

BOARDWADDLE



2025

• TRI-STATE BASSET HOUND RESCUE •



What is the BoardWaddle?

The BoardWaddle is the largest annual fundraiser for Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue (TSBHR) held over Friday and Saturday in and around **Ocean City, NJ**. Events open with the **Basset Hound Olympics** on Friday afternoon, followed by a fabulous country club buffet dinner and **"Pawction"** in the evening at the Linwood Country Club. Then Saturday is the big day! Ocean City's **Doo Dah Parade** kicks off at noon. TSBHR has the largest brigade in the parade, consisting of you and all of your hounds! What a sight to see...hundreds of hounds strutting down the streets and boardwalk! After the parade we have a **Picnic** with food, vendors, games and awards. Join us for a weekend of fun on **April 11th and 12th!**

Congrats to MURDOCH, Our first Basset-Mix Grand Marshal!



Ron and Michele Miller, longtime supporters of Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue, have adopted four dogs from our organization over the years. Their most recent addition, Murdoch, came to us in 2024. He was rescued by a local shelter in Pennsylvania after animal control was called to a home with over 90 dogs, 1 turtle and a dead pig living in deplorable conditions. Murdoch was quickly transferred to rescue where the long road of nursing him back to health began. Murdoch had multiple health issues, some a mystery. After his health crashed several times doctor's finally got to the bottom of what was making Murdoch ill. Thanks to devoted veterinarians and the Millers' loving support, he eventually began to thrive.

In addition to Murdoch, the Millers have two other rescue hounds. Panda was a special rescue from China, where he was saved from the meat trade. George, who was surrendered by his former owner, faced behavioral challenges that took patience and dedication to overcome. With their experience and compassion, Ron and Michele provided Murdoch with the care he needed, transforming him into the happy, cherished family member he is today. Murdoch has also received therapy dog status and now gives back to the community that saved him.

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Grand Marshal Continued...

Our deepest gratitude goes to Ron, Michele, Panda, George, and Murdoch for all they have done for Tri-State Basset Hound Rescue and the dogs in need. Please join us this spring as we honor our exceptional Grand Marshall, Murdoch, at the 38th Annual Ocean City Doo Dah Parade. Let's come together to celebrate the resilience and love of this wonderful breed. Congratulations to Murdoch, our 2025 BoardWaddle Grand Marshall—we cannot wait to see you all in April!

WHY YOUR PLEDGES MATTER!

YOU can make the difference for hundreds of homeless hounds! It is because of **YOUR** donations that TSBHR continues to save more hounds in need year after year.

HANDY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Create a list of your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. who would make a donation. Remember, it doesn't hurt to ask them to support the rescue!
- ✓ Set a fundraising goal and continue to raise it right up until the Parade!
- ✓ You and your donors can submit donations online, mail them or bring them to the Parade.
- ✓ Make your hotel reservations.
- ✓ Make your costumes and parade floats to enter in the Picnic contests!
- ✓ Sign up for the 'Senior Express' if your older hound cannot walk the Parade. Details on our website.
- ✓ Check the weather and prepare for cooler temperatures.
- ✓ Bring water and bowls for your hounds and blankets/chairs for the Picnic.
- ✓ What you can do online before BoardWaddle:
 - ✓ Submit donations via PayPal or credit card
 - ✓ Buy tickets for the Pawction Dinner
 - ✓ Sign up for the Picnic contests and activities
 - ✓ Buy your shirts as popular sizes sell fast!

2024 TOP 10

BOARDWADDLE DONORS

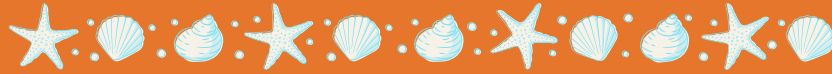
Dell and Linda Cromie
Jay and Dean Lieberman
Lili and Gaby
Michele and Ron Miller
Angela and Phil Villari
Rob and Connie Braden
General Millie
Aimee Rudman
Sally Long Dog
Big Foot Auto

GENERAL RULES & TIPS

- ✗ **EVERYONE** and **EVERY DOG BREED** is welcome to join the Parade and Picnic!
- ✗ All dogs must be current on vaccines (bring a copy of your dog's records) and friendly towards people and other dogs.
- ✗ Only **Bassets** and **Basset-Mixes** can participate in the Olympics.
- ✗ Owners must be responsible for their dogs (please clean up after them and keep them leashed at all times).
- ✗ TSBHR is not responsible for damage/harm incurred to any dog/person.
- ✗ Sales of animals of any kind are not permitted.
- ✗ If your dog gets tired during the Parade, hitch a ride on the "Pooped Pup" Truck!
- ✗ All of our events are rain or shine! Check our social media for real time updates:
Facebook: @tsbhr
Instagram: @tristatebassethoundrescue

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EVENTS TIMELINE



FRIDAY, APRIL 11th

Basset Hound Olympics

- **When:** Registration starts at 11:00am and games begin at 12:00pm
- **Where:** Ocean City Tabernacle grounds (corner of E. 6th St & Asbury Ave)
- **Events:** 10-Meter Sprint, 15-Meter Hurdles, Obstacle Course, and High Jump (set at 6" to start)
- Gold, Silver, Bronze medals for winners
- No pre-registration required; no fee to attend or participate
- Snacks/drinks available for purchase or bring your own food

Pawction Dinner

- **When:** 5:00pm cocktail hour/6:00pm dinner
- **Where:** Linwood Country Club at 500 Shore Road, Linwood, NJ 08221
- **Cost:** \$42 per person (*must be paid in advance; tickets on the BoardWaddle site*)
- The "Pawction" includes one of a kind Basset-themed items that you bid on from a professional auctioneer
- We will also have a raffle table, silent auction and more!
- Casual attire, cash bar, buffet dinner
- Note: **Dogs are not permitted** at this venue

QUESTIONS?

- **Visit our website:**
www.tristatebassets.org
- **Email us at :**
boardwaddle@tristatebassets.org
- **Check out our Facebook:**
www.facebook.com/TSBHR

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th

Parade Registration

- **When:** Registration is 10:00 - 11:45am
- **Where:** Ocean City Tabernacle grounds (corner of E. 6th Street & Asbury Ave)
- Check in at the Registration table to hand in your pledges
- Free swag bag for the first 100 registrants; one per family
- Purchase BoardWaddle 2025 t-shirts and hoodies
- Snacks/drinks available for purchase

Parade

- **When:** The parade begins at 12:00pm
- **Where:** Line up at Asbury Avenue & E. 6th Street (in front of the fire house)
- **Parade Route:** Walk down Asbury Ave from E. 6th St to E 12th St; turn left on E. 12th St and go to the Boardwalk; turn left on the Boardwalk and head back to E. 6th St for the Picnic!
- DIY costumes and parade floats for your hounds and strut your stuff down the streets and boardwalk!

Picnic

- **When:** After the Parade approx. 1:00-4:00pm
- **Where:** Football field next to the OC Recreation Dept (at E. 6th St & Boardwalk)
- TSBHR store selling NEW merchandise!
- Pet-related vendors and rescues with a variety of merch/services available
- Snacks/drinks available for purchase or bring your own food
- Costume & parade float contests
- DJ playing music, games for the hounds and much more!

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DOG FRIENDLY HOTELS

Note: The Sonesta has changed to [Avia](#). Per their website, they are scheduled to open in the spring, but we do not have a contact for them.

Coral Sands Motel

709 E. 9th Street, Ocean City, NJ
609-399-4540

www.facebook.com/coralsandsocnj

Sifting Sands Motel

840 Ocean Avenue, Ocean City, NJ
609-399-1178

<https://thesiftingsands.com/>

Tide Winds Motel

231 E. Davis Ave, Wildwood, NJ
609-553-3048

<https://www.facebook.com/tidewindsmotel/>

Other Dog Friendly Lodging Options:

www.hometogo.com

www.vrbo.com

www.airbnb.com

www.bringfido.com/lodging

ORDER YOUR SHIRTS!



Popular sizes sell out fast! Order your shirts on our website!

T-Shirts & Hoodies

Shirt styles include:

- Short and long sleeve tees
- Zip up hooded sweatshirts
- Colors are Black or Heather Orange
- Adult sizes range from S to 4XL and we have youth sizes available too!



Use this QR Code to get right to the online shop to buy your shirts!

Or visit:

www.tristatebassets.org/shop

2025 BOARDWADDLE PACKET



P.O. BOX 471

DEEPWATER, NJ 08023

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2025 BOARDWADDLE FAQ'S



What are the details for the Basset Hound Olympics?

This event is on Friday, April 11th** at the Ocean City Tabernacle grounds (corner of E. 6th St and Asbury Ave). Registration starts at 11:00am and the games begin at 12:00pm. No pre-registration is needed for your competing hounds. Free to participate! Only Basset Hounds and Basset Hound-Mixes are welcome to compete. We will have snacks/drinks available or bring your own food.

What are the details for the Pawction Dinner?

This event is on Friday, April 11th. Cocktail hour is at 5:00pm and the buffet dinner is served at 6:00pm. The venue is Linwood Country Club, 500 Shore Road, Linwood, NJ. Tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE** (\$42 per person) at <https://tristatebassets.org/product/pawctiontickets/>. Ticket sales end on April 8th. Dogs are not permitted at this venue. Casual attire. Cash bar. Buffet menu will be posted on the BoardWaddle site once available from the venue.

What are the details for the Picnic?

This event is on Saturday, April 12th immediately following the parade (approx. 1:00 to 4:00pm) at the OC High School football field next to the OC Recreation Dept (at E. 6th St & Boardwalk). Hot dogs, snacks and drinks available to purchase. Pet-related small business vendors and other rescues will be there with a variety of merch and services available to purchase. New TSBHR merch for sale. Costume and parade float contests. DJ playing music, games for the hounds and much more; check out the BoardWaddle site for updates.

How do I purchase a t-shirt or sweatshirt featuring the 2025 BoardWaddle logo?

Purchase 2025 BoardWaddle short sleeve t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts or zip up hooded sweatshirts at our online shop: www.tristatebassets.org/shop. Online orders end on April 4th. **Popular sizes sell out quickly.** Shirts also available for purchase in-person at the Basset Olympics, Parade Registration and the Picnic (as available).

I am not tech savvy and need help ordering t-shirts and/or Pawction Dinner tickets.

If you need help manually placing an order for t-shirts and/or Pawction Dinner tickets, call Amy Allen at 609-221-9150.

Are dogs allowed at all of the events?

The only event that dogs are **not permitted** is the Pawction Dinner on Friday night. Every dog breed is welcome to walk in the Parade and attend the Picnic. We ask that the dogs you bring are up-to-date on shots (Rabies is a required vaccine in NJ), and they are friendly towards other dogs and people. And please clean up after your dog!

Are all outdoor events rain or shine?

On Saturday, the Parade and Picnic will proceed as scheduled **rain or shine**. **On Friday, in the event of rain, we may have to move the Basset Olympics to the Picnic following the Parade on Saturday. Please check our Facebook page for real-time updates: www.Facebook.com/TSBHR.

Will there be food to purchase at the Basset Olympics, Parade Registration and Picnic?

Yes. There will be snacks/drinks available for a small donation to TSBHR. You can also bring your own food or visit one of the many local restaurants/stores on Asbury Avenue or the Boardwalk: oceancityvacation.com/places-to-eat.html

Do you have a senior dog who cannot walk the entire parade route?

A limited number of spots are available to ride the entire parade route on the "Senior Express" (tickets are here: <https://tristatebassets.org/product/seniorexpress/>). Or you can walk the parade until they get tired and hitch a ride on the "Pooped Pup Truck" or pull them in your own wagon/push them in your own stroller.

Do I need to sign up in advance for the costume/parade float contests and Basset games at the Picnic?

It is not required, but we now offer a registration form you can fill out in advance ([HERE](#)), or you can sign up when you arrive at the Picnic (head to the 'welcome' table next to the DJ booth).

How do my BoardWaddle pledges help the rescue?

Pledges go to the general fund to pay for the dogs currently in our care (e.g., spay/neuter, monthly flea/tick and heartworm preventatives, veterinary bills, transport costs, meds, etc.) and to continue saving more dogs in need.

DIRECTIONS

To OC from North: Take the GSP to Exit 30. Go straight, including around the circle and over the bridge. The bridge becomes 9th St. Turn left onto Asbury, travel to 6th St. The Tabernacle is located on the corner of 6th and Asbury (spot for Olympics & Parade start).

To OC from South: Take I-95 N to Rt 40 E, then to Rt 55 S. Take Rt 55 S to Rt 49 E and follow signs to OC.

To OC from West: Take the AC Expressway to Exit 7S, onto GSP S. Follow directions for North above.

To Linwood Country Club from OC: Take the 9th St Bridge across the bay. Turn right onto Shore Rd. Turn right onto Haines Ave to enter the country club grounds.



PARADE ROUTE