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Dear Basset Hound Owner,

Congratulations on your new Basset Hound!

I am sure that you have been given a wealth of essential information by the breeder, but I would like to ask you to consider joining the Basset Hound Club and one of our network of Branches around the United Kingdom

The Basset Hound Club was re-formed in 1954 and one of its main functions is to foster friendliness and co-operation between Members whether they are interested in Showing or having a Basset Hound as a pet. So whether you wish to enjoy your new puppy or take part in dog shows, the Club has much to offer you.

The Branches of the Club hold regular walks through the year. These are really good social events where you can share stories about the breed and where much support is available from people who know and have vast experience of the Basset Hound breed, including being able to provide invaluable advice which is particularly useful if you are new to the breed.

The Club provides members with a beautifully produced annual publication 'The Scent' (around 100 pages) which contains a broad range of excellent articles of interest and amusement to owners including advice on health and related matters. This is supplemented by the Christmas Newsletter (around 60 pages).

The Club organises two breed specific shows: the Open show in the Spring and the Championship Show in the Summer. If you are new to showing, the Club organises educational events to assist in getting started, and many members who already do show their hounds are always ready to help a newcomer to learn the ropes.

The Club also has a very good website, which contains a vast amount of useful information and links about both the Club and the Branches. Have a look at [www.bassethoundclub.co.uk](http://www.bassethoundclub.co.uk), where you will find a range of events nearby.

I would urge you to join our Club. You will find a membership application form to download on the website or if you do not have access to the Internet or a printed, do please give me a call on 01406 381235/07855 524049. The annual subscription is £8 (single) £9 (couple) per annum and Branch subscriptions are only an additional £2 or £3 per person.

So I hope that you will join us and that you really enjoy your new Basset Hound!

Yours sincerely,  
*Stephen Archer*  
Honorary Secretary