



Waggin' Tales, December 2024

The official newsletter of the Timberline Basset Hound Club



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Please join us for the first Timberline Basset Hound Club meeting of 2025 on January 12, 1:00 pm via Zoom. Here is the link:

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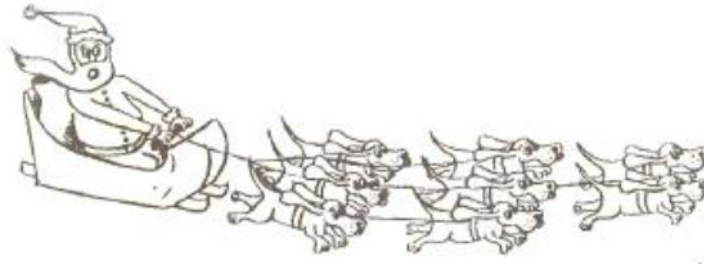
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Timberline members and friends had a great time at the December 15th luncheon at Maggiano's - a nice gathering of 18, interesting, original gift items, lots of good Basset Hound conversation, delicious food, warm surroundings decorated for Christmas, and good service. Suggestion was to try to reserve a private room next year if available and not too costly so everyone could move around and spend more time visiting. Will be looking into that. If you missed it, you missed a good one.





REINDEER ON STRIKE

*Christmas was scarcely one week away,
On strike, Santa's reindeer went for more hay.
"Meet our demands or Christmas is lost.
We don't really care how much it will cost."
Said Santa, "I won't give in to that threat.
I'll bring in replacements on that you can bet."*

*For sleigh pullers he searched as he made his rounds.
But all he could find were eight Basset Hounds.
I'll teach them to run, I'll teach them to fly.
They can't trip on their ears when they're up in the sky.*

*In the first few long days Santa worked with his team
It all seemed to him like a very bad dream.
He shook his grey head as he sat down to brood
"How can I teach them MUSH! doesn't mean FOOD?"*

*Things improved as he tried a sneaky new trick
He put a huge doggy biscuit on a very long stick.
"A shovel I'll need, they're so long and so low,
They may very well get high centered in snow."*

*Verbal commands they practiced in flight.
"Haw" to the left and "Gee" to the right.
Before Christmas Eve he said, as he dressed,
"To look at their eyes just makes me depressed."*

*But my spirits are lifted and I knew we won't fail,
When I see each one of them wagging his tail.
The first landing on a rooftop was a real dandy.
"This pooper scooper I brought will sure come in handy."*

*As he went down the chimney, Santa he begs,
"I'll be just a minute, please don't cock your legs."
Before it was over Santa's nerves were a-fraying.
From incessant howling and deep-throated baying.*

*Folks all 'round the
Wondering what on earth was outbreaking.
When Santa came home, he sat on a stool,
His head was all frozen and covered with drool*

*Dog-tired, he said "I'll sleep for a week.
Then a better rapport with my reindeer I'll seek."
Now when you see a Basset at work or at play,
Remember the time that they saved Christmas Day.*

*At times they're unruly and for food they are hogs,
But they forever remain the most faithful of dogs.*

written by Eric Golbeck,
Illustrated
by DWN Goldbeck Johnson

VOTING ON NEW MEMBERS

An application for membership has been received from John and Susan Arigoni, 876 S. Franklin St., Denver, CO. They are interested in obedience, field and tracking and have had a Basset for 11 years. Now have 9 month old puppy Bella. Their second meeting was the Christmas luncheon.

Ryan and Caroline Miller's second meeting was also the Christmas luncheon and both will have been published in Waggin' Tales before the January meeting.

We'll be voting on these at the January meeting.

An Animal Rights Poem from All-Creatures.org

Christmas Returns By Pam Posey-Tanzev

Santa comes quietly long before dawn
While shops are still busy and lights are still on
While dinners are cooking and kitchens are warm
And children count presents they'll open by morn.

He slips past the trees in windows aglow
Through the gate to the backyard
As icy winds blow
To find the pup he brought last year
Chained up in the snow
And, kneeling, he whispers,
"Are you ready to go?"

There are too many stops like this one tonight
Before the beginning of his regular flight
He leaves not a note or footprint in sight
Just an unbuckled collar
On a cold Christmas Eve night.....

Winner of the Maxwell Award for excellence in Poetry in
1998 from the Dog Writers Association of America...



Christmas Returns is a poem I wrote in 1997 and I illustrated it for the Southern California Dog Magazine that year. It was nominated by the Dog Writer's Association 1998 writing competition and in 1999 I won the MAXWELL award for it, traveling to NYC to accept it at their beautiful award event the night before Westminster Kennel Club dog show, which I got to attend. It was so exciting I thought I would share. I am still so proud of it.

Pam Tanzev, Artist

One of Pam's illustrations



NOVEMBER BRAGS



- Judi Luca now has ridden not only in their SUV but also in their VW Beetle convertible.
- Carol Pow Wow/Brie puppy Sunshine who went back east to Claudia Orlandi placed 3rd In her first field trial in a class of 16 at 9 months of age behind 2 seasoned, experienced field bitches.
- Jean Stevie achieved her Grand Champion Bronze at Cheyenne dog shows in October.
- Early got his second major at the Cheyenne dog show with Elisa Parenti handling him.
- Kim Flame took BOB, 3 owner handler group placements and a Group 1 at Sioux Falls, SD show.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 12 Regular meeting by Zoom, Timberline Basset Hound Club
- Feb 16-18 Colorado Kennel Club shows, National Western, Denver
- April 4-6 Terry All Kennel club shows, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton
- May 16-18 Timberline Basset HC all breed obedience/rally trials, Longmont
- June 6-8 Flatirons Kennel Club shows, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont
- Sept 5 Timberline Basset HC specialties, Island Grove Park, Greeley

