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OLD DOGS CAN LEARN NEW TRICKS

While the goal of any dog rescue is to find forever homes, fosters are a crucial part of the rescue process and provide an immediate home for stray or surrendered dogs. Many of the hounds rescued by BHRSC—about 75%—go directly to adoption or foster-to-adopt homes, but some hounds need more specialized attention and a training plan customized to address specific behavioral issues.



BHRSC HELPED GUIDE LENNY AND HIS FOSTERS THROUGH MEDICAL AND BEHAVIOR ISSUES.

This is where behavior assessments and the experienced team of BHRSC volunteers comes in.

“It can sometimes be a challenge to find the right foster home for these dogs, because in a lot of cases, the hound may need to be an only dog and most of our fosters tend to have a hound, or two,” said BHRSC Foster Coordinator Sara Davison. “The hounds that need a foster tend to be the hounds with medical and/or behavior issues to work through.”

When a dog is referred or surrendered to BHRSC, a Behavior Coordinator evaluates any issues the dog may have using the SAFER (Safety Assessment For Evaluating Rehoming) model.

“This assessment identifies the dog’s comfort level with restraint and touch, reaction to new experiences including movement



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Fall, hound lovers!

With your help, celebrating 25 years of Basset Hound Rescue of Southern California has been fantastic. Back in person with the Spring Games was great. And, another fabulous Bids & Bites for Bassetts. Many adopters helped celebrate by sharing adoption stories and alumni photos.

Going into our next quarter century of rescuing homeless hounds, we are mindful about what has made BHRSC so enduring: our volunteers and our donors. We cannot overstate our gratitude to those who donate their time and their money to ensure that each of our hounds has the best chance of an amazing new life.

We need your help more than ever in 2023. Our world is very different now than it was before COVID. Many "COVID pets" are being surrendered because the adopters are no longer working from home. The costs of rentals in Southern California

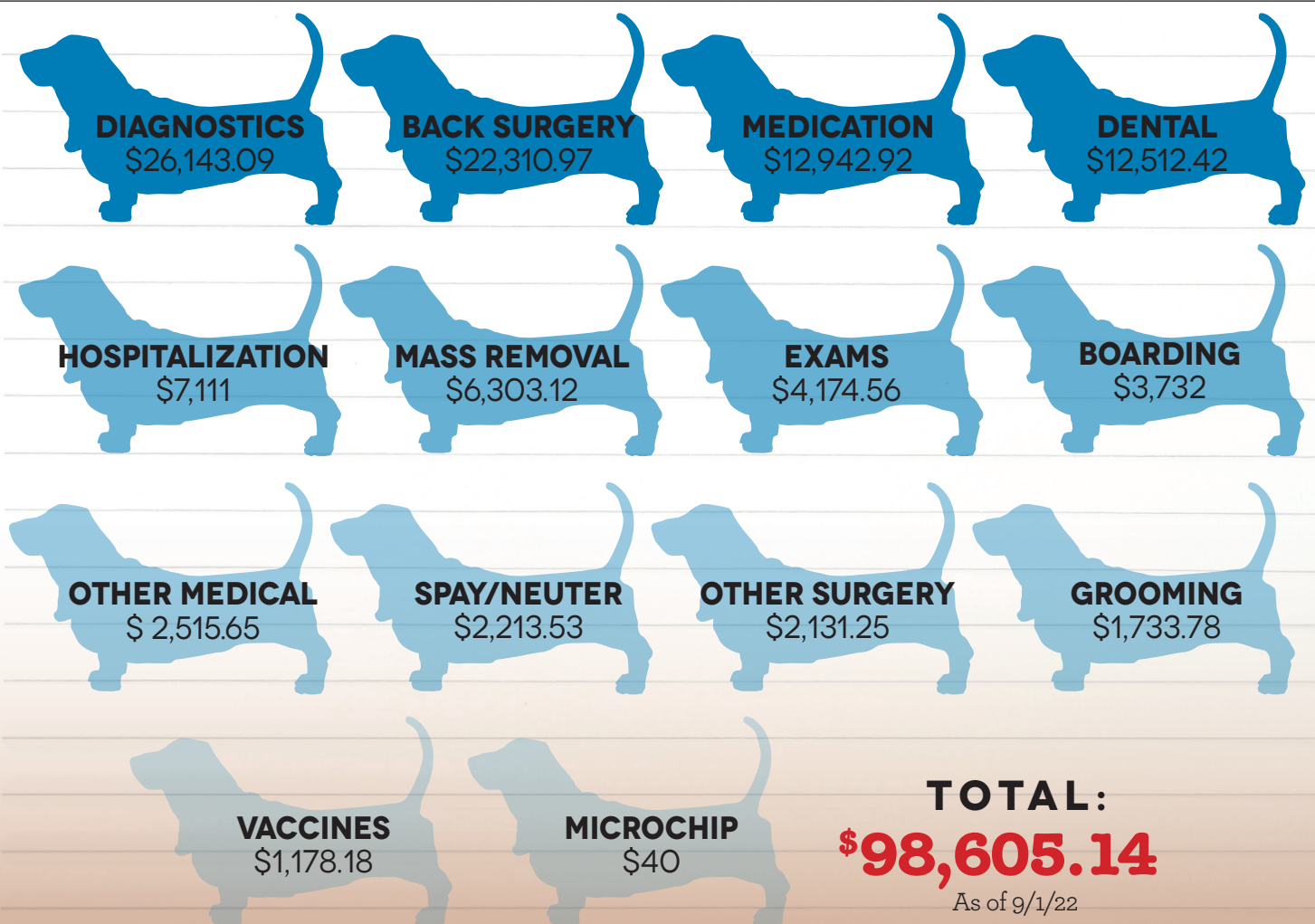
are soaring. Combined with inflation, some renters need to move and cannot take their pets with them.

BHRSC will do our best to reduce the strain on shelters by keeping Basset Hounds out of them. We will continue our amazing hotline and owner surrender program to intercept hounds before they go to a shelter. Any alumni hound that the adopter can no longer care for are always welcomed back. With inflation and vet costs rising, it will cost us more to help those hounds.

Some rescues are anxious about what these changes will mean for their animals in 2023. After 25 years, we know we can count on our volunteers and donors to be there for whatever challenges may arise. We will continue to do what we have always done: offer sanctuary, healing and forever families to distressed, abandoned, injured or homeless hounds.

Pam Schmidt

★ 2022: VET EXPENSES TO DATE ★



OLD DOGS CAN LEARN NEW TRICKS (CONT'D. FROM PG. 1)

and sound stimuli, bite inhibition, behavior around food and toys, and arousal level toward other dogs,” said BHRSC Assistant Foster Coordinator and Transport Coordinator Jamie Carwana.

“When an issue is identified – like the hound that guards food or a hound with touch sensitivity – our behavior team will put the hound on a corresponding behavior hold. The more severe the behavior, the longer the hold, and the foster is provided with tips on how to work with the hound.”

There are different protocols for the most common issues and each helps the foster identify and work with the issue. BHRSC hound Lenny, an 8-year-old male, has been with his foster family for just over a year. Rachel Sweetman, Lenny's foster mom, had previously owned Basset Hounds and was ready for another.

“Lenny has been a surprise ‘everything issue’ kind of pup,” she said. “He has a bit of PTSD from being abused by a previous owner, which manifests itself in trust issues and nips, growls, and bites. He has some resource guarding issues, and some space intrusion issues. It was a long road up to this point, but we have finally made a turn in working in a positive direction.”

Rachel credits BHRSC volunteers for guiding her through this process.

“BHRSC has been with us every step of the way, providing outlets to get vet support, whatever supplies we may need, and finding a trainer to work with us,” she said. “They have also been on the other end of the phone hearing our laughs and cries. They truly are a blessing and do so much for the hounds and for those looking after them.”

Rachel's advice to others thinking of fostering is to give these hounds a chance.

“It may be a challenge at times, and sometimes you think ‘can I do this?’ But you are giving this hound a chance at another life, and BHRSC will be there to support you every step of the way.”

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— RACHEL SWEETMAN, LENNY'S FOSTER



HAPPY

HOUND HAUL PUPPIES REUNITE

Basset Hound Rescue of Southern California has rescued hundreds of hounds in the past several decades, and while the primary area served is Southern California, it's important to support hounds in need regardless of their location.

That's why volunteers have helped with dozens of Hound Hauls, bringing bassetts from other parts of the country to Southern California where they have a better chance of finding their forever home.

In December 2019, a group of basset puppies born in Oklahoma made their way to California on a Hound Haul where they found new families and loving homes.

Thanks to longtime BHRSC partner Dogma Pet Portraits, these puppies posed for a photo that would tug at the heartstrings of any dog owner. This spring, they got together for another photo thanks to Dogma, and BHRSC caught up with three of the owners to see how these Hound Haul puppies are doing in their forever homes.

Calvin was adopted by longtime BHRSC volunteer Lindsay, who has two other hounds adopted from Hound Hauls along with Homer the Frenchie. Calvin (named after the comic strip character from "Calvin & Hobbes"



because he's mischievous) also serves as a medical alert service dog.

"Calvin LOVES seeing his sisters! Every time he sees one of them at a basset gathering, he gets so excited and wants to play with them," she said.

Another Hound Haul adopter Chef Shafer has four other hounds, which are all rescues. His hound from this litter, Beatrice, prefers some alone time and has a unique trait.

"She likes to eat her morning treat alone on the dog beds in the living room, not with the other dogs in the kitchen," he said. "We also think she is part cat because she arches her back and jumps when she plays."

Gingersnap was the first basset her owner Sara adopted, though her sister and parents have both had BHRSC alums.



"At first, Ginger was a little nervous to see so many Basset Hounds in one area," Sara said of their reunion. "But once she realized they were her siblings, we couldn't get her to stop playing."

Gingersnap is the unofficial mascot of her son's elementary school and enjoys every minute of it.

"She just loves taking him to school and getting all the attention from the kids and parents," she said. "She is just the sweetest and most chill with the kids."



BHRSC ALUM WINS BIG AT DOG SHOW

CHARLIE EARNED THE TITLE 'BEST IN EARS'

Charlie has come a long way since he was rescued wandering near the Mexican border nearly three years ago, and his owner Isaiah couldn't be happier with his best friend.

"When I picked him up his ribs were visible, he was paranoid, and had obviously been through a rough time prior to being rescued," Isaiah said of the 4-year-old basset. "Charlie is extremely energetic and has quite the personality. If he could talk, I can only imagine what he would say."

Earlier this year, Charlie participated in the American Rescue Dog Show, where he earned the "Best in Ears" category.

And Isaiah says Charlie was made for the spotlight.

"Charlie did great and he was very into it," he said. "He's not timid at all and looked like a natural star! The most memorable moment was the walk to get his medal when he won."

BHRSC Adoption Coordinator Deborah Bergman remembers picking Charlie up and how he was skinny, but very friendly. She initially fostered Charlie (who was briefly called Pretzel) until Isaiah adopted him 2 ½ years ago.

"He needed serious potty training, but caught on eventually," she said.

Despite his new-found fame, Charlie's day-to-day life is like most dogs and he loves to take his toys with him whenever he can.

"The funniest trait of Charlie is every time he goes on a walk, he has to bring a toy," Isaiah said. "If he hears his collar, he runs to his toy box and grabs a toy to take with him."

Charlie coming into Isaiah's life was perfect timing and he realizes how much hounds can love unconditionally.

"I rescued Charlie, but Charlie also rescued me from many of life's problems," he said. "He's my best friend for life."



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NOVEMBER

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Tuesday, November 29
to Sunday, December 4
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3
DECEMBER

**BRUNCH WITH
BASSETS**
10 am to Noon
Central Park (near dog park)
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22
APRIL

**26th ANNUAL
SPRING GAMES**
10 am to 3 pm
William R. Mason Regional Park
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Irvine, CA 92612

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• BHRSC VOLUNTEERS •

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JOANNE KWOH-MAYSAMI

Volunteer Position: Social Media Coordinator • **Years Volunteered:** 2 with BHRSC

How/Why did you get involved with BHRSC?

I started volunteering with animal rescue and shelters in the U.S. back in 2009. We got our first Basset Hound when she was 7.5 weeks old, now 11 years old, and fell in love with the breed. After moving to California in 2018, and I could not find a rescue to volunteer, especially when Covid-19 hit. Then in October 2020, I started as a behavior assistant with BHRSC.

When the Social Media Coordinator position became available in January 2021, I thought it would be a better fit since I'm on social media, ALL the time.

What's your favorite thing about doing SM?

What's not to love? It allows one's creativity to optimize and you stay current with what's popular and relatable with all demographics.

What does volunteering bring to you?

I have five day jobs, one full time and four part time. They are mainly teaching jobs that reward me with money.

My volunteering rewards my soul. It brings pure joy. Plus, my sons come with me to some events.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MEDIA COORDINATOR

- Ensure photos and videos are taken for all new hounds.
- Upload and organizes photos and to storage and video accounts.
- Distribute finalized bios & photos to team.
- Arranges photography coverage of all events.

SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANT

- Help create/schedule posts for Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Check Instagram daily and engage with comments, tags, messages, and reshare when tagged.
- Schedule posts via Google Calendar for use on Facebook and/or Instagram daily, following BHRSC's guidelines to keep our pages relevant.
- Posts information to BHRSC supporters regarding new hounds, all available hounds, hounds needing a foster home, fun stuff, events, info on donating, merchandise, and calls for volunteers.
- Watch for ads or unsuitable comments/posts and block as necessary. We don't tolerate name-calling

or negativity on our social media pages.

SPRING GAMES COORDINATOR

- Oversees the planning and execution of our annual Spring Games.
- Assembles and oversees a committee to assist in fundraising, gathering vendors, collecting raffle prizes and more.
- Works closely with the Board of Directors (BOD) on event approval, budget, publicity and the foster and adoption teams as needed.

BIDS AND BITES FOR BASSETS COORDINATOR

- Oversees the planning and execution of our annual Bids and Bites for Bassets.
- Assembles and oversees a committee to assist in fundraising, gathering vendors, collecting raffle prizes and more.
- Works closely with the Board of Directors (BOD) on event approval, budget, publicity and the foster and adoption teams as needed.

For a full description of these positions, please go to bassethoundrescue.org/volunteer