

BARNI AT DAPHNEYLAND

October 2, 2009



Photo of one of the military boys reunion on 9/11/09. "Some days rescue does come full circle"

Note from the past president. A tale of life and a family's travels.

As many of you know my wife Amy and I recently had a beautiful daughter Isabella. Life leads each of us in our own directions. Ours lead us to the east coast closer to family, where we could raise Isabella with the support and love of family she deserves. Not a easy decision for one so rooted on the west coast both personal, and business. This decision did not come easy to either Amy or myself.

The relocation would no doubt hinder my ability to steer the organization in the correct direction. So I have stepped down as president, but not away from BaRNI. I will still be on the board

as past president to support and assist the organization in any way I possibly can. And of course I will still be running the website with my new partner in crime Amy Archambault.

Many of you have become close friends and I cherish the time that I have had and the honor of the time spent. I will miss being able to see everyone as often as we once did, and the many conversations we have shared. I look forward to seeing everyone at the events we can make it to California to attend. Which i'm hoping is more frequently then not as I will miss the time spent

with all of the hounds up at Daphneyland.

Although this is far from a goodbye, I still would like to thank each and every one whom helped over the past two years in keeping our mission alive and moving forward. With out the support, time, and love that everyone has shared we would not have been able to keep moving forward. Lets keep the mission, and dreams of BaRNI growing ever stronger each year as we continue to care and rescue the furkids.

Forever Grateful,
Lance Wolbransky

Ranch Ramblings News around the ranch.

As we go to print, many things have delayed this printing time and time again - Our year started with a Blizzard and buppies, and Big Sunday and HoeDown was upon us before we knew it. Spring rolled around and along with it, economic crisis and homeless hounds galore. The Kiss Pups started the summer then as Summer drew to its close - the Station Fire burned from La Canada to Acton and many points beyond. How can it be picnic time already?

This year has been a whirlwind, and through it all the love and goodwill of our basset lovers worldwide continue to help us get through every single day. 2009 has seen so many new faces, new adopters and new networkers, and very long standing faces as well. BaRNI is approaching its 4th year since inception, and we celebrate the many lives we have been able to save! Despite a poor economy and the decrease that has had in donations, we were able to expand our emergency preparedness and with the help of www.basicneedsfoundation.org and petfinder.com we acquired -2- new generators as well as the donation of a portable generator from the Huddleson Home! Our new yards were completed and we planted 27 new trees this year with the help of basicneedsfoundation.org and Best Friends Brigade. Animal Planet featured the hounds on Groomer Has it, Cesar Millan wrote of the hounds in his book and audio release. Janis Weatherby wrote a children's book to benefit the hounds at Daphneyland, and Tim Murphy released Champion Sleeper with a dedication to



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the hounds! With all these wonderful people helping rescue - it is not surprising that adoptions continued and saving the lives of homeless bassets is at the forefront of it all.

As we head into our 5th year, the board of directors of BaRNI have decided to continue to grow, and with that vision and teamwork we will help clear up so much confusion that has been out there!! We will now be combining BaRNI and Daphneyland's missions, and will commonly be known as BaRNI at Daphneyland! Our goal is to be able to increase our fundraising and grant writing capabilities so that the hounds are always put first and foremost. We have so much opportunity here at the ranch location of Daphneyland, that it will be wonderful to be able to operate it all under one organization!

Upcoming plans include formation of an Advisory Committee, Committee volunteers and plenty of community

outreach programs. If you would like to help the hounds - now is a perfect time to drop a note and let us know what your interests may be! A Belly Rub Ball is being planned for February and will be located in Oxnard, CA! Sign up for this fun event!

As we head into 2010 we have so many things to be thankful for - most of all we have to thank you - our donors. The hounds still call Daphneyland home and that would not be possible without all of your support!

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Dawn (of the West) Smith



Wow-wow is hound acclimating the kitties



Kittens Invade Daphneyland Kitty wrangling at the ranch.

During our annual property clearance to prepare for the summer season in the mountains of California, one of our weed whacking team, Danny Queenen suddenly gave a shout. Kittens!! Now what are a litter of kittens doing hiding under debris? A feral kitty obviously stashed them there!

The Kitty Wrangling was on. By employing ingenuity, the assistance of Danny Queenen, Jordyn Queenen, Sherry Simek, Linda Rios and Dawn Smith, 5 kittens were found. These kittens are being handled and acclimated and are awaiting spay & neuter and will then be looking for wonderful forever adoption homes. From weeds to wonder. Wow-wow is hound acclimating the kitties - good with hounds these kittens are certainly treasures!

Events - The Lifting of the Rainbow Bridge Veil Midnight at the ranch.

Most if not all of our readers will be familiar with The Rainbow Bridge, the animal lovers version of doggy afterlife. The legend continues that on two nights of the year, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve; the veil between the rainbow bridge and earth is lifted and communication with our loved ones is possible at midnight. It has become tradition at Daphneyland, to participate in this legend, and here is how we do it. On 12/24 and 12/31 volunteers are invited to join us at the ranch for our regular feeding of the hounds, followed by a lite pot luck supper for humans and guests. At 11:30 humans release the hounds for a midnight ranch run (weather permitting) wherein we place bells on all the hounds collars for the run. As we go to print, we are at 90 hounds on the ranch, about 60 of which will be freely roaming for the bridge vigil. The others will be in several yards on the property at the same time. As midnight approaches we shall all take a moment to speak to our loved ones amid the jingling of hound bells. Hounds are then brought back into their beds where we hand out whatever special treats have been donated for the Holidays and sing carol's to get them all to sleep. Christmas morning finds us handing out newly donated

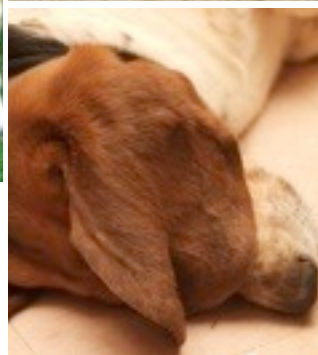


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toys and sneaking special treats to the hounds throughout the day. New Years Eve the same tradition occurs, however all new bedding donated over the Holidays is brought out so that the hounds awake to a New Year with new blankies and cookies as the promise of better things to come. If you would like to join us on either of these nights, please reserve your spots, if you have other plans but would like to have your hound remembered, let us know. If you would like to donate items to the hounds for these events, a partial

listing of items needed is as follows:
 New Blankies *Kirkland Dog Biscuits* *Plush dog toys* *Collars*
 A very wonderful secondary part of these evenings, are the neighboring properties children, awakened to the jingling of 100 hounds at midnight. No matter what your Holiday plans, please take a moment at these times to remember your furkids who have gone before us. Their pawprints are forever on our hearts.



Events - THE 55th ANNUAL BASSET HOUND CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PICNIC This years theme "Mardi Gras"

Raffles: 50/50 and Basset Items
 Vendors: Basset/Dog Items
 Hot Dog lunch with chips & soda: \$5 Regular Dog or \$6 for Big Dog! 80% of the Club's net proceeds will be donated to local Basset Hound rescue organizations to save and find adoptive homes for the hounds. 20% will be used by the Club in its efforts to educate the public in responsible dog ownership and the characteristics of the Basset Hound breed.

Visit <http://www.bhsc.com> for more information.

Sunday, October 18, 2009
 ARCADIA PARK
 Santa Anita Ave. & Huntington Dr.
 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
 Registration for contests - 9:15 am

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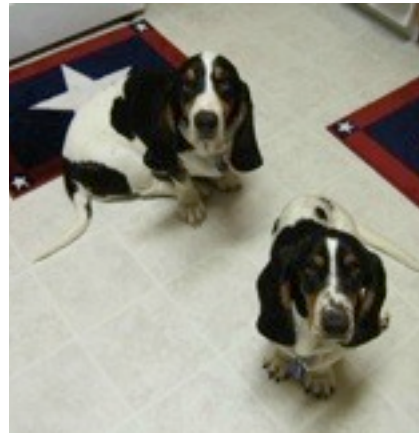
"Our adoptive hounds adjust very well - to your couch."
Duke Ellington - Buffalo NY

Duke makes it safely to Buffalo NY

Our adorable Duke flew off from LAX on Friday to his forever home with Don & Shelly Gordon in Buffalo NY - it's always hard when one of our hounds finds a fabulous family who are a distance from Daphneyland - as we know we may never get to cuddle that hound - see them at fundraisers or events, visit with them..... but the joy of seeing updated photos of that hound being worshipped as hounds are truly meant to be - is reward enough. Duke's homecoming photos are wonderful and we hope to get them posted on the message boards under his adoption story shortly!

Holly makes it safely to Texas.

Holly the mom of our recent litter at Daphneyland has made it safely to her new forever home in Texas. Her adoptive mom Suz Green sent us this photo. Isabel (also pictured) was fostered by Suz Green n Texas and is very happy to now call Mexico City her home with long time hound lover and friend Sherilyn!



Holly Noel calls San Antonio TX her home, while Isabel - Golden Empire hound is learning spanish in Mexico City.

BaRNi

And here is the new line up of team leaders for 2009 - 2010:

Officers and Board of Directors:

- Dawn Smith - President
- Bruce Garvin -Secretary
- Bruce Garvin - Acting Treasurer
- Lance Wolbransky - Past President
- Marti Razo -Board
- Kim Kuwahara Board Member
- Amy Wells-Wolbransky - Board Member

Committees and Team Leaders

- Website: Lance Wolbransky & Amy Archambault
- Adoption Coordinator: Suz Green
- Emergency Team Leader: Marie Radebaugh
- Shelter Coordinator: Carol Ashley
- Raffle Team: Liz St. Clair, Jim & Sherrie Strachan, Queenen Family
- Volunteer Coordinator: Sherry Simek
- Kennel Team: Dawn Smith, Rita Dluzak, Dense, Linda Miller, Shari Mann, Bruce Garvin
- DLand Ranch Hands: Jim Smith, Jim Strachan, Bruce Garvin

Rita Dluzak Spotlight on our volunteers

By Sherry Simek

For each edition of the BaRNI newsletter, we will be introducing our volunteers through “Highlight on a Volunteer”. This edition’s volunteer is Rita Dluzak.

Rita, a life long resident of the Antelope Valley, has been a key volunteer at Daphneyland for nearly six years. Her initial interest in volunteering was sparked by her love for the basset that she owned at the time. On her first visit to Daphneyland, Rita brought a car full of donations, including toys, beds and, much to Dawn’s (aka “The Food Nazi”) dismay, a bag of incredibly cheap dog food.

Having been raised with pets, Rita’s love for dogs followed her into adulthood. Although she never had hounds as a child, Rita always loved the long, floppy ears of basset hounds. As an adult, she decided to get one and quickly became a fan of the breed.

Rita volunteers about 10 hours a week at Daphneyland. She is the type of volunteer who will do whatever needs to get done: getting bassets out of the shelters, providing transportation, cleaning the kennel, donating supplies, fostering hounds, participating in off-site adoption events and occasionally doing home checks in the Antelope Valley for other rescue groups. Her favorite part about volunteering is knowing that the once abandoned hounds are being cared for in a loving environment.



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Before volunteering at the ranch, Rita felt that something was missing in her life. She has seen a big change in herself now that she is helping the bassets. She is much happier and more content. Volunteering has filled a void that Rita once had.

During her free time, Rita enjoys taking the ski boat out with friends and family. She loves riding on the towable, which is similar to a large inner tube that gets pulled by the boat. Rita also likes crafts and cuddling

on couch with her hounds. She currently resides in Lancaster with her husband Vince, her stepson Vince Jr. and Tony, her younger brother. (Needless to say, each of them volunteers as well.) Rita has 2 cats, 2 cockatiels and a couple of hounds, one of which is a foster.

Rita has played an integral part at Daphneyland, and we are so thankful for the commitment and love that she has for the bassets.



Proud Mom Holly

Here are some of their early “baby” pictures . . .

The “Circle of Life” Holly and the “Blizzard Pups

The “Circle of Life” is a wonderful thing, and has both its very sad moments and its wonderful, uplifting moments that make the sad moments bearable. When one of our Fur-Friends crosses the rainbow bridge, we all mourn at the loss of a good soul. And when one of our Fur Friends gives birth to a whole new generation, we celebrate at the continuation of life.

So it is with life at the ranch. Last year saw the birth of the “Firecracker Pups”, who all found forever homes and are doing wonderful. This winter a storm brought not just snow but a wonderful litter of “Blizzard Pups”. 8 of them were born to Holly.

The Kiss Puppies have just now been adopted after their delivery on May 22 - their mom Annie is now awaiting finding the forever family that is meant just for her. We at the ranch are looking forward to a break from puppies for a bit!



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A New Life Dusty, has a new life as a Therapy Dog

Mature basset, Dusty, has a new life as a Therapy Dog in Palm Springs, California.

We adopted Dusty last year from Daphneyland and he has brought us so much joy. After having lost our beloved Stubby and knowing what life was like without a furry friend, we wanted to share our renewed joy with others who are hospitalized or unable to keep pets.

Bassets have such a sweet and even temperament that they make wonderful Therapy Dogs. We visit local nursing homes and Alzheimer's facilities and it's a wonderful opportunity for Dusty to soak up the attention by getting tons of belly rubs.

He loves it and they love it too. It is truly satisfying to walk into a facility and watch the patients' faces light up when they see him moseying down the hall; he puts a smile on their faces just

by being there. They know his name now and exclaim, "Oh look! Dusty's here!" when they see him.

He was recently certified with the American Kennel Club as a Canine Good Citizen and was also in a commercial for Animal Samaritans. Dusty assisted in a Humane Education Seminar where we demonstrated the benefits of adopting older or breed specific dogs from shelters. Whenever I pull out his little blue vest he knows that he gets to be the star of the show (or hospital) and have all the attention lavished on him; He loves it! This is his way of giving back to the community where he now has a purpose in life. Veronica Redelsperger, proud basset mommy!





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Laundry Day! The Daphneyland Basset Rescue Relief Effort

From: cesarmillaninc.com

When a tremendous cloud of dense, black smoke from the central plume of the nearby station fire in Los Angeles settled atop the Daphneyland Basset Hound rescue in Acton, California, owner and operator Dawn Smith was presented quite suddenly with a very large, very dirty, and very smelly problem: how to balance the daily needs of the ranch, make preparations for a possible emergency evacuation, and somehow still find time to launder the smoky, ash-covered bedding of over 100 frightened hounds!

Daphneyland is a spacious ranch located in Acton east of Agua Dulce, a mere seven miles north of the wildfire currently burning out of control throughout the Angeles National Forest. The ranch provides emergency boarding, as well as rescue services for abandoned animals, and adoption programs aimed at finding them forever homes. In addition to the wide open space which allows for plenty of outdoor exercise, the environment is perfect for the natural socialization of these friendly pooches. The management at the ranch has big plans for its future, and with danger looming so large on the horizon, Dawn was driven to find a way to get the word out to people in the area who might be willing to lend a hand.

After listening to an interview with Dawn on National Public Radio's local Southern California station KPCC, and having

already worked with her on a segment for Cesar's Mastering Leadership DVD [Your New Dog: First Day and Beyond](#), volunteers for the Cesar and Ilusion Millan Foundation contacted Daphneyland directly and offered to take time out to help. Representatives from the Foundation drove out to the ranch to meet with Dawn, pick up several days' worth of soiled bedding and linens, and drive it all to a local Laundromat to have it cleaned in what amounted to two full trips and over 45 loads in industrial-sized commercial washers! When the Herculean task was finished, the weary volunteers were treated to a private tour of the facility culminating in a very friendly (and exceedingly slobbery) thank you and farewell from the rescue's resident hounds.

But is this the end of the story? Hardly! Daphneyland remains in harm's way as the fire makes its way inexorably outward from the center of the Angeles National Forest, and they will need all the help that they can get to set things back on track once the threat has passed. Eye cleansing for the Bassets, bathing to get the smoke and ash out of their fur, and what is sure to be many more loads of smoky laundry will require a continued volunteer effort, whether the ranch is evacuated or remains local.

A Family Reunited Droopy's amazing story.

By Dawn Smith

A call from the wonderful Brenda at Fresno Humane Society. A family who was on hard times had a pair of bassetts - 8 & 10 years old, that needed to be surrendered.

Our volunteer Kim picked them up and they arrived at Daphneyland - faces gloomy - and of course depressed after loosing their home. Droopy and Cesar. It took some time to adjust these two kids in, each had personality quirks (don't we all?). Cesar after about 6 months found a home and went off to dwell with his new family. Droopy - a long haired basset remained. Striking in his looks - many asked about the long haired boy, but given advancing years and a fatty cyst - he was not high on the desired adoption list.

For 3 years Droopy has been loved on, bathed, rolled in mud immediately, grumbled and cuddled - our Droopy a great hound awaiting adoption.

When Animal Planet wanted to film, we worked on the educational aspect of the segment. For us, filming needs to fall into education in order to perform all the additional hard work that filming requires. The producers and Director were wonderful, and we fleshed the pack out with a variety of hounds to show rescue has hounds from all walks of life. Film Day had many Tri's as this was a competition - but there was also about 20 or so red & whites - and in background scenes on the pack release, the run and the contest - in the background if you look closely - you will see a long haired red and white boy - Droopy.

Little did we know at the time, that there was a family living in Fresno - who had tried to keep their hounds. A bad divorce wherein the family home was ripped apart. Children in adulthood - one being deployed to Iraq in the Army, another facing home crisis and the third undergoing cancer treatments. A family ripped apart by divorce - and in the mix was a Dad - he who loved his Droopy like no other - tuned into Animal Planet's Groomer Has It, to watch some basset hounds



Droopy walked to the entry gate and sat with his back to his family.....

And then his Dad called out: "Droopy - you fat bast*rd - come here!"

Suddenly he whirled around, gave a look that indicated total and complete devotion and ran like the wind - howling and whirling and jumping! Rolling that clean body all over the ground, the family and everywhere he turned he was singing.

90 Basset Hounds running and playing in a pack!!! Howls and squeals from the contestants - and lots of hound air time, as groomers tried to identify the hound they worked with at the beginning. He was quite sure he was seeing things. He called his children - and an internet search turned up a photo of a basset that was called "DRUPPY" - a typo? Could this be their same hound of 3 years before?

A phone call from Dad was made - an email from the daughter was received - a call to the new Mom was logged in.... What about Cesar? As it turned out, Cesar had been rescued by the family from a fighting situation - Cesar never really adjusted to the home nor to Droopy - as it turns out, Cesar being rehomed was a wonderful thing! The son returned after his tour in Iraq. The family unit was ready..... Many conversations later - the day was upon us.

Saturday, September 26, 2009. Weekends are public days at Daphneyland, and although we schedule the adoptions somewhat, we never know who will be here at any given time frame. Breakfast and open up begins at 10 a.m. and so it is that at 11:00 the scheduled family arrived - just as breakfast was being finished. Arriving just behind the family were some visitors, one of our board members and her family - and of

course our regular volunteers which included my father Jim. Quite an audience for a very emotional moment. Would Droopy remember the family?

I let a pack of about 20 hounds out of their runs - among them Droopy, who waddled by my side as we turned the corner of the building. Droopy did not react at first - he was intent on sniffing out any morsels of breakfast that may still be in the area. The family was in tears as they saw him - and all hearts froze as he walked right on by. Droopy walked to the entry gate and sat with his back to his family.....

And then his Dad called out: "Droopy - you fat bast*rd - come here!" Suddenly he whirled around, gave a look that indicated total and complete devotion and ran like the wind - howling and whirling and jumping! Rolling that clean body all over the ground, the family and everywhere he turned he was singing. There was not a dry eye at Daphneyland at that moment in time. And so - we share some photos of Droopy's Reunion. Made possible by Fresno Humane Society, Barni at Daphneyland, Animal Planet "Groomer Has It" and Petfinder.

Station Fire

Thank you for reaching out and sustaining us during this catastrophe.

Living in a high fire area has one constantly on their toes. Not only are we responsible to keep our hounds safe and well cared for, but the daunting task of preparedness is without doubt a responsibility that can weaken one very easily. A call from Shelia Adams came in as the fire we now know as the Station Fire broke out, and Shelia asked if we were all okay. At this moment in time we could not even see smoke, let alone have any inkling that the La Canada fire would very soon create total havoc and threaten the hounds very existence and well being. If you ever get a late night call from Shelia - pack your bags!

Over the last 8 years of life at Daphneyland - I have learned to improve our emergency plans year after year, and the backbone of this plan is our Emergency Team Coordinator - Marie Radebaugh in Arkansas. One phone call to Marie, and the emergency plan goes into full swing. For those of you who have joined the Daphneyland@yahoo.com , you know the amount of energy, dedication and constant vigil that went on throughout the duration of the fire threat. Ha Adolfo - Basic Needs Foundation worked hand in hand with Marie, Suz Green, Sandi Wittenberg (Red Bay Bassets),

Golden Gate Basset Rescue, Golden Empire Basset Rescue, Karen and the Sparks Gang, Bruce Garvin and so many volunteers and supporters!

When we face a situation like this, we have to keep what is the best course of action for the hounds at the forefront. As the plume of Station laid on top of us for 7 days, it became critical to have the lifeline of the internet. As the support of each and everyone of you poured in - the team that worked the emergency situation was able to maintain a calmness for the hounds - amidst great hardship. I know I had very little sleep during this event, and I know without doubt I was not alone.

We can never truly relay the gratitude we feel - to know that the support both locally and nationwide is so strong that the hounds without doubt are safe - if an evacuation had been called for our neighborhood, it is very wonderful to know that the hounds will be cared for when we reach our emergency location, whether it's in Tarzana or whether we go to Club Mutt in Chino. And because I am the smart mouthed sassy broad - I have to interject, we are indeed fortunate to be able to have several locations to arrive - hot, tired and cranky - with 100

hounds to brighten up a doorstep. Can any even imagine how wonderful it is to know we have the ability to go to more than one location? That help would be there - with welcoming arms?

We will be building a webpage to thank individuals, rescue affiliates and those near and dear - please watch for it on our website. There is no way possible to thank everyone here, we will have to do it online.

Thank you to one and all - monetary donations, product donations, volunteerism - the list is very long and came from the US, Canada, Mexico, England, France, and Australia. The hounds have friends in so many walks of life, it is beyond comprehension how many friends the bassets truly have. Together, we can bridge any storm. Thank you for reaching out and sustaining us during this catastrophe.





Additional Station Fire Photographs



Donations Help us to continue our mission.

A donation to BaRNI is tax deductible and we will be happy to send a donation acknowledgement.

Donor: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

____ My donation is enclosed herein in the amount of \$ _____

____ I am interested in sponsoring a run with a recurring monthly donation of \$100.00, my first months donation is enclosed herein.

____ Please accept my gift donation of \$ _____ and send gift acknowledgement to the following:

I wish to make a donation by credit card: Amount: \$ _____

Card # _____ Type: _____

Expiration: _____ Name on Card: _____

Billing address of credit card: _____

Donations to BaRNI can also be made in the following manner:

www.paypal.com Recipient email address: BarniatDaphneyland@yahoo.com

Firstgiving at some of our current pages accepting donations (or create your own!)

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You can make your own fundraising page on Firstgiving to raise money for BaRNi. Email your page to friends, family and colleagues, who donate by credit or debit card in an easy, secure online transaction.

Visit <http://www.firstgiving.com/BaRNI> to start you own page...

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Southern California Basset Hound Meetup
Sign up at
<http://bassethound.meetup.com/156/>



Bassets of Los Angeles Unite! Southern California Basset Hound Meetup

Bassets of Los Angeles Unite!

Bassets in the greater Los Angeles area are organizing in a display of solidarity. With their 2-leggers in tow, they are howling accolades about the Southern California Basset Hound Meetup Group.

We are looking for bassets, and their person(s), with a nose for fun and adventure! We All know that being owned by a basset is an adventure!!

Benefits include:

- Monthly meetups with no union dues!
- Socializing (hounds conspiring together)
- Exercise (get them off the couch)
- Helping our brothers and sisters in basset rescue
- Sharing information about our hounds

FUTURE MEETUP:

THE 55th ANNUAL BASSET HOUND CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PICNIC

on Sunday, October 18th, 2009 in Arcadia Park

For info: <http://bassethound.meetup.com/156/calendar/11383018/>

Basset lovers without hounds are welcome!

Join us for the FUN!!!

Sign up at:

<http://bassethound.meetup.com/156/>



Big Sunday Participants

How can we ever begin to thank you

By Dawn Smith

Dear Big Sunday participants of Bathe some Bassets

How can we ever begin to thank you and to let you know the impact that Big Sunday has on us throughout the year.

For 6 years now, the Hounds of Daphneyland have been recipients of the Big Sunday Project - and how amazing it is to see some of the same faces each year.

This year financial hardship has devastated the non profit communities, and hardest hit has certainly been the animal rescue world. Besides financial giving being at a record low, in the world of animal rescue we also have the following equations added in - the price increase of food, vet care - economic catastrophe creating a 60% increase in abandoned or surrendered animals, volunteerism at record level lows due to the economic crisis which has equated into the closure of so many long standing animal rescue entities. What does this mean to the hounds of Daphneyland? Less belly-rubbers, more stress, longer work days for key volunteers, and less homes looking for their newest family member.

Animal Rescue is not an easy thing to accomplish. So many misconceptions about the world of rescue are hard to overcome even in the best of times, but when volunteers move out of state, have to take on

additional part time work to meet their bills - it greatly affects an organization ran entirely by volunteers. It's a common misperception that rescue dogs don't get attention. That's not true in most rescue groups, and certainly not true here at Daphneyland. Another misperception is that hounds do not get bathed regularly, don't get health care or veterinarian care - and are sickly and suffering. Nothing could be further from the truth for our hounds. On Big Sunday 100 bassets get bathed, ears cleaned and nails trimmed. This is accomplished in 4 hours. If you have ever bathed a basset maybe you can appreciate those statistics - it takes us a month with normal volunteer support to have all hounds bathed every 30 days. A month of work in 4 hours!! AMAZING! Such a critical and vital part of overall good health in the hounds! This year, besides the very important job of the Big Sunday Bath Project - which finds 100 hounds being groomed and prepared for upcoming fundraising events, public adoption events and critical exposure - we also were fortunate enough to have some of our daily needs fulfilled by the arrival of supplies and donations. (continued on page X)

Big Sunday Youth Volunteers bath 100 bassets!



Big Sunday Participants (Continued)

How can we ever begin to thank you

The Big Sunday Team bringing bleach, hoses, sprayers, bottled water, tools, new door handle, plumbing snake - so many of the items that our ever decreasing budget does not allow for - and are needed on a daily basis - an amazing donation in and of itself.

Yet, there is more -Year after year several individuals participate and donate to this project - and this year more than any other, we would like to highlight these incredible gifts - which truly bring tears to the eyes and an enormous lump in the throat - Dr. Alex Werner, VMD - Studio City, CA..

For many years now Dr. Alex has joined in as a volunteer on Big Sunday. Quietly assisting in whatever matters we may need, he always arrives and smiles all day long. His gentle nature making him a favorite to one and all of the hounds. What you may not know is this....

Dr. Alex also makes a private donation each year. Bringing along with him cases of specialty shampoo - Ketaconazole shampoos, allergy free product, ear cleaner, conditioners - items that we need constantly and are very very costly for us. I cannot begin to tell you that through the generosity of Dr. Werner, literally hundreds of canines benefit from these products as we network with many area groups as well as our high volume of bassets and basset mixes. Dr. Werner is a Canine Dermatologist - something many basset owners look for. And he quietly supports our efforts, hands on, by donating product - and might I mention - owns 4 bassets as of this Big Sunday - our beloved Ashleigh went home with Dr. Werner's family this year!

This year we also have to thank several people who made possible the donation of new dog beds - Basic Needs Foundation who organized the donation of the beds, Frida Tan & Joe Mendoza who financed the cost of getting the beds - Jim Wilson who facilitated The Foam Rubber Company to donate 400 pounds of foam rubber to stuff the beds with - and part of the Big Sunday team who stuffed! A very ironic item that happened during the stuffing of the beds - is that evidently The Foam Rubber Company makes packaging for some shipping of jewish stars - as there were many cut outs in the foam bales. We are saving those cut outs - perhaps next year we can use them for a project such as decorating dog houses - painting - just another indication that we are all working together as a team - as we should be for the greater good.

Financial donations from participants of Big Sunday - as well as a financial co-sponsorship from USC!

The most wonderful stats of the day -
 Foster - Ashleigh 7-8 years of age
 Foster - Mr. Magoo - 15 years young!
 Adopted: Odin - 7-8 years of age
 The Levinson Family adopted our Bruno!!!
 Pending: another 2 possible.

**Military Hound
 Leiben could
 not wait his
 turn to get
 bathed!**



September 11

Somedays rescue does go full circle.

By Dawn Smith

Many know of our recent fire situation, and sooooo many have lent a hand - there is much to report on this front, however, today something happened that I must write about.

Our Military boys - Leiben & Teufel. Their human Dad brought them up early Spring as he was embarking on his third tour of duty to Iraq - his wife was on her second and there were no family members to take care of the boys while they fulfilled the commitment they made to their country, to serve and protect us all. When their Dad arrived at Daphneyland to surrender the boys - I could not bear it. This amazing couple were giving their all to make sure that we all had life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We offered Military Crisis care so that once their tours were over, the boys could be reunited with their original Mom and Dad.

I've been so busy the last 2 weeks, I have lost track of time in relation to date - and so this morning at 5:30 as I was checking in the boys at American Airlines and discovered it was SEPTEMBER 11th - I almost had a heart attack. Not only were these boys flying to see a new home and be reunited with their Mom and Dad - but it was the anniversary of the reason they had to come to Daphneyland to begin with.

At 5:30 p.m. today, two beautiful red and white basset boys arrived at Norfolk safe and sound,

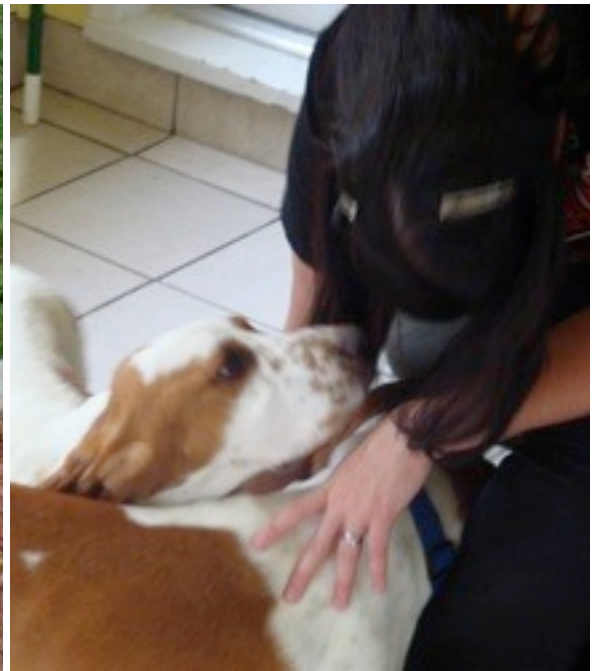
delivered by American. Their Dad back in the spring, knowing that life is full of twists and turns, had not told his wife that the boys were here safe and sound - he did not know what the future would bring, and so he kept that bit of news to himself - hoping that a reunion could happen, but not wanting his wife's hopes dashed if fate played a twist, and rescue had to re-home their furkids. Fate did throw a twist - instead of returning to California, they found themselves in NC. May I say this amazing soldier did everything in his power to keep in touch and make sure the boys were safe.

Imagine if you will - when he returned home from work today, came into the house and said "Honey, I have some packages I need help with in the car" - and she opened the tinted window door to discover - her boys.

When I spoke with Cory tonight, the boys were settled in, Mom had recovered from her near fainting spell - and the world was a much brighter place. A family reunited.

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Inde's trees

The escape artist we dubbed Ind-E

By Dawn Smith

It has been said that the chaos of events are predetermined. This does hold true so often that it is impossible to ignore.

The month of July in rescue is a very difficult time, fireworks, BBQ's and vacations create total havoc in the canine world - shelters are over ran with furkids frightened by fireworks or escapees of a very festive time. In rescue we work over time during the month of July to ensure we save every life possible - that's what we do. July is also a time of limited funds - and this year is particularly bad.

Our first summer holiday intakes came from Apple Valley. Our wonderful volunteer Sheila Adams called on the 2nd of July to let us know the local shelter had 5 bassets who had been dumped in an old quarry pit area, and their time was over on the 5th. By networking we said yes to this intake. The shelters are full - and time constraints have reverted to the old systems due to the budget crisis in California. This can mean a stray dog has 72 hours till death.

Sheila ran to the shelter and saved the lives of these 5. All of whom as it turned out are mixes, and all of whom are terrified of humans. We call these hounds feral - but that should not imply aggression - rather this means they are so afraid of humans they will self mutilate to avoid human contact. They came in with Sheila on July 5th. Sheila gave us 5 names - appropriate to the 4th of July - volunteers were present at the time of intake for a variety of reasons - one of those volunteers was Ha Adolfo of BasicNeeds911.org

The 5 hounds were screaming, and it was very difficult to remove them for the transport vehicle and get them into a yard - we had hoped to put



"I will forevermore think of these tree's as Ind-E's Tree's. Run free my little wild child."

them in the new yards - but there was not shade and the fence line was not secure with concrete - and during the process of intake with feral's - Ha's focus landed on these 2 yards. She did not miss the need for these yards to be completed..... One of the feral's knew how to snap a leash in an instant and thankfully Bruce Garvin was faster than Ind-E was - and we corralled him before he could escape.

Its been a long 2 weeks for these babies, but they are coming around slowly. We can almost pet them. One will take treats. and the escape artist we dubbed Ind-E was coming around the fastest. Ind-E and I had a deal - he could come out to play with the hounds, but he needed to sleep inside at the end of the day - so Ind-E and I played sweet talking games, treat games and I'd sit in his run and sing -

Ha could not get her mind off the need to have shade and security in these -2- new yards - and Ha performed a miracle. Donation of 25 pepper tree's to plant, donation of fertilizer for the trees, Andy Gump came out and using a truck mount auger put -25- five foot holes into our mountain for planting, water barrels, hoses, stakes, quickcrete and a volunteer force to plant all these tree - they were planted on Sunday by the

hardest working volunteer team we have ever seen.

As the first yard was halfway planted a call rung out from the kennel - "Dawn - possible Seizure" - and I ran. Kennel volunteers did everything they could to assist - we got him injection, took vitals - he was in severe crisis, got him on IV and as attempting to get his temp down he left in my arms. Possibly the only time this angel had been held and loved on. Ind-E left us. It was just too much for him. As we cried we snipped hair from his head for all the pets he never got, his chest - to signify the love we shared with him, from his back - where he should always have been petted and loved - and these clippings were planted with a tree - Candle was lit and Ind-E was then driven to the emergency vet's office and will be cremated and ashes returned - Ind-E's final home is with us of course here at Daphneyland. It's possible we were the only home he ever knew.

And the tree's are amazing. I will forevermore think of these tree's as Ind-E's Tree's. Run free my little wild child - and may your feet brush the tips of the tree's from time to time and may they flourish to shade the rest of your family and those we have yet to meet.



More Photos From Inde's trees



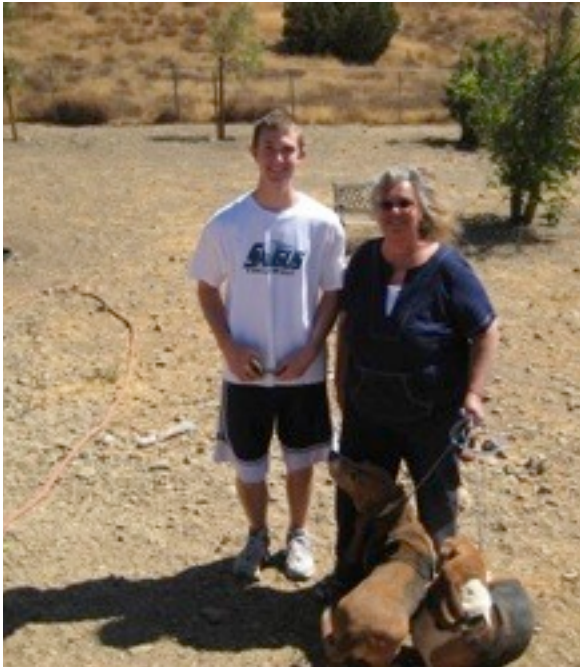
Eagle Scout Colby Wilson's Eagle Scout Project.

The hounds have been benefactors of several Eagle Scout projects throughout the years, and this year Colby Wilson has selected BaRNI at Daphneyland as his Eagle Scout focus.

Our new play yards and several of the existing yards have never rec'd concrete curbing to make them safe from those escape artists that just know how to find a weak spot in fencing, and the new yards also serve as a community evacuation staging area.

We are very honored that Colby is taking on this project. If you'd like to sign up to help on quick crete curbing day, whether by donating supplies, expertise or labor, please let us know so that we can put you directly in touch with Colby!

Boy Scout Colby Wilson and his father Spence. Colby is preparing for an eagle project to secure the five side yards at Daphneyland. These yards will be used to hold dogs from other community facilities if they need to be evacuated.



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Champion Sleeper 255.00

Fundraisers

Picnic 3,111.00
Total Fundraisers 3,111.00
General Fund 53,276.19
Generator 3,200.00
Hoedown Income
Opp Drawing 850.00
Hoedown Income -Other 676.00
Total Hoedown Income 1,526.00
Interest 14.53
Other Income 26.34
Run Sponsorship 2,400.00
Senior Center Fund 1,350.00

Total Income 77,184.06**Cost of Goods Sold**

Fundraising Merchandise 250.00
Total COGS 250.00
Gross Profit 76,934.06

Expense

Adoption Refund 200.00

Automotive

Gas 311.55
Insurance 1,133.84
Registration 343.00
Van Maintenance 821.29
Automotive -Other 211.00
Total Automotive 2,820.68

Bank Service Charges

Bank Charges 8.00
First Giving Service Charge 695.14
Paypal transaction fee 446.69
Bank Service Charges -Other 341.00
Total Bank Service Charges 1,490.83
Business expenses
State Taxes -0.53
Utilities 4,107.36
Total Business expenses 4,106.83
Deposit correction 100.00

Dog Expense

Avid Chips 556.19
Bail Fees 10.00
Boarding & Rehabilitation 38,400.00
Cremation Expense 1,985.00
Dog Food 8,662.23
Dog Tags 200.00
Meds 115.50
Vet Expenses 13,531.84
Dog Expense -Other 402.00

Total Dog Expense 63,862.76

Donation 250.00

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Dues and Subscriptions - Other 569.46
Total Dues and Subscriptions 669.46

Fence Fund 725.00

Hoedown 616.28
Pet Adoption Fairs Space Charge 75.00

Professional Fees

Accounting and Legal fees 600.00
Advertisement 1,333.46
Total Professional Fees 1,933.46

Senior Center -1,150.00

Supplies
Fundraising Supplies 255.02
kennel supplies 312.95
Office Supplies 165.59
Postage 1,145.25
Snacks 265.63

Total Supplies 2,144.44**Total Expense 77,844.74****Net Income -910.68**

Groomer Has It 2 Featuring Daphneyland

By Dawn Smith

Back in November we had Film Day at Daphneyland - and now its time to get ready to watch the hounds in their starring roles - The show we taped was Groomer Has It 2, and the episode the hounds will be on is "Look A Likes". The day rolled along and the hounds had been ran all over the property several times a day to get their entry and best camera sides in order - we put out email alerts asking for volunteer hounds and wranglers and the day finally came.

Hounds and wranglers joined together to get ready for the production company, and they arrived enmass! Aerial cranes for overhead shot of the release of 90 plus bassets, ground crew with hand held cameras to film the slinging, the running and the excitement of a pack of hounds overtaking cast and crew.

Naturally craft services set up right outside our release gate, and a few hounds strayed to partake of tri tip, chicken and cheese tortellini - can you blame them?

Guest host on our segment was Victoria Stilwell and we got to enjoy meeting her as well as her graciously staying and giving us some pointers on a couple of our problem kids - a really wonderful day!



Wrangler
Jackie Flores
of BHRSC and
Victoria
Stilwell at
Daphneyland
on the day of
filming

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