

The April regular meeting will be held in person on Sunday, April 30th at Red Lobster Restaurant, Northfield Shopping Center, 1 pm. Hope you can come! Please RSVP to bristleconeassets@yahoo.com.

An application for membership has been received from Marc Serravezza, Littleton, Colorado. Marc has been helping the club for years laying track at our tracking tests and stewarding at our obedience trials. He's interested in obedience, field trials and tracking. Sponsored by Betty Pearce and Carol Makowski. Since we've known Marc for such a long while, and have gotten to know him at our events, I don't know that he needs to attend the 2 meetings to be voted into the club. Since we'll have a quorum next Sunday, let's plan to vote him into the club this month.

DUES

Please pay your dues if you haven't already done so. Mail to Carol Makowski, 9007 Tahoe Lane, Boulder, CO 80301. Thanks.



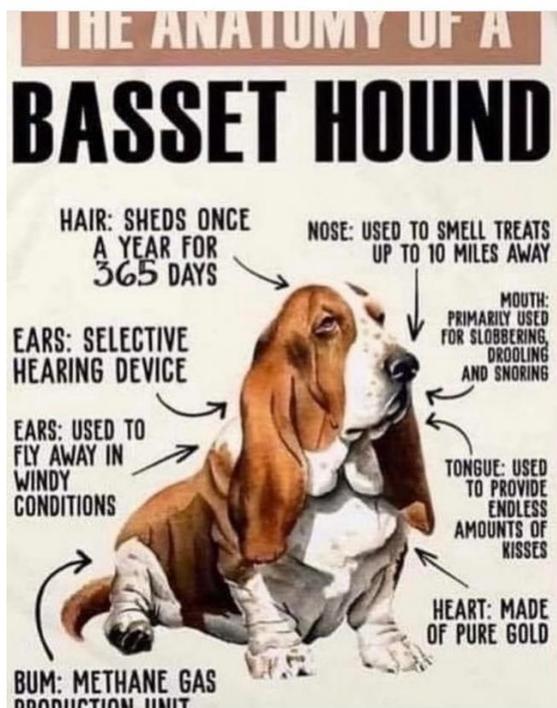
Future Events and Activities

May 19-20-21 TBHC All Breed Obedience and Rally trials, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont
July TBD TBHC annual picnic
Sept 8 TBHC specialty, Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO

Officers and Board members for the coming year:

President; Mishka Killgore
Vioe-Pres: Jeanne Dietrich
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Carol Makowski

Board member through 2025:
Cindy Underhill
Board member through 2024:
Marilee Epperson



JUDGE NOMINATIONS FOR 2024

It's once again time to submit your judge nominations for the 2024 specialty in Greeley, first weekend in September - regular classes for both shows, and sweepstakes for one show. **Voting will take place in May. Always nice to have several to choose from.**

SWEEPSTAKES

Samantha Fox

REGULAR CLASSES

Celeste Gonzalez
Johan Becerra
Hernandez
Sylvie McGee
Mimi Tysseling
Richard Nance

About each nominee

I nominate **Samantha Fox** to judge our sweepstakes next year. Samantha and her husband Ben Marley are active in field trialing and Sam has expressed interest in judging conformation. She's done some sweeps on the west coast and has traveled there at her own expense. Sam is a sociology professor at Ohio Wesleyan and is personable and serious about the Basset Hound. Doing our sweepstakes would be a good learning experience for Samantha, we'd be helping a fellow Basset Hound person get started and she'd do a good, honest job.

Carol Makowski

I also nominate **Celeste Gonzalez** for regular classes at our specialty in 2024. Celeste has been around the Basset community for quite awhile and judges the entire hound group. The all breed club may have already selected their judges for 2024 but Celeste could be their backup for hounds. She knows all aspects of the Basset Hound very well and is known for being direct and decisive in her judging. She is especially focused on scent hounds, She would do a good job on our Timberline Bassets.

Carol Makowski

Also nominating **Dr. Johan Becerra Hernandez** for regular classes. Johan is a Basset breeder and also a veterinarian who lives in Florida. He judges not only all hounds but all breeds. He is actively breeding and showing. Johan judged Best of Breed at our Nationals in Colorado. You rarely see him without a big smile and win or lose, he's a fun judge to show under. Being licensed for all breeds also makes him very marketable to the all breed clubs. If he's available he'd be a good choice for our specialty.

Carol Makowski

I'd like to again nominate **Sylvie McGee** as she does the entire hound group, Anatolians, Boxers, Dobses, Danes, St. Bernards and Juniors. She could definitely be part of the all-breed judging panel that same weekend.

Jeanne Dietrich

I would also nominate **Mimi Tysseling** as she is close by in Arizona. Also judges pointers, dachshunds, PBGVs and Junior. Again, could be added to the all-breed panel.

Jeanne Dietrich

Richard Nance also judges most of the hound group and Juniors.

Jeanne Dietrich





Who is interested in being on a committee to organize a Boulder Basset Hound Walk/Waddle/Picnic in Boulder City Park this summer?

Preliminary permission has been obtained from the director of Parks and Recreation. Boulder thinks it's a great idea. We'd need to do some advertising, obtain mailing lists, plan logistics - where to start, where to stop, where to stage, timing, scheduling, etc. Also some games and contests for the Bassets with prizes - maybe a dress parade (shades of Libby Sallada). We could invite High Country and All Ears Rescues to join us and make it a big Basset Hound Bash.

There are a lot of Basset Hound owners out there who don't even know we have a club. Let the officers and board members know if you'd like to participate in the planning. Thank you!



The Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) Establishes Government Mandates That:

Prohibit the breeding of a female dog:

Unless pre-screened by a veterinarian. No specific details are provided on what the screening would involve or who would make these decisions.

- Based arbitrarily on the age and size of the dog.
- If it would produce more than two litters in an 18-month period.

Additional arbitrary requirements include but are not limited to:

- Mandates “unfettered access” from dogs’ primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it “allows dogs to extend to full stride”. This would create a potentially dangerous environment for multiple dogs that do not get along, accidental breedings, other poor animal management practices, etc.
- Mandated annual dental exams.
- Mandated indoor space sufficient to allow the tallest dog in an enclosure to stand on his or her hind legs without touching the roof of the enclosure. For family dogs that live in their owner’s homes, a primary enclosure may be considered the dog’s sleeping crate.
- Prohibition on the keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or that must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.
- Completely solid flooring, despite scientific recognition that multiple types of high-quality flooring, including engineered slatted flooring, is beneficial in certain types of kennels and with certain breeds.



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

This week, animal rights/ “protection” groups are actively lobbying Congress to restrict and limit the activities of dog breeders. They are making unsupported claims that there are “tens of thousands of puppy mills” in the United States, and asking members of Congress to advance arbitrary, one-size-fits-all mandates that could require small hobby breeders to place their dogs in industrial, commercial-style kennels and undermine quality breed-based care. Though labeled as commercial breeding regulations, the one-size-fits-all requirements also apply to some small hobby breeders.

Your action is urgently needed to stop the animal-rights supported Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) and Goldies Act (H.R. 1788).

Why This is a Problem

While some portions of the measures include reasonable *generalized* guidelines for canine care, **arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates.** One-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs, or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that permit expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding. Arbitrary restrictions can be expensive and undermine small hobby breeding programs because of an overly-broad definition of “breeding female” that impacts who is subject to federal requirements.