

Some of the outstanding programs that have been presented at meetings are:

- Grooming Basset Hounds for the show ring, by a professional handler.
- Everything you always wanted to know about breeding Basset Hounds, but were afraid to ask.
- Field trial education and demonstration day for non-field trialers.
- Obedience training the Basset Hound, including tracking and the AKC Canine Good Citizenship Test.
- Evaluating a litter of puppies.

MEMBERSHIP

PBHC represents the fanciers, owners, and breeders of Basset Hounds in the Virginia-Maryland-District of Columbia area. We also have members that live as far away as Georgia and New York. Applicants for membership must have attended two PBHC-sponsored activities and they must have their applications signed by two members in good standing. Dues for the current fiscal year (June - June) must be paid when applying for membership. The general membership votes on a prospective member's application at the first regular meeting after it has been received.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**The Potomac
Basset Hound**

Club, Inc. is....

a non-profit organization with the following purposes:

- To protect and advance the interests of Basset Hounds in the ring and in the field by promoting and conducting specialty shows, field trials, obedience trials and tracking tests under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club (AKC).
- To encourage and foster public education in the breeding of purebred Basset Hounds according to the American Kennel Club breed standard and in keeping with the stated aims of the Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.
- To maintain among and by its members the highest spirit of cooperation and devotion to the principles of good sportsmanship.

CONFORMATION

Potomac Basset Hound Club, Inc. (PBHC) holds two AKC licensed specialty shows each year. It also supports the Basset Hound entry at several all-breed dog shows every year.

PBHC's independent specialty show is always in April on Friday during the Cherry Blossom Cluster. The Club also supports the Basset Hound entry at the Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc. all-breed show on Saturday of the same week. Our fall specialty show is in October in conjunction with the Middleburg Kennel Club, Inc. all-breed dog show at the end of October.

PBHC holds one fun match per year to provide practice and socialization for young or inexperienced Basset Hounds, as well as their human handlers. It is usually held in the Fall.

FIELD TRIALS

PBHC has discontinued holding AKC licensed field trials due to lack of interest. We will resume Field trials when enough interested participants join.

OBEDIENCE, RALLY, TRACKING, JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP, & AGILITY

Many members participate in obedience, rally, tracking, junior showmanship and agility activities. The Club offers obedience, rally, and junior showmanship at their Spring Specialty. Even though the Club does not officially hold agility and tracking trials, members are encouraged to pursue these events. Those that do are justifiably proud of their achievements and are eager to share their knowledge and experience. We have conducted Canine Good Citizenship tests and hope to remain active in this important AKC supported activity.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

PBHC publishes a newsletter, THE LOWDOWN, which includes news and education items, notices of meetings and seminars, and the minutes of the previous Club meeting. All members receive the Lowdown at no additional cost. Others may subscribe for a nominal fee. The Lowdown is published on the Potomac Website, or mailed to members without internet access.

PBHC has sponsored AKC judges seminars to educate prospective judges about the Basset Hound breed standard.

We recognize the achievements of our members and their Bassets by making awards to those who earn AKC titles.

PBHC is a member of the Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.

PBHC holds two social events during the year, a summer picnic and a holiday party at the end of the year. Both are excellent opportunities to talk “dog”, without the stress of competing.

HISTORY

PBHC was founded in May 1959 as the Congressional Basset Hound Club. The name of the Club was changed to Potomac Basset Hound Club when it achieved AKC recognition in August 1959. We held our first AKC licensed specialty show on April 21, 1961, and our first licensed field trial in 1972. PBHC became incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1983.

MEETINGS

We meet six times each year on a Saturday or Sunday of January, March, April, July, September, and November. The meetings are informal and they frequently include short educational programs. Guests and potential new members are always welcome.