



The Montana MountainEAR Basset Rescue of Montana Newsletter

President's Nose for News



*My nose for news,
Took a snooze.
I have to be serious,
Can't be funny,
To help the hounds,
We need to make money.*

Therefore, this issue is dedicated mostly to fundraising. We do have one '05 Rescue Calendar to sell (\$15.00+4.00s/h) and the 2006 Calendars are in the making now. Click onto our site, <http://bassetrescueofmt.tripod.com/brindexblack.html>, and go to the Everything EARS Shoppe to see a wonderful array of items to buy. Think holidays, birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's day, Best Friend's day, or A Just Because Day and we will send off what ya need. If you would like a subscription to our quarterly Montana MountainEAR newsletter, send me your name and address and \$5.00 to:

*Basset Rescue of Montana,
14600 Springhill Rd,
Frenchtown, MT 59834.*

Every year we have a January, April, July, and October issue. Also, if any of you would like a story of your houndie published, or any doggie experience, please do let us know. Also, after the end of this year, the ASK ELLIE column will be returning, so save up your fun or weird questions for Ellie Bellie to answer. She is a very experienced Basset with lots of wisdom and advice to offer her "brothers" and "sisters".

We have wonderful "Got Bassets?" tee shirts and sweatshirts for sale. 100% of sales goes to help our rescue! Tee shirts: M - XL \$18; 4XL \$22. Sweatshirts: M - XL: \$30; 4XL \$35.



Note: Until we gather enough funds beyond the funds needed for surgeries on our rescues, we will not be offering the XL size in either sweatshirts or tee shirts. Surprisingly, those went fast, even though I did order a lot of them. We encourage you to choose another size close to yours. The Large size is generous and the 2X make great sleep sweatshirts for winter!

Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

On April 27th, 05 our rescue organization was asked by a University of Montana Drama Class to provide a Basset Hound for a play. Lola and MayBelle will assist Charity Ruiz, an Elementary Education Drama major, with a half-hour presentation for Franklin School K-9 in Missoula, MT. This should be a nice surprise for both the students and us!

On April 30th, 2005, the Three Star Day will be held at the *Eye of the Beholder*, in Missoula. For more information, please see our flyer in this newsletter.

On May 5, 2005, Deanna Zander, our enthusiastic Board Member, is putting on a Yard Sale in Missoula and she will be donating the proceeds to Basset Rescue of Montana. If you live close by, please consider donating any new or nearly new item for the sale. For more information, you can email Deanna at theratpack11@hotmail.com, or call her at 327-7874.

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How Basset Rescue of Montana Got its Slogan and Logo

One day, Donna Owens, founder of Basset Rescue of Montana, saw the Budweiser commercial with the "Got Bud?" line and she thought, "WOW, that would make a great slogan for Basset Rescue of Montana, just put 'Bassets' in place of 'Bud'." The rest, as they say, is history.

"Got Bassets?" was born, even before everyone else started using the "Got Whatever" stuff, (like "Got Milk?" for example). As far as Donna knew, Basset Rescue of Montana was the very first to borrow the phrase; she had never heard anyone use it in any other way, besides the Budweiser people.

Toni Swedberg of Plains, Montana, donated the artwork that we use on all of our fundraising clothing. When Donna contacted her and asked her if she would create our logo, Toni came up with the beautiful design that now adorns all our caps, tee shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Toni designed the logo in honor of her first Basset, Flash, and then donated the logo with the understanding that no other rescue would EVER use it. She created it just for Basset Rescue of Montana and no other. And that's how our organization got its slogan and logo.

Erica Strud, Volunteer of the Year, 2005

Volunteer Erica Strud comes each Sunday afternoon to learn, give demonstrations, and explain all the procedures we've taught her. She is learning how to handle horses and rescued Bassets, and says she is enjoying every minute of it. Erica is shown below feeding two of the ranch horses some



treats, and the photo on the left shows her in the Rescue Shelter doing our favorite job of all . . . cleaning. Erica has learned the ins and outs of our operation and the importance of cleaning, sanitizing, and proper ventilation. She's also "hands on" with all the Bassets' ear cleaning, nail clipping, and wound care. And of course, when asked what she loves to do the best, as all young girls would say, "Riding the horses, and playing with the rescues."

ERICA IS OUR VOLUNTEER OF 2005! THANK YOU ERICA FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND LOVE OF ANIMALS. (And again, thank you to Linda and Alan, for being the 2004 Volunteers of the Year awardees).



Basset Rescue Heroes

Gary and Dorothy Jacobs are one of those extraordinary couples who have their hearts in the right place. They hail from Kalispell, Montana, and in years past have adopted two of our Basset Hounds. One was just a pup with the biggest paws we had ever seen. I named him Uno, since He was the only pup from an unwanted litter. Then I noticed that Uno had a white mark on his reddish body that reminded me of Batman's silhouette, so I renamed him "Uno Batman". Of course, Uno was renamed "Murphy" by Gary,



Here's Dorothy with Grandpa, Murphy (Uno Batman), and Daisy Mae.

because he just had to have another Murphy after his first beloved Murphy passed on! Murphy II has a "sister" named Daisy Mae who is five years his senior. Both go everywhere with the Jacobs in their RV. They all cruise the U.S. together and have such wonderful adventures.

A couple of years after they adopted Uno (now Murphy), we had an older senior in our rescue shelter that no one seemed to want. I thought, "Hmmm . . . I think I'll call the Jacobs!" Well, this couple stepped up and adopted the aged boy whom they now call Grandpa! (You can tell who is who in the picture). Ya know, there just aren't enough words or gratitude that I can say or write that express just how much I respect and love this couple for opening their hearts to rescued Bassets. Thank you Gary and Dorothy, for all you've done for the Bassets and us.

"Wings of Hope"

Well, this is a *first* for Missoula, Montana. *Flying Paws*, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization provides "Wings of Hope" for rescued animals. They flew here to give Marty, the German Shepherd whose owner died in a terrible car crash in Missoula two days before Christmas, a lift to Salt Lake City. There, Jane Lovsted (a Delta Airlines Stewardess) cared for Marty before she took him home to Chicago, where he will make his new home with Auntie Rachelle, the deceased young man's sister. Rachelle Fuller is one of those special human beings who have love, compassion, and heart! Bless her for all she has done for her brother's wonderful, loving dog.

Marty needed special care due to a severe injury to his leg sustained in the crash. Leslie Ames provided him with that special, rehabilitative care, and Marty improved wonderfully.

The care and assistance provided by Elaine Sehnert of Missoula Animal Control, and all of Marty's transporters, demonstrated that they are surely some of the best people in the world! Marilyn Butler Subach is the Flight Coordinator of Flying Paws, which is "Saving Animals . . . One Flight At A Time" (www.flyingpaws.org). Marilyn, who coordinated the whole event, is one special lady!

Basset rescue of montana

Presents a

3 star day fundraising event

SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2005 11AM
TO 3:30PM

Eye of the Beholder, Gift & Frame
Shop
Northgate Shopping Center on Reserve
ST.
Missoula, Montana.

Pawcasso blossom . . . in person
from Kalispell, Montana. The only
Basset Hound artist in the world.
She will be present between 1pm
and 3pm to "paw"sonally sign any
of her artwork that you
purchase.

Landscape Artist Lynne
Geis . . . our talented and
generous supporter will be
present with all her paintings
offered for a First Time
Showing. Her work is superb,
calm, creative, and filled with
colors that make you catch your
breath!

Debra White, author of
NOBODY'S PETS, will have
signed copies of her books for
everyone to purchase. She lives
in Arizona, and is not able to be
present. Debra is a kind hearted,
concerned person who supports
all dogs in shelters. She is a
devoted animal lover who
consistently offers her support
by sending donations from the
proceeds of her book sales.

Special hors d'oeuvres will be
served . . . bring your pocketbooks
. . . spend lots of moola to help the
homeless houndies.

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Our Wish List

- 🐾 Postage Stamps
- 🐾 HP Printer Ink: #15 Black; #38 Color for HP PSC 950
- 🐾 Ergonomic dog brush with metal bristles
- 🐾 Rescue Remedy
- 🐾 Glucosamine Sulfate/Chondroitin tablets
- 🐾 Certificate for PetsMart Dog Grooming
- 🐾 Donation of Bordatella vaccine (certificate from Quality Supply)
- 🐾 New collars 16" to 22"

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Basset Hound Rescue

Helping hands helping hounds



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