Wrinkle Time

May 2006

mark your calendars!

upcoming gathering dates:

Date: May 7th, 2006 our special Picnic in

the Park gathering

Time: 11 am

Location: Shakopee Memorial Park



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When: 11 am, May 7th rain or shine!

Where: Shakopee Memorial Park, Shakopee MN

What: Picnic, games, raffle, silent auction for rescue fundraising, and lots of doggie petting and scratching

Who: You and your doggie friends

Why: Fun, fun, fun!

Just a reminder that there is no alcohol allowed at the park (also no glass containers of any type). Our four legged friends have to remain on lead. We also need to make sure we pick up after ourselves. Thanks!



What Do I Bring?

Your beverages

Lawn Chairs

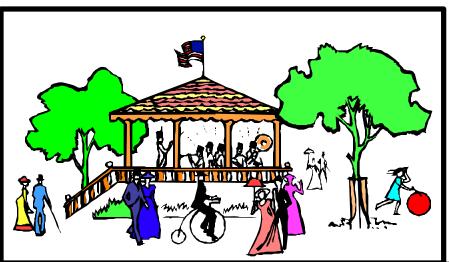
A dish to pass

→ Your canine friends

→ A raffle item

(if you wish)









Another inch and I can reach that cookie!

Look ma! No thumbs!

Raise your hand...Raise your hand...Raise your hand if you're sure...

I swear it was the cat!

Evolution at work...

I swear officer, it wasn't me!

I washed both my paws with soap, can please have that steak now?

Geez, what they make me do just to get a measly dog biscuit.

See, I even washed the bottoms.

I give up.

I hate morning calesthenics

I can do anything those silly circus poodles can.

Look at my 6 pack abs baby!

Pick me, pick me, pick me!

And they said obedience school was a waste of time.

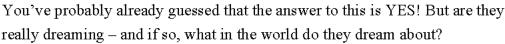
Put your right paw in, put your right paw out, then you shake it all about...

Dancin' Queen





Dear Ashley, Do dogs dream? Sincerely, Mika's Momma





Many scientists say there is evidence to support the notion that dogs, cats, and in fact, every mammal that's been studied, does experience dreams.

There are two main types of sleep: rapid eye movement (REM) sleep and slow wave sleep (SWS). SWS and REM sleep in pets are very similar to that of humans. During this time, the brain processes information learned during the day. Think of it as sorting new information into different mental file folders.

At some point during these two kinds of sleep, dreams take over — in humans as well as in pets. Thus, the twitching, tail wagging, yipping, and pawing your dog does in his sleep, or the tail whipping, chattering, yowling and swatting from your napping cat is likely a reliving of whatever experiences he's had while awake.

Of course, human dreams also get a lot of their material from the imagination, which makes us wonder if dogs and cats have imaginations in addition to memories! (Anyone who has witnessed their playful cat pay attention to something that's seemingly not there, and then react to it, is likely to believe their cat must have an active imagination!)

In humans, scientists have found that when awakened during REM sleep, the subject has reported having a dream. During the REM sleep, the human brain has a lot of "gamma activity" going on, just like it does when the person is awake. This means that essentially, the brain is behaving just as it does when conscious. Since every mammal studied shows the same brain activity during REM sleep as us humans, it's not such a leap to believe that your pet really is dreaming.

Ok – not every mammal studied has the same brain activity. The duck-billed platypus experiences more REM sleep than any other mammal, yet its brain activity is completely different during this time of sleep. However, this should come as no surprise from a mammal that lays eggs.

Adult dogs spend about 10 to 12 percent of their sleeping time in REM sleep. Puppies and kittens spend a much greater proportion of their sleep time in REM sleep, which makes sense since they've been so busy all day exploring their new world. They have tons of new data to process, sort and store into their memories.

So the next time your pet has an unusually exciting experience during the morning, pay special attention to his behavior while he naps that afternoon. You might just catch your pet reliving the past — in dreams!



Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue has been quite active this past year rehoming Bulldogs. The amount of dogs needing new homes seems to be steadily increasing as more people become aware of breed rescue organizations. To help pay expenses associated with rehabilitating these Bulldogs, Love-a-Bull Rescue will be holding a silent auction at the Wrinkle Time "Picnic in the Park". This silent auction will raise funds for expenses related to rehoming Bulldogs in the state of Minnesota. 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 is a sampling of the items that will be auctioned off at future

Love-a-Bull Rescue silent auctions.

There will be lots of good stuff.

Check it out!





Our thanks to Dianne and Dana Huntington for donating this basket of goodies for our Rescue Fundraising efforts at the Wrinkle Picnic in the Park.

There are many ways to help with Bulldog rescue.

If you would like to volunteer with Love-a-Bull

MN Bulldog Rescue, please let us know. For more information go to: www.mnbulldogrescue.org



Stephanie had a great idea for activities and games at our Picnic in the Park on May 7th. Stephanie mentioned "bulldog adjusted agility" types of activities like trying to get the dog to jump over a rolled up sleeping bag, trying to get the dog to sit on an item, etc.

Here's what we are looking for:

2 people to work with Stephanie on the Wrinkle Olympics - update Rita, Kim S. and Dana have offered to help! Thanks!

You do NOT need to spend your own money on prizes or supplies. Just let Karen know what you need to borrow or buy and she'll supply it.

(within reason of course!:-))

If you don't wish to use the discussion board on www.wrinkletime.org, but you want to help, you can contact Karen and she'll you in touch with each other. karen@pantheonbulldogs.com or 507.835.5660





Meet Miss Espin. She moved from Rita and Reiny's house to Karen and Chris'. She says she likes being spoiled laying on the furniture.



Warm Weather is Coming!

Please be careful with the upcoming warmer weather. Bulldogs and all short nosed breeds are susceptible to over heating. Humiditiy is especially hard on our four legged friends because they can't properly dissipate heat. So be careful and watch your dogs carefully.



Here's an "Ahsley" from last month too... regarding toys to keep Andy busy.

I have two toys that keeps Olivia busy. They are the Bamboo Combat Toys and Greenie Smart Chews. The Bamboo toys are made really strong and last a long time. The Smart Chew is a rubber chew that is very tuff, be sure to get a big enough one. I have next to the biggest one. They can be bought at Chuck N Don's Pet Food Outlet. Also the Real bones keep her busy. You can have Andy chew them in his crate first so he gets them cleaner and then he will still love them while you work out.

Sheryll

you write the caption!

send submissions for next month



mother's day poem from the dogs

You feed me when I'm hungry, You keep water in my dish, You let me sleep on anything Or in any place I wish.

You sometimes let me lick your hands, or even lick your face,
Despite the fact I've licked myself
In every private place.

You taught me how to come when called, You taught me how to sit, You always let me go outside, So I can take a s- stroll.

You'll always have my loyalty, up to the bitter end, 'cause after all, it's plain to see...

You are a dog's best friend!

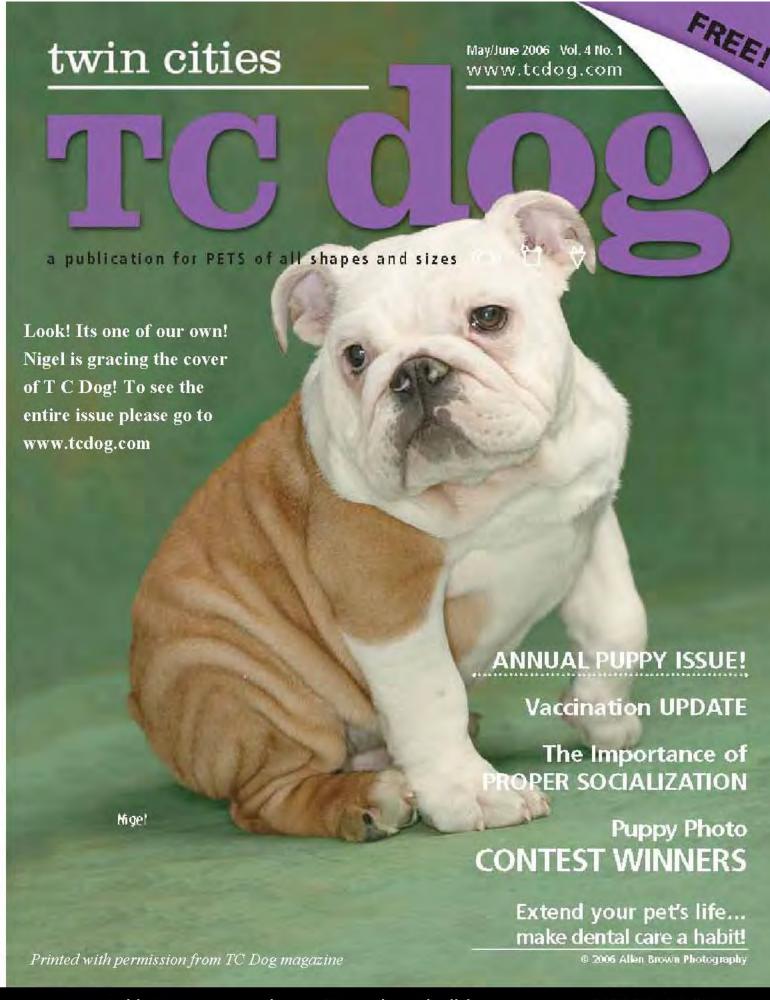


Bob and Atlas...now, tell me, who REALLY runs this house? :-)





Happy Mother's Day





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

See the previous page for Mr. Nigel! He's a supermodel!

The Happy Dog's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep, The queen-size bed is soft and deep.

I sleep right in the center groove, My human being can hardly move!

I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight, And here is where I pass the night.

No one disturbs me or dares intrude, Till morning comes and I want food!

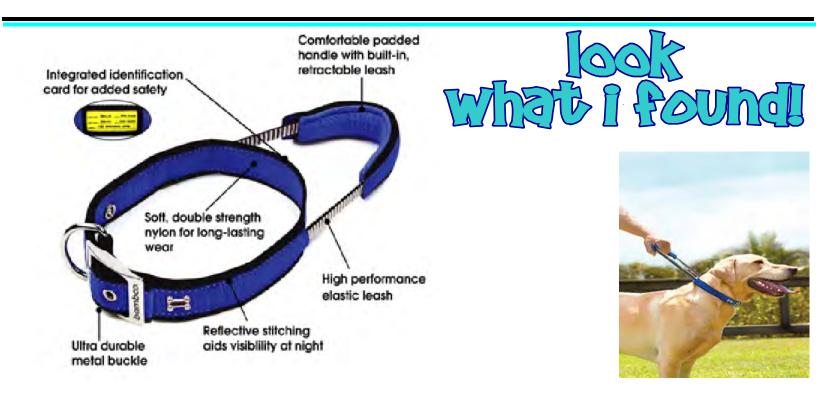
I sneak up slowly and it begins, My nibbles on my human's chin.

She wakes up slowly and smiles and shouts, "You darling beast! Just cut it out!"

But morning's here and it's time to play, I always seem to get my way.

So thank you, Lord, for giving me This human person that I see

The one who hugs and holds me tight, and shares her bed with me at night! - Author unknown -



New combo of a collar and a "handle" of sorts. Available at PetSmart, through Rico Supply and other retailers. The brand name is Bamboo www.bamboopet.com