



# ROLLING BONE

Bimonthly Newsletter of Utah Friends of Basset Hounds

March/April 2004

*Woolles of Wisdom and other Fun Stuff*

## What's New This Month

### We have a winner!

Thank you to Tommy and Helen Martin for the wonderful newsletter name suggestion. Happily, they won by default because theirs was the only suggestion we received!

Keep your eyes peeled for their bassets, Rosie and TJ, and their dachshunds, Daisy and Pete, on the "cover of the Rolling Bone!"

## Basset of the Month

### Abbie

Abbie is the foster basset that's been with UFBH for the longest. She's probably also one of the very sweetest. She follows her foster



Dad EVERYWHERE when he's at home. At some point in her life, she has had many litters because the skin on her tummy drags the floor. Abbie was treated surgically for bladder stones before coming into our care. She is on a special diet to help prevent more bladder stones from forming. At this point, we figure she's going to be another one of our Permanent Fosters.

## Include Your Pets in Fire Safety Programs

Pets belong in your fire safety program. Install smoke detectors and plan your family's (including your pets') safe evacuation in advance. Remember your pets' usual hiding and sleeping places. During a fire, they'll be terrified, and are likely to hide in their favorite retreats.

If possible, escort your pets to safety on leashes, or in crates or cages. In an emergency, a cat can be safely carried inside a pillowcase. Obedience-trained dogs will be more likely to cooperate with their owner during the evacuation and ensuing chaos.

Include some of your pets' food in your family's emergency kit. Pets' health records should also be included, as a boarding kennel will require these documents.

Always identify your pets with collars and current license tags and vaccination tags. Proper identification is crucial if pets and owners are separated during or after the fire.

Take your animals to the veterinarian as soon as possible. Pets can suffer from serious smoke inhalation in a matter of minutes, and may also have burns underneath their fur or feathers.

Provided by the American Humane Association

## Fred Basset



## *We Found Forever Homes*

### **Josie**

Josie never even made it to the website! It didn't take her long to have her foster grand-parents wrapped around her basset paw! Richard and Susan Partain adopted her the minute she became available. Josie makes an adorable warbling sound when she's excited.



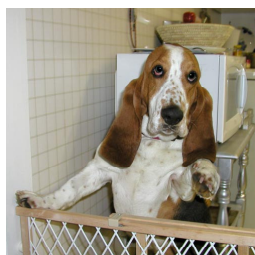
### **TJ**

TJ never made it to the website either. In fact, the day he arrived at his foster home, his future Dad said, "He's not going on the website!" TJ is a very affectionate basset who lives for snuggles with his Daddy. Congratulations to the Martins on their newest! family member!



### **Newman**

Newman found a home with the Nielson family up in Millville, UT. He now has four canine siblings and four human family members. Since arriving at his new house, Newman's tail has not stopped wagging. His new family say It is as if he has always been there!



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## *Basset Bills*

UFBH has spent the following amounts of money on each basset so far. In the May-June newsletter, I'll only post totals for those bassets still adoptable.

Abigail	\$283.95
Beauford T. Justice	\$95
Ben	\$342.64
Jerry	\$107.32
Abbie	\$51.52
Bethany/Say Dee	\$333.94
Daisy Mae	\$152.24
George/Boomer	\$64
Josie	\$243.29
Mick	\$178.40
Princess of the Dawn	\$232.04
TJ	\$181.68
Bogart	\$0
Newman	\$40
Rosie	\$91.78

## *Cookie Corner*

### **Wasatch Waddle Basset Biscuits** (AKA Veggie-bites)

A very healthy choice for your four legged friends.

3 ½ cups whole wheat flour  
½ cup cornmeal  
½ cup diced celery  
1/8 cup diced red bell pepper (optional)  
½ cup shredded carrots  
½ cup unsalted sunflower seeds  
1 ¼ cup water  
3 tbs corn oil  
Wasatch Waddle green food coloring, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix water and oil (and optional green food coloring; to desired shade of green). Add flour, cornmeal, vegetables and sunflower seeds. Knead dough for 2-3 minutes and roll to ¼" thick. Cut dough into favorite shapes (Linzee & Gracie like them best when I use a bone-shaped cookie cutter). Bake on un-greased cookie sheet for 30 minutes, or until light brown on bottom.

Recipe provided by Peggy Chudd

## *We Found Forever Homes, continued...*

### **George**

First, his foster mom changed his name to Boomer and then she gave him a last name, too! How lucky can one hound hound get? Four years old and he finally has a forever home. Boomer was with Gina Fisher less than a week, when she fell in love with him. His life is great today and he shows his Mom with kisses every chance he gets.



### **Bethany**

Bethany, now known as Say Dee, found a new home with Wendy, Brandon, and Jake Wilkins. After an evening of pacing, Say Dee settled in quite nicely. She's proven to be a wonderful first basset friend for a young boy! She even visited Jake's class at school.



## *Out with the old...in with the new!*

Members Email Digest List...  
...is no more! There were multiple complaints about the amount of email it generated, so the address was discontinued as a digest list. However, you will still receive occasional announcements via this address. These announcements will be regarding important news or events that UFBH wants to share with you.



Our Bulletin Board is now up and running. This should effectively replace the digest list. Please log in to the Members Login area and click on the link to the Bulletin Board. From there, all you need to do is set up an account!

## *Lessons from Princess*

"Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of Late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard." - Dave Barry

Unless your basset has an extremely reliable recall...PLEASE keep them on a leash when out in public. We even require this of those who adopt from us.

## *Letter from the President*

Dear Friends,

The first annual Wasatch Waddle was a great success. It was very exciting to be able to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The publicity will certainly pay off in the future. Overall, we netted \$1800! This is very exciting! Many of the other basset rescue groups came nowhere near this amount on their first waddle event. Great big thanks to everyone for all the hard work getting those pledges!

Spring has sprung and summer is on it's way. I want to remind folks that this is heartworm season. For my basset, Annabelle, this means heartworm preventative commences on May 1<sup>st</sup>! Please make sure you've prepared for the upcoming season, as heartworm is a horrible disease that is very easy to prevent.

You'll notice that the newsletter has become a bimonthly newsletter. The workload for creating the newsletter along with all my other rescue responsibilities, a 40-hour a week job, and taking care of myself and my family, has made it virtually impossible to get a monthly newsletter together. I'm hoping folks won't be too disappointed. I think with the pawties and the newsletter, we manage to keep things fun and exciting. Please let me (or anyone else on the board, for that matter) know if you have ideas for future events or articles for the newsletter.

Once again, we are in begging mode...we are still desperate for foster homes. Several of you open your home and heart every time we ask. We are grateful! I also know that there are those who are not able to foster at all, for reasons beyond your control. Today, I would like to hear from the rest of you. What would make fostering more desirable? How could we go about enticing new volunteers?

Cordially,  
Jennifer

## Save the Date

**Bassets de Mayo Pawty**

May 1, 2004

and...

**Spring Garage Sale**

June 5, 2004

Watch for email announcements for details on all events! We'll also have more info on our website.

**Strut Your Mutt**

May 15, 2004

## Local Shopping...

We'd like to encourage you to visit the basset-friendly folks at **Dog's Meow**. (A member, Marge Thomas, works there!)

They have two locations:

Draper  
12215 S 900 E

or...

Salt Lake City  
2045 E 3300 South

## Veterinary Notes

*Courtesy of University Pet Clinic*

### CANINE HEARTWORM DISEASE

Heartworm Prevention for Dogs Starts Now

Heartworm disease (dirofilariasis) is a serious and potentially fatal disease in dogs. It is caused by a parasite that lives in the dog's heart. **Infected mosquitoes transmit the disease** by passing microscopic immature worms into a dog during a bite. The young worms grow to maturity within 5 to 6 months, and move into the heart and blood vessels of the lungs. The presence of the worms interferes with the heart's ability to pump blood to the rest of the body. Consequently, the heart and lungs fail to function properly and the dog becomes very sick. **It can take a number of years before dogs show outward signs of infection.** Often, by the time signs appear, they are those of heart failure, indicating permanent damage to the heart has occurred.

Heartworm disease is present in Utah. **Mosquitoes can bite any dog, even those who spend much of their time indoors.** Therefore, we recommend a preventive medication for all dogs during the mosquito season (usually May through December). A monthly chewable tablet or a single injection (if given after May 15<sup>th</sup>) will protect your dog from heartworm disease.

Because infection evolves over a long period, we recommend that your pet be tested annually for heartworm disease. **Treatment is much more successful and easier on your pet if provided early in the course of the disease.** The American Veterinary Medical Association, the Utah Veterinary Medical Association and the manufacturers of heartworm preventions all recommend that dogs be tested each spring prior to beginning medication.

### Lifecycle of Heartworm

