

# Wrinkle Time

MAY 2012

Upcoming Gathering:

May 20th We eat at **noon** so show up shortly before! Picnic in the Park, Shakopee Memorial Park

### Bring:

Lawn chairs
Water for your bully
Your own non-alcoholic beverage
Money to bid on rescue items
A dish to pass!





## BCARN—MN

It has been unusually quiet with rescue so far this spring in regards to Bulldogs in need of homes here in Minnesota. However, if we were rehoming Oldes (Olde English Bulldogges), then we'd be plenty busy. Unfortunately for these dogs, there are no breed-specific rescues for Oldes and I get calls and emails on a regular basis from Olde owners and shelters looking to find someone to take these dogs off their hands. I received an email recently from a desperate owner hoping I could take her 125 lb. Olde to rehome.

Her dog lunged at another dog when she was walking it and the force was enough to send her flying through the air. She landed hard enough to break her pelvis. I suppose you are wondering what this story has to do with BCARN rescue. Well, it does serve to illustrate how important it is to adequately train your dog so that you aren't the one contacting our rescue later on because you let bad behaviors escalate until the situation appears out of control. As the owner said to me in her email, her dog is now going to pay the price for their ignorance.

In the five+ years that I have been rescue coordinator for BCARN- MN, I have seen a lot of dogs come into rescue because of behavioral problems that could have been "nipped in the bud" by proper training. Sometimes, owners are willing to listen to suggestions that can help the dog remain in their home and they agree to contact trainers and/or animal behaviorists to get some expert advice so that they can get their dog back on the right track. Unfortunately, most are not willing or able to invest the money or effort to retrain their dogs. Those are the ones we end up with. Some of them need some "rehab" training in foster care before they can be rehomed and we've had a good success rate with these dogs, even though a few have required substantial behavior modification while in foster homes.

Owner-surrendered dogs usually are not so far gone that training and behavior modification cannot help them. However, we have had a few cases of dogs from shelters that were aggressive under certain conditions, which made their behavior unpredictable, so unfortunately they had to be euthanized. BCARN has very strict guidelines that dogs that bite cannot be rehomed. It is always sad when a dog has reached the point where it can no longer be helped, but sometimes there is no other safe option. Fortunately, those cases are the exception and not the rule. Most dogs coming into rescue have gone on to new homes and become loving companions with new owners are thrilled to have them.

So please, if you are able, support breed rescue as these dogs deserve a second chance. Don't forget to check out the silent auction items at the Wrinkle Time picnic on May 20<sup>th</sup>. There are sure to be lots of great items available. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Rita GuthmillerRescue CoordinatorBCARN – MN

# Picnic!

#### We need:

Two to three people to help set up (about 45 min. before the event)



- Two people to set up, run, time, and tear down the bully obstacle course.
- Two people to set up, run, time, and clean up the "dress your bulldog" game.
- Three people to bring 50 paper plates each
- Prizes for games
- Three people to bring 50 napkins each
- Three to five people to help tear down and clean up
- Two people to loan stopwatches

All proceeds beyond the rental fee of the pavilion go to RESCUE!
BCARN—MN rescue is the direct benefit of all our picnic activities.



http://www.all-natural-dog-treat.com/pumpkindogtreatrecipes.html Check out their recipes! We thank them for permission to reprint this!

## Pumpkin Pupcakes Dog Treat Recipe

#### Ingredients:

- One 15 oz. can mashed pure pumpkin (NOT the spiced pie filling)
- · 3/4 cup garbanzo & fava bean flour
- · 1/2 cup dry powdered milk

**Directions:** I mixed all the ingredients together with a hand mixer. The pumpkin makes it really wet so it mixes in a snap. Then, I spooned them into mini muffin tins. (I also tried the pastry bag to squirt them into the mini muffin tins. You could do either one.)

Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

This makes 24 mini muffins.

How to store?: These lasted 4 days on my kitchen counter before they got moldy. They're really wet due to the pumpkin so if you want to keep them longer, I recommend the refrigerator.

**Optional:** you could skip the powdered milk and just make up the difference with more of the flour. They'll come out fine.

Since they're so wet, if you have a dog who's having trouble with dry food/treats, these make a great option.



### Peanut Butter Grain Free

This peanut butter treat recipe is grain free. So many dogs are allergic to wheat these days or other grains you need alternatives. Luckily, specialty flours are easier to get these days.

I get at least one request a week for more grain free dog treat recipes. Over 5 years, that's a lot of requests;)

Here's one recent experiment with a peanut butter dog recipe.

Sammy and his new housemate Chester ranked it "two paws up" judging from their eager eating.

#### **Peanut Butter Dog Treat Recipe**

#### Ingredients:

- · 3 cups Garbanzo & Fava Bean flour\*
- · ½ cup of organic peanut butter
- · 1 cup water
- · 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

#### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Combine all your ingredients into a food processor and pulse for 20 seconds, scrape down the sides and pulse again until everything is mixed.

Then, using a spoon, just spoon out the dough onto cookie sheets.

These are like drop cookies. You can make them larger or smaller as you like.

If you have a big dog, make them bigger, maybe even using two spoonfuls per dog treat.

If you have a small dog, use less dough to make smaller dog treats—you're in control of the size :) Bake for 20 minutes.

You can store these at room temperature for 2-3 weeks or in the refrigerator for up to 6 weeks. You can also make extra and freeze them!

\*If you're not familiar with garbanzo and fava bean flour—it's simply ground beans—garbanzo beans and fava beans. It's gluten free (Bob's Red Mill makes this—carried at Whole Foods, Wegman's and other groceries. You can also order it online)

It worked great in this peanut butter treat recipe for dogs who are allergic to wheat or grain.

I just switched regular flour out in exchange for the bean flour.

# You Write the Caption



Please send your captions to karen@pantheonbulldogs.com

Wrinkle Time

## You Wrote the Caption

### Pumbaa

- Too much tequila
- Did I miss?
- Of course I use tissue.
- What's the deal, we are out of TP!
- I'm stuck and I cant get up
- I can potty inside too.
- Don't pay any attention to the bully behind the toilet paper.
- Peak-a-boo!
- What? I didn't do nothing.
- This is the best hiding place!!
   They'll never find me here!
- Now I will count to ten and you go hide.
- Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain! from The Wizard of Oz
- Isn't this where you go to get peace and quiet?!
- Hey....someone get me some more toilet paper....
- Is this really 2-ply? I can see right through it.



What do you do the keep your dog occupied or entertained when you are at work? Submit your answers for next month.



Winick Photography will be doing photos at the picnic this year! Come for details but they always donate generously to rescue and do a fabulous job!

www.winickphotography.com





Nellie turns 4 years old on May 17th! She's a baby of Rita's. We love her!! Thanks!— Jeni

Brutus will be 5 years on May 26th.—Don

Me and Smush got our Rally Excellent title —Jenny





### We are on Facebook!

No Bull...Just Fun!



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## Watch Your Dog!

Just a reminder to keep an eye on your dogs when you are at our gatherings. You are responsible for their behavior when you are out in public. Wrinkle Time assumes no liability at gatherings. You assume the same liability you would at any other public event as Wrinkle Time does not screen attendees.

