishes its mission by engaging its volunteers and supporters



to work with others, and building a network of information.

It works with shelters and rescues to help provide for a wider range of resources to animals which are in need.

The group's mission is focused on transferring and fostering unwanted pets from the Wind River Indian Reservation. Some pets face a challenging life including starvation, freezing to death and just not being wanted or cared for. All pets are spayed and neutered and come with their first shots.

In some respects, the cornerstone of Yola's is its non-profit Spay and Neuter Cruiser program which travels the area providing much-needed service as well as free food. Since 2017, Yola's has rescued over 2,000 dogs and cats, and puppies from the Reservation. They have delivered over 1,000 bags of pet food, spayed and neutered over 250 dogs that were returned to their owners, and helped with 1000's of dollars in emergency vet care for pets of tribal members.

Above: Volunteer members of Yola's Spay and Neuter Cruiser program. Right: Michele Bolkovatz, second left, joins WBHR board member Michael Ryan at the Cheyenne Animal Shelter for a giant check presentation.

Oh, and in case you're wondering about the two names, in 2017 founder Janet Marschner answered a plea on Craigslist to provide a home for Yola, a beagle whose owner, a veteran was diagnosed with cancer. Over 1,000 people answered the plea, and the veteran asked JM to adopt Yola. She adopted not only Yola, but her friend Boogy as well

The final allocation of WBHR funds per dissolution came in the form of a \$3,000 donation from WBHR and Blue Federal Credit Union in Cheyenne.

We coordinated with Blue to return unused funds in a special account per funding from the credit union back in 2019 with the creation of the 'Blue Basset Critical Care Fund'. The money was then jointly donated to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter (CAS) this past October to assist with expenses relating to what local officials called an "abhorrent" hoarding case.

After learning of the situation, city officials convinced the owner to surrender 103 animals (not including 22 deceased animals) to the CAS rather than be assessed expenses for their care. That figure was originally estimated to be in the \$150,000 range which then became a burden for the shelter especially since the final total topped out around \$300,000. Expenses included feeding, housing and extensive vet care.

Thankfully, within two months all of the animals (ranging from cats, dogs, fish, birds, rabbits, chickens and even a goat and a sulcata tortoise which happens to be the third largest tortoise in the world.) found homes or were relocated. Included in those relocated was an adult Tibetan mastiff (Loki) which enjoyed a plane ride to his new home in Idaho.



We may be saying a sad farewell to the Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue organization, but let's not diminish the fondness for the 'clown prince of canines'. Instead, let's take a moment to consider some of the basics which draw so many to the breed and pass these along to others in the future.

Basset hounds are a unique breed of dog that have captured the hearts of many pet owners around the world. Known for their droopy ears, soulful eyes, and gentle temperament, these lovable canines make wonderful companions for individuals and families alike.

However, like any breed, there are both pros and cons to owning one so let's recall some of the basics:

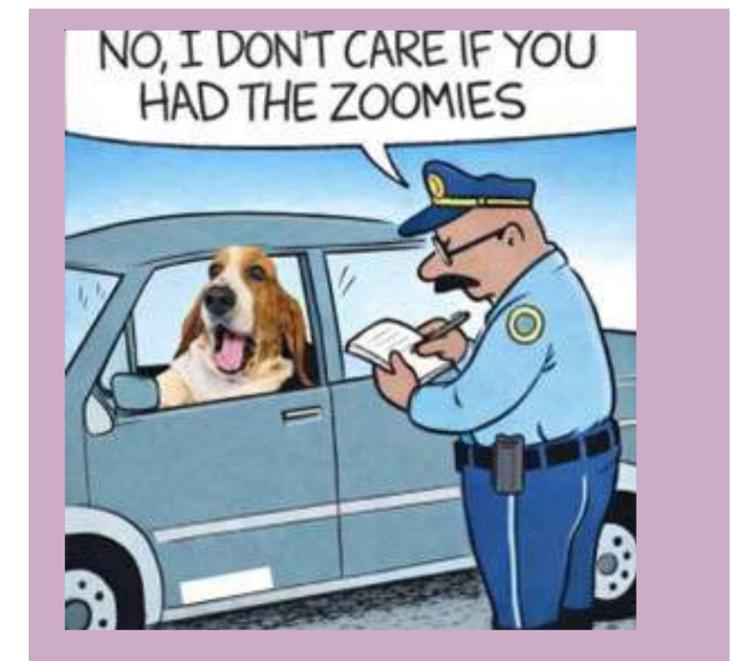
Pros of owning a Basset Hound:

1. Affectionate nature: Bassets are known for their loving and loyal temperament. They thrive on human companionship and are often referred to as "velcro dogs" because they love to be by their owner's side at all times.
2. Great with children: Bassets are gentle and patient with children, making them an excellent choice for families with young kids. They are known for their playful and friendly nature, and are sure to be a beloved playmate for your little ones.
3. Low maintenance grooming: Bassets as they get regular exercise and mental stimulation they are happy to lounge around the house with their owners, have a short coat that requires minimal grooming. A weekly brush and occasional bath are all that is needed to keep your Basset looking neat and tidy.
4. Good apartment dogs: Despite their size, bassets are relatively low-energy dogs that can adapt well to apartment living. As long as they get regular exercise and mental stimulation they are happy to lounge around the house with their owners.

5. Great scent tracking abilities: Bassets were originally bred for hunting and have an excellent sense of smell. This makes them great candidates for scent work or tracking activities, which can be a fun and engaging way to bond with your furry friend.

6. Comical personality: Bassets are known for their goofy antics and humorous expressions. Their droopy ears and sad eyes often lead to comical situations that are sure to bring a smile to your face.

7. Long lifespan: Bassets have a relatively long lifespan compared to other large breeds, with an average life expectancy of 10-12 years. With proper care and regular vet check-ups, your basset can be a loyal companion for many years to come.





BE PREPARED

If You Are Going to Tout the Virtues of Bassets,
Be Prepared to Combat a Myriad of Concerns

1. Concern: Basset hounds are known for their stubbornness. Answer: With patience, consistency, and positive reinforcement, bassets can be trained effectively. They respond well to rewards and praise, so be sure to use these to encourage good behavior.
2. Concern: Basset hounds are prone to obesity. Answer: Regular exercise and a balanced diet are key to keeping your basset at a healthy weight. Monitor their food intake and provide plenty of opportunities for exercise to prevent obesity.
3. Concern: Basset hounds are prone to ear infections. Answer: Basset hounds have long, floppy ears that can trap moisture and debris, leading to ear infections. Regular cleaning and inspection of their ears can help prevent infections from occurring.
4. Concern: Basset hounds can be vocal. Answer: Basset hounds have a deep, melodious bark that they use to communicate. While they can be vocal at times, consistent training and positive reinforcement can help curb excessive barking.
5. Concern: Basset hounds have a strong prey drive. Answer: Basset hounds were bred for hunting, so they may have a natural instinct to chase small animals. Supervision and proper training can help keep your basset's prey drive in check.
6. Concern: Basset hounds are prone to back problems. Answer: Due to their long bodies and short legs, bassets are at risk for back issues. Providing a supportive bed and avoiding activities that put strain on their back can help prevent injuries.
7. Concern: Basset hounds are prone to separation anxiety. Answer: Bassets are pack animals that thrive on human companionship. Leaving them alone for long periods of time can lead to separation anxiety. Providing mental stimulation and comfort can help ease their anxiety.
8. Concern: Basset hounds drool a lot. Answer: Bassets are known for their droopy jowls, which can lead to excessive drooling. Keeping a towel handy and regular wiping of their mouth can help manage their drooling.
9. Concern: Basset hounds have a strong sense of smell. Answer: Basset Hounds have a keen sense of smell, which can lead to them following their nose wherever it takes them. Training and supervision can help keep your Basset Hound from wandering off in search of interesting scents.
10. Concern: Basset Hounds shed a lot. Answer: Basset hounds have a short coat that sheds year-round. Regular brushing can help manage their shedding and keep their coat looking healthy.
11. Concern: Basset hounds are not good off-leash. Answer: Basset hounds have a strong scent drive and may be prone to wandering off if not kept on a leash. Training and a secure yard can help keep your basset hound safe when outdoors.
12. Concern: Basset hounds are not good for allergy sufferers. Answer: Bassets are not hypoallergenic and may trigger allergies in some individuals. Regular grooming and cleaning can help reduce allergens in your home.
13. Concern: Basset hounds are known to be stubborn. Answer: Basset hounds have a strong will and may be stubborn at times. Consistent training and positive reinforcement can help overcome their stubborn tendencies.

DEEP DIVE

1. Increase in popularity: Basset hounds have been gaining popularity in recent years, with more and more people choosing them as their canine companion. Their unique appearance and lovable personality make them stand out in a sea of breeds.

2. Rise in social media presence: Basset hounds have become social media stars, with dedicated accounts and hashtags showcasing their adorable antics. From posing in silly costumes to showing off their impressive scent tracking skills, these pups have captured the attention of dog lovers everywhere.

3. Adoption from shelters: Many basset hounds are finding their forever homes in shelters and rescue organizations. With the rise in awareness of adopting rather than buying pets, more people are choosing to rescue a basset hound in need of a loving family.

4. Increase in basset hound meet-ups: Basset hound owners are organizing meet-ups and playdates for their pups to socialize and connect with other basset hound owners to help them find their love for bassets with a variety of products featuring their favorite floppy-eared friends.

5. Basset hound-themed merchandise: From t-shirts and mugs to phone cases and socks, basset hound-themed merchandise is becoming increasingly popular among dog lovers. Fans of the breed can show off their love for bassets with a variety of products featuring their favorite floppy-eared friends.

6. Rise in obedience classes and training programs to help them become well-behaved and obedient companions. These classes are a great way to socialize your basset and teach them important skills.

7. Basset hound influencers: Some basset hounds have become influencers in the dog world, with large followings on social media platforms. These furry celebrities share their daily adventures, favorite products, and tips for fellow basset hound owners.

**Just Take a Look -
Bassets Are
Trending According
To the Pundits!**



*What do you do
when your dog
grows old?*

Jackie Short-Nguyen

*'You loved him.
And he loved you more'*

What do you do when your dog grows old?

When his feet are tired and the pads are worn?

**When your words of praise are muffled in his ears,
and his eyes are milky from their years of use?**

When his face is grizzled and his color isn't as vibrant?

You love him.

You rub the feet that dutifully carried him by your side.

**You speak your praises more loudly,
so everybody else can hear the words that he can't.**

**You guide him the way he has guided you,
and prevent him from getting lost as you were before he came along.**

You kiss his muzzle and admire the wisdom that has beset him in his later years.

**And when it comes time to put him to his final rest,
knowing that an irreplaceable part of your heart will follow him,**

you will do so knowing that you loved him.

And he loved you more.

Winter Foundation Board Minutes

Wednesday, November 19, 2025



On Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 12:30 pm Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation (WBHRF) held a special board meeting concerning the dissolution of the foundation. The meeting was held by conference call. Those in attendance were Holly Moen, President and Treasurer, Vice President Allen Moen, Secretary Jane Gates and board members Michael Ryan, and Frank Mallon. Board members Heidi Rasmussen and Luke McNeely were absent.

Holly reviewed WBHRF's remaining balances in the treasurer's report. The Paypal debit card checking account has a balance of \$964.54. The regular checking account's balance is \$1,727.36. The S.A.F.E. savings account has a current balance of \$10,821.63. The Blue Federal Credit Union savings account remained at \$5.00, while the checking account balance was now \$0. The \$3,000 in that account had been donated to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter.

In Old Business, Holly reported that caps, decals and note cards were the only merchandise remaining. The totes had been donated to Cody Cupboard, the t-shirts to Rainbow House and the basset greeting cards to BROOD.

Also in Old Business, Holly reported that one more dog was adopted out by WBHRF. A female basset named Grace went directly into a waiting home in Cheyenne.

Finally in Old Business, Holly stated that she had contacted the Benevity causes that WBHRF had received donations through to let them know the foundation was closing down. She also stated that the Wyoming SOS office just needed the dissolution paperwork once it was ready.

In New Business, Holly stated that Michael would be publishing one more Waggin' Tales newsletter as a final wrap up.

Next, Holly reported on the \$3,000 donation of the Blue Federal Credit Union funds to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter. It was given to help the shelter with a recent hoarding case and there was a business that also matched the funds.

Holly then asked for the board's input on how to distribute the remaining \$13,500. After discussion with each board member weighing in, it was agreed upon that the money would be split three ways, with \$5,000 going to the basset rescue organization BROOD, \$5,000 going to an organization that helps veterans by matching them with shelter dogs and the remaining balance going to the Yola and Boogy Fund that helps animals on the Wind River Reservation. It was decided that further information was needed before choosing which veteran organization and Michael offered to do some additional research and report back via email.

Holly then reported on how finishing the dissolution paperwork would proceed after the disbursement choices were finalized, with herself and Jane needing to sign the forms.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Jane Gates
Secretary, Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation





WBHRF Board Meeting Minutes During Dissolution Process

May 2, 2025

Present: Holly Moen, President and Treasurer, Vice President Allen Moen and board members Michael Ryan, Heidi Rasmussen, Frank Mallon and Luke McNeely. Secretary Jane Gates was absent.

Holly presented financials per the pre-meeting Treasurer's notes.
No questions.

In January, we talked about T-shirts and were planning on ordering new ones, but now we will likely not do so. We have 35 remaining.

Dissolution Discussion

- Frank mentioned that he sent an email saying this decision is up to Holly and Allen.
- Holly shared that she talked with Michael, Heidi and Allen. She asked if they had anything additional to share.
- Michael said that the organizers can "run out of gas" and this organization has ultimately come to this junction.
- Holly said that the real catalyst behind this is a lack of new dogs and a lack of new fosters.
- Additionally, normal things like the Santa Photo Shoot and the picnic have just become a grind and less people seem to be interested in attending.
- Holly said that when we announce the closure that someone may come forward who wants to run the organization. We would want to make sure these are the right people, so they don't tarnish the name of the organization.
- There was discussion about cancelling the picnic now or still having it as a grand finale of sorts.
- Additional conversation was had about dissolution
- There was discussion about a July meeting. It was agreed that there would be a final meeting on July 16th at 12:30 p.m.
- It was decided that we would announce dissolution, but would agree to transfer administration if an appropriate party comes forward.
- Also, the picnic will be held in June as scheduled.

The next scheduled meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Holly Moen, President, for Jane Gates, Secretary
Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation

Canine Dementia Syndrome

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Treatment may include a combination of the following diet, enrichment, medications and supplements

CDS is a slowly progressive disease that many elderly dogs experience. Early intervention with diet, enrichment and medications can help slow the progression of CDS and improve their quality of life.

July 16, 2025

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 12:30 p.m Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation (WBHRF) held a regular board meeting. The meeting was held by conference call. Those in attendance were Holly Moen, President and Treasurer, Vice President Allen Moen, Secretary Jane Gates and board members Michael Ryan, Frank Mallon, and Heidi Rasmussen. Board member Luke McNeely was absent

Holly reviewed WBHRF's financial status in the Treasurer's report. The Paypal debit card checking account has a balance of \$1,098.49. The regular checking account's balance is \$2,106.04. The S.A.F.E. savings account has a current balance of \$10,725.21. The Blue Federal Credit Union accounts remained at \$3,000 for the checking and \$5.00 for the savings. The Paypal online account has a balance of \$52.00. Holly stated that there were no anticipated expenses upcoming.

In Old Business, Holly reported on the 2025 annual basset picnic. 35 people and 13 dogs attended the picnic held in Cody, nine of which were bassets. It was a nice day for an outside picnic and \$258 was brought in from sale of merchandise and a few donations.

In other Old Business, discussion was continued on the upcoming dissolution of the foundation originally agreed upon by the board at the May meeting. Holly reported that a notice was sent out in June announcing the upcoming dissolution and she had only received a few comments back about it. She also reported that she had reached out to two organizations, Beartooth Humane Alliance and Black Dog Rescue about possibly merging the foundation with their rescue organizations. Beartooth Humane Alliance immediately declined the offer, while Black Dog Rescue out of Cheyenne is considering it. She has no timeframe for a decision from them. Holly also reported that she had spoken with an attorney about what steps would need to be taken to formally dissolve the foundation and any necessary paperwork. Discussion followed on the pending dissolution/potential merger and distribution of the foundation's funds. Holly requested a formal vote be taken by the board to approve the dissolution if no merger happens. Michael moved to dissolve Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation no later than December 31, 2025, if no merger with another rescue organization happens. Allen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussion then followed on a time frame to complete the dissolution if no merger happens.

Holly followed up with a report on the current dog in rescue, Bogie. He met a potential adopter at the picnic and his foster family would be bringing him back this weekend for a trial period with the adopter. She stated she also been contacted about a nine-year-old basset in Cheyenne, but is not pursuing taking in the dog at this time with the potential upcoming dissolution of the rescue.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 15, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Jane Gates
Secretary
Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation

October 15, 2025

On Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 12:30 p.m Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation (WBHRF) held a regular board meeting via conference call. Those in attendance were Holly Moen, President and Treasurer, Vice President Allen Moen, Secretary Jane Gates and board members Michael Ryan, Frank Mallon, Heidi Rasmussen and Luke McNeely.

Holly reviewed WBHRF's financial status in the treasurer's report. The Paypal debit card checking account has a balance of \$908.50. The regular checking account's balance is \$1,727.29. The S.A.F.E. savings account has a current balance of \$10,820.25. The Blue Federal Credit Union accounts remained at \$3,000 for the checking and \$5.00 for the savings. The Paypal online account has a balance of \$4.62. Holly stated the main change to balances was vet expenses for Rosie, who was a recent adoptee.

In Old Business, Holly gave a recap of the attempt to merge with another organization. Both entities contacted, Beartooth Humane Alliance and Black Dog Rescue, declined so the foundation would proceed with dissolution.

In other Old Business Holly reported on two recent adoptions. Bogie finally found a home with a family in Cody and Rosie was recently taken in from Casper and went directly to a home waiting in Great Falls, Montana, which had previously adopted from WBHR.

In New Business, the steps in proceeding with the dissolution process started with what to do with the remaining merchandise. Holly presented a spreadsheet of what remained unsold and discussion followed. It was decided to donate any items which could be used by other organizations.

Next, Holly reported that she had contacted WY SOS, Benevity Causes and King Soopers, etc. to let them know the foundation would be dissolving and not taking donations anymore. There would be one more check coming from the King Sooper's program for the previous quarter.

Holly then gave an overview of the dissolution paperwork and the official actions the board needed to take including voting on the articles of dissolution and approving Holly and Jane to sign the necessary documents. Michael made a motion to approve the articles of dissolution and Jane seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Luke made a motion to allow Holly and Jane to sign the dissolution documents and Allen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion then turned to how to distribute the remaining funds of the foundation. Funds must go to another 501 3C organization in accordance with IRS rules. Each board member weighed in on their thoughts of where they would like to see the money go. It was the board's consensus that it would like to see the money split no more than three ways with part of the money going to an organization that helps military vets with service dogs and some of the money (potentially the Blue Federal Credit Union balances) donated to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter to help with a recent hoarding case. Other pet welfare organizations within the state of Wyoming as well as another basset hound rescue were also discussed. It was decided that further information was needed so Holly suggested having a meeting on November 19 for a final vote on disbursement of funds and the board agreed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 19, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Jane Gates, Secretary, Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation



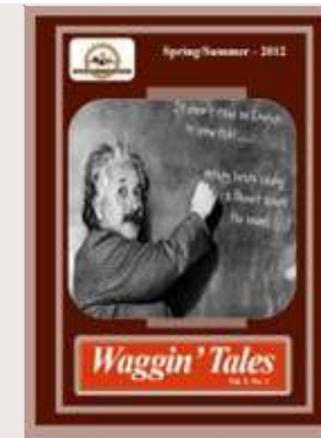
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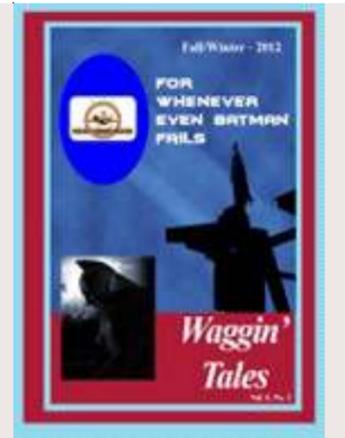
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Some of Our Favorite Waggin' Tales Covers - 2011-25



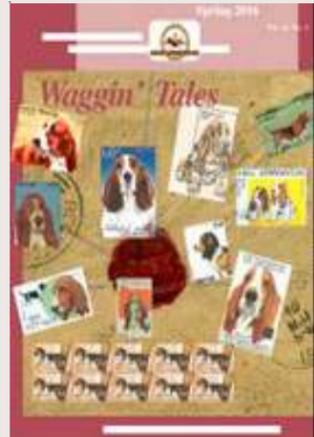
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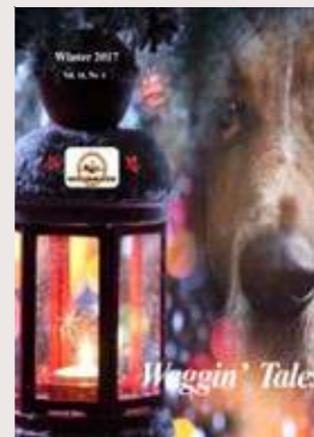
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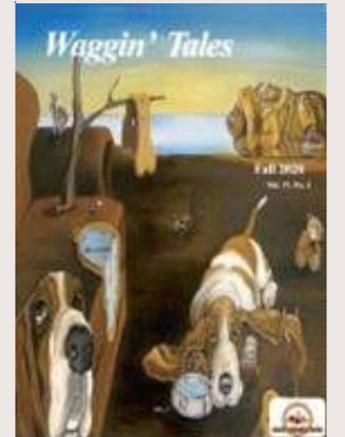
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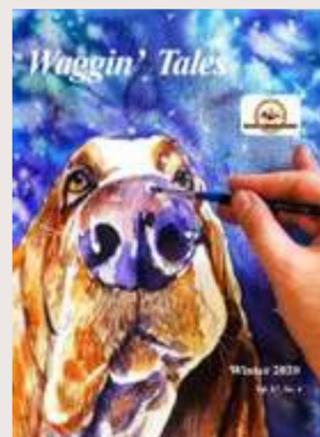
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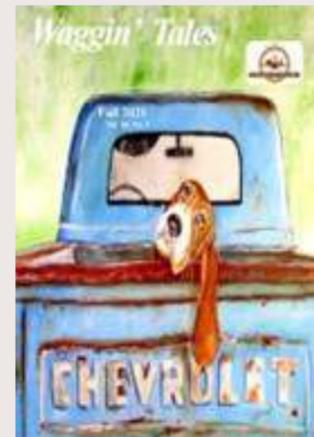
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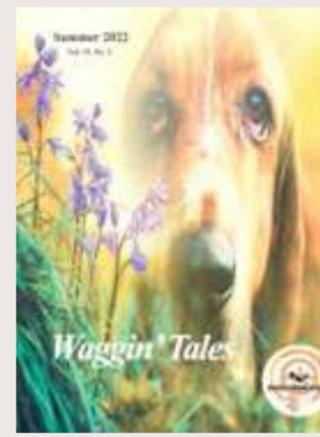
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Ah, the great debate. Lincoln vs. Douglas? Nope. Kennedy and Nixon? Sorry, but nope again. A courtroom argument of William Jennings Bryan against Clarence Darrow in the Scopes trial? Once more, a big 'No'.

The correct answer is the age-old question—should you serve your dog wet or dry food? Both dry kibble and wet food certainly have their perks, but both have their downfalls. Ultimately, the diet you select for your dog should be nutritious and match all of the profiles necessary to keep your dog healthy.

Okay, let's examine the details. First off, what are the different types of food available in each category starting with the wet variety.

There is an endless list of recipes for wet canned food. It offers everything from standard everyday diets to highly specialized meals. There are wet canned food options in both standard and prescription dog foods, so you can find something to suit any canine.

There are also a variety of flavors, including chicken, beef, turkey, duck, lamb, liver, etc. Wet foods also come in different textures. You can buy wet food chunks in gravy, foods that have a smooth pate texture, and even wet foods made with human-grade ingredients.

As for the other alternative of dry food you can find a recipe for just about any issue. There are standard recipes and prescription-based formulas for dogs that have major sensitivities. Some dry dog foods contain grains and some are grain-free.

It is important to listen to a vet when they give you nutritional advice, as each dog will benefit from a different recipe.

Alright, let's move on to the aspect of healthiness.

Wet canned food can certainly provide a bounty of nutrients to any dog. However, because it is canned, it can sometimes contain a lot of artificial ingredients including chemicals and preservatives in order to increase the shelf life.

When you are searching for wet canned food, it is crucial to buy a

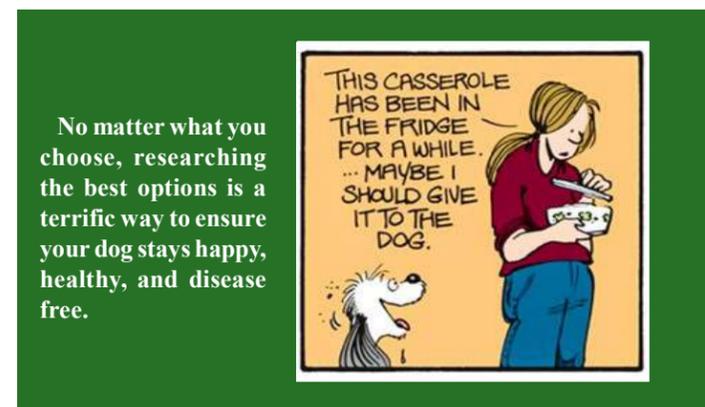
selection that is full of the best ingredients you can find. So, keep in mind that not only is it important to check out the ingredients of each recipe, but the brand speaks volumes. You're going to certainly want something that will help your dog maintain the best health.

On the other hand, the processing of dry dog food can destroy some of the nutrients, but dog foods are tested after processing to make sure that they meet the nutritional needs for the life stage they are labeled for. That means that while raw or minimally processed foods may be seen as more nutritionally concentrated, dry dog food should still provide everything your dog needs.

Of course, there are exceptions as some dogs with certain health conditions may require specific nutrition. In these cases, it's best to listen to a veterinarian's recommendations.

Ultimately, it's hard to definitively say which dog food is better between dry kibble and wet canned food. Keep in mind that diet changes can cause gastrointestinal symptoms, so it's important to transition slowly to avoid general upset.

Both have their ups and downs, and certain ones can be better for an individual dog for various reasons. Since this isn't a one-size-fits-all answer, we have to say that both wet and dry dog food can be beneficial to our canines depending on the situation. Consult with your vet to determine which is best for your dog.



No matter what you choose, researching the best options is a terrific way to ensure your dog stays happy, healthy, and disease free.



Pet parents might consider mixing wet food and dry kibble for a number of reasons. Some benefits include:

Your Dog Will (Probably) Love It: Mixing wet food into dry food can make the diet more appealing and tastier. This is especially helpful for a dog who is a picky eater—a little bit of delightfully smelly, even warmed wet dog food can make it that much more tempting.

It Features High-Quality Ingredients High-quality wet dog foods are often formulated with “human-grade” ingredients, such as chicken, beef, or fish that offer nutritional and health benefits while providing a taste that dogs love.

By combining wet food into your dog's dry kibble, you are also providing all of the macronutrients, vitamins, and minerals your dog needs to thrive, while introducing enough variety to keep them interested.

It Offers Health Benefits Mixing wet and dry food can also offer potential health benefits. Wet food has higher water content than dry food, so adding some wet food to the dry food increases the water intake. According to the Pet Food Institute, typical dry dog food contains only 10–12% water, while wet formulations are generally 75–78% water by weight.

The higher water content can also help your dog feel full faster, which can help with weight management. For dogs with health conditions that need to gain weight, the opposite is also true: mixing some dry dog food into their canned food is a good way to increase their caloric intake.

Additionally, wet dog food helps to make the texture easier

for dogs to chew which is helpful for older dogs or those with dental issues.

It's a Cost-Effective Combination: One of the main drawbacks to wet food is its price. On average, wet food costs more per ounce than dry food options. However, this does depend somewhat on which options you buy.

A budget wet food may end up similar in cost to a premium kibble. If budget is the main concern, ask your vet to recommend options that cover the bases at your price point.

Tips on Mixing Wet/Dry Dog Food

The exact ratio of wet food to dry food depends on your dog's age, weight and lifestyle, but the general rule is that dry food should comprise about 75% of the total weight of the meal, leaving 25% for wet dog food.

The ratio may change for senior dogs that need extra energy, or for overweight dogs where weight control is a concern. It is always a great idea to consult your vet on the right ratio for your pet.

If a mixed diet is new to your dog, transition them slowly to the new food. This will help them get used to the new diet and reduce the risk of stomach upset. One good approach is to add wet food slowly to the dry food over the first week, gradually working up to the right ratio.





Quick Facts

Wet vs. Dry Dog Food

In General.....Wet Dog Food

- Moisture-rich to keep dogs hydrated
- Has a more pleasing smell and taste
- Most picky dogs prefer it
- Different recipes and textures available

Downsides of Wet Dog Food

- Can Spoil Once Opened

Wet Dog Food

Pros

- Easy to chew
- Moisture-rich
- More appealing to dogs

Cons

- Goes bad after opening without refrigeration
- Tends to be more expensive

In General.....Dry Dog Food

- Heavily Processed
- Not as Alluring
- Not Great for Picky Eaters
- Hard to Chew for Some

Always Check with Your Vet before Making Any Feeding Changes

Dry Dog Food

Pros

- Long shelf life
- Greater availability
- Affordable

Cons

- Heavy processing
- Not as appetizing
- Can be hard to chew in some cases

Downsides of Dry Dog Food

- Readily available
- Affordable
- Has a longer shelf life, especially when opened
- More varieties and recipes available



The Great Debate





Jane -
You've Been Terrific!

Words of Appreciation Are Not Enough!

When It Comes to Making a Positive Impact, Look No Further Than Our Very Own Jane Gates

You just might see a photo of WBHR's own Jane Gates if you glanced through a volume of reference meanings for the phrase 'positive impact'. For years Jane has officially served as a WBHR board member and Secretary, but her involvement goes much, much further than that.

Consider the following and you'll get a good indication of just how valuable she has been:

- Maintaining the WBHR web site
- Liasing with Petfinder on adoptable dogs
- Assisting with our merchandising program
- Doing home checks on possible adoptees
- Direct involvement with special projects such as auctions

We could go on and on, but you get the picture!

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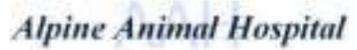
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The Legacy of Therapy Dog Bubba Watson in New England



Owner and handler
Kellye Riani enjoy a
moment of relaxation

A classroom full of preschoolers erupted into laughter when Bubba Watson shook his head to unravel his nearly foot-long ears, which were tied into knots. The basset hound laid in bed with hospice patients, visited support groups, sought out those less comfortable, and cheered up students and teachers rattled after a bomb threat.

In his ten years of life, Bubba brought tremendous joy not only to his family, but also to all those he visited as a therapy pet. His owner and handler, Kellye Riani, recognized early on Bubba's ability to pick up on people's emotions. "He naturally had the personality built for it. He'd see people on the street and draw them in with his eyes to pet him."

Bubba has a decorated history. He was an American Kennel Club

(AKC) Champion and Canine Good Citizen (CGC) recipient as well as twice winning the New England Basset Hound Rescue's annual Bassetpalooza, Longest Ear Contest at 11 and a half inches.

While working as a liaison with the Ophthalmology and Neurology Teams at Henry and Lois Foster Hospital for Small Animals (FHSA) at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, she learned about Tufts PAWS for People (PAWS) organization which runs a program of trained volunteers to provide therapy animal support to those in need.

"Bubba had a friendly personality to excel as a therapy dog," said Riani. "He was a great partner; he didn't get stressed out. He took everything in stride, bounced around, and greeted everyone."

Bubba started his career in animal therapy with the Pet Loss Support Group at Cummings School, where he offered emotional support for people grieving the loss of a pet. Bubba also visited with pet owners whose animals were receiving treatment at FHSA and provided therapy.

Animal Assisted Crisis Response

Kellye and Bubba's AACR training and certification helped greatly in aiding children after a bomb threat at her daughter's school.

When Riani began working as a volunteer coordinator at SALMON Hospice Care in Milford, Massachusetts six years ago, Bubba came on board too. Riani started a pet therapy program for SALMON. Bubba performed weekly therapy visits with patients, residents, and families.

He'd lay next to bed-bound patients and was present at the time of death for two patients. He also attended team meetings, greeting everyone and often sensing and settling next to any staff members with a difficult caseload.

"Everybody's situation is different, and everyone takes away something different from pet therapy," said Riani. "If you put a therapy pet in bed with someone ill, you can see their bodies relax. They smile; they have that sense of the weight of a dog there, not judging or there

Bubba Seemingly Did It All in His Therapy Role from 'Just Being There' to Settling School Children after a Bomb Threat

to treat, just being there. You don't need to speak the same language to get it."

Riani and Bubba underwent additional training process with Pet Partners to become Animal Assisted Crisis Response Certified. Somewhat providentially her older daughter's elementary school received a bomb threat soon after, shaking up the students and staff.

"I had Bubba bathed and ready to do a facility visit. I reached out

to the principal to tell him we had this resource, and he jumped on it," recalled Riani. "Bubba was very sensitive and picked up on those who needed an extra visit, staff members who needed a friendly dog to pet. I brought him into most of the classrooms. Some of the kids gravitated to him, and he gravitated to those who needed extra love."

Then, with no real warning, Bubba was diagnosed with canine lymphoma, one of the most common cancers in dogs. His demeanor didn't change, even while undergoing chemotherapy at FHSA. "Bubba impacted everyone he met," said Riani. "Walking into the hospital, everyone knew him and went to him."

Sadly, Bubba passed away just a few weeks after his diagnosis.

Reflecting on Bubba's early days as a therapy dog with the Pet Loss Therapy Group, vet/social worker Eric Richman recalled, "Bubba, being a basset, moved slowly. He could immediately go over to someone crying or looking sad, nuzzle or sit down next to them, and invite them to pet him. Participants loved Bubba and often responded with a smile. For some who were more introverted members of our group, it put them at ease, allowing them sometimes to open up and share while they had the security of Bubba by their side. Bubba was an amazing therapy dog and touched many lives."

Pause for Paws

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Mallon, Luke McNeely, Allen Moen and Heidi Rasmussen. They have all been involved from the beginning of our Board back in 2015. Many, many hours of volunteering have been accumulated!

We've made so many new friends over the years and we all know that we have one of the best volunteer organizations around! Everyone helps when and where they can and you all have had a part in the accomplishments of WBHR. Thank you!

Please note that our PO Box will be closing at the end of February, 2026. For those of you who would like to keep in touch, please send any mail to 39 Diamond View Rd., Cody, WY 82414, which is Allen's and my home address. My personal email is hollyshounds62@gmail.com.

I know that I will continue to volunteer on some level with animal rescue. Time will tell what direction that will be and hopefully it will lead me to something that is close to being as wonderful of an organization as WBHR! I hope my new adventure will have me cross paths with some of you.

I wish you all the best in 2026 and for a healthy and happy new year! Thank you all again for your support, friendships and love of the basset hounds.

Holly

WBHR Executive Director

I've Got a New Home!



Since our last newsletter these hounds have found a 'Forever Home'

Please God, let my new family love me.

Jet is flying high with Bobbie and Doug in Livermore, CO

It's a royal lifestyle for Duke in Centennial, CO with Lindsay and Tom

Everything's coming up roses in Great Falls for Rosie with Jona and Bob

Bogie has struck gold with Racheal in Cody and nobody is badgering him

Grace is having great meals in Linda's household in Cheyenne

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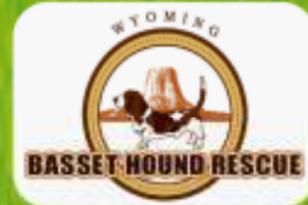
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A Look at the Final WBHR Picnic



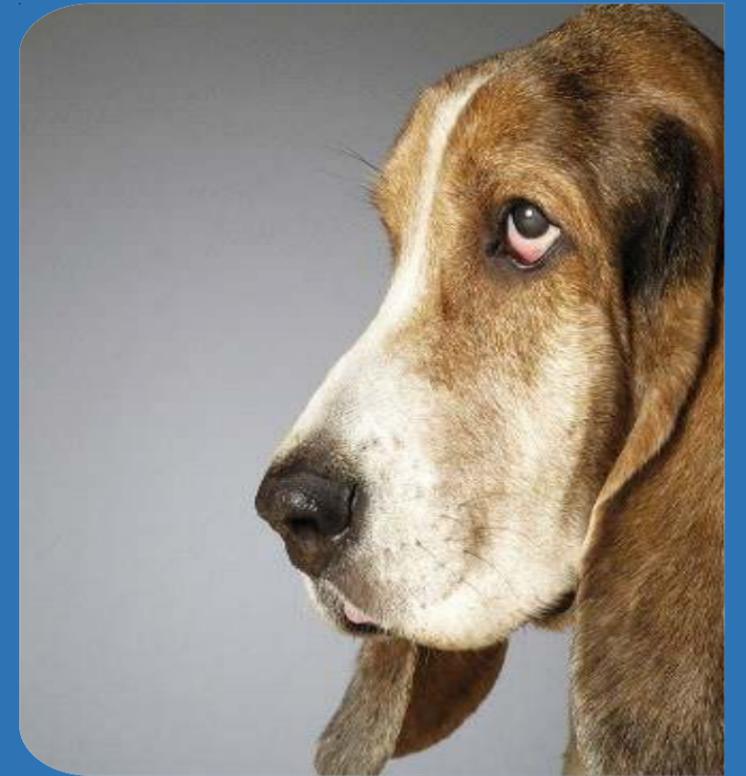
June 21, 2025
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Passing over the Rainbow Bridge

In Loving Memory.....

Since our last Waggin' Tales in Spring 2025 the bassets listed below made the trip over the Rainbow Bridge and have been dearly missed by all



Companion	Owners	Location	Age	Passing
Gus	Holly and Allen	Cody	15+	Apr. 13, 2025
Ziggy	Martha and Dave	Columbia Falls, MT	11	May 9, 2025
Emma Lemon	Lynne and Jeff	Dubois	14	May 27, 2025
Lucy	Molly and David	Cheyenne	13	June 11, 2025
Copper Top	Casey and Mike	Gillette	14	June 13, 2025
Smudge fka Jackson	Wendy and Orry	Billings	16	July 2, 2025
Snoop Dog fka Dudley	Joni and Gregg	Manhattan, MT	5 1/2	July 5, 2025
Truman	Patti and Chris	Billings	13	July 8, 2025
Watson fka Reggie	Elizabeth	California	16	Aug. 9, 2025
Daisy	Camille and Jeremy	Willow Creek, MT	10	Sept. 19, 2025
Lady Bug	Tina and Tim	Douglas	11 1/2	Sept. 25, 2025
Rusty	Nyal	Houston	10	Oct. 5, 2025
Bailey	Valerie and Michael	Worland	8	Nov. 18, 2025
Dottie	Mark and Jenny	Arlington, TX	13 1/2	Jan. 2, 2026





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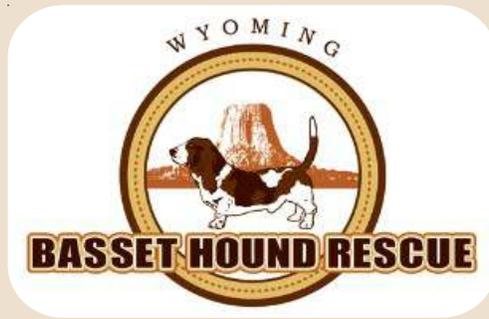


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