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Molly's Story

By Susie Schaefer

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



Millie's Story

By Robert Templin

To my Millie,
I can never forget the day I met you. The whole family, Gus, mom and dad were anxiously awaiting your scheduled "get to know you visit". The car pulled into the drive, the door opened and out popped a petite basset. You were cautiously curious about your new home, but decided to check all of us out anyway. Gus, our stoic male, remained aloof and unsure about this new visitor as he was raised with Labradors. He never really knew he was a basset until he laid eyes or should I say a snoot on you. The two of you took off across the yard chasing and sniffing both the yard and each other.

It was decided that we would move the entire group, humans and bassets inside to confirm that this new union would work out. As the humans were talking Miss Millie went exploring to see if this place suited her. Gus on the other hand found her travel bag and was busy going through it discovering that Millie had brought toys. Oh this was the deal maker for Gus, a precious little basset that smelled so good and toys to boot! From that moment on they were inseparable.



That was a short eight years ago. Millie soon became the lady of the house; dainty, quiet, a good singer and full of "special" hugs. As we came to know her she earned many nicknames

Tia Sophia, for that spunky little prance that she had; miss Millie, for the times she was meeting house guests; the trickster for those special moments when she would show us that she was an independent, self-reliant little lady of adventure. Poor Gus never knew what hit him after Millie moved in. I remember one night she convinced Gus to leave the yard for an adventure. The humans were in a panic and searched all night for our precious pups. Then in the wee hours of the morning they miraculously appeared standing at the driveway howling to announce their arrival home. Gus was so exhausted he slept for two days straight and never left the yard again!

Gus passed away two years ago now and has been waiting patiently for his best forever friend. I know in my heart that there was much tail wagging, sniffing and good natured chasing around when the two of them got together again.

I can only hope that they will wait for me to join them on a walk to check their messages.

Millie, Thank you for bringing so much joy into our life and your forever home. You are missed more than you will ever know. Someday soon we will all be back together.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Basset Play Groups

There have been some attempts in the past to have a play group at the local dog parks. Here are some dog parks below with a time specified. If you would like to sponsor a meet-and-greet time with other bassets at the dog park Please drop a note on our facebook page or send us an email. Meeting times are when previous groups met.

Denver

What: Denver "Basset Play Group"

Where: 4848 S. Windermere Englewood, CO. 80110

When: Saturday Mornings **Time:** 9:30 AM

Cost: None

Colorado Springs

What: Colorado Springs "Basset Play Group 1"

Where: Palmer Park

When: Saturday Mornings **Time:** 9:30 AM

Cost: None

Directions: 3650 Maizeland Road, on the corner of Academy Blvd. and Maizeland road. The dog park is at the rear of Palmer Park. Just follow the signs.

What: Colorado Springs "Basset Play Group 2"

Where: Rampart dog park behind Rampart H.S. off of Lexington

When: Saturday Mornings **Time:** 9:30 AM

Cost: None

Fort Collins

What: Fort Collins "Basset Play Group"

Where: Fort Collins, Old City Dog Park (Far west end of Horsetooth Road)

When: Saturday Mornings **Time:** 9:30 AM

Cost: None



Upcoming Events in 2012

Southern Colorado

(The Springs, Monument, Pueblo, Pueblo West)

Valentine Bake Sale -- Saturday, February 11th
Location TBA

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Colorado Springs --
Saturday March 17th More info to come

Easter Bake Sale -- Saturday, April 7th Location TBA

Celebrating 30 years of Rescue, Join us at each of the
Picnics this year. (More information in the Spring
edition of the newsletter.)



Northern Colorado

(Greeley, Loveland, Ft Collins)

Sunday – January 22nd – The Super Dog Show at the
Budweiser Event Center, Loveland, CO.

Saturday – March 10th at 7:00 PM we will have a booth
at the Up For Pups “Don’t Kill Bill” Details will be on
Facebook and also on the Web.

We are still seeking volunteers to help man the booth.
Tickets to go to the show can be found on the event
website at www.upforpups.org/events/

More events are in the works for Northern Colorado.
Keep watching the website and follow us on Facebook
for upcoming opportunities to volunteer at these events
or to come see us.

If you’d like more information please feel free to email
Nicole @ nkdeubach@yahoo.com

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.

Welcome to the Team...

Please help me in welcoming MaryLou Stevens to the team.
She has taken over for Keri Dennison on the Western Slope.

MaryLou is doing a great job and has already in her short time
placed several Bassets, found new foster homes and has begun
working on building her own support network in the Grand
Junction area.

Join our Facebook Family

It’s not quite been a full year on Facebook and already we have
more than 1000 followers...

(www.facebook.com/pages/High-Country-Basset-Hound-Rescue)

Newsletters -- Mailbox or Online?

By Jeromy

There is a growing demand for our newsletters to be
delivered online through our email distribution. The most
recent one is always posted on the homepage of our
website

With each publication we send out an email. Currently our
email distribution list is over 1200 long and with each new
addition we can recognize a direct savings of about 13
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We will always provide a printed copy for those of our
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with High Country Basset Rescue...

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Thank you all for your continued support and commitment
to helping us in saving our furry friends.





Pet Memorials Winter 2011

<u>Pet</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Molly	Tim & Susie Schafer
Winston & Julia	Carolyn & Buddy Fricke
Buddy	Trina & Ben Foster
Bo	Michele Geiselhart
Annie	Jim & Nancy Drewry
Molly & Lucy	Gary, Donna & Nick Wensec
Bodie	Janet, Forrest & Steve Knox
Buster	Cindy, Steve & Noah Waldman
Rudy	Alfred & Myrna Hagedorn
Howlley	Sue & Tony Muster
Roscoe	Mary Lou Stevens
Millie	Robert Templin
Rosie	John & Amanda Cosler
Edgar	Sean LeBlanc & Tiffany Parkin
Pokey	Joanne Keiderling
Olivia	Tom & Julie Frink
Rosie	Amy McCawley
Molly	Lynda Bradt
Emma	Sandra Goodman
Bessie	Juliana Van Pelt
Buster	Steve & Tamera Petty
Buddy	The Carter Family

Placement Coordinators

Karin	303-432-9347	Denver Front Range
Sue	719-310-4825	Colo Springs/Pueblo
Mary Lou	970- 242-8311	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> .



Wally was the grand prize winner in the costume contest at the Colorado Springs Annual Picnic.

Adopt Me!!!

Baron - 2709



Hi my name is Baron and I am the most loving dog on the planet. I am 8 years young and have lived with my Dad since I was a puppy. I am not a barker, I am completely house trained and I can use a doggy door. My Dad is just heartbroken that he cannot keep me, so I have to find a new home for myself. Don't worry, I

have no bad habits, I am an all around sweet Hound. I get along well with dogs and cats, and am a perfect gentleman on a leash. I am neutered and up to date on my shots. Can you please find room in your home and heart for a special guy like me?

Ernie - 2711



Ernie is a very active 6 year old! He loves to play & go on walks with the resident siblings. He is housetrained, uses a doggy door and can be left unattended with no destructive habits. He was previously relinquished to a shelter due to

aggressive behavior over food and children under 6 but this has not been observed in his current Foster Home. Ernie has been in his foster home with 4 other Bassets and gets along well with everyone. His Foster Mom has tried putting one bowl of food down with 4 other dogs present and at that time he did not growl at anyone. With 5 bowls present he did not growl as one bowl was dedicated strictly for him. When in company of children under 6 the behavior was very affectionate and excitement. Ernie is neutered and up to date on his shots. He is in good health and loves to play and please his human friends. His Foster Mom believes he just needs a home filled with love and lots of treats:





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 Front Range
Sue	719-310-4825	Colo Springs/Pueblo
Mary Lou	970- 242-8311	Western Slope

ADOPT ME!!!!...

Buddy - 2755



Please meet Buddy, a very young 8 year old male Basset. Buddy is full of energy and very playful and can keep up with a three year old Basset running around the yard. Buddy is a very handsome hound, almost all black & white, which is very unique for a Basset. Buddy also seems to really like children. I do not know how he is with cats. Buddy is completely house trained and knows how to use the dog door. This loveable boy

walks nicely on a leash and rides well in a car. He will sleep with you if invited, otherwise is content to sleep on the sofa or dog bed. He responds well to his name and also knows several commands including sit and stay. He has not shown any food aggression and does not appear to be a barker. Buddy would probably be happiest if he has a playmate to share his love for life! If you are looking for a hound to share the sofa with and be your best friend, please give Buddy a call & he will be waiting!

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.

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ADOPT ME!!!...

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

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.

ADOPT ME!!!...

Baxter - 2737



I am a victim of foreclosure, and could not go with my family when they moved. I am a large tri colored neutered basset . I play well with others dogs, love meeting new people. I can sit, like to go on walks with a leash and play in the back yard if it isn't too cold. I sleep in my crate (it comes with me) at night in the bedroom, during the day I play with the other basset hound and people in the house. I may need help getting into the car, but like car rides. Did I say I like treats? I like treats! I also like belly and ear rubs! Do you need a new snuggle bunny in your home? Baxter is 5 years old.





Please Adopt me:

Currently Available

Cooper - 2469



This is Cooper a 5 year old tri-colored neutered male. Cooper is a very loving sweet Hound, more info coming soon.

Joey - 2731



Hey there! I'm Joey! I'm an 8-year old tri-color, neutered, house-trained love muffin. I am up to date on all my shots. I'm a very loving boy, looking for my forever home! I absolutely love car rides, walks around the neighborhood, trips to the dog

park, or just sunbathing in the backyard. I'm great with well-behaved kids and other dogs. But have not been around cats, so I don't know how I feel about them. I love climbing onto the couch to sit with you and (trying to get on the) bed as well, but it's best if I stay off and on my own pillow. I LOVE treat time and a good ear rub from anyone willing to give me one. I am very gentle when being given treats and know how to sit on command (especially when a treat is involved). I'd love to get to know you!

Duke - 2669



This is Duke. He is a light colored lemon and white 6 year old neutered male, and is UTD on his shots. Duke is totally housebroken, with a dog door. He probably can also let you know when he needs to be let out if you do not have a dog door. Duke loves to lie in the sun, have his belly and ears rubbed, and

gets along great with other dogs. He does not appear to be a barker. Duke also rides nicely in a car, and walks well on a leash. If you let him, Duke will find a spot on your sofa and make himself at home. Duke does startle by quick and sudden movements and loud noises. He would do best with another dog, preferably female. Duke is an absolute sweetheart and will make someone a great companion. Patience is the key with this guy. Can you give Duke the home he needs?

Sarge - 1456 & Rosie - 2334

Sarge and Rosie are a very sweet bonded pair, who were



relinquished when their owner could no longer care for them. We think Rosie is about 7 years old, she is spayed and up to date on her shots. She is very playful and loves her toys. Rosie has a great sense of humor and is always trying to make you laugh. She will bring you a treat in the morning, by carrying the socks you left on

the floor to you in her mouth,



to try and get you to play tug of war. Rosie loves to bark and try to attack the vacuum, she gets along well with children of all ages and loves dogs. Sarge is 10 years old and just the sweetest old guy. He is neutered and up to date on his shots. Sarge loves to be by your side, gazing adoringly at you. He's a pretty mellow dude and likes his naptimes also. Sarge also likes children and get along well with other dogs. Both dogs are potty trained and like to go for walks. If you're looking for a

sweet, low-maintenance pair of hounds, Sarge and Rosie just might be your new best friends.

Joe - 2680



Hi, my name is Joe and I'm a 10 year old basset who is looking for his forever home. I'm an easygoing guy: I love kids, dogs, cats, car trips, walks, naps, pets and the occasional bone to chew on. My foster parents took me camping and I loved that too! I do not appear to have any food aggression, and I'm not much of a barker. (My foster parents have only heard me bark to come in the house and sometimes to yell at the younger dogs in the house to settle down!) I love all people and show no hesitation when

meeting a new person or dog. Thanks to the Basset Rescue I am up to date on shots and got a clean bill of health from the vet. My foster parents have gotten me used to kibble (at my last home I had a raw diet), which has been slow going, but it gets better every day!



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