

Dear Supporters,

The decision has not been an easy one, but Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue Foundation will be dissolving and closed down by the end of 2025/first of 2026. The only way it will not happen is if some unforeseen circumstance occurs to prevent it, such as a merger with another 501(c)(3) rescue or a viable new Executive Director.

Erika Phillips founded WBHR in 1987 and the number of basset and basset mixes rescued over the past 38 years is unknown. WBHR is a smaller basset hound rescue, but our volunteer base has always been very generous! And the volunteers have also been very busy until the more recent years. The folks who keep things running via our web site/Petfinder and quarterly magazine, respectively Jane Gates and Michael Ryan, have still been very busy, despite the lack of adoptable bassets. They're the heart of promoting WBHR and letting people know about us, our available dogs for adoption, our activities, fundraisers and keeping WBHR current with the times for many, many years.

Allen and I took over the "leashes" from Erika in 2005, after we adopted from WBHR in 2000 and volunteered for her for five years. Due to the lack of intakes and lack of new foster homes over the past five years, we've decided to consider various options, including ceasing operation. We can't continue to take donations and do fundraising when we don't have the bassets on which to expend your generous donations. Fortunately for the basset hounds, there have hardly been any requiring rescue in Wyoming, and the bordering states, over the past five years. ***That's wonderful for the dogs!***

In an attempt to increase helping our favorite breed, in 2021 we started taking in bassets and basset mixes from Texas and we scoured Craigslist for bassets being rehomed in Wyoming and the bordering states. There are bassets for 'rehoming' on Craigslist, but the majority of the time, we as a rescue are turned down by those looking to rehome their basset/basset mix. Our offers to help other rescues have also been rejected. We've only been averaging in the single digits for intakes each year since 2021. Thus, with fewer intakes, we've had fewer foster homes and everyone in the foster-based rescue world knows that foster homes are priceless.

For those of you who are a household who have your Kroger Co./King Soopers loyalty card where you've designated WBHR as your charity of choice, please cancel that or switch to another entity.

We *will be* having our annual Basset Lover's Picnic on Saturday, June 21. It will be at the usual location of Hugh Smith Park here in Cody. There will be games, including a costume contest! So if any of you have time and can stop by, we'd love to see you. **Please RSVP via email or text/call me if you can attend, so we have plenty of food on hand.** Our email

is [wymbassetrescue@gmail.com](mailto:wymbassetrescue@gmail.com) and our number is 307-272-8089. If you call and I don't answer (I still have a full-time job), please leave a message and I'll be sure to call you back when I'm off work.

Thank you to all the awesome volunteers over the past 38 years. It takes a village and we couldn't have done what we have, without all of you!

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Executive Director - Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue