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HIGH COUNTRY BASSET HOUND RESCUE & ADOPTION SERVICE, INC.

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High Country Basset Hound Rescue and Adoption Service, Inc. is a 501[c][3], charitable non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of Basset Hounds. Founded and incorporated in the State of Colorado in 1982, it is operated solely by non-paid volunteers.

The mission of High Country Basset Hound Rescue & Adoption Service, Inc. is to educate the communities of Colorado about our role in the community to rescue displaced and abandoned Basset Hounds. This effort is necessary in reducing the overpopulation of pet animals by way of promoting neutering and spaying of existing pets during our placement activities. In support of this objective we will neuter and spay every dog that comes through our system for placement as well as bring all vaccinations current to meet state regulations. Through our adoption process we will match to the best of our ability each dog with an appropriate family to ensure long-term commitment to the adoption. Working directly with shelters, veterinary clinics and other agencies we will present an alternative to unnecessary euthanasia and support their efforts in placing Basset Hounds by promoting their services ahead of our own until it becomes necessary to bring these Basset Hounds into our system.

The general state of the economy, changing lifestyles, and relocations are some of the reasons for the abundance of abandoned Basset Hounds. Rescued Bassets come from shelters or are found as strays whose owners cannot be found. Others are relinquished directly by owners who no longer can keep the pet due to life style changes or can no longer take care of them. We do get Bassets in of all ages, and unfortunately most have been neglected on medical care. For each Basset that is rescued, they are taken to a veterinarian to receive a general health check, vaccinations, and are spayed or neutered if needed. The Rescue provides each dog with an identification tag and collar. The Basset is then placed in a foster home where it awaits a permanent home.

In 2015, the Rescue brought in 43 dogs from shelters and owners who could not keep and had to relinquish them. Of these, 14 had to be spayed or neutered. Veterinarian checks with immunizations add up, not to mention kennel cough, ear infections, and Bordetella shots.

Many of our rescued Bassets have some type of life threatening event that the Veterinarian's think we should take care of; on average mass removals or surgeries. We do solicit quotes from veterinarians to get the best job and price to help the hounds. We have had significant veterinary expense in caring for some dogs that have required treatment in order to live, i.e. giardia, intestinal diseases, or cysts.

Last year we had five dogs that required more care and treatment that averaged \$600-800 a dog, one dog's costs were \$2000 and another dog that needed life saving measures, was \$4500.

Keeping up with these costs is a challenge. We rely solely on donations and fundraisers to come up with these funds. This has worked for us for 34 years. But the rising costs and the lack of new volunteers is taking its toll. In 2014, we had a loss of \$5,400.00. In 2015, we had a loss of \$6,700.00. We did have a reserve that covered it, but now that reserve is almost gone.

We need your help! If our 1000+ members can donate \$5.00 a month for 12 months to High Country Basset Hound Rescue, it would go a long way in saving Bassets for many more years to come.

Donations can be sent to HCBHR at 7014 Wood Lily Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80923, or the PayPal link on our website. Thank you for your support.

Please Volunteer!

Just as important as funds, are our Volunteers. This last year we had several volunteers who had retired from the Rescue. This is leaving us with many tasks that need to be done so we can survive as a Rescue. All of our existing Volunteers do so much already, that for them to take over these additional tasks, is asking too much.

We desperately need Volunteers! Can you help?

We have decided to break down these tasks into smaller areas so it won't be large effort for someone to do. If you can volunteer for one of our positions, it would help us be able to keep a presence in many areas of Colorado.

We are looking for the following:

Adoption Coordinators for the following areas; Co. Springs, Southern Colorado, and Northern Colorado.

Intake Coordinator for Colorado Springs.

Shelter Monitor for Southern Colorado.

Home Visits person in Colorado Springs, and Southern Co.

Transporters of Bassetts – Traveling to all areas of Colorado.

Foster Homes – Everywhere.

Fundraising event holders – Denver.

Newsletter Publisher – Anywhere.

Volunteer Coordinator – Anywhere.

Please Contact Rebecca at
rmason07@law.du.edu

More Ways to Save or Earn Funds for Basset Hound Rescue Walk for a Dog

Download the Walk for a Dog app. Select High Country Basset Hound Rescue as the organization that you are walking for. Enter your dogs. Then when you take them for a walk, select start walk. When you end your walk, select stop. This will calculate your distance, and the Rescue will earn some funds.

Good Shop & Good Search

Save the links below, and use them when shopping or searching online. Select High Country Basset Hound Rescue. We will earn money when you do.

<http://www.goodsearch.com>

<http://www.goodshop.com>

Handbags for Bassetts

If you have gently used or new designer handbags and would like to donate them, mail them to:
BHR c/o Dana Darien, 22791 E. Euclid Circle
Aurora, Co. 80016

Go Green

Go to our website at coloradobassetrescue.com. Select the Receive the Newsletter link and enter your email address. You will then receive an email to confirm your request. When completed, please send an email to dwensec@yahoo.com to take your name off of the snail mail list. If you need to remain on the snail mail list, please call to tell us at 719-651-3866.

Used / Empty Ink Cartridges

Please mail to BHR, c/o Donna Wensec, at
7014 Wood Lilly Drive, Co. Springs, Co. 80923

Our Angel Bassetts

Bitsy

Bandit

Molly

Copper

Exor

Buddy

Peggy Evleth

Cheryl & Terry Melton

Rick & Sara Richards

Favid & Cathy Hauck

Troy Green & Stephanie Duke

Brenda Ottsen

Sam

Harvey

Fred

Red

Sampson

Sherrie Jernigan

Jennifer McCollum

Liz Kennedy

Bobby Bannock

Chris Spears

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

Denver Picnic

When: Saturday, June 11th
Where: deKoevend Park – Shelter C
6301 S. University Blvd, Littleton, Co. 80121
Time: 11:00a – 2:00p
Last names beginning with A-F Bring Appetizer,
G-S Bring salad side dish, T-Z Bring Dessert.
Auction items needed. Contact Donna @ 719-651-3866.

Colorado Springs Garage Sale

When: Saturday, June 25th
Where: 7145 Ashley Drive
Colorado Springs, Co. 80922
Time: 8:00a – 2:00p
Donations needed!
Contact Cindy @ 719-651-7733

4th of July Bake Sale - Co. Springs

When: Saturday, July 2nd
Where: The Pet Pantry - 5148 N. Academy Blvd.
Colorado Springs, Co. 80918
Time: 10:00a – 2:00p
We need baked donations and volunteers for the
10:00a -12:00p shift and the 12:00p - 2:00p shift.
Please deliver baked goods by 9:30a, or call for pick up
by 4:00p on July 1st. Call now to sign up.
Contact Jean @ 719-390-4827 or Joanne @ 719-660-0525
Flags will be available for purchase!

Grey Kitty Birthday & Pet Rescue Event

When: Saturday & Sunday, July 9th & 10th
Where: Tagawa Gardens - 7711 S. Parker Rd.
Centennial, Co. 80016
Time: 11:00a – 3:00p Both days
Contact Nicole @ 970-980-8522 to schedule a volunteer time.

Barking Bassets Bake Sale in Arvada

When: Saturday, July 16th
Where: King Soopers – 12350 W. 64th Ave.
Arvada, Co. 80004
Time: 9:00a – 1:00p
Time: 9:00a – 1:00p (Non-melting Baked donations needed)
Contact Donna @ 719-651-3866

Dog Days of Summer Bake Sale in Aurora

When: Saturday, August 13th
Where: King Soopers – 25701 E. Smoky Hill Rd.
Aurora, Co. 80016
Time: 9:00a – 1:00p (Non-melting Baked donations needed)
Contact Donna @ 719-651-3866

Denver Pet Expo

When: Saturday & Sunday - August 20th & 21st
Where: Denver Mart / Expo Hall
451 E. 58th Ave., Denver, Co. 80216
Time: 10:00a - 6:00p and 11:00a - 4:00p
Contact Nicole @ 970-980-8522 to schedule a volunteer time.

Colorado Springs Picnic

When: Saturday – September 10th
Where: Lazyland Park at Palmer Park
3650 Maizeland Rd., Colorado Springs, Co. 80909
Time: 10:00a – 2:00p
Bring a side dish.
Silent auction donations needed. Contact Carla @ 719-217-3814

Harvest Bake Sale - Co. Springs

When: Saturday, September 17th
Where: King Soopers - 1070 W. Baptist Road
Monument, Co. 80921
Time: 9:00a – 1:00p
Baked donations needed.
Contact Donna @ 719-651-3866

Bowling for Bassets!

When: Sunday, October 2nd
Where: Peak Bowl
2861 N. Prospect St. (off of Fillmore, across from Post Office)
Colorado Springs, Co. 80907
Time: 2:00p - 4:00p
Come and join us!
The cost is \$6.00 - Covers 2 games and shoes, or
\$4.00 for 1 game and shoes.
Ask people to sponser you and support the Bassets
by making a donation. Bring all donations to the event.
Spectators welcome! Let's have a howling good time!
Contact Jean @ 719-390-4827 or Joanne @ 719-660-0525
to sign up or for more information.

Fort Collins Picnic

When: Saturday , October 8th
Where: City Park, Shelter C
1500 W. Mulberry St., Ft. Collins, Co. 80521
Time: 1:00p - 4:00p
Participate in the Best Potato Salad Contest. Vote for the winner!
All others bring a different side dish or dessert.
Bake Sale items needed to sell.
Contact Donna @ 719-651-3866

All events can also be found on our website -
www.coloradobassetrescue.com

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