THE BASSETEER

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BUFORD

THE COMEBACK KID

Some of the Bassets that come to BHRSC are evaluated, have little or no issues, and are ready to find their forever homes in a few weeks or less. Other Bassets have issues that require extensive treatment for a variety of pre-existing medical conditions.

Buford is one of the other Bassets.

His transformation from when he was surrendered in the fall of 2020 to now shows how BHRSC and the people who support the rescue truly make a difference in the lives of these hounds.

"He was in extremely bad shape when he came to us," said Jo Waite, who is a longtime volunteer and currently the BHSRC adoption coordinator assistant. "I have taken care of dogs with allergies, but I was really shocked when I got Buford. He was



hairless on his ear flaps and his tail was like a rat's tail."

There was no fur on Buford's underside, and his underside, along with his face, was completely red.

READ ABOUT BUFORD'S RECOVERY ON PAGE 3.
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• LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall,

This year has been a strange one to say the least, but that hasn't stopped hounds needing to be rescued! This year so far we have taken in over 70 hounds needing our help. Thanks to our many supporters, volunteers, donors, and sponsors we are able to help these hounds.

Buford is one prime example of how some love and care turned this hound around! His condition was the worst I have ever seen, we needed to bring him into our care as soon as we could. Many thanks to his foster family and our vets, Buford turned around so quickly. Seeing hounds in their forever home, happy, and healthy is our mission. We at BHRSC

believe that each and every hound deserves a quality of life and a deserving home.

With 2021 coming to a close, BHRSC hopes to continue to help hounds in need and give them their forever homes. Thank you for supporting BHRSC for 24 years and counting!

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season!

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Felicia Vandever

★ 2021: VET EXPENSES TO DATE ★

DIAGNOSTICS \$20,341.92

BACK SURGERY \$13,424.69 **MASS REMOVAL** \$9,879.16

MEDICATION \$ 9.198.09

DENTAL \$7,606.40

HOSPITALIZATION \$4,491,70 **BOARDING** \$3.119.51

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"I picked him up right after he had his initial medical evaluation and he was about 15 pounds underweight," she added.

When the initial medical evaluation came back, it was determined he had a heart murmur and an X-ray revealed Buford had an enlarged heart.

Before any type of medical management was initiated, Buford needed to see a cardiologist.

"I picked up Buford the day after he was seen by his primary care vet, was instructed to get a cardiology consult. I called the cardiology office only to learn they didn't have any availability for two months," Jo said.

A SOFT SPOT FOR BASSETS

Luckily, it turned out the cardiologist has a soft spot for bassets (who doesn't?) and was able to get Buford in the next day.

"The cardiologist's immediate response was that this was a dietary deficiency and he was lacking the amino acids necessary for heart, skin and muscle development," Jo said. She immediately got Buford on a new diet and began to give him those missing amino acid supplements.

He also needed skin care, and that meant three medicated baths a week for the first month, which he turned out to enjoy.

"Buford thinks it's a spa treatment," she said.

Buford also had bilateral ear infections that would not clear up with primary vet care, and since February has had monthly trips to dermatology.

BEST OF BREED

Buford recently returned from a two-week vacation to Colorado Springs where he visited two- and four-legged cousins.

"I probably should have had a donation cup with me wherever we went because he was stopped often to have his picture taken. People wanted to pet him and ask questions about him - he was truly a Basset hound rescue ambassador," she said.

Buford enjoys traveling with his family, his spa time and his forever home.

"We have never had a problem with him at all - he is probably the most laid back, gentle dog despite all that he's suffered," Jo said.





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Bodhi first came to BHRSC when he was five years old. He had lived all his life with one family, but over time, that family grew and changed. Human family members kept moving in and out of the house, and Bodhi had to share the household with three cats and two other dogs. The full house with its constant changes created stress for Bodhi, and he began to display aggressive behaviors, especially toward his canine siblings and especially around food. One of his dog siblings became afraid to go into the house or yard if Bodhi was already there.

Although Bodhi was usually still loving and playful with his human companions, his owner realized he would be happier in a home with no other dogs, so she contacted BHRSC for help.

It did not take long for Bodhi to find a new home. There, life was quieter, and any signs of aggression disappeared. However, although peace reigned inside the house, the neighborhood was a busy one. There were frequent fireworks and other loud noises, and poor Bodhi was terrified.

BHRSC TO THE RESCUE

Again, BHRSC came to his rescue. We first boarded Bodhi for observation with a vet. There, he soon began displaying food guarding behaviors. BHRSC behavior coordinator Andrea Ramos suspects this was again a reaction to stress. At the vet's, he was in unfamiliar surroundings. People were constantly coming and going, and he was in competition with other dogs for food and attention. As if that weren't enough, the place smelled like a pet hospital!

Soon, however, BHRSC was able to place Bodhi with a foster family in a quiet neighborhood. Of course, on July 4th, no neighborhood is truly quiet. Dave, his former foster dad and now forever dad, recalls that "Bodhi was very unsettled during the July 4th fireworks. He was panting and pacing around the house, trying to find a place to escape the noise. Nothing

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seemed to calm him down until we decided to put him in the car and go for a drive. That really helped, and he finally ended up falling asleep while we drove around town."

A LUCKY BOY

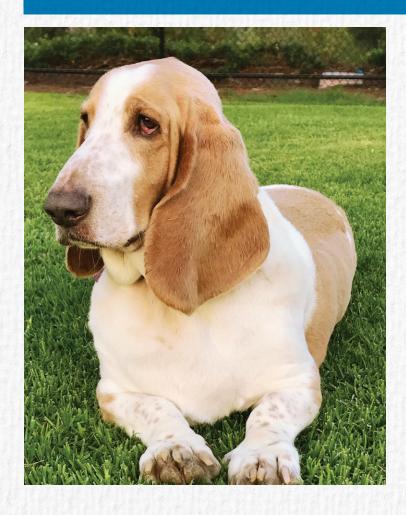
There are no other pets in Bodhi's new home, so he can pick and choose his canine pals. Dave reports that Bodhi has "made some great friends, and he lets us know every day when it's time to go to the park to meet up with them" and join in the games. "It's pretty funny," says Dave, "to see a basset hound go after a frisbee."

It's no wonder Bodhi's foster home quickly became his forever home. What is life like in Bodhi's forever home?

Here's Dave's summary: "Bodhi has been a joy to have around. He's very affectionate, has a very expressive face, and he's constantly making us laugh. He loves getting on the couch with us and napping while we watch TV. He also likes to roll onto his back while sleeping, which is always entertaining. We're working on some other 'tricks,' but he's a master at 'sit.' He even sits while he eats out of his bowl. We love Bodhi, and we're very lucky to have found him."

It sounds like Bodhi's very lucky, too!

BODHI is the face of hope, and a testament to what your love and support can do. Your donation today will help hounds just like Bodhi move forward in their healing journey and new life.







CALENDAR OF EVENTS •

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The Coordinator, with the help of a large planning committee, oversees the planning and the execution of our annual Spring Games held in Irvine. They must be available to volunteer at Spring Games held annually in June.

The Coordinator assembles and oversees a committee to assist with fundraising, securing vendors and obtaining raffle prizes. They work closely with the Board of Directors on event approval and budget and the social media, PR and newsletter teams for promotion.

BIDS AND BITES FOR BASSETS COORDINATOR

The Coordinator, with the help of a planning committee, oversees the planning and the execution of our annual Bids and Bites for Bassets held in October in Orange County.

The Coordinator assembles and oversees a committee to assist in the fundraising, collecting auction and raffle prizes. They work closely with the Board of Directors on event approval and budget and the social media, PR and newsletter teams for promotion.

BUSINESS LIAISON

The Liaison will work approximately 15 hours per month making connections with businesses across Southern California to gain sponsors for BHRSC.

Duties include:

 Coordinating monetary donations from sponsors in exchange for advertising their company at events, on the website, social media pages and the BHRSC Newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE JOINED US THIS YEAR

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Jim Rochford

BEHAVIOR COORDINATOR: Andrea Ramos

HOME VISIT COORDINATOR: Hilary Rudy
ADOPTION ASSISTANT: Alison Schooley

WEB ADVISOR: Hannah DeVilbiss

SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR: Joanne Kwoh-Maysami

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- Working with the Marketing Coordinator on strategy to acquire sponsors.
- · Provide all the necessary logos and copy for add.
- Develop a BHRSC Network group amongst business sponsors.

BEHAVIOR ASSISTANT

The Assistant helps foster homes and adopters that are experiencing behavior issues with their BHRSC hounds. They will be trained on the following tasks:

- Monitoring treatment plans.
- Perform assessments on new dogs before they move to their foster or forever home.
- Maintains and shares a spreadsheet that tracks behavior cases weekly.
- Uploads and shares videos, treatment plans, and various updates with other BHRSC coordinators.

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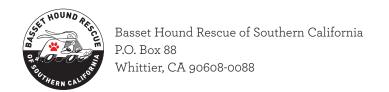
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EVENT CALENDAR & TOP PAW DONORS

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