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Holly's 'Pause for Paws'



I hope that everyone's Summer is going well. It's been a rainy May and June in Cody, but that's okay.

We had a smaller group at our annual Basset Lover's Picnic this year, but we had fun. With the 27 people and 12 dogs, 7 being bassetts, in attendance, we had a lot of laughs! This year we had fried chicken for lunch. Much to the dogs' dismay, no bones for them. But the games and weather were great for everyone. It was the first weekend since late April/early May without rain. We lucked out.

There has been no uptick in basset hounds coming into WBHR. There are parts of the country, mainly east and southeast, who have basset hounds coming in, but not so much in our area or bordering states.

It seems that if area rescues have any basset hounds, they've come from another part of the country and not as many coming in 'locally'.

We are planning to have the WBHR calendar again, for 2024. To date, we only have five dogs who have been adopted since we compiled the 2023 calendar. The quantity of calendars we order for 2024 will be much less and hopefully that won't cause the price to increase too much. We had approximately 25 leftover 2023 calendars.

Also, if you are interested in being a calendar sponsor of a month in the 2024 calendar, please let me know and we'll get you that information and help get things lined out.

Enjoy the remainder of your Summer. Thank you all for your support of WBHR! Everything you do is greatly appreciated.

Holly

WBHR Executive Director

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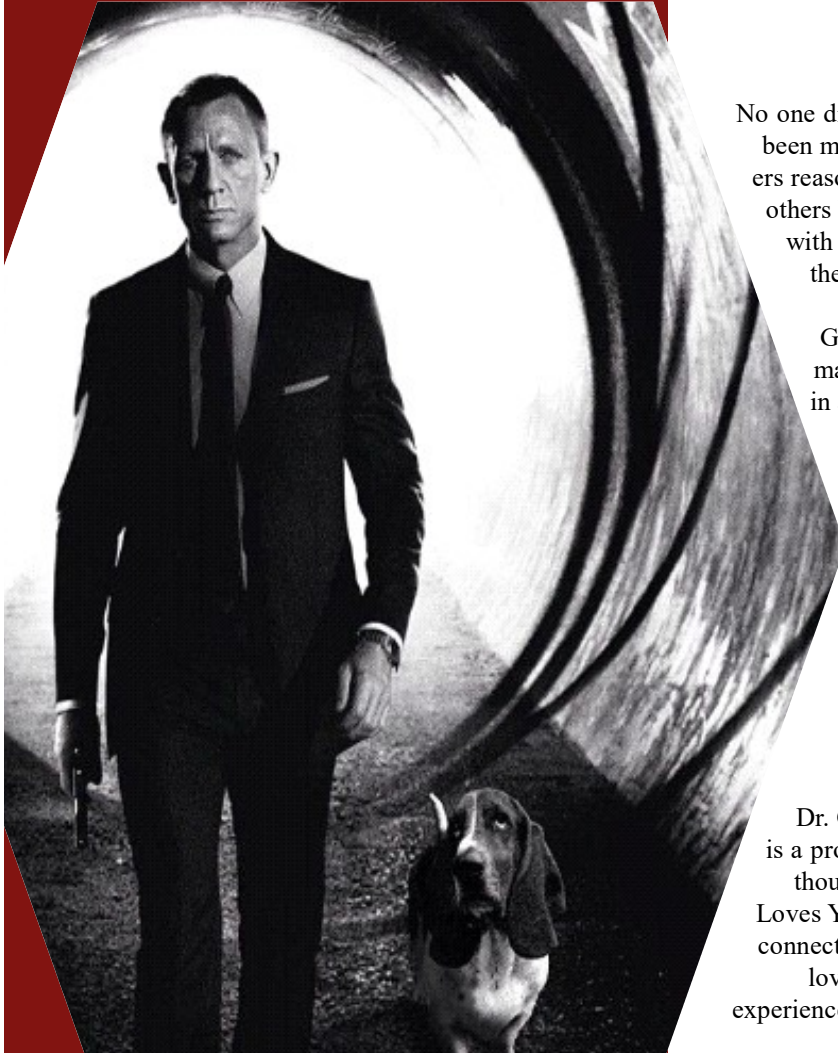
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The Canine-Human Bond is Really 'Something Special'



"It's bond, canine-human bond" and by all means please feel free to mentally read that line with a Scottish accent ala Sean Connery.

So, in keeping with our cover theme, we'd like to take a look at the bonding that takes place between canines and humans.

Humans and dogs have had a special bond for thousands of years—we see it in the way dogs work, play, and live with us. Most experts agree that this relationship developed when the wolf, the dog's ancestor, and humans came in contact with each other. Some wolves, for unknown reasons, attached themselves to this strange two-legged species and from that early contact, dogs as we have come to know them evolved.

Dogs Love Us, They Really Love Us

No one disputes the clear bond dogs have with us and there have been many studies that explore this attachment. Some researchers reason that it has to do with the dog's cognitive abilities, but others believe it has less to do with intelligence and more to do with friendliness and sociability. Some researchers have used the term "hypersociability" to describe this trait in canines.

Gregory Berns, a neuroscientist at Emory University, used magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to follow what goes on in a dog's brain during interactions with humans. He found that a dog's reward center is as active when the dog is praised as when they're given a hot dog. And we all know how much dogs love hot dogs!

In additional research, Dr. Berns demonstrated that some dogs even prefer their owners to food if they're given the choice. He also found a similarity between the part of a dog's brain that lights up when they hear their owner's voice and the same area in our brains that lights up when we're around someone or something we love.

Dr. Clive Wynne, a psychologist at Arizona State University, is a proponent of the emotions-over-cognitive-ability school of thought. In his book *"Dog is Love: Why and How Your Dog Loves You,"* he makes the argument that a dog has the ability to connect emotionally with other species. He calls it "interspecies love" and thinks that at some point in their evolution, dogs experienced genetic changes that made them friendly toward other species.

Is the Dog-Human Bond Unique?

This is where we may disappoint some of you dog lovers out there: it's not only humans that dogs bond with. Dr. Wynne—along with Princeton biologist Bridgett von Holdt, and other researchers—found that dogs have certain genes that, in humans, are associated with the rare genetic disorder Williams-Beuren syndrome, a symptom

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**‘Here’s Looking
at You, Kid’**

‘Puppies may have developed the ability to show more of their sclera, or the whites of the eyes, which humans associate with friendliness. Dogs have so evolved to love humans that even their eyebrows want to show they’re friendly.’

Bill Costanzo at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research Center in San Angelo, Texas conducts real-life research into the bonding process. He raises puppies to become good Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGD) and studies the factors that lead to success.

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of which is “indiscriminate friendliness.” What’s more, Smithsonian Magazine wrote that scientists have been conducting several experiments to test out theories on the dog-human relationship and psychology.

What they found is that dogs can parse human behavior. Researchers at Yale University believe dogs could be the closest animals to humans in terms of social behaviors. Dogs they tested in their Canine Cognition Lab showed an ability to determine a human’s intent when issuing orders.

Researchers wanted to find out why dogs were trying so hard to understand humans. It seems it’s because they’re hardwired to form emotional bonds with anything they come across, reported The New York Times. They can emotionally attach to sheep, goats, and even some unusual animals like penguins, if the dogs are raised with them. Scientists call this hypersocial behavior, and it may stem from a dog’s genetic evolution.

At about three months old, potential LGD puppies are placed in bonding pens with whatever species will be under their future protection. The term “pen” is misleading here, since each one is a fenced-in field roughly one acre in size. Once they’ve successfully bonded, they’re moved to larger pastures along with the animals that will be in their charge.

“LGDs can be bonded to almost any species,” Costanzo said in an interview with the Department of Animal Science. “They also do a great job when bonded to poultry. Free-range poultry operations in California are using dogs to guard against predators.”

Dr. Stanley Coren is a Professor Emeritus of psychology at the University of British Columbia and has researched and written extensively about dogs, including his book, “Why Does My Dog Act That Way?” He believes that a reason for this interspecies acceptance is that we humans have, over centuries, bred dogs to form strong attachments, which naturally spill over to other species.

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Dr. Boris Levinson

Dr. Leo Bustad



Who is Behind the Human-Canine-Animal Idea?

Human–canine bonding was first recognized by Boris M. Levinson, who had an immense influence on the establishment of the field of study. Levinson is known for accidentally discovering the benefits of assisted pet therapy. He found that withdrawn and uncommunicative children would interact positively whenever he brought his dog, Jingles, to their therapy sessions. His discovery was further reinforced by Sam and Elizabeth Corson, who were among the first to research and evaluate pet-facilitated therapy.

In the early 1980s the term ‘human–animal bond’ was officially coined by Leo K. Bustad, who delivered a summary lecture on the Human-Pet Relationship on October 28, 1983, at the International Symposium in Vienna.

Bustad and other pet therapy advocates formed the Delta Society, which was built on the earlier work of Levinson and Croson. In the 1970s and 1980s, national and international conferences led to greater recognition of the human–animal bond.

How the Human-Animal Bond Benefits People and Pets

Do you think owning a pet means investing in them and getting nothing in return?

Well no, that's absolutely not the case. Several insights have revealed that pets are actually very beneficial and hold the power to influence the health behaviors of a human. Many studies have shown that Human-Animal Bond reduces health problems. There are multiple pieces of evidence to prove that the bonds between animals and humans are rewarding and favorable.

Benefit #1:

A sampling of adults falling in the age bracket of 50 to 80 was questioned about the bond between animals and humans, and what they feel. An overwhelming figure of 79% of the audience responded that their pet alleviates their stress and sometimes helps them in being distracted from unwanted sadness.

Dogs Show a Distinct Willingness to Bond with Numerous Other Species

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As of now, the scientific community is divided on the factors that make dogs so attached, especially to humans. Some believe it's their cognitive ability to understand and communicate with humans.

But there's compelling evidence that this is an emotional bond more than a cognitive one. One of the factors that makes a strong argument for emotional attachment is the ease and willingness with which dogs bond with other species.

Is it true love and empathy? That's not clear. According to Dr. Coren, dogs have the same emotional maturity as a two- to three-year-old toddler, and empathy often takes a few more years in human children. But it's very clear that dogs can feel attached to and protective of many other species, even penguins.

Who knows what further research will discover. And dog lovers, don't despair—your dog doesn't love you any less just because it's attached to the kitten next door or the cows in the barn.

Benefit #2:

Studies reveal pet owners laugh more compared to non-pet owners. This also prevents them from getting into depression. According to physicians, 87% of their patients experienced an improvement in their mental diseases. Pet owners have higher chances to recover from long-term mental illness and depression.

Benefit #3:

Pets play a crucial role in eliminating social loneliness or the feeling of being isolated. Pets serve as a companion or a social circle that keeps the human mind distracted from loneliness and builds a bond with them.

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Passing over the Rainbow Bridge

In Loving Memory.....

Keri said farewell to Pickles (13½) on April 13 in Gillette.

Last respects went out for Colonel (13) in Ammon, ID on April 13 by Dave, Irena and Amelia.

Emma (12½) left Deb and Clayton deeply saddened in Casper on May 23.

Sarah in Torrington lost a long-time friend in Moses (13½) on his passing on May 24.



If you have lost a special friend and would like them listed in this section of Waggin' Tales please contact WBHR Director Holly per the address on page 2.



Benefits Can Relate to Health

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Benefit #4:

Spending leisure time with pets, taking them for a walk, or on a leisurely run actually help keep the owner physically fit. Statistics disclose that pet owners actually walk 34% more than non-pet owners. The entire activity of keeping your pet happy and encourages physical involvement, is a worthwhile benefit for the owners.

Benefit #5:

Studies have also discovered that pet owners generally have fewer heart problems and cardiovascular diseases. The study further explains that the death rate as a consequence of cardiovascular diseases (heart stroke) of 2,400 cat owners was comparatively lower than non-pet owners.

Benefit #6:

Lastly, another very positive benefit of this animal-human connection is a boosted immunity system. It has shown that children who are raised having pets around them have stronger immune systems and tend to develop fewer allergies.

Work Hard at Creating Your 'Bond'

The human/canine bond is a deeply rooted understanding, measured in emotion, dependability, and mutual support. It is a need to belong and feel wanted, useful, and safe.

Vary these parameters, though, and you affect the bond. Fail to give your dog affection, routine, dependability, training and boundaries, and you will weaken that unspoken connection. Abuse or ignore it, or fail to see to its basic needs and you could sabotage the intimate link. Anything that makes your dog feel unwanted, neglected, or afraid will lower the strength of the human/canine bond.

Strengthening the bond is just as predictable. Spending time together builds trust, confidence, and love, and creates a feeling of familial belonging—the roots of the bond. Activities—travelling together things which pull you both closer into each other, nurturing that intimacy. Once you both speak the same “language,” you can develop the trust and confidence necessary for your dog to feel that special loyalty toward you.

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Bonding with Your Dog Can Be Simple, but It's Oh So Vital For a Positive and Loving Relationship

Are you looking for ways to increase the bond you have with your dog? The good news is that bonding with your dog doesn't have to involve any grand gesture—with a foundation of respect and love for your dog, often the little things mean the most.

A strong bond leads to a happier, healthier, more enriching life for you both

11 Simple Ways to Nurture Your Bonding

1. Eye contact
2. Praise
3. Simple touches
4. Training sessions
5. Teaching a new trick
6. Cuddles
7. Your focused attention
8. Playing with your dog
9. Learning dog body language
10. Staying calm
11. Giving special treats and a nourishing diet



1. Make Eye Contact

In the world at large, eye contact can be seen as a challenge, but in loving relationships, it's a sign of trust and love. Think about your own eye contact habits; if you're nervous or intimidated by another person, you might have trouble looking them in the eye, but if you trust them and want to show respect, you'll meet their gaze. It's very similar for dogs.

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Eye Contact is a Critical Factor in the Relationship

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"Gazing activates the oxytocin system," says Philip Tedeschi, Professor and Researcher on the Human-Animal Bond. Oxytocin is a hormone that is activated in both dogs and humans "when we are in friendships, and when we feel comfortable and safe," he says. It's the same chemical that is released when mother dogs (and humans!) nurse their offspring.

"We have research from Japan that has documented the fact that when you look at your pet, you're often going to see your dog is already looking at you. When you make that eye contact, that is one of the activation opportunities for that to work."

So, when your dog sees you as a friend and someone who loves them, eye contact will reinforce your bond.

2. Praise your dog

Dogs are motivated by praise—and the science confirms it! Studies have shown that many dogs value praise more than treats.

So, give your dog the opportunity to please you! You reinforce your bond when you praise your dog and recognize their good behavior.

3. Touch your dog

Just as eye contact increases your bond, so touch works wonders for both you and your dog—it's *literally the way* to stay connected. "Dogs tend to have closer proximity in general with the people they are connected to," Tedeschi says.

"This is because your dog is getting real time feedback about their own well being from you—just as you are from your dog.

Touching helps you both stay tuned in to each other, and your dog is probably already doing this to you, extending a paw or leaning on you to check in with you and keep "in touch." Returning such gestures will help to enhance your bond.

4. Train your dog

Even if your dog has mastered the basics, practicing your positive reinforcement training enhances the bond you share.

Giving your dog a sense of purpose and a "job"—such as reviewing 'sit' or 'stay'—helps to reinforce what they already know, helps your pup prepare to learn new skills, and gets you both spending enriching time together. Training also provides an excellent outlet for building your dog's confidence in themselves and you.

5. Teach a new trick

This leads us to...trick training! If your dog is already obedience trained, why not teach them a new trick? Teaching a new party skill is an excellent way to spend time together and have fun.

6. Cuddle your dog

Research has revealed that many dogs do not enjoy "hugs," but that doesn't mean they hate physical affection. In fact, affection is among the most important bonding activity you can engage in with your dog. If your dog seeks out pets, leans, snuggles, or even hugs, it's a sure sign they're bonded to you. And you can strengthen your bond by spending quality, one-on-one time with your dog every day, including lots of gentle pets.

Of course, all dogs are individuals and some are less affectionate than others, so be mindful of their love language, show physical affection on their terms, and you'll see your bond grow.

7. Provide focused attention

Your dog is expressing an attachment to you if they actively seek your attention—if they want to play with, sit by, touch, cuddle, or be near you. Offering your dog your undivided attention (yes, put your phone down) will improve your bond, no matter what.

Consider your pet during these times—what else are they trying to say, or tell you? Reflective time considering your pet, and their emotional and physical needs, through periods of focused attention, can provide opportunities to learn about your pet, build trust together, and reinforce your bond.

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"I actually know more commands than I respond to."

Bonding Has Serious Aspects, but Don't Forget to Play

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8. Fun & play!

"Play is one of the most important behaviors in all species," Tedeschi says. "Play activates our neurobiology, not only oxytocin, but it reduces stress neurochemistries, like cortisol, so these are tools [of bonding]. We see play happening across the animal kingdom," he says. Play offers tools and information for all animals to learn "how to regulate, how to interact, what someone likes."

You can bond with your dog just by playing fetch, tug, or hide and seek. Mix it up with twists on classic toys to keep it fun and exciting for you both.

9. Learn what your dog is saying

"Dogs are communicating with us all the time," Tedeschi says—we just have to learn how to communicate effectively with them, he says. Like humans, dogs are sentient beings with complex feelings—they have their good days and bad days," Tedeschi says.

Understanding your dog's body language can give you insight into how they are feeling the majority of the time. When you can tell if your dog is excited (a wiggling butt), content (relaxed ears),

or stressed out (yawning), you can adjust your behavior to meet them at their level, which will help to reinforce a sense of safety and trust in the relationship.

10. Stay calm

Remember the importance of touch when it comes to the bond with your dog? Beyond the realm of touch, dogs can also sense your mood just by being in proximity to you, or by smell, and even by the sounds we make. So your dog's behavior may change depending on the cues they are receiving from you, whether you are calm, or feeling stressed and anxious.

To enhance your bond, lean into the emotional and mental benefits of your pet to help regulate your mood—check in, take some deep breaths, take the pup for a walk, and remember that your dog ultimately wants you to be happy: their quality of life is tied to yours! You're not alone when you have your dog.

11. Soup up your pet's meals

Food (in healthy, appropriate quantities) is love! Aim for wholesome protein sources with limited fillers, and try some homemade or fresh meals for your dog. Add some tasty, healthy toppers or mix-ins to your dog's daily meals.



"Artie, they took my bowl."

Thinking of 'Spicing' Up Your Dog's Meals? Give Some Thought to These Extras

What are the most popular things to add into your dog's food to make it tastier? How about:

- raw or lightly steamed vegetables or meats because they are so easily accessible and likely already in their fridge.
- poultry, canned fish, goat milk, cottage cheese, or yogurt
- many owners also swear by adding raw eggs a couple of times per week as the omega fatty acids provide substantial nutrition.

What about adding nutrition?

Aside from the basic nutrition in vegetables and meats, many owners add digestive enzymes or vitamins which can easily be found in a powder form to mix with wet food.



It's the Annual Basset Hound Picnic!



Chalk Up Another Successful Annual Picnic!

No rain, no pain as the recent iffy weather in Cody brightened up for the WBHR picnic so it was fun for all!



This year's event was down a bit in numbers, but a great success nonetheless. A total of 27 guests attended with 12 doggies including seven bassets. The affair netted just under \$450.

You've Mastered the Concept of Bonding, but Has It Worked?

Okay, we've set the stage in terms of the importance of bonding with your doggie and steps to take so now then, how do you know if your efforts are successful?

From eye contact to greetings, this is how you'll know if your dog is bonded to you. When they're attached to dogs:



1. Make eye contact
2. Check in with you
3. Are happy to see you
4. Are relaxed with you
5. Snuggle your stuff
6. Listen and respond to you
7. Seek out your affection

***Key Signs Your
Bonding Efforts
Have Been
Successful***

Now for the deeper dive!

1- They readily make eye contact

Eye contact is often the first things learned in basic obedience classes because it helps dogs focus. In the world at large, eye contact can be seen as a challenge, but in loving relationships, it's a sign of trust and love.

Think about your own eye contact habits; if you're nervous or intimidated by another person, you might have trouble looking them in the eye, but if you trust them and want to show respect, you'll meet their gaze. It's very similar for dogs.

2- They check in on walks and in new environments

Dogs who are bonded to their people tend to look at them a lot. This doesn't mean they're glued to your side, gazing upon your face 24/7. They might still tug like crazy on the leash if they spot a pigeon, but they'll return to you when it flies away.

3- Their body language is calm and relaxed in your presence

I know, I just said that if your dog is super-excited to see you, it means they're in love! However, a bonded dog is also a comfortable dog. After the initial burst of excitement at your arrival, your dog probably settles down.

These are the most common types of relaxed body language:

- A slightly open mouth, with a relaxed, lolling tongue
- Rolling over for a belly rub (this shows they trust you)
- Soft, relaxed facial expression
- Blinking eyes
- Tail wagging side to side
- A "bow" to invite and encourage play

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Physical Affection is Sure Sign, But Know Dog's Preference

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A dog with relaxed body language that lays down and takes a nap by your side is showing you how much they trust you (and how much they like being close to you, another sign of a strong bond).

4- They carry your shoes around in their mouth

Dogs who are attached to their owners are also very attached to their scent, and may snuggle up with their belongings—particularly extra-stinky ones like clothing and shoes. Think of it from a dog's perspective: scent is one of their primary means of communication, and your belongings communicate home, attachment, and love.

Of course, clothes- and shoe-snuggling isn't always a good thing. If your dog hoards your dirty laundry or destroys your favorite pair of slippers, they may be exhibiting signs of separation anxiety. Otherwise, take it as a compliment!

5- They listen when you speak and come when you call

Responsiveness is one of the biggest signs that you and your dog have formed a strong bond. If your dog listens to you when you speak, and obeys the commands you give, it shows that they're attached to you. Basic obedience training is a great way to strengthen your bond.

Coming when called is one of the most important cues for your dog to respond to, because it can keep her safe in potentially dangerous situations. But it's also a great way to increase the bond between you two. Best Friends Animal Society suggests that you "make it a party" every time your dog comes when calls. No matter what they're leaving behind, coming to you should be the best thing that happens to them all day!

6- They seek physical affection

Recent headlines suggest that dogs may not enjoy "hugs," but that doesn't mean they hate physical affection. In fact, it's among the most important bonding activity you can engage in with your dog. If your dog seeks out pets, leans, snuggles, and even hugs, it's a sure sign they're bonded to you. And you can strengthen your bond by spending quality, one-on-one time with your dog every day, including lots of gentle pets.

Of course, some breeds are less affectionate than others. but they'll demonstrate their bond with other signs listed above.

7- Ways to improve the bond

If you've read through this list and are still worried, fear not: there are concrete steps you can take to increase your bond with your dog. The easiest (and most fun) is to spend at least 30 minutes of focused, one-on-one time together each day. This doesn't include walks, yard time, or watching TV together. Your bonding time should be active and focused.

Dog-Directed Speech?

Yep, It's Real and Important in Canine-Human Relationship

Scientists at the University of York in England have shown that the way we speak to our canine friends is important in relationship-building between the pet and owner, similar to the way that 'baby-talk' is to bonding between a baby and an adult. Speech interaction experiments between adult dogs and humans showed that so called "dog-speak" improves attention and may help humans to socially bond with their pets.

Previous studies on communicating with dogs had suggested that talking in a high-pitch voice with exaggerated emotion, just as adults do with babies, improved engagement with puppies but made little difference with adult dogs. Researchers at York tested this theory with new experiments designed to understand more about why humans talk to dogs like this and if it is useful to the dogs in some way, or whether humans do this simply because they like to treat dogs in the same way as babies.

Dr Katie Slocombe from the Department of Psychology said: "A special speech register, known as infant-directed speech, is thought to aid language acquisition and improve the way a human baby bonds with an adult. This form of speech is known to share some similarities with the way in which humans talk to their pet dogs, known as dog-directed speech.

"This high-pitched rhythmic speech is common in human interactions with dogs in western cultures, but there isn't a great deal known about whether it benefits a dog in the same way that it does a baby.

"We wanted to look at this question and see whether social bonding between animals and humans was influenced by the type and content of the communication."

Unlike previous experiments, the research team positioned real humans in the same room as the dog, rather than broadcasting speech over a loud speaker without a human present. This made the set-up much more naturalistic for the dogs and helped the team test whether dogs not only paid more attention more to 'dog speak', but were motivated to spend more time with the person who had spoken to them in that way.



Researchers conducted a series of speech tests with adult dogs, where they were given the chance to listen to one person using dog-directed speech containing phrases such as 'you're a good dog', and 'shall we go for a walk?', and then another person using adult-directed speech with no dog-related content, such as 'I went to the movies last night.'

Attention during the speech was measured, and following the speech, the dogs were allowed to choose which speaker they wanted to physically interact with.

The speakers then mixed dog-directed speech with non-dog-related words and adult-directed speech with dog-related words, to allow the researchers to understand whether it was the high-pitched emotional tone of the speech that dogs were attracted to or the words themselves.

The result found that adult dogs were more likely to want to interact and spend time with the speaker that used dog-directed speech with dog-related content, than they did those that used adult-directed speech with no dog-related content.

When researchers mixed-up the two types of speech and content, the dogs showed no preference for one speaker over the other. This suggests that adult dogs need to hear dog-relevant words spoken in a high-pitched emotional voice in order to find it relevant.



Okay, So What's The Story on 'Fresh' Dog Food?

If you watch any amount of television these days you can't help but notice the explosion of commercials for home delivered fresh dog food.

You're forced to endure the sights such as dogs smacking their lips and virtually drooling over a bowl or witnessing an appalled (ex-)girl friend storming out after seeing bagged fresh dog food in the refrigerator.

Okay, hokey marketing aside, is there truly something to be said for considering a change from your standard canned or bagged dog food?

The main influence of purchasing fresh dog food is the quality of the ingredients. There are growing concerns with online and pet shop sold dog food because of their ingredients and contents. Whether it be the worry of meat from low-quality sources or unnecessary and even harmful percentages of different nutrients, it plays on our minds.

When ordering fresh dog food deliveries, you know that the ingredients are of the highest quality. Furthermore, the fresher the ingredients, the more tasty and moist for your dog!

Now then, the basic pros and cons of scheduling through a delivery service starting with the positives:

Convenient

It cannot be denied that dog food deliveries add convenience to your life. You can schedule a delivery date as frequently or irregularly as you want. Therefore you can make sure you are never running out of dog food because you have a regular dog food delivery on the way. This is especially convenient for those that are elderly, don't drive, or work long shifts.

You also have to appreciate the quick deliveries and how it prevents interruption to your schedule. Some orders do next day deliveries, some take three-to-four days; regardless, this is not a long time to wait. Especially if you schedule your deliveries so you always have enough dog food.

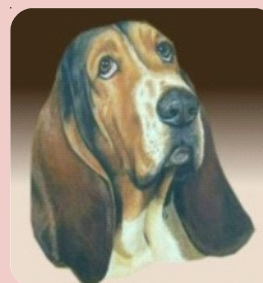
Better Content

Although this is debatable, what we can all agree on is that dog food deliveries are often high-quality and fresh dog food. This is certainly a great content and will hold a lot more nutrients and benefits than some other dog food. But without comparing, let's evaluate the obvious benefits of utilizing fresh dog food delivery service.

Dog food deliveries do not come with the preservatives that many dog foods on the shelf come with as they don't need them because they are delivered fresh. This means there are so many more nutrients in these mixes, all of which can benefit your dog's health in a number of ways.

High-quality dog food will aid your dog's skin and coat, reducing dandruff, itching, and leading to a shiny coat. Other benefits include energy boosts, the better quality a mix, the more a dog can digest thoroughly and use as energy.

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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.**

**Hank says thanks to Irena and Dave in Ammon, ID for
his new abode.**

**Amelie (formerly Sassy) has discovered true love in
Cheyenne with Helen and Michael.**



Is Delivery Fresh Food Really Better for Your Dog?

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Dogs Love the Taste

Fresher mixes are often more palatable. Also, as they are fresh, the ingredients are often tastier and dogs are far more interested! From meaty morsels covered in gravy to fresh veg, there are so many different food combinations. Crunchy, similar tasting packs you buy from the shops can soon become boring. Whereas fresh food, as we know, is exciting and delicious.

Picky dogs are not that uncommon. Not only can dog deliveries target the food percentages towards your dog's needs, but they can tailor to your dog's taste and allergy preferences. With fresh and tailored meal plans, even the pickiest dog will find these a treat.

Like with everything, there are drawbacks here. In order to decide if fresh dog food deliveries are for you, you need to consider the negatives and evaluate the service as a whole.

Expensive

With the high-quality and human-grade ingredients, it is not a

surprise that this service is more expensive therefore, they can tally up quite quickly. This can be quite a downside for those that are looking for a cheaper brand of dog food.

Delivery Wait

Unlike going to the store, you cannot get fresh dog food delivered on the same day therefore, it is up to you to monitor how regularly you need to order or update your subscription.

**Jane -
You're the
Greatest!**



As always, our most sincerest gratitude to Jane Elliott for maintaining our web page, adding dogs, up-dating dogs as well as doing home checks. WBHR really appreciates all your help, hard work and dedication. We would be lost without you!

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Special Adoption Opportunity Presents Itself to WBHR

You could say that quick as a flash, Flash joined WBHR from Amarillo, Texas as, within a relatively few days he underwent major surgery, recovery and transportation up to Cheyenne.

Flash was rescued by Gracie's Project by way of a pound in Tulia and then Amarillo where the vets at the Hope Veterinary Clinic removed just under a one pound pedunculated mass from his right hind leg. (see photos below). The owner had been identified thanks to microchipping, but wanted Flash euthanized due to the mass and maggot issues on his back and tail.

Gracie's Project then reached out to WBHR which gladly said "Yes!" and he became part of a 12-dog transport. Kevin O'Hare from Cheyenne picked him up in Castle Rock (a 265-mile roundtrip!) and brought him back to Linda and Danny Griego who are now fostering him.

He has fully recovered, has all his vaccinations and a health certificate and we know everything will pan out for Flash.



Interested in Flash? Please contact Holly Moen per the information on page two.



Gracie's Project

501C3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Helping Gracie's friends
one paw at a time...

Gracie's Project is a 501C3 non-profit organization founded in Amarillo by Loretta and Brandon Tebeest in Amarillo and dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating animals in the Texas Panhandle who would otherwise be at high risk of euthanasia. It provides spay/neuter, shots, vet care, housing, and other necessary essentials until animals are adopted by a forever family. The organization relies solely on community help for volunteers and funding to save and help forgotten animals.

Loretta and Brandon's Story.....

When Gracie was found she was a brand new mommy who was malnourished, alone, and facing euthanasia. She had nine puppies who were only two days old and she and the puppies were out of time. She and her litter were removed from a pound almost 125 miles away and they became the very first fosters. The organization had Gracie for three months to the day and with some love she grew from 40 to 83 pounds!

Everyone fell in love with her immediately and just knew that she would be adopted. However, God had other plans for Gracie. She went in to get spayed and everything seemed to go alright. She went home that night to rest, and dear sweet Gracie passed away that night. Nobody ever understood what happened to make our Gracie leave so unexpectedly. Seven of her puppies were adopted and the other two remained so that a part of Gracie would always be with us.



Anatomy of a Surgery

*Floyd Ventures to
the 'Windy City'*



*Travels
with Floyd*



Spring Foundation Board Minutes

Wednesday, April 29, 2023



On Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. the 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 Elliott and board members Frank Mallon, Michael Ryan, Luke McNeely and Heidi Rasmussen.

Holly reviewed WBHRF's financial status in the Treasurer's Report. The PayPal debit card checking account has a balance of \$5,662.86. The regular checking account's balance is \$1,290.79. The S.A.F.E. savings account has a current balance of \$18,174.29. 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 \$0.27. Holly reported that she was notified the upcoming quarterly deposit from King Soopers would be \$88.08.

In Old Business, Holly stated that she still had 18 of the 2023 calendars left. She plans on taking them to the annual picnic.

In New Business, Holly reported WBHRF had received a \$500 gift card from the Washington Foundation. She went on to explain about the Washington Foundation and how the donation originated as a charity request through their employer from one of our adopting families in Montana. Holly said the gift card would be used to help pay for Piper's heartworm treatment.

Holly gave a brief update on the annual basset picnic. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th at Hugh Smith Park in Cody. She also reported on the results from the semi-annual Facebook silent auction that recently concluded. A total of \$1,125 was received, which included both items sold and additional donations of \$400. Of the total \$450 was from the sale of items donated by BROOD (Basset Rescue of Old Dominion).

Holly reported that two new dogs had come through rescue,; Annie a 16-week old and Hank an 18-month old, both of which went directly into homes on the waiting list. There were two more dogs WBHR was contacted about. The first, Lulu, had lost her owner, but the owner's family decided to keep her. The second was Hot Dog and it was decided he would not be moved up here from Texas.

In the final item of New Business, discussion was held on purchasing tote bags as a fundraiser for WBHR. Holly and Michael presented information on the research they had done on different bags that could be customized with the WBHR logo. Discussion followed on whether to pursue the idea and what size and type of bag would be best. It was decided that Holly would request samples of some of the bags for review and she asked the board to send her their thoughts on what bags they currently use that they most like the size of.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Jane Elliott, Secretary
Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation





WBHR Development Fund

\$1-25

Baxter and Fannie
Robert and Kerstin Bult
Gunder and Carole Hansen
In memory of Newton
In memory of Teton and Sherlock
Jeff and Ashley Lang
Joe Michaels (for Roxi and Molly)

\$26-99

Anonymous - 2
Mike and Teresa Bares Family
Nathan and Thea Bryce
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Pat and Paula McKenzie
Lindsay Musgrave
Jerry and Judy Scheafer

\$100-249

Anonymous - 2
James and Elaine Alsop
Sara Beth and Greg Giddins
Claudine and George Dillman
Sharon Kettle
Patty and Vic Thompson

\$100-249 - Continued

David, Tracey and Kylee Stai and
Tilly and Sadie
Susan Kostenbauer
Roz Cummings
Harley Williams
Janis and Denise Finning

\$250-\$499

Anonymous
In memory of Pookie
Holly and Allen Moen
Constance Ryan-McKenna
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Janette and Larry Richards
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\$500+

Anonymous
Nyal and Susie Q. Walker in
memory of Mrs. Neil Walker
Rocky Mountain Casing Crews
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memory of Maribel

\$500+ - Continued

Shauna Lumbardy
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Pack "A"

Pack "B"



Basset Hound Note Cards

Like to write notes? Well, we've got something just for you! It's a 12-pack of cards featuring some of our inspiring bassetts and their stories. On the front is one of our rescued bassetts, the back highlights their story and the inside is blank.

The cards measure 5.5 inches wide and are 4.25 inches high.

Pack "A" features Nick, Toby, Diamond and Cyndi and Pack "B" highlights Chloe, Hugo, Daisy and Ripley. Each pack has three cards of each basset and are available at \$15 per set which includes shipping.

Iris Folding Greeting Cards

These beautiful cards are decorated with the iris paper folding technique. Each card is blank inside and lined with white card stock. Designs include two basset hounds, two poodles, two cats, a Scottie and a bulldog. The cost of the cards is \$3 each or two for \$5 which includes the mailing envelope. Postage is 75 cents per card.



'Floyd Wear' WBHR Caps Back in Stock!

Thanks to John Minium and Floyd we now have a new supply of official 'Floyd Wear' WBHR baseball caps for the great price of \$25 including postage. Caps are now available in coral, chamois, khaki, periwinkle, tangerine and dusk. As for the cap construction let's just let the manufacturer provide the details: *"This Adams low profile pigment-dyed cap is one of our most popular hats and features six panel construction, 100% cotton material, an adjustable leather back strap with antique brass closure, a pre-curved bill, and Adams exclusive cool-crown mesh."*

'Memoir of an Abandoned Basset Hound'

"Memoir of an Abandoned Basset Hound" was created after the life of Rocky the Rocket basset hound. He was abandoned by his family in Wyoming and after a failed adoption, he was adopted to his forever home in Montana. His master, Jim, simply adores Rocky and Rocky adores Jim! Jim wrote this book about Rocky's antics and adventures through the eyes of Rocky. Rocky's book is available for a donation to WBR (suggested donation - \$3.00) Format: ebook pdf - Length: 199 pages.



.....they light up our lives



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WBHR Decals

Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Decals are 4" tall and 6" wide. They are suitable for placement on outside windows and come with instructions to apply them. \$6.00 each, which includes shipping.

Basset Hound Dog Treat Cookbook

This cookbook is 8½" x 11" in size, with over 40 pages of great treat recipes for your dog! The covers can also be personalized, such as "Toby's Treats" and they can also be made for other breeds, not just basset hounds. The cookbooks are \$20.00 including shipping. Personalized cookbooks are \$23.00 (dog's photo and name). Order well in advance if a gift as they take four-to-six weeks to compile.



Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue T-Shirts

Three adult colors - Grey, Texas Orange and Colonial Blue . Shirts have 'Opt to Adopt' on the front and the WBHR logo on back. It's \$25.75 for sizes Small through X-Large, \$27.75 for 2XL and \$28.75 for 3XL. All prices include postage. *There are no Youth Size T-shirts available.*

Basset Hound Greeting Cards

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 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 cost of the cards, which includes envelopes, is \$1.50 each with an additional \$.50 shipping per card for a total of cost of \$2 each.

'Missing You' Design



Great Gifts for All Basset Lovers!

For questions about any of these items, please email Holly at:
wybassetrescue@gmail.com

WBHR Merchandise
Make Great Gifts

To the following people for all their help since our last newsletter, whether with fostering, transport or placing bassets and bloodhounds



Sara Bree Bedwell, Jane Elliott, Denise and Janis Finning, Gracie's Project, Linda and Danny Griego, Hope Veterinary Clinic, Nadine and Pete Loomis, Bonnie Lusby/BH Dog Training, Melissa Lyon, Frank Mallon, Luke McNeely;

Frank Mallon, Luke McNeely, John Minium and Floyd, Kevin O'Hare, Fay and John Pondish, Heidi Rasmussen, Barb and Dan Roblyer, Michael Ryan, Jerri Sperry, Sally and Edward Vine.

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

Harry S. Truman

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Transportation Assistance
Monetary Donations
Doggie Treats
Veterinary Assistance
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