



# We Need a Name!

Monthly Newsletter of Utah Friends of Basset Hounds

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*Woolfles of Wisdom and other Fun Stuff*

## What's New?

We need a name for our newsletter!

The UFBH Board has decided to make this a combination fundraiser and competition! Here's how it will work...

For every newsletter name you would like to submit, include a donation of \$1. You can make as many suggestions as you would like, as there are no limits on the number of names you may submit.

Go to [www.utahbassethoundrescue.com](http://www.utahbassethoundrescue.com) and use the PayPal link to submit your donation. Write your suggested name(s) for the newsletter in the Notes section of PayPal. Remember only one name per \$1.

## Basset of the Month

Ben is a sweet, sweet boy. He was one of the two bassets abandoned in Tooele when his family divorced. Ben is around 13-14 years old. UFBH thought they had found Ben and his friend Jerry a



great new home. However, it was not meant to be. The resident Newfoundland took a disliking to Ben and began to bully him. Poor Ben was terrified.

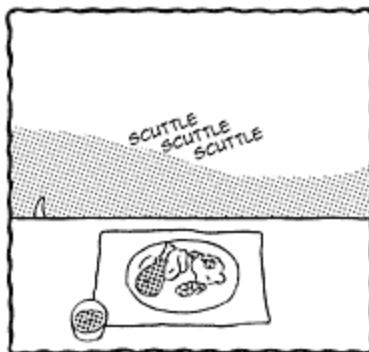
Ben is currently in a new foster home and just received the dental work that UFBH could not put off any longer. His teeth were in such bad shape that they were affecting his ears, eyes, and nose. Overall, Ben lost 20 teeth!

If you are interested in helping UFBH pay for Ben's dental work, please go to our website and using PayPal, sign up to be one of Ben's virtual fosters.

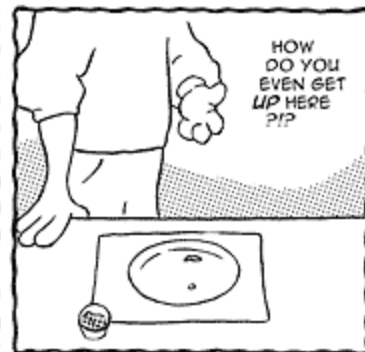
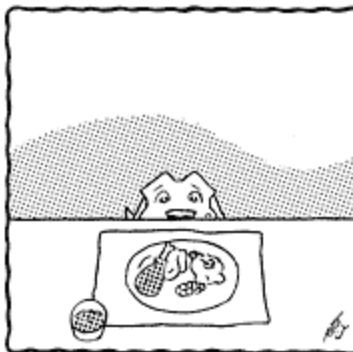
# BASSETVILLE™

Episode date:  
Friday Jan. 9, 2004

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## Special Thanks

UFBH would like to thank Lead Me On Dog Training for their assistance with Beauford and the generous donation of collars and leashes.



## We Found Forever Homes

### Beauford T. Justice

Beauford found a great new home with Gill & Lori Dutson. He rode home in high style in the front seat of the family Cadillac. His new home has a huge basset window seat AND a new basset brother. Needless to say, this cutie pie will be spoiled rotten in no time!



### Daisy Mae

Daisy Mae went home with Tina, Steve, and Adam Persels. She's has already begun their basset slave training. When the Persels would not feed her from their dinner plates, she went to her blanket, turned her back on them and sulked! UFBH has encouraged the Persels' to be strong and not to give in to the infamous "Look!"



## Website of the Month



Subscribe to the digest list, vote for Basset of the Week, and much, much more.

## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

When I first started down this path, all I really wanted to accomplish was a Basset Party. Little did I know what would evolve out of that desire!

I have been overwhelmed and impressed with the care and effort our membership has put forth to help UFBH rescue our beloved breed. I am enormously humbled and honored at the faith people have put in me to lead UFBH on.

I wanted to take a moment to ask for your help with what I think to be a very important issue: communication between us as a group. Collectively, UFBH members are a wonderful resource for those people who adopt from UFBH. Our basset hound experience enables us to help answer questions about behavior, health, and exercise requirements, among many others, from those people who are new to the breed. It is my hope that one day in the future, we will have an online forum set up for the sharing of experiences and stories. Until then, if you have questions, funny anecdotes or important information you would like to share, email it to me at [utahbass@utahbassethoundrescue.com](mailto:utahbass@utahbassethoundrescue.com). I will forward it on to the rest of our group.

I love to hear about everyone's basset hounds and I am sure I am not alone in this. Our new members who have adopted from us will surely appreciate a venue to express their concerns, ask questions about their new companion, or simply share in our enthusiasm for the breed.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Kleinschmidt  
President, Intake Coordinator

## UFBH Mini-Mart

Utah Friends of Basset Hounds T-shirts—\$12  
Sizes—S, M, L



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- Tally-Ho! Keep Your Basset Busy With Competitive Field Events
- Follow Our Expert Health Tips on Treating Itchy Skin, Ear Care & Fitness
- And much more...



We are off and running for the First Annual Wasatch Waddle to be held in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Day Parade (March 13, 2004)!

We need volunteers in the following areas:

- Registration
- Food Prep for the Pawty afterwards
- Welcome committee for out-of-town guests
- Set-up for everything
- Volunteer photographers/videographers for the event
- Plus More...

Email [waddle@utahbassethoundrescue.com](mailto:waddle@utahbassethoundrescue.com)

## **Veterinary Notes**

Courtesy of Dr. Lynn McCarron, DVM, University Pet Clinic

### **January is Pet Dental Awareness Month**

#### Home Dental Care for Your Pet

Regular care of your pet's teeth at home is very important in your pet's overall health. Statistics show that almost 85% of dogs and cats over four years old have some dental disease. Dental disease can lead to poor eating, pain, abscessed teeth, and chronic infections that can create heart and kidney disease. Having your pet's teeth cleaned professionally on a regular basis will help minimize the dental disease, but home care can prevent 90% of dental disease, and significantly reduce the frequency of professional care.

There are many different products available that can really help your pet's mouth, even for those owners who have limited time or for those pets that will not allow their mouth to be handled easily.

Fluoride has several benefits for certain pets. It decreases the sensitivity of teeth, especially those with enamel disease or exposed roots. It helps reduce the amount of bacteria in the gums. And it decreases the cells that destroy enamel in cats with tooth neck lesions. The 0.4% gel can be applied as often as daily to affected teeth as directed by your veterinarian.

- Pet Gel Fluoride Treatment: a gel, which can be applied with a cotton swab to the gums of sensitive teeth, those with exposed roots, or enamel defects. Can be applied as often as daily.
- Chlorhexidine has a great importance in dental care by decreasing the bacteria that cause plaque. It can be applied in a rinse, spray, gel, oral patches, or in treats. Daily use especially with significant gum disease will greatly improve dental health.

Products, which contain chlorhexidine, are listed below.

- Nolvadent Spray – a pleasant tasting chlorhexidine solution that can be sprayed as often as daily on your pets gums.
- Oral Guard Gel – a flavorless chlorhexidine gel, which may be applied to your pets', gums with a finger or cotton swab, as often as daily.
- Stomadhex Oral Patches: these tiny tablets adhere to the gum overlying the teeth, and slowly release chlorhexidine into the mouth. They are easy to apply, and are often recommended for one week following a professional cleaning. A patch is often applied after professional cleaning at University Pet Clinic.

Toothbrush and toothpaste: Daily brushing is the most important thing you can do for your pet's teeth. Even weekly brushing has benefits, so do it as often as you can.

1. Begin by getting your pet used to having something inside their mouth. Gently hold their muzzle closed to prevent them from chewing, and rub your finger (covered with a soft cloth if you prefer) along the outside of their teeth. The inside of the teeth is less important, and harder to do.
2. As they become used to this, add some pet toothpaste to the cloth. Pet toothpaste has flavors that appeal to dogs and cats, and are designed to be swallowed, unlike human toothpaste.
3. The switch to a toothbrush or finger brush can be done as soon as you feel your pet is ready. Cats may even benefit from licking the toothpaste from your finger if they will not let you handle their mouth.
4. Take your time and be patient, and use positive reinforcement (praise and rewards). Tooth brushing should mean good things to your pet, your attention, tasty toothpaste, and a reward.

#### Other Dental Products:

- CET chews for dogs: rawhide strips that have either an enzymatic toothpaste or chlorhexidine in them. Given several times weekly, they are a pleasant treat for dogs that like rawhides, and are great for their teeth and gums.
- CET chews for cats: treats with a great taste. They have a gelatin coating that contains enzymes that fight plaque-forming bacteria, and sticks to the teeth for longer effectiveness.
- Hill's T/D diet: a kibble composed of large biscuits, which help remove tartar and prevent further build-up. It is designed as a maintenance diet or can be given as a handful daily. It does contain more calories than some foods, and regular food may need to be decreased to prevent weight gain.
- **Other dental care products** – such as Pedigree dental bones, rawhides, or Greenies are also beneficial in gum massage and reduction in plaque.
- **Chew Toys**: most chew toys provide some benefit in removing plaque from the teeth. Try to avoid toys that are abrasive as they can wear down the teeth. Very hard toys or bones can actually break teeth in some dogs. Nylon ropes can actually act as floss.