

*Waggin' Tales*

*December 2023 - January 2024*

*Merry Christmas!!*

*Happy New Year!!*



Next regular meeting is Sunday, January 14, 2024, noon, at Carol's home, 9007 Tahoe Lane, Boulder, CO. Phone 303-947-6465. Plan on coming for lunch including wine, beer and other things – also homemade apple pie and ice cream for dessert. If the weather is bad, we can reschedule. If interested, we can add a zoom option. Please rsvp to [bristleconebassets@yahoo.com](mailto:bristleconebassets@yahoo.com). Look forward to getting us all together!

The Timberline Christmas get together at Maggiano's was small this year but really fun. We laughed a lot, talked dogs, and had lots of time to visit. Food, service and decorations were great as always.

## Opportunities for Majors at Specialties (Starting July 3, 2024)

A modification to Chapter 16, Section 1 of the [AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#) was approved by the Delegate body at their December meeting. The modification provides all specialty clubs the option for the Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch to earn a three-point major provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five-point major, in the region in which the event is held. Previously this option was only available at a breed's National Specialty. Clubs must opt-out on their event application if they do not want this option available at their specialty show. This option is available for events held on or after July 3, 2024.

Carol has a new cell phone number. Please make a note of it – now 303-947-6465. Land line is still 303-665-9007. Thanks!

**DUES NOTICES  
WILL BE SENT SOON.**



## TBHC nominations for officers and Board members:

President	Betty Gene Pearce
Vice President	Jean Dietrich
Treasurer	Carol Makowski
Secretary	TBD
Board members 2024	Cindy Underhill Marilee Epperson Mishka Killgore

Petition candidates can be accepted through February 10<sup>th</sup> (Article IV, Section 4F:

*Additional nominations may be made before February 10 by written petition to the secretary signed by five members and endorsed by each additional nominee, signifying that person's willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one office. The additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those members who were not nominated by the nominating committee or who declined such nomination as above provided. However, no person who has declined the committee's nomination may be nominated by petition for the same position.*

Committee: Betty Pearce  
Mishka Killgore  
Carol Makowski

## The Basset Hound entry in Orlando last month



## Basset Hound community event in Colorado . . . . . start planning

For several months we've been talking about doing a Basset Hound walk/waddle/parade somewhere in Colorado. Permission has been obtained from the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department to hold this event at City Park this coming summer. But we're open to other suggestions too. We could gather at the band shell and come up with a good route through the park – not too long - ending on Broadway near the Police Station. There would be treats for the dogs, some fun games, contests, meet and greet with other Basset Hound folks.

Looking for a name for this event – Boulder Boulder Basset? Colorado Basset Walk? Long and Low in the Mountains? Send some catchy suggestions! We could get this advertised on radio? TV news? Posters at grocery stores and public places well in advance so people can plan. Advertise the heck out of it. Make it easy and fun for pet people. Maybe we could get a well known local person to judge the costumes. Need some good ideas!

No date yet, but we're thinking June or July and work around dog show weekends.



The Guardian Angel Basset Hound Rescue waddle in Dwight, Illinois



**A celebrity in our club! Meet Della, a certified therapy dog owned and loved by club members Judi and Ken Janiec in Colorado Springs. Della regularly makes rounds at the hospital with Judi. Here is her calling card.**



nose to stop is approximately the length from stop to occiput. The sides are flat and free from cheek bumps. Viewed in profile the top lines of the muzzle and skull are straight and lie in parallel planes, with a moderately defined stop. The skin over the whole of the head is loose, falling in distinct wrinkles over the brow when the head is lowered. A dry head and tight skin are faults. The muzzle is deep, heavy, and free from snipiness. The nose is darkly pigmented, preferably black, with large wide-open nostrils. A deep liver-colored nose conforming to the coloring of the head is permissible but not desirable. The teeth are large, sound, and regular, meeting in either a scissors or an even bite. A bite either overshot or undershot is a serious fault. The lips are darkly pigmented and are pendulous, falling squarely in front and, toward the back, in loose hanging flews. The dewlap is very pronounced. The neck is powerful, of good length, and well arched. The eyes are soft, sad, and slightly sunken, showing a prominent haw, and in color are brown, dark brown preferred. A somewhat lighter-colored eye conforming to the general coloring of the dog is acceptable but not desirable. Very light or protruding eyes are faults. The ears are extremely long, low set, and when drawn forward, fold well over the end of the nose. They are velvety in texture, hanging in loose folds with the ends curling slightly inward. They are set far back on the head at the base of the skull and, in repose, appear to be set on the neck. A high set or flat ear is a serious fault.



An excerpt from the official AKC Basset Hound standard:

General Appearance:

The Basset Hound possesses in marked degree those characteristics which equip it admirably to follow a trail over and through difficult terrain. It is a short-legged dog, heavier in bone, size considered, than any other breed of dog, and while its movement is deliberate, it is in no sense clumsy. In temperament it is mild, never sharp or timid. It is capable of great endurance in the field and is extreme in its devotion.

Head:

The head is large and well proportioned. Its length from occiput to muzzle is greater than the width at the brow. In overall appearance the head is of medium width. The skull is well domed, showing a pronounced occipital protuberance. A broad flat skull is a fault. The length from



**Before the pyramids were built  
before stonehenge, the roman empire  
easter island, before all known human history  
a family laid their dog to rest an put toys with it**