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Top 10 Reasons to Adopt an Older Dog

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1. What You See Is What You Get

Older dogs are open books—from the start, you'll know important things like their full-grown size, personality and grooming requirements. All this information makes it easier to pick the right dog and forge that instant love connection that will last a lifetime. If you're not so into surprises, an older dog is for you!

2. Easy to Train

Think you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Hogwash! Older dogs are great at focusing on you—and on the task at hand—because they're calmer than youngsters. Plus, all those years of experience reading humans can help them quickly figure out how to do what you're asking.

3. Seniors are Super-Loving

One of the cool parts of our job is reading stories from people just like you who have opted to adopt. The emails we get from pet parents with senior dogs seem to all contain beautiful, heartfelt descriptions of the love these dogs give you—and those of you who adopted dogs already in their golden years told us how devoted and grateful they are. It's an instant bond that cannot be topped!

4. They're Not a 24-7 Job

Grownup dogs don't require the constant monitoring puppies do, leaving you with more freedom to do your own thing. If you have young children, or just value your "me time," this is definitely a bonus.

5. They Settle in Quickly

Older dogs have been around the block and already learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack. They'll be part of the family in no time!

6. Fewer Messes

Your floors, shoes and furniture will thank you for adopting a senior pooch! Older dogs are likely to already be housetrained—and even if they're not, they have the physical and mental abilities to pick it up really fast (unlike puppies). With their teething years far behind them, seniors also are much less likely to be destructive chewers.

7. You Won't Bite Off More Than You Can Chew

There are those who yearn for a doggie friend of their own, but hold back because they worry what might happen in their lives in the years to come. And they are wise to do so—a puppy or young dog can be anywhere from an 8- to 20-year responsibility, which is not appropriate for the very elderly or those with certain long-term future plans. Providing a loving home for a dog in her golden years is not a less serious commitment, but it can be a shorter one.

8. They Enjoy Easy Livin'

Couch potato, know thyself! Please consider a canine retiree rather than a high-energy young dog who will run you ragged. Not that older dogs don't require any exercise—they do—but they're not going to need, or want, to run a marathon every day.

9. Save a Life, Be a Hero

At shelters, older dogs are often the last to be adopted and the first to be euthanized. Saving an animal's life offers an unparalleled emotional return on your investment, and you'll feel the rewards every day you spend together.

10. They're CUTE!

Need we say more?





Molly's Story

By Suzie Schafer

We first found out about Basset Rescue back in 2001 shortly after we bought our first house in Aurora, CO. Of course, after you buy a house, it seems natural that we should have a dog to enjoy the yard, right? Tim had always grown up with Bassets, so that's what he wanted...I said okay, but please, please, find us one of those cute ones that doesn't drooling so much. He said fine and checked out Basset Rescue and got our name put on the waiting list.

A short time after, we got a call from Suzanna, who was setting up a time to meet us and do the home and yard inspection. We met with Suzanna, passed the test, and became life-long friends, along with her three Bassets too. Tim then got the call that the Denver pound had found a stray female Basset about a year or so old, and Tim headed out to see what she was like. She was all skin and bones, but was so excited to meet Tim. That was it, he was in love! After getting her medical check-up and a good bath, Tim brought her home – what a cutie! We named her Molly.



A few weeks later it was time to get her spayed. We took Molly to the vet and she did great, but a couple days later she was acting funny, like she was sick, not eating and shivering. We called the vet and he had us bring her

back. On the way there, Molly started bleeding. The vet took her in and ran several tests, determining that he would need to do surgery again due to an infection. Oh no! Not only were we scared for Molly, but we were still in our adoption trial period – we hadn't even signed the paperwork yet! Basset Rescue staff were terrific, they told us not to worry about the cost and instructed the vet to do whatever necessary to save our Molly. We were so relieved!

Molly recovered quickly from her second surgery and we fed her boiled liver and chicken to get her strength back and put some meat on her bones. She loved it – I think she thought she was a queen!

We spent months working with her to improve some of her bad habits and then I saw an article about Bassets' behavior improving with a brother or sister, so I told Tim that I wanted a puppy to raise and keep Molly company. We reached out to Basset Rescue again and were put on the waiting list for a male puppy – a tall order, since they're so popular! We got lucky within just a few weeks and Tim stopped by my office with the cutest little puppy, only a few weeks old and with ears so big, they tripped him up when he walked!

Gus was adopted and Molly was in heaven, playing the mother role and taking care of him. We kennel trained him, put him in puppy school and made sure that he learned good habits instead of bad. He has been a wonderful addition to our family.



In 2004, we moved out to Sterling, where Molly and Gus enjoyed a back yard three times the size of our first home. We installed doggie doors and the two were inseparable. In the Fall of 2010, Molly's health started to decline and she developed a large tumor. We kept her

happy and comfortable until one day, she didn't want to eat – unheard of for Molly! Within hours she got worse and we knew it was the end. Tim took her to the vet and asked them to put her to sleep. The vet agreed that it was time. Molly was cremated and her "shrine" sits on a shelf along the John Deere memorabilia. We miss our Molly, and Gus misses her too, but he has quickly become accustomed to being the recipient of lots of love and spoiling.

Susie Schaefer

Mailing Addresses

Please contact us if there is a misspelling or other errors on your Address label. Let us know if you are receiving more than one to the same address. If you would like to receive mailings by email Instead of by U.S. Mail, we can do that too.

Just contact Donna Wensec at dwensec@yahoo.com or 719-651-3866. Thanks.



Bullet & Bella
Photo by Jen Bugler





Upcoming Picnic Events in 2011

2011 Picnics

What: **Denver Annual Picnic**
When: Saturday, June 4th
Where: Clement Park, Pavilion G
Time: 11:00a - 2:00p

What: **Colorado Springs Annual Picnic**
When: Saturday, September 10th
Where: Lazyland Park at Palmer Park at the corner of Maizeland and Academy.

Follow the signs.
Time: 10:00a - 3:00p

What: **Fort Collins Annual Picnic**
When: Saturday, October 8th
Where: City Park
Time: 11:00a - 2:00p

Also, you can find us on the web at <http://www.coloradobassetrescue.com/>. You can always contact Donna @ 719-651-3866. We can always use volunteers and donations.

Fundraising Events...

Volunteer Bakers, Sign Makers, Table Tenders are needed. Just contact Donna Wensec at dwensec@yahoo.com or call 719-651-3866. to see how you can help out. Thanks, Donna.

Colorado Springs Bake Sales:

What: **Memorial Day Bake Sale**
When: Saturday, May 28th
Where: 3250 Centennial Blvd
Time: 12:00p - 4:00p

What: **4th of July Bake Sale**
When: Saturday, July 2nd
Where: 3570 Hartsel Dr. at Lexington and Woodmen Rd.

Time: 9:00a - 2:00p

What: **Halloween Bake Sale**
When: Saturday, October 29th
Where: 3250 Centennial Blvd
Time: 12:00p - 4:00p

Jake Needs a Home...

Jake - 2653



Jake is an 11 year old tri-color neutered male. His owner sadly passed away and left Jake behind. Jake is heartworm negative and up to date on all of his shots. He is very lively for his age and loves going on walks and to the dog park. Even though he's a little slow, he loves chasing the big dogs around! Jake is in a foster home with two other Hounds and just gets along with them great. He has learned what the dog door is now and uses it on a daily bases, he is a very smart Hound. Jake is a little hard of hearing but hey.... we are all getting older:-) And does not appear to be a barker. He loves dogs, but I've never seen him around cats. Jake loves belly/ear rubs. Like any dog Jake needs a yard, where he can bask in the sun and then come back in and sleep on a soft doggie bed. Jake is a very sweet old man! Please let Jake find his forever home for his golden years! You will not regret taking Jake home, he's got a lot of love to give!



Isabella





New Denver Fund Raising Coordinator

By Kurt Stangl

Hey everyone,

Please join me in welcoming our new Fund Raising Coordinator for Denver and Northern Colorado. Please everyone, lets make her feel welcome to our Basset Family.

Nicole Deubach
970-980-8522,
nkdeubach@yahoo.com

Nicole has already done a few events for Rescue, including the Ft. Collins St. Patrick's day Parade. She did a really great job and the Parade turned out just great. Nicole is also one of our Foster homes and does Doggy Day Care as her day job. Wow, what a Resume!!!! Rescue is very lucky to have found her and we are grateful that she is with us.

Thanks!!!
Kurt Stangl
Vice President

2010 Reported Placements:

Intake	
Beginning	17
Annual Intake	139
Total	156

Outflow	
Adoptions	111
30-day Homes	17
Other	3
Total	131

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Total Outflow	-113
Ending Inventory	<u>25</u>

Placement Coordinators

Karin	303-432-9347	Denver
Sue	719-310-4825	Colo Springs
Debbie	719-384-5834	Pueblo/La Junta
Keri	970-245-5791	Western Slope

Everyone can Help:

Earn money for Basset Hound Rescue every time you do an internet search,

Just use these links when shopping around.

<http://www.goodsearch.com> or shop
<http://www.goodshop.com> .



9 month old, Gus...

Wouldn't you do anything for this face?

Hi From Colorado Springs....

We want to thank Coordinators Steve and Krissy Caudle, and their Bassets, Lilly, Memphis and Oliver for the St. Patrick's Day Parade!!

Also a special thanks to Therese Martini for lending the truck and trailer for the parade!! It was alot of fun and seeing all the hounds in green!!

A big thanks to Fundraising Coordinator Donna Wensec and her committee, Sue, Lee, Jamie and Tony for all the bake sales and fundraisers. WAY TO GO!!

And thanks to the Foster homes and Transporters, we couldn't do it without you.

We really need foster homes in c/s if anyone can help please call Sue@719-310-4825.

HAPPY SPRING!! CINDY C/S PICNIC COORDINATOR





THIS & THAT



Planning on Moving Soon?

Don't forget to notify Basset Hound Rescue if you are moving. By updating our database we will always have your current phone number and address matched with your dog's BHR tag number so that no matter where you are located we can get in touch with you. Should your basset ever get loose there is some security in knowing that when he/she is picked up, and one of our numbers called, we can contact you immediately. We have a great track record with this system – most are returned home within an hour! Also note that we will not be forwarding The Long & Short of It anymore. If you still want to get our newsletter - let us know where you've moved and we'll be more than happy to update our system. You wouldn't want to miss an edition!

Foster Homes Always Needed

Want to be a foster home? Call your local coordinator:

Karin	303-432-9347	Denver
Sue	719-310-4825	Colo Springs
Debbie	719-384-5834	Pueblo/La Junta
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Could you foster?



Do you have a week, 2 weeks, or a month here and there, where you are not on vacation, and are going to be home anyway where you could do a little dog sitting?

Dog sitting is the same as

fostering. It can be for a short time.

Even being there to foster in the case of an emergency can save a dog's life. This is rescuing.

Taking in an abandoned animal and showing them that people can be kind, that food is available and that there is a warm place to sleep, creates a marvelous bridge to a new home. We all know that there is never a shortage of animals and they need this preparation time with people, rather than a cage, before finding their own home.

What we expect from every foster parent:

- § Fill-out an Application
- § Allow an at-home visit
- § Provide transportation for needed vet visits funded by the rescue
- § Provide a healthy diet for the dog. We suggest you retain your receipts for your year end taxes (Charitable Contributions)
- § Socialization
- § A lot of TLC

To volunteer for fostering, please go to the website at <http://www.coloradobassetrescue.com/>. Select the volunteer Information tab to get the Foster Form.

MATERIAL DONATIONS

We always welcome donations of dog beds and food to supplement our foster homes and dog toys and bowls. Special items for our silent auctions are also welcome any time of the year.

To arrange for drop-off of any donations, contact your area coordinator or call 303-432-9347 for Denver pick-up.

Basset Hound Rescue Garage Sale

When: June 17th and 18th

Where: 912 Hayden Drive in Colorado Springs

Donations are needed!

Call Carla @ 719-217-3814 or Donna @ 719-651-3866



Penny – St Patrick's Day Parade



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Pet Memorials

Angel Bassets	Owners
Luke & Lea	Kurt and Karin Stangl
Abigail	Bob and Kathleen Wood
Molly	Tim and Susie Schaefer
Frank	Richard and Michelle Witholder
Lucy	Laura and Bobby Turner
Daisy	Barbara Cohen
Hercules	Terry Carlson
Buddy	Joanne Keiderling
Tommy	The Frink Family
Daisy	The Clifford Family
Murphy	Alan McGregor

Bumper Stickers Basset Rescue



Don't forget to get your Basset Rescue Bumper Stickers and show your support every day...

They can be found at any of the Basset Rescue picnics or feel free to give Donna a call and she can make arrangements to get one to you.

Just contact Donna Wensec at dwensec@yahoo.com or 719-651-3866. Thanks.



Daisy and Cecil – Out on a ride!





Please Adopt me:

Available since December

Annabelle - 2648



My name is Annabelle. I was picked up as a stray, skin and bones. The vet says that I'm spayed and am probably around 8 years old. I act a lot younger though - I chase the other

dogs around the yard like a dog half my age! Since being with my foster Mommy and her doggies, I've been making up for the meals I missed and I'm not skin and bones anymore. I'm a really pretty girl now, red and white. I'm up to date on all my shots. I LOVE to cuddle and snuggle. I'm great with other dogs and I would really like to be in a family with other dogs. I do fine with cats too. I don't know how I am with little kids, but I just spent a week with three kids aged from 8 years old on up and I did great with them. It took me a little bit to figure out the dog door since I didn't know what it was, but now I use it like a pro! I just needed someone to show me the ropes. I know how to sit and how to lie down on command. I sit really nicely for treats! Won't you come and take me to my forever home and let me snuggle and cuddle with you for the rest of my days? You won't regret it a bit!

Chloe - 2657



Hi, My name is Chloe. I am an 8yr old spayed female. I am current on my shots and got a clean bill of health. I am not much on stairs as you can see I am

a bit chunky and short legged. I am housetrained and very easy going. I am very good with other dogs of all size and age and even cats. As you can see from the photo, I am a beautiful Hound, mostly black & brown. I am big on getting my tummy rubbed and giving kisses. I am not much of a barker and I love kids. Once you look at me, you will want me forever. Cleo is my sister and we have been together as long as I can remember, so we would like to be adopted together.

Cleo - 2658



Hi there, My name is Cleo. I am a 10yr old spayed female. I am current on my shots and have gotten all my lumps and bumps checked. I am very layed back and love attention. I get along with other dogs

and cats and kids. I have a very keen nose and loved to use it. I am very easy to fall in love with. I can be a bit of a picky eater, but when I get hungry enough I will eat dog food if I have to. I would prefer to eat what you eat if I had a choice. I love to give kisses and snuggle anytime. I would like to be adopted with my Sister Chloe, since we are best friends and just love each other. Won't you please take us to our furever home?

Available since January

Frasier - 2661



Hi, my name is Frasier, I am a 3 year old neutered red/white male. I am fully up to date on shots, and I am a basset who is mixed with

some herding dog. I get along with other dogs. I also like older children. My owner was injured and is unable to take me for walks, so I am looking for a new home where I can run and play

Nato - 2630

Nato is a sweet boy with lots of love to share. He is a beautiful, 2 yr old, tri-color, neutered male, up to date on his shots. He was found as a stray running on Hwy. 50 by Granada, in southeastern Colorado. He would be fine with children that are older. He tends to be an alpha male, and would do best in a home where he is the only dog. He does not get along with cats. He shows some food aggression around other animals. He does however, love to be around people. He would be a great addition to a home that will spoil him rotten and give him all of the attention. If you are interested in one dog, and have lots of love to share with Nato, he would be a great addition to your family.

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