



March 2006

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Gathering Dates:

Date: March 5th, 2006

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Pet Supplies Plus in Burnsville

Date: May 7th, 2006 our special Picnic in the Park

gathering

Time: 11 am

Location: Shakopee Memorial Park







Picnic in the Park

What Do I Bring?

Your beverages

Lawn Chairs

A dish to

pass

Your canine friends

The pavillion we rent at Shakopee Memorial Park Costs about \$40. We will also need to purchase paper plates, eating utensils, and napkins.

I'm hoping no one objects to doing a little fundraising for those expenses. We will have a raffle. You can help by bringing a raffle item and/or buying raffle tickets.

If you don't want to donate or buy tickets we

don't care! Come anyway! We'd rather have

a great time with you!

He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, until the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion. ~~unknown



Mr. Bean, who owns Kathie and Andy Reihs



You Write The Caption!

You send me captions (as many as you'd like!) and I'll print them in the next newsletter. Please send at least 3 days before the last day of the month.

I'm better than a heating pad!

...you can't see me!

There better be a good reason you woke me up!

This spot is mine, go find your own feet to sleep on.

Of course I'm cute, you gonna tell me something I don't know?

For \$19.95 you can own your own 35 pound heating pad. May require feeding. Not responsible for leaks.

Ha! She can't leave me and go to work now!

I don't care if your feet are asleep, I'm not budging.

Like my new "clown shoes"?

Bulldog foot warmer...the best way to keep warm on a cold winter's night.

You walk a mile in my shoes and see what it's like!

Not even the Easter Bunny could get me to move.

Yes, I got life easy!



Ask Ashley

Submit your health, behavior, etc. questions about bulldogs and we'll do our best to answer them or find the answers!

Dear Ashley,

When I put petroleum jelly or vitamin E on my bully's nose she does everything in her power to rub it off, making her nose even more crusty and irritated. How can I stop her from rubbing it off? Her nose needs some hydration!

Sincerely,

Honey's Momma

Dear Honey's Mamma,

A couple of things you might try...try different things on the nose. Some dogs mind baby oil, baby oil gel, petroleum jelly, vitamin E, Aquaphor baby ointment less than others. It is preference of the dog, really. The other thing we'e done before is to put it on their nose then give them a brand new chew bone (kong filled with peanut butter, whatever) and put them in their kennel. This seems to distract them enough for them to leave their nose alone.

Dear Ashley,

My Lucky Pup also has a dry crusty nose. My Vet took a biopsy of it and it was determined that he has Discoid Lupus. There is not a lot that can be done to prevent the dry scabs from forming, but I find a Vitamin E capsule, pin pricked with a small hole, and applied just to the areas that need it will help better than anything else I tried and it is a bit sticky so even if they try to rub it off, much of it stays on. Does this dog have Discoid Lupus? Has anyone heard recommendations about the different treatments as I find each Vet has their own way of dealing with this disease. What's the best treatment and safest for long term as many times the word Prednesone comes up.

Veronique (if our readers have anything about this please submit for the April issue)



Good Deeds

Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue appreciates the opportunity to hold a silent auction at the Wrinkle Social Time on March 5th. This fundraiser is intended to raise funds for expenses related to rehoming local Bulldogs. Not only will you have a chance to purchase some nice Bulldog memorabilia, you will be supporting a good cause at the same time.

Here are the items we will have available at the March Wrinkle Time.





A basket with an eclectic mix of fun Bulldog items Bulldog luminary, electric light fixture



Clock with face



Bulldog Ballerina Bulldog stuffed toy

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Sandicast Bulldog bank



Bulldog t-shirt (one size fits most)

We will have some more silent auctions at future events. The details will be announced as these events get closer. Here is a sampling of the items to be auctioned off. There will be lots of good stuff. Check it out!



Anyone wishing to donate items to Love-a-Bull Rescue should contact Marcia Tiegs by phone at: 952-445-6836 or email: shortlilme@msn.com We thank you for your support.

Just a dog?

by Richard Biby, Contributing Editor, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog", just smile, because they "just don't understand".

Ask Ashley

Dear Ashley,

I'm taking back my house for ME, and decided to turn the "playroom" in the basement into a fitness room, and move all the fitness equipment and literature down there. So, I need some things for Andy to do in the fitness room to keep him occupied while I work out. I'd appreciate ideas for anything that would keep him busy and active, so I wouldn't have to stop what I'm doing to retrieve a soccer ball that he's crushed, or a tennis ball that he's chewing. You know, durable stuff. I don't want food down there, so no treat ball.

Sincerely,

Andy's Mom

Okay, readers...what do YOU do to occupy your bulldogs when you need some time to yourselves? Send your suggestions for the April issue. Thanks in advance!

Only A Bulldog...

Submit your funny wrinkly friend stories! For example Karen has been locked out of her car by her bulldog, TWICE!

This is blank because we NEED you! Send your stories today! Thank you

LOOK what I found!



This is a corner for cool dog items and where you can buy them

Provide hours of chewing fun for your dog with the interactive Everlasting Treat Ball! Made of soft yet durable puncture resistant materials, it will hold up to even the toughest chewers and the unique design allows it to wobble and roll erratically. Great to use for preventing destructive boredom behaviors or to simply keep your dog happily occupied. You can even hide it around your house or yard for a game of doggie hide & seek with a tasty reward at the end. The options are endless, the fun is everlasting! See item number 25-754 for Everlasting Treats or 25-755 for Everlocking Treats.

Find them at www.akcstore.org

The Stork

Steve, Hilary, & "Romeo" Congratulations!





Brandi's puppies. Congrats!

Brags!

(you, your kids, your dogs, your family, etc.) NO COST!

Karen, Chris, Dianne, and Dana's dogs held their own against the big boys in St. Louis in February at a large dog show. We are proud of the kids! Karen and Chris



Birthday Corner!

Please submit your dog's birthdays, your birthdays, etc. for the month

March 14 - "Lily" Zimny March 30 - Reiny Guthmiller