

September 2008

## **Upcoming Gathering Dates:**

Date: Sept. 28th Time: 1:00 pm

Pet Supplies Plus, 1800 County Road 42, Burnsville, MN

Date: Nov. 2nd (Halloween Party)

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Most of us have experienced young puppies and dogs absolute obsession with chewing. As we know they don't care WHAT they chew on. Make sure electrical cords aren't accessible to them. Keep power cords and strips as far out of reach and sight as possible. visible cords in thick plastic sleeves or put an anti-chewing spray or gel on them. Don't let pups roam the house while you're unable to supervise. Make sure you provide appropriate items for them to chew such as bones, Nylabones, etc.

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See, what you've got here is an oil leak...

With gas prices today we have to make this vehicle last longer.

Think they'll find us under here?

I don't think hide and seek is our game.

Next time just call triple "A."

I love hide-n-seek, Myrtle.... it's so dark, they'll NEVER find us here!

Beulah & Betty (The Butt Sisters), Spent their day as auto mechanics for trading jobs day. "I don't know Betty, do you think it's leaky transmission?"

You see! The treats come out over there...

" ya see here? Yer missin yer muffler belt and you done ran yerself outta blinker fluid."

Do you have a wrench? I'm sure we can get this car to work.

I always wondered what "Click" and "Clack" the Tappen brothers on public radio looked like...at least they don't have plumbers cracks!

I told you not to let the ball role under the car.

Where did the cat go ?

Hand me the ½" wrench, that should do it, now let's see them take us to the VET without a transmission.

Hold this while I get the wrench!

If our butts weren't so big we could hide under here!

Well, as you can see here, the brake line is busted.

I think the ball went under here.

Wow! A whole new place to explore.

Yup, its a Hemi!

I can almost reach it just another inch. Can you get it? Here let me try... All for a little red ball. C'mon, Hurry up you said you could fix it. We need to get to the Bulldog gathering!

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## COMMERCIAL

Michael Phelps and a Bulldog (a dog named Winston played the part of his dog, Herman) are on a Visa commercial. http://scaq.blogspot.com/2007/05/visa-mobile-commercial-with-michael.html

Here's one from the Olympics: http://www.truveo.com/Michael-Phelps-and-his-Bulldog/id/3250218222 Just copy and paste the link into your web browser -Thanks for this submission Rita



Anyone wanting the Shakopee Newsletter article about the WT picnic/pictures can sent their request to Marcia Tiegs with a check for \$1.50 written out to Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue. Her email is shortlilme@msn.com

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By: Deanna Hammond

- 1) Get a 36L X 24W X 27H Crate, I find that Midwest Lifestyles Suitcase crates are the best.
- 2) You will also want to get a crate pad or two. 36 X 23 Midwest quiet time beds are what we use.
- 3) Find a home for the crate, some place convenient for puppy to get outside easily without leaving a widdle trail. Obviously you will want this to be someplace convenient for you too as the crate will be puppies home. You are going to want to keep in a stationary place so puppy does not get confused.
- 4) When you bring puppy home introduce him/her to the crate. Make sure puppy has a few toys in there for company. Nylabone chew toys are best. Stuffed squeekies are always fun too.
- 5) You are going to want to play with your puppy a lot. However they still need a lot of sleep so they can grow. Nothing cuter than a sleeping bully puppy. Put puppy in it's crate at nap/bed time always!
- 6) As soon as puppy wakes up say 'lets go potty' and take it outside. ALWAYS take your puppy to the same place to potty. In theory they will learn that is their place to go and will save you searching for piles in the yard before mowing, brown spots in the lawn, etc...
- 7) Praise puppy after potty and your good to play with them for an hour or so before nap time again.
- 8) If puppy starts sniffing around while you are playing, etc... say 'potty' and take it outside. You will have accidents. I don't encourage rubbing puppies nose in it. An command such a 'AUGHT' and then 'potty ~ outside!' are sufficient. Take puppy outside. If you catch it in the act DON'T let it finish. Command; 'AUGHT' pick puppy up command; 'outside potty'.
- 9) Bedtime take puppy to potty and put it to bed. Puppy will cry a bit (sometimes a lot for the first couple nights) resist going to puppy and comforting it. This will be the hardest part. Don't sleep by the crate that will only prolong the process.
- 10) Puppy will probably need to go potty in the night for the first several weeks until it's bladder gets stronger. If puppy has been sleeping well and you hear it crying or rustling around late in the night get up take it out to potty and put it back in it's crate. No playing during bedtime hours. Leave the room, go back to bed.
- 11) Try not to let puppy see you in the morning until you are ready to take it outside. The first thing you do is take puppy out for potty. Play time, back in crate.
- 12) Put puppy in its crate right be fore you leave for work, praise and let it know you'll be back. Dogs do not like to potty close to where they sleep and eat. You will have accidents at first but these will diminish quickly as puppy realizes how long it will be kenneled.
- 13) When you come home at night greet puppy, take it potty and then play time.

REMEMBER: Always crate puppy when you are not able to give it full or almost full attention, taking

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a shower, on the computer, etc. This training will keep puppy from getting board and chewing up that favorite pair of boots, the cabinets, house, furniture, etc.

REPEAT DAILY UNTIL TRAINED!! After awhile you will be able to leave puppy out for longer periods of time. Overnight and work time kenneling should be followed for at least the first 12 months. You will should know when the time is right and they can be trusted outside their crate. It is a good idea to always leave their crate available to them, leave the door open when they are not in there. To them I think it resembles their own little apartment where they are safe. Eventually they will put themselves to bed.

Extra Hints: Puppy should have stainless steel water and food bowls. I have also found that hanging water bottles for the crate is a perfect solution to spilled water in the crate. These can be found at PetSmart.

Keep them on puppy food until they are 12 months old but start feeding them a cup in the morning before work and a cup after work at about 17 weeks.

I always crate my dogs when company comes over, no over-excited greetings, no jumping. This lets your company get to say HI and get settled. Then you introduce the canines to the mix.

This is not a bible. Of course you need to do what works best for you. They are just helpful steps to successfully crate train a puppy. Several times a year I take in different puppies who will be sold to show homes and get them started with training. By being consistent and following these simple steps I can typically have them trained with in 2 weeks.

Thanks to Deanna for allowing us to reprint this.





http://www.upco.com/fill-n-freeze-bone-5

Thanks to Melissa for submitting this



Abbie says she isn't getting senile but her mom is...Karen forgot to put in that Abbie turned 10 in July!

Rubi turns 2 September 4th.

Kai turns 2 September 4th.

Its was my birthday last week, I celebrated all week long. YEAHHHH!!! With you all in spirit!

Sharon Carr, California

Kona's birthday is Sept 6th. You can see her surveying supper in this picture.

If you care to see an upcoming dog show here are the upcoming events:

<u>Date Location</u> 9/13 - 9/14 Rochester, MN

www.onofrio.com

If you are having trouble navigating the site or finnding the ring times, etc. let me know and I'll help if I can.

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Rescue Is About More Than Just Rehoming Dogs

As of this moment, there are currently no Bulldogs needing homes in Minnesota, but is likely to change soon. However, we have been busy even so. Doing rescue work is more than just rehoming dogs, educating the public is also an important part of rescue.

Rescue volunteers get calls on regular basis from people that need advice on what to do and where to go when their dog starts to have some behavioral issues. If these concerns are acted on quickly, many times professional assistance in the form of obedience training with animal behaviorists can turn situations around for many dogs. If people truly want to help their dogs, they usually will follow through and contact experts for professional advice. As a result, most of those dogs will not come into rescue. However, some people aren't willing to invest the time and money, or they just don't feel the dog is capable of making the transition from "problem child" to obedient dog and their dogs usually eventually end up in rescue. But for many dogs, the training will work and they are able to stay in their current homes; and that is always the preferred outcome.

Another aspect of education that rescue groups provide is distributing information to the general public about the Bulldog breed and information in the form of handouts about how to properly go about finding a puppy. Many people who contact rescue have purchased their dogs on the internet from what is obviously a puppy mill, but they never realized it until it was too late. Some of these Bulldogs have BCA members' dogs in their pedigrees, but somewhere along the way, offspring of these dogs ended up in the hands of the puppy millers. These types of sellers are not concerned about making sure the new owners have all the tools at their disposal to allow that dog to reach its potential. They only care about the money they receive.

When purchasing from a puppy mill, a person does not have good odds for a healthy, well adjusted dog. There are increased risks that a puppy from a mill can have serious health issues or be infected with a serious disease such as parvo. Not only that, a personal relationship with the breeder who can provide advice on the care of their puppy long up to adulthood, is also missing. If more people would realize that a good breeder is willing to help them along the way, even after the puppy leaves their home, they might be more careful where they buy a dog from and fewer dogs would end up in rescue. So, education is a big factor in steering people away from the puppy mills. Our rescue group wants to educate the public about the importance of doing their homework before buying a puppy in the hope that this will keep more dogs from needing rescue services in the future.

Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue recently participated in the Renaissance Festival's 2nd Annual Pet Fest in an effort to educate more people about spotting the differences between puppy mills and (continued on next page)



reputable breeders. We had many handouts available on the subject, in addition to information about Bulldog rescue. These handouts do not direct people to specific breeders, but illustrate how to distinguish between puppy mills and reputable breeders. The handouts are intended for the general public and will apply for any breed. The more people who are educated about the correct way to purchase their next puppy, the better the success rate in keeping as many dogs as possible out of rescue.

Thanks to Marcia Tiegs, Karen Zimny, Melissa Oldsberg, Sheryll & Frank Max and Dianne & Dana Huntington for braving the heat and helping out at the Love-a-Bull Rescue booth at the Renaissance Festival on August 16th and 17th. Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue will be doing another "Meet the Breed/Rescue Info" at Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet in Mahtomedi September,13th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you are in the area and would like to stop in and say "Hi", (with or without your Bulldog), please feel free to do so.

