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THE BASSETTEER

TWO THOUSAND HAPPY TAILS

Mot was 10 years old when her owners surrendered her to BHRSC. She had lived with the same family her entire life, but they did not have the money to care for her as she aged, and she was in rough shape.

The large, ulcerated, bleeding mass on her back was the most obvious of her many ailments, but we soon learned she was also suffering from ear infections, overgrown nails and severely decaying teeth, among other things.

Fortunately, we were able to take in Mot within a day of her owner contacting us. We quickly got to work with our partner veterinarians evaluating her health, beginning treatments and making her as comfortable as possible – a process and timeline that hasn't always been possible for BHRSC.

WELLNESS CHECKS

Every hound we take in receives an extensive wellness exam, including as needed blood work, urinalysis, heartworm check, fecal testing, microchip implantations and vaccinations, and often additional testing for conditions like abnormal growths and heart irregularities.

Mot's assessment found seven more masses, in addition to the obvious one on her back, and confirmed severe dental disease along with many other nagging health problems.

MAJOR MEDICAL CARE

Many of the hounds we rescue are in desperate need of care for major medical issues that require costly surgery, lengthy courses of medication and special boarding or foster care. Thanks to our generous and dedicated supporters, today we're able to accept and treat even the most severe cases.

Mot was no exception, as she needed three masses removed, the largest one coming dangerously close to her spine. Biopsies revealed she had a rare type of tumor, but good margins and no sign of metastasis after removal. She also had more than a dozen diseased teeth removed.

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We have come a long (and short) way since our founding 20 years ago. There were times in our early days when we heard about hounds abandoned at shelters but did not have the resources to rescue them. Since then, our volunteer and donor networks have grown, making more things possible than our founders ever dreamed.

YOU CAN HELP US RESCUE MORE HOUNDS LIKE MOT BY MAKING A DONATION TODAY! READ THE REST OF MOT'S STORY ON PAGE 2 ...



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BEHAVIOR EVALUATIONS

Last year we made behavior evaluations part of our intake process for all hounds. This helps us identify potential issues and create appropriate training and treatment plans to prepare each hound for a happy life in a forever home.

Mot was nervous and scared when she came to us. Her evaluation pinpointed specific situations that increased her fear response, giving us a better idea of the type of foster home in which she would thrive. For many weeks, Mot's foster family worked with her as we searched for a permanent home that would bring out her best basset behavior.

Two months after her surrender, Mot was finally home with a patient and attentive family with lots of love to give and the tools needed to help her blossom. At first, she accompanied her new dad to work every day as her anxiety began to subside.

Today she shows no signs of the nerves that once troubled her. Instead, she spends her time searching the house for toys to drop at her humans' feet, singing her welcome home song and choosing between two beds to settle into for naps.

Please make a donation today to help save even more lives and sustain our mission for decades to come. Thank you so much for your continued support.



This “happy tail” is a reminder of how far BHRSC has come – rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming more than 100 hounds each year and nearly 2,000 since our founding. Everything from our complex Hound Haul operations, to the basic, yet exceptional level of care each rescued hound receives is a tribute to those early days, made possible thanks to supporters like you. 🐾

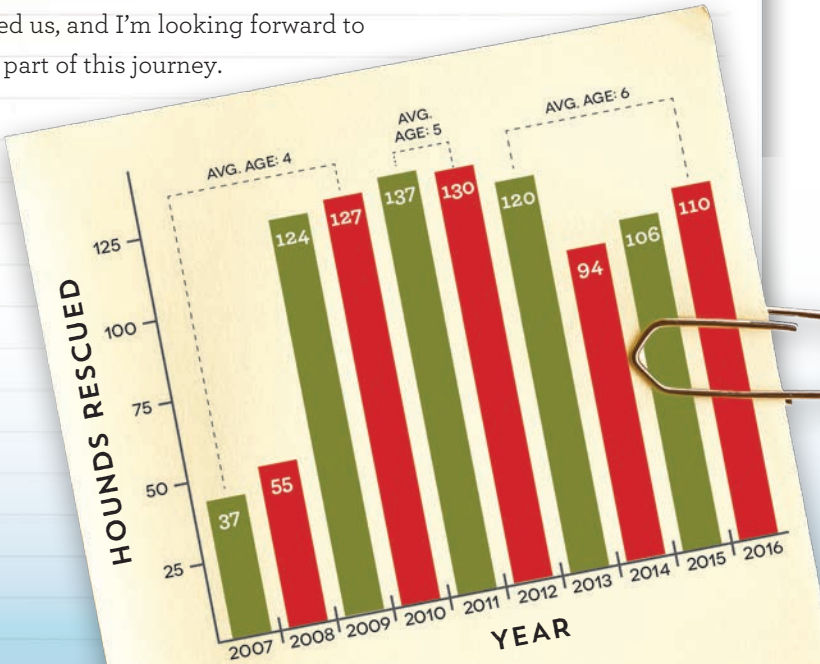
• LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT •

It is incredible to think we have been in the business of rescuing hounds for 20 years! How we have grown! In addition to our ever-expanding volunteer pool, I’m so proud of how far we have come in our ability to take in all the hounds who come knocking at our door, not turning away those requiring extensive surgery, specialty consults or behavioral treatment, and providing them with exceptional, above-and-beyond care and TLC. Each of the hounds who has joined the BHRSC family has touched us, and I’m looking forward to another 20 years of changing lives! You are a crucial part of this journey. We couldn’t do it without you!

Sincerely,
*Melissa Ruthenbeck-Chiaramonte
and the Hounds of BHRSC*

P.S. Here’s what it looks like to take in all the hounds that come knocking on our doors. Over the past decade, the average age has steadily increased, along with it, an uptick in the costs to BHRSC to care for these dogs.

We recorded our biggest rescue numbers when the economy was at its worst and many people could no longer care for their pets, but years later there are still so many hounds in need in California and beyond.



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Adoptions are \$100 off at Spring Games (families must be pre-approved). Come meet your perfect match!



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Due to personality differences among various breeds, we ask that only Basset Hounds (and basset mixes) participate in the Ring Events. Thank you!

NAME	PARTICIPATING HOUND NAME
ADDRESS	PARTICIPATING HOUND NAME
CITY, STATE & ZIP	PARTICIPATING HOUND NAME
PHONE	PARTICIPATING HOUND NAME

The Pre-Registration fee is \$20 for the first Basset Hound, and \$10 for each additional basset. Please note that the fees increase for on-site registration, to \$25 for the first basset and \$10 for each additional hound. Official Spring Games T-shirts are available by pre-order only. IF YOU PRE-REGISTER YOUR HOUND, THEIR NAME WILL APPEAR ON THE EVENT SHIRT, MAKING IT A GREAT COLLECTIBLE! Unisex shirts size S-XL are \$20 and XXL is \$22. Pre-registration ends on Saturday May 27th, 2017. You may also register online by visiting www.bassethoundrescue.org/spring-games Please make checks payable to BHRSC. All proceeds go directly to Basset Hound Rescue of Southern California.

NO. OF HOUNDS PARTICIPATING	\$	TOTAL REGISTRATION
ADDITIONAL TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION	\$	TOTAL DONATION
NO. OF T-SHIRTS	\$	TOTAL T-SHIRT PAYMENT
T-SHIRT SIZE(S)		

\$

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED



A SPRING GAMES LOVE STORY, 17 YEARS & COUNTING

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Seventeen years ago volunteer Denise Dochnahl attended her first BHRSC Spring Games, where she said she was not only entertained, but also fell in love with every hound in attendance. At the time, her hound Stoney was the only basset she had seen in the area. So the gathering left her with “overwhelming amazement,” something she still feels today when she thinks about everything the organization has accomplished since then, particularly the recent Hound Haul operations.

“I came to BHRSC when it was much smaller,” she said. “The fact that we’ve grown so large and are such a well-oiled machine now, that we can save hounds from other states that don’t have as many resources ... That’s something we’d have never dreamed of ‘back in the day.’”

Shortly after her Spring Games experience, Denise signed up as a home visit volunteer. And she was just getting started, holding several different positions before working her way up to BHRSC president in 2008. Like many of our volunteers, especially in the early days, Denise has always worn many hats, usually several at once. Today, she donates her spare time as the e-newsletter editor, and of course the longtime emcee of the Games. But she doesn’t think she could ever walk away.



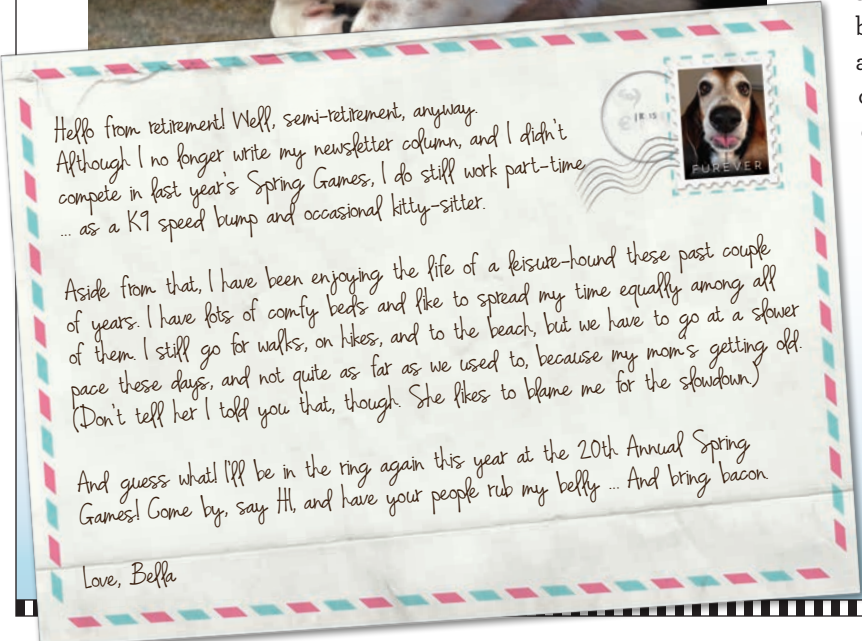
“I have a borderline-insane love of Basset Hounds, always have; to find myself oftentimes surrounded by them, makes me very happy,” Denise said. “And to know that I have done something or am doing something to help them makes me even happier.”

But her rescued hound Bella is by far her most cherished BHRSC gift of all! With all of the friends and joyful memories made come a few sad ones too, like the cases of abuse or the times when the organization was just getting started and didn’t have the resources to rescue hounds from shelters.

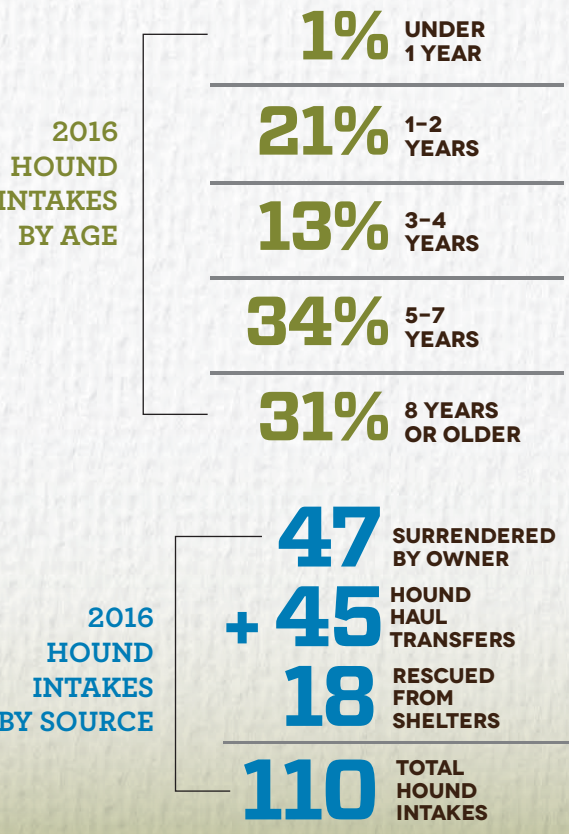
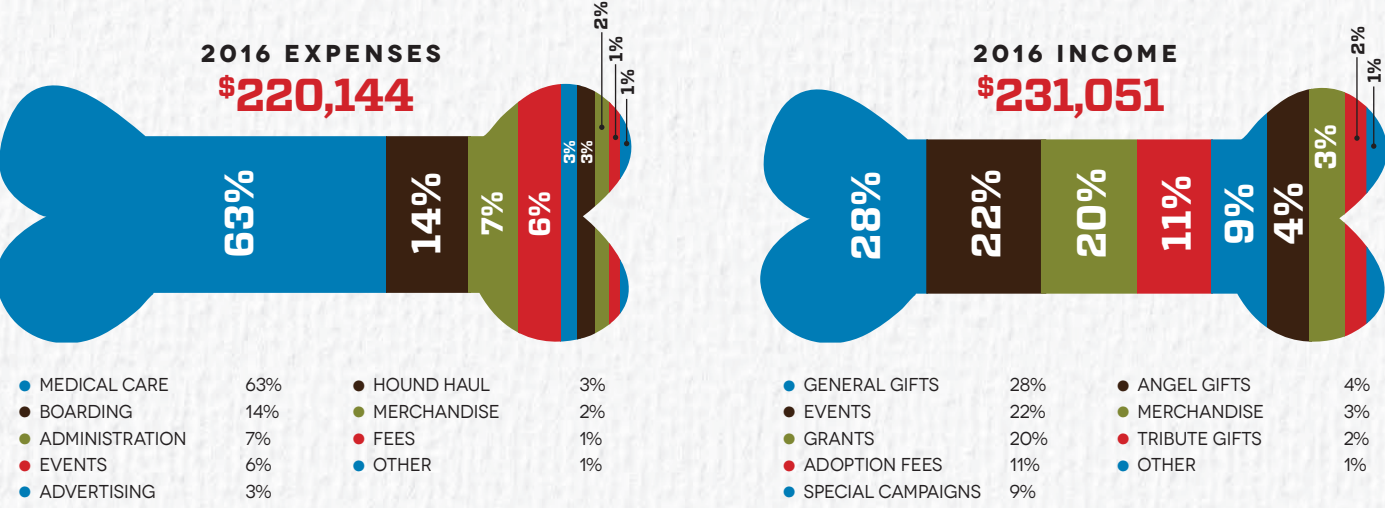
“Truth is though, those are the ones that keep you going,” she said. “They’re the ones whose memories won’t let you give up.”

These days she focuses on the good – and the future. She called BHRSC a shining example of what can be done with a very high standard of rescue and a reputation to match. Volunteering for the organization gives her the opportunity to make a difference in the world and set an example in the community, something she hopes other BHRSC friends will consider.

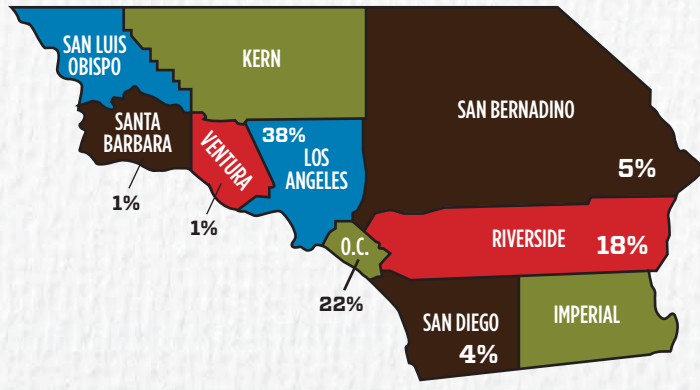
“I am still blown away by the amazing work, the standing army now of dedicated volunteers, and the many beautiful hounds that we have met and helped on their journey to health, love and a forever home,” Denise said. “I want everyone, everywhere to know that BHRSC makes a difference ... And I want them to get involved – volunteer, attend events, donate, foster, ADOPT!” 🐾



★ 2016: THE LONG & SHORT OF IT ★



2016 ADOPTIONS BY COUNTY



LOS ANGELES (38%)	VENTURA (1%)
ORANGE COUNTY (22%)	SANTA BARBARA (1%)
RIVERSIDE (18%)	OTHER - CA (4%)
SAN BERNARDINO (5%)	OTHER - NON-CA (7%)
SAN DIEGO (4%)	

• CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

10
JUNE

20TH ANNUAL SPRING GAMES

June 10, 2017 | 10 am to 3 pm
WILLIAM R. MASON REGIONAL PARK
18712 UNIVERSITY DRIVE | IRVINE, CA 92612

12
AUGUST

BASSET BEACH DAY

August 12, 2017 | 10 am to 12 pm
ROSIE'S DOG BEACH
5000 E OCEAN BLVD. | LONG BEACH, CA 90803

7
OCTOBER

BIDS & BITES FOR BASSETS

October 7, 2017 | 5 pm to 11 pm
SHOREBEAK HOTEL
500 PACIFIC COAST HWY.. | HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

For more details on all events,
visit www.basethoundrescue.org/event-calendar/

• BHRSC VOLUNTEERS •

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• LETTER FROM THE FOSTER COORDINATOR •

Getting hounds into homes is what our rescue is all about. Our partner boarding facilities are wonderful, but they are not homes. ***In a home***, a hound may choose to hang out with other pets or find a comfy place to nap. ***In a home***, a hound may ask for belly rubs or play with a variety of toys. ***In a home***, a hound will be a member of the family. A foster hound could be a member of your family.

Foster homes are critical to keeping BHRSC adoptable hounds happy, healthy and quickly on the way to their forever families – and we need more fosters! When hounds are in their temporary homes, we cover all medical expenses and provide food if needed. All we ask is that fosters supply a comfy, safe, hound-friendly home with lots of love.

Sincerely,

Pam Schmidt

APPLY TODAY AT WWW.BASSETHOUNDERSCUE.ORG/FOSTER.

THE CARING SHELTER YOU PROVIDE WILL MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO A HOUND IN NEED.

IT'S A HOUND'S LIFE ...

IN A BOARDING FACILITY



- AM -

Yay! It's morning. I hope the lights come on soon.

Lights on! Pretty soon a nice person will take me out to potty. Oh, I wish I hadn't had so much to drink last night.

I can hear them fixing breakfast. Why does that Rottweiler always get his breakfast first? My howl is way better than his!

Finally! Nom, nom, nom.

Time for my post-breakfast nap. I wish that yappy dog would quiet down. He's interfering with my beauty sleep.

- PM -

Wonder if I'll get a new chew toy today. I need something to do while waiting for my afternoon walk ... Hope it's sunny today. I wish I could stay outside all afternoon.

Dinner. Hey, I got fed before the Rott!

Bummer, they just turned the lights out. Won't see anyone 'til tomorrow. Zzzzzzzzz ...

IN A FOSTER HOME



- AM -

Yay! It's morning. Time to go wake up my foster mom. Should I lick her face or pant in her ear today?

I have to potty, but I know I need to wait until she plays with that machine in the kitchen. I sure do love the smell that comes after ...

Ready for breakfast! What? No! She's drinking more of the stuff out of the machine first. Why, oh why, do I have to wait?

Finally! Nom, nom, nom.

Hmm, where should I take my nap? Maybe I'll try the couch in the sleeping room or dad's chair in the TV room. These decisions can be overwhelming.

- PM -

Time to look out the window and wait for the little humans to come home. The boy gives the best belly rubs – and he gives me extra treats! The girl is fun too; she knows what games I like to play.

Dinner time for everyone. I need to figure out whose chair to sit under tonight!

Whew, I'm exhausted. Time for bed. Maybe I'll sleep with the boy tonight ...



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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 7th, 2017 | 5 pm to 11 pm

KIMPTON SHOREBREAK HOTEL
500 Pacific Coast Hwy. | Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Bids & Bites for BasSETS is a party for a cause featuring the opportunity to bid on exciting auction items, all in support of the homeless hounds of BHRSC!

Dinner, drinks, dessert and live entertainment are included in your ticket purchase. All proceeds will support our mission of rescuing, sheltering and providing exceptional care for every hound that comes to us in need.

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