

## **Upcoming Gathering Dates:**

Date: September 23rd Time: 1 pm Location: Pet Supplies Plus

Date: October 21st HALLOWEEN PARTY! Time: 1 pm Location: Pet Supplies Plus Start working on your costumes for the party!

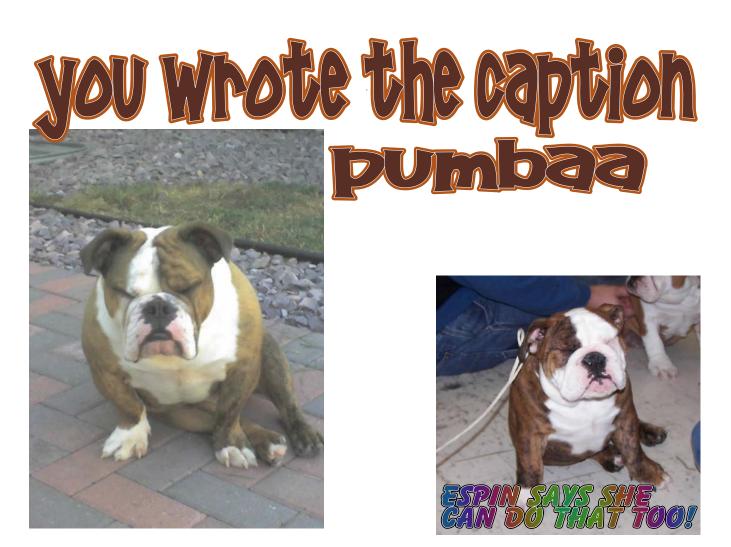


A few pictures from the July gathering...courtesy of Gail.

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Just one little catnap and I'll be good to go......

Ohmmmm...ohmmmmm...ohmmmm

Do you think meditation will decrease my stress level.

I'm hiding...if I can't see you, you can't see me.

(In a german accent) "I see Nuthingg! I know Nuthingg!"

Ooh, it is just too scary...I can't look. Is the scary plastic bag-monster still attacking mom?

This is my Siamese cat impression, whaddya think?

The ground is always so far off when it is naptime.

I'm gonna levitate I tell ya - I just gotta concentrate.



Nail Trimming

Probably not your favorite activity, nor your dog's but absolutely necessary unless your dog is a constant runner on rough surfaces. Which doesn't describe many of our bulldogs.

So use a good set of trimmers. There are many, many types at your pet store or vet's office and its more a personal preference as to what you use. Just make sure they are sharp.

Look at the cut edge of the nail. Snip off the tip of the nail, working your way back by 1/8" inch or so at a time until you see the kwik. When you start to see pale pink tissue near the top of the cut edge, stop.

Stop any accidental bleeding with styptic powder or any number of brands from your local pet stores.

If you need a personal demonstration, don't be hesitant to ask your breeder, your vet, your vet tech, or a groomer. They all know the proper way and can provide tips for making it easier on you and your bully friend.



## Send your captions for the next newsletter!

(thanks Stephanie)



This is a column for questions you want answered by other bulldog owners. Any answers to this will be anonymous, as will questions submitted.

## What is your bully afraid of? And what have you done to try to make him/her feel better about it?

## **Halloween Party!**

We will have a costume contest and lots of fun! The next newsletter will provide specifics but start working on your bully's costume for October 21st.



"A Long Road to a New Home"

Many of the dogs that our rescue takes in could more accurately be labeled "rehomes" rather that rescues. In these situations the dog is simply not in the best environment for it to thrive, but is not in any danger. Once their issues have been addressed, they are placed in a more suitable home and can become good companions once again. However, our latest rescue dog really is a "rescue dog" in the truest sense of the word. She was found wandering in a rural area of Iowa with no form of identification on her. Martha, the kind hearted woman that picked her up tried to find her owner, but when no one came forward to claim this sweet tempered Bulldog, Martha contacted Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue to see if we could help.

You might wonder why someone living in Iowa would call a Minnesota rescue group. Unfortunately for homeless Bulldogs in Iowa, there is no Bulldog Rescue in that state. The Bulldog club for Iowa had a rescue committee at one point, but was closed down to lack of volunteers. As a result, Iowa Bulldogs are at risk of ending up in shelters. Some shelters may not be able to find the most suitable homes for these Bulldogs and some dogs might even be at risk for euthanasia. Volunteers in other states now are the ones that are contacted to see if they are able to assist these dogs. The problem is that it is more expensive to rehome dogs from locations so far away. The Missouri rescue group "Helping Unwanted Bulldogs" aka HUB rehomes Bulldogs in Iowa also, but they had no room to take this Bullie girl. Fortunately, for this little Bulldog, we were able to come to her aid. The woman who found her named her "Suzi". She had a local vet exam her and although her health seems to be good, she did not have a microchip to help her find her way back to her owner.



We contacted local police departments, the area shelter and veterinary clinics and so

far, no one has come forward to claim Suzi. She is currently residing at the Des Moines Humane Society. If no one claims her within a seven day waiting period, the shelter has the authority to turn Suzi over to our rescue group for rehoming. Before Suzi can be rehomed, she will need to be spayed vaccinated, and checked for heartworm disease. She will go into foster care to recover and to further evaluate her temperament. After we are confident that Suzi is healthy and sound, we hope to place Suzi in a great "forever home".

It is thanks to efforts of a lot of people that Suzi will soon be on her way to a new life. Without Martha, she could have died in the summer heat wandering around the fields of Iowa. Another fortunate occurrence for Suzi is that we have a new BCARN member here in Minnesota. We are happy to announce the addition of Sandy Graff to our rescue group. Sandy has offered to pick up Suzi in Des Moines, Iowa and foster her at her home in Duluth. Without foster homes, rescue groups cannot survive. So thanks go out to Sandy also. Sandy has previous rescue work experience as she was active with the French Bulldog Rescue League for many years. Sandy is also VP of Animal Allies in Duluth and serves on the city of Duluth's Humane Board. Love-a-Bull Rescue is very fortunate to have assistance of someone so experienced with animal rescue and we look forward to working with her. Suzi will be in good hands at Sandy's home we will do our best to make sure that Suzi will never again wander about looking for someone to love and care for her.

We are happy to report that Chloe has found a good home and seems to be settling in nicely. Her new owner said this about Chloe, "She is doing great and adjusting quite well. She has such a funny personality...quite the big ham. She loves attention and affection, which we love right back! She just loves to cuddle."

Last month, we told you about three year old Ollie. Ollie is still being fostered with Justine and his lapses in house training appear to be a thing of the past. He is happy to have the attention of Jey and Justine and he likes hanging out with their Bulldog, Atlas. We hope to have Ollie in a forever home soon now that we know his "issues" are minor and were probably due to long hours left alone and the resulting lack of mental or physical stimu-



lation for much of the day.

Love-a-Bull Rescue will be having a silent auction fundraiser at the October Wrinkle Time. Please contact Marcia Tiegs if you have anything you would like to donate to the auction. Marcia can be reached at 952-445-6836 before 7:00 pm or email her at: <u>sh0rtlilme@msn.com</u>. Please be sure to check out the auction and bid generously. Bulldogs like Suzi deserve a second chance and that is why Love-a-Bull Rescue exists, but we cannot do it without the support and assistance of others. On behalf of all rescue Bullies, we thank you.



Did you keep in touch with the breeder of your Bulldog after you brought it home?

I have not only kept in touch with my breeder I just purchased a beautiful champion sired brindle girl from her- Agnes (Aggie). I check their website just about every week to keep up with who's showing and such. This time was exciting as we went to Wisconsin to a show to pick Aggie up. When I got Lily I had her shipped up from Indiana. One day I hope to drive to their kennel in Indiana to see all their dogs.

Yes I still keep in contact w/ Rita & Rheiny, they are the best!!

Absolutely! They became my mentors and friends.

Constantly, Don't know what I'd do without her! She is a bubbling font of information, web site's, pictures, medical advice, not to mention she welcomed me into her "Social Circle" very upper crust!!

Yes, we kept in touch occasionally with (the breeder of) our first Bulldog. He didn't give a lot of advice, but he didn't avoid us either.

Yes, absolutely! She not only helped me become a better bulldog owner, but is one of my friends, I wouldn't have it any other way...

