

2011 Michigan Basset Waddle

All New - May 13, 14 & 15

We are not in Birmingham Anymore!!-



The ALL NEW and Much Improved Waddle 2011 is Fast Approaching!!

Mark your calendars NOW! This is NOT the same old same old Waddle!! If you

haven't joined us in a while because you figured, "Been there Done That"...Well you have Never Been Here or Done This!!

OK...well, the hotel is the same, only the name has changed. We will be calling the Quality Inn in Troy, Michigan "HOME" (formerly our very own Howliday Inn) 2357 Rochester Court, Troy, MI 48083. For reservations, call (248) 689-7500. The reservation code for our Group Rate is, MBR. \$80 per night INCLUDES the pet fee!! HURRY and make your reservations! Rooms are going FAST (we're not just saying that, they really are going Fast!) Quality Inns offer FREE breakfasts!! Now THAT is NEW!!

We encourage you to bring extra sheets or blankets to put over the hotel's bedspreads/couches. Please never leave your dog in the room alone if he will be stressed and bark non-stop. It's not fair to the dog or the other guests. Weather permitting, dogs seem to be most comfortable in the car when left alone. It is familiar to them, the hotel room is not. ***Always pick up after you dog outside!! If there is an accident inside, clean that up too! Your cooperation is expected and appreciated. Rob & Marcia, your MBR Hotel Host and Hostess will have cleaning supplies in their room. Just ask!!

OK..and this isn't new but it is **SO MUCH FUN!** At the Quality Inn on Friday night: We welcome weary travelers both two and four legged to our Annual Dinner and Auction! This year, the lounge IS basset friendly, the restaurant is not.



This event kicks off three days of fun while we raise much needed dollars to help Michigan's Homeless Hounds. Please fill out and send in your dinner reservation form found in this packet. This year is a Pasta buffet (Salad, Tortellini(veg) & baked Ziti) for only \$10 per person(can't beat that). We will be dining in the Ballroom where the auction will follow. That means, those who join us for dinner will get first dibs at Auction Seating.

Dinner at 6:00pm * Auction at 7:30pm.

There will be live Entertainment!! We will auction fabulous merchandise PLUS the titles of **2011 King, Queen, Court Jester & Lady in Waiting.**

They receive GORGEOUS costumes (*thank you Jill Orbert*). The King and Queen also receive dog beds (their thrones) to match their costumes and they get to ride, not waddle in their very own horse drawn carriage LEADING the parade! ** You will also want to bid on the honor of having YOUR BASSET (must be a Basset) on next year's Waddle Shirt! This year we have Pierre who's mom, Jacquelynn



Chazey, won the auction last year. The artwork is by Pam Tanzey and she has the gift of capturing Your Basset's expression. Often we are able to build our Waddle Theme around whoever wins the shirt design, hence, we have a French theme this year! So this is an auction item you may want to come ready to fight for!!

** Our Auction will start online so please check our web site for more details. www.michiganbassetrescue.org if you can't join us *in person you can still bid and win.* **

We will have our Riveting RAFFLE going on during the auction. We also have our fabulous centerpieces designed and made by Abbie Smith that we will be raffling off.

Our DJ/MC is Tracy Lee and our Auctioneers are Rich Goldstein and Charlie Fenchel.

2011 Waddle T-Shirts will be available Friday night. look for Rob, most sizes are \$18 larger sizes are \$20

Your Rainbow Bridge Babies remembered, bring a photo for our Rainbow Bridge Table available for viewing in the Lobby. ** Please remember to take your photos with you when you check out of the hotel.



NOW . . . on to what is NEW!!!!



Bonjour!!! Welcome to Waddle 2011!! A much friendlier, more comfortable and FUN event! We've reinvented this Waddle Weekend and You and your bassets are invited!! Gone are the days of waiting for shuttles, waiting , waiting More on that later!!

Now on to the **ALL NEW SATURDAY PICNIC VENUE!!**

Basset Hound Picnic! You will WANT to join us on Saturday, May 14th from 11:00am until 4pm! ALL NEW



location! We will be FROLICKING this year at the **Orion Oaks Bark Park in Lake Orion, MI** (pronounced OrEEEEOn). This place is Amazing! The park is rated in the top ten dog parks in the country! (#2 Actually!) Your

bassets will have ACRES and ACRES of **SECURELY fenced** fields, woods and trails to run, sniff and mark to their heart's content! Good luck to the Foodslaves trying to keep up with them! As always, we will offer food, games, a costume contest, a raffle and of course, MBR's fantastic sale table! DJ Tracy Lee will once again, keep our toes tapping! Our very own Lorrie the Pet Psychic will be back! (she has been on Oprah's Show!!) Theresa will be offering Pet Massage, Julie with our Photo contest, Marcia Trimming nails and the Doggie Deli will be there again! NEW this year, Moon Doggie Coffee Roasters. the world's best coffee with sales benefitting our homeless hounds. There will also be a LOT of vendor handing out samples and goodies this year!!

To help cover the costs of bringing you this fabulous event, we are asking for donations, there will be a jar at the gate. We can guarantee you a lot of Bang for your buck! (and it all goes to help the homeless hounds...this IS a fundraiser!). If you would like to register and turn in your pledges for Sunday's Waddle at the Basset Hound Picnic, you will find a tent **inside** with friendly faces and goodie bags waiting for you!!

Everyone MUST Register for the Waddle prior to Sunday's Waddle Start!! (You may also register on Sunday if you wish). Oakland County Parks owns this facility. If you don't have an annual Oakland County Parks car sticker, you will be required to purchase a day pass for \$5.00 to park that day. The friendly staff from Oakland County will be there to greet you and take your five bucks when you arrive. **DO NOT** park across the street at the high school. They are NOT friendly and they WILL have you towed. (trust us, we already asked about that).

Please visit the **Sit Stay Café'** with hot dogs, burgers, chips and drinks served under a tent with picnic tables just outside the fenced area of the park. It will be ok to leave your basset(s) in the fenced area while you eat. It is JUST outside the entry gate so you will be able to keep an eye on them (more likely, they will be keeping an eye on you). If you'd rather, you can take turns staying with the dog while someone else eats...however you choose, the park does have a strict rule about no HUMAN food inside the fenced in area of the park.

PLEASE keep in mind the Dogs MUST be on leash when exiting any gate. Parking area is not secure!!

You will LOVE this place!! **Bring your blankets and chairs and be ready for an AMAZING day.** Take to the wooded trails with the hounds! Play games! Relax! Just watching the bassets running and playing on 7 acres is worth the price of admission! Trust us, your basset will find YOU at the end of the day. (They ARE scent hounds!) The fencing is secure! If your dog is out of sight, don't panic! They CAN'T get out of this place!! This park is HUGE!!!! (and partially wooded...basset hound Paradise!!) It's the stuff of basset hound Dreams!!!

GAMES – Lynn will have lots of games throughout the day with loads of prizes. Make sure you have your Basset Hounds ears and feet measured!!

PHOTO CONTEST - All entries will be displayed at the picnic on Saturday and everyone can vote for their favorites. The First Place Winner in each of the 4 categories wins a \$50.00 gift certificate to MBR's Merchandise Table!! Winners will be announced prior to the Raffle Draw. Winners NEED NOT be present to win There is a \$5.00 entry fee per photo entered prior to the day of the picnic. On picnic day the entry fee is \$8.00. Categories this year have a French Theme:

Oui Oui (wee wee)

French Kiss

It Wasn't Me!!

This is my Happy Face



You may enter as many times as you want. This year we are accepting online entries!! You can pay via Paypal to mibassetrescue@att.net and send photos to marilone@comcast.net OR you can snail mail the photos to Julie Orr, 816-F Bloomfield Village Blvd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326 along with a check made payable to M.B.R. for the entry fees.

SATURDAY NIGHT!! MORE FUN!! At 7:30pm Please



Join Rob, Marcia, Julie, Christi and Alisa for **Basset Crazy Hat Bingo** at the Quality Inn!! Wear your CRAZIEST HAT and bring the money you have left from the picnic to Basset Bingo! This has become a VERY popular annual event! Play for Split the Pot

& Great Prizes!! We will have a raffle too. Also **FOOD** - Subs & Pizza were donated by Uncle Perry's Pizza in Clawson for your enjoyment.

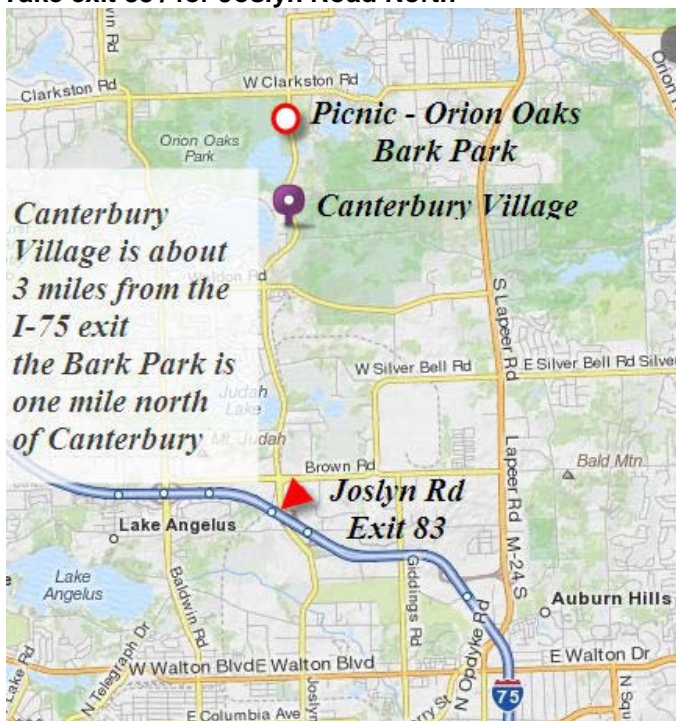
We also offer **BASSET BABY SITTING** at the Quality Inn Saturday night. This is for hotel guests who want to go out on the town...visit casinos, enjoy dinner out or shop at the "Fancy Mall". If you can provide a crate or X- Pen we'd really appreciate it! We will basset sit for you at the hotel for \$3.00/hr for your first basset and \$2.00/hr



for each additional hound. Our staff will take very good care of your furkids while you are away.
Hours: 6:00 - 10:30pm.

LOCATION MAP FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

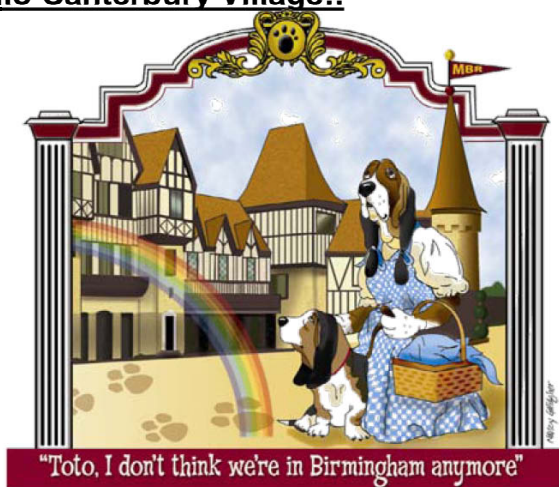
- Saturday – Orion Oaks - Bark Park / Off Lead Picnic
About 4 ½ miles after you exit at Joslyn from I-75
- Sunday – Canterbury Village / The New Waddle
2369 Joslyn Ct., Lake Orion, MI 48360
Take exit 83 / for Joslyn Road North



Kroger – MBR Rewards - Sign Up:

First we want to thank all of you who signed up for the Kroger Rewards Program. Because of you, MBR received a check last month for \$260.00! **All participants must sign up AGAIN** in order for our group to continue to earn funds from Kroger in 2011!! It's EASY. Goto www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on **Michigan** and click on **Enroll**. All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.Com and must sign up on line to participate. Organization supporters can no longer scan the group's barcode at the registers or service desk. So, Please Please sign up TODAY. It's the easiest way to help MBR! All you have to do is buy groceries at Kroger and we get money!

SUNDAY!!!! Bye-Bye Birmingham!! Hello Canterbury Village!!



- NO SHUTTLES!!
- NO Staging Area Wait!
- There WILL be FOOD & DRINKS!
And Flushing Toilets!!
- There WILL be Lots & Lots of FUN!!!

JOIN us Sunday for our very **First** Canterbury Village Waddle!! The place is Gorgeous! The grounds are immense! **Bring your chairs and plan to spend the day wallowing in Bassets!!**

- There will be a continental breakfast offered Sunday morning starting at 10 AM for just \$5.00 per person!
- There will be vendors, games, a raffle, Music with our very own DJ Tracy Lee!! FOOD, and THE WADDLE!!
- There will be a Blessing of the Hounds preceding the Waddle start!



-Waddle Start will be at 1:00pm this waddle will be relaxed and laid back like our hounds

- NEW ** There will be a Float Contest!! Design a float for your basset(s) for the parade!** Our Judges will present a prize for the Best Waddle 2011 Float!
- The King and Queen will ride in a BEAUTIFUL PINK carriage drawn by a white horse as they lead the Waddle on the cobblestone streets, through the village and in front of the castles!!

- All the Canterbury shops will be open! This includes the **Ice Cream and Fudge Shops as well as the Pub!!**

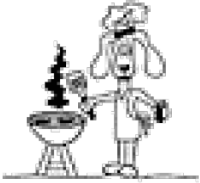
- The **Pub/Restaurant IS Basset Friendly!!!** Inside the Gaelic Pub your Doggie Daddy will find lots of flat screened TV's for watching sports (in case riding on an antique carrousel is not his "thing"). All the shops except the Christmas store (fragile ornaments, etc) **ARE Basset Friendly!!**



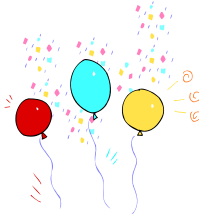
-There's even a Beautiful Historic Carrousel (probably won't interest the bassets, but the kids, big and small, will want to take a ride!)



-Canterbury Village will have a Bar-B-Q (for a small fee) going Sunday afternoon for your enjoyment! There's a lovely BIG patio outside the Pub/Restaurant where you can eat, drink and relax while socializing with hundreds of bassets and their people.



To honor our beloved bassets now at The Bridge, you may purchase a helium balloon on Sunday morning. You will be able to put your basset's name on the balloon. After the Blessing of the Hounds, when instructed, we will release all the balloons at once in memory of the bassets who can't waddle with us this year, though they are all there....in our hearts.



BY NOW WE ARE SURE YOU ARE GETTING THE IDEA...THIS IS NOT YOUR USUAL WADDLE!! We INVENTED THE WADDLE and THIS YEAR WE HAVE REINVENTED IT!!

(This will be the first time in 18 years that you **may** need a Designated Driver on your way home from the Waddle!!)

Basset Hound Look Alike Contest!! This is NOT basset/owner look alike. This is : Prior to and during the Waddle, look around and find a basset that you think looks just like yours (can't be from same family or the dog's relative...must be a basset you just met that day). When asked, bring your basset and his/her look alike to the game area for judging. The pair that looks the most alike, wins!

We will have Amazing Prizes for Top Pledge Getters! Also a Prize for farthest Travelled with a basset!! **Anyone turning in pledges of \$150 or more gets a free 2011 Waddle T-Shirt.**

WE HOPE YOU WILL MAKE PLANS to JOIN US for WADDLE WEEKEND 2011!!! We have worked VERY hard to make sure you have a great time while you are here. We also hope you will do the following:

- **Collect PLEDGES!!** Go out and collect pledges!! This is like a "walk-a-thon" where people collect pledges for each mile they walk. We call it a "Waddle" because that is how bassets walk. **The parade is still equal to 10 blocks.** Ask friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, your veterinarian, dentist...you get the picture! Ask, ask, ask. Don't forget



the kids you just bought cookies from!! The homeless bassets need your help! People have very creative ways of raising pledge money if they aren't comfortable with "soliciting". They hold garages sales, bake sales...the Fudge Lady sells fudge and ships it all over the country! Some people cash in their change jars. You get the picture! All pledge sheets and money collected needs to be turned in at Waddle Registration. This fundraiser is our LIFE LINE!! Without its success, we can't save homeless basset hounds. In the first week of 2011 MBR took in 18 bassets! One of them was Ethel who ended up becoming VERY, VERY sick. Her vet bill alone was \$2,400+

Our veterinary expenses average \$2,000-\$3,000 a month year round!! We NEED your help!! YES, this is a FUN weekend but it has a very serious purpose...saving needy bassets. That's what we do and we can't do it without your help. This weekend is all about raising money!! We ask that you give Generously! Michigan Basset Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

RULES!! Gotta Have 'em!

- Be courteous! Pick up after your dogs! Please, at the hotel, at the dog park and at Canterbury Village...let's leave a good impression, not a "gift".

- Please!!! ONLY bring dogs who are really good with other dogs/kids/people. If you don't think your basset can handle all this activity and socializing, find a good sitter for them so they can stay home and comfortable and then YOU can still come and join in the fun. It is NOT fun if your dog bites a person or another dog. It would also be a good idea for everyone attending to bring proof of vaccines. You can leave that in your car, but have it handy...just in case.



- NO advertising of puppies for sale or stud dogs for hire, etc permitted the entire weekend.
- There will be absolutely no selling of ANYTHING without permission from MBR. If you'd like to be a vendor this year, we have plenty of space at both events. Just let us know and we will get you set up.

We also want to thank the MBR 2011 Waddle Committee Whose Dedication and HARD WORK make this weekend possible!!

Bonnie Bostelman, Don and Dianne Brandt, Christina Brookshire, Dave & Jennifer Denhardt, Jerry DeRosia, Charlie Fenchel, Marsha & Robb Haines, Brad & Jennifer Harriman, Lynne Herf-Kirby, Jan Kory, Denise Lavoie, Brian & Judy McKee, Kathy Moody, Jill Obert, Julie Orr, Fran O'Neil, Roxanne Preist, Alisa Robison, Della & Tracy Rupkey, Carol & Rick Schultz, Abbie Smith, JoAnne Smith, and Marilyn & Ernie Varilone.

