



# Wrinkle Time

October 2006

Upcoming Gathering Dates:

**\*November 19th**

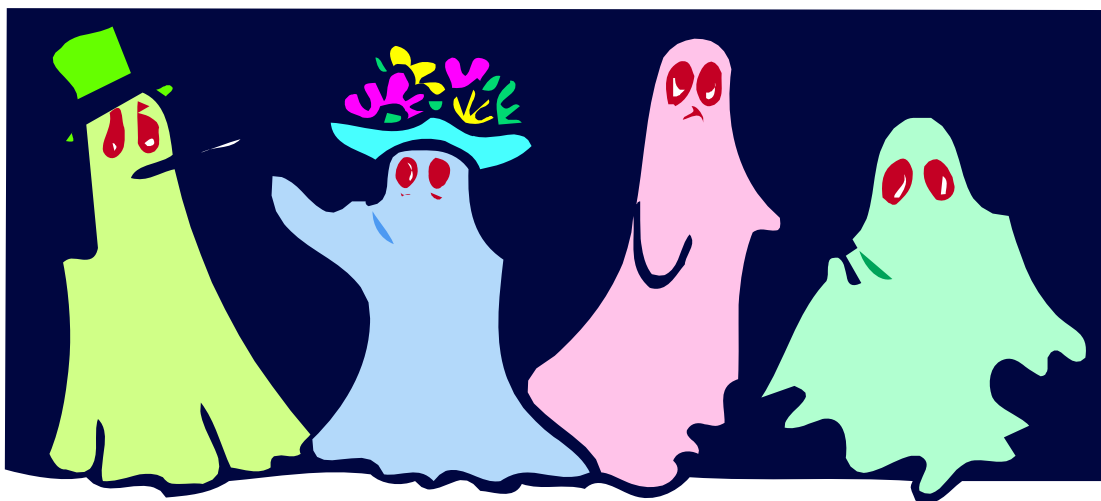
**\*January 7th, 2007 (belated holiday party)**

Time: 1 pm

Location: Pet Supplies Plus in Burnsville MN

No Bull. Just fun

## TRICK OR TREAT



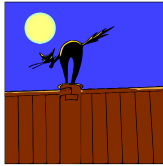
# october's party

All the party photos can be seen on the web site at  
[http://www.wrinkletime.org/Meetings/Oct\\_2006\\_Halloween/October\\_2006.htm](http://www.wrinkletime.org/Meetings/Oct_2006_Halloween/October_2006.htm)



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Did you say something?

Did I hear "treat?"

Yoga for bulldogs

**you wrote the caption**

It's the stay puff marshmallow bulldog!  
Bat Woman has nothing on me!  
I'm doing my Frenchie imitation.  
"Just get in line. There's plenty of belly for everyone to rub!"  
I'm too sexy for your party  
Wouldn't I make a cute Frenchie?  
Is this one of those orthopedic couches?  
I think I need a chiropractor.

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Rita Guthmiller and Reiny Guthmiller are pleased to announce another Reingold Champion....Ch. Reingold Picture Perfect.

"Winslow" is currently owned by Laura and Kelly Estep. Winslow is the 18th champion where Reiny is recorded as a breeder, but the 10th champion for Rita, which makes her eligible for the BCA Breeders Hall of Fame. Winslow is the third champion for his mom, Reingold Velvet Crush.

**brags**

Karen and Chris had a litter of 5! (okay, Lily had the litter, but they are still cute!) Daddy is Rita and Reiny's Graham.

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Who created the Bulldogs that end up in rescue?

If you think that most dogs that come into rescue were bred by large scale "puppy mills", you would be mistaken; at least as it pertains to this area. The majority of rescue dogs appear to have been bred by what is commonly called "backyard breeders". This term generally is used to describe someone who

breeds dogs on a smaller scale, and often without thought as to the welfare of the resulting puppies once they leave their yard. Their primary concern is usually whether the interested buyer is able to meet their asking price. Backyard breeders rarely bother to determine whether the new owners are equipped to keep the puppy for its lifetime. Backyard breeders usually do not show their Bulldogs or support breed clubs, as those things cut into their profit margin. Sometimes the primary reason to breed a litter is simply because they want to get a return on the initial investment of the purchase price of their own dog.

Backyard breeders do not encourage the new owners to contact them if there are any problems with the puppy. Generally speaking, once the puppy is out the door and the check has been cashed, the relationship has ended. We have had a few cases where breeders were contacted, but they were unwilling to take back the dogs in question or help out in anyway. If people have met the breeder of their puppy only at the time of sale and have had no lasting relationship with them, it is not surprising to find that these breeders are unwilling to take responsibility for the dog later in life.

The key to keeping Bulldogs out of rescue is educating the public. One important aspect of that is to have breeders make sure buyers know how to properly train and care for their Bulldog. Buyers need to be aware that a committed breeder can be a valuable resource and should be someone they can go to when they have questions about the care and training of their Bulldog. A responsible breeder will want their puppies to go to homes where they will be loved and cared for their entire lives and will do everything they can to ensure that this happens for each and every puppy.

If a breeder does not take time to interview prospective owners, but only seems eager to take your money, odds are that breeder will be unavailable should problems arise at some later point in time. Responsible breeders usually provide written contracts that will state that they are to be contacted if a buyer is no longer able to keep their Bulldog. A responsible breeder would prefer to help buyers find solutions so that the dog is able to remain with its original family. But if that is not possible, they should be willing to help you find a suitable new home for your dog. This does not necessarily mean that they will refund any of the purchase price. It is not as easy to find eager buyers for adult dogs as it is for cute little puppies that are nice 'blank slates'. Many people do not want to deal with possible behavioral issues and would rather not take that risk. If they do, they will not want to have to pay much for the "privilege".

Not everyone who breeds occasionally can be considered a backyard breeder. It is not the quantity that determines that, but the quality of care. If a breeder seems knowledgeable about the breed and shows you that they have put some thought into the breeding and is willing to provide you with written assurances that they care about the puppies they sell, then it shows they are serious about the lives they have created. However, as long as there are breeders who are primarily "puppy producers" there will always be a need for breed rescue. If breeders are not involved in the ongoing lives of the puppies they produce, the risk is higher that those dogs will end up in a rescue program. There is no safety net for these dogs and their owners. Responsible breeders don't just care for their dogs, they care *about* them. Before a person considers buying a puppy from a particular breeder perhaps they should ask themselves, "Is this somebody I'd like to be friends with?" If the answer is "no", then it would be a good idea for them to continue their search.

Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue would like to thank all who participated in the Silent Auction for Rescue at the October 1st Wrinkle Time. We appreciate all who donated items and also many thanks to those who put in bids. Every little bit helps. The silent auction raised \$110 for Minnesota Rescue Bulldogs.

No one could make a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.

--- Edmund Burke

The text "good deeds" is written in a bold, bubbly, orange font with a thick black outline. The letters are slightly irregular and rounded, giving it a hand-drawn or playful appearance.

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Captain Andy: "I'm ready -- untie the boat!"



Ponoon Guard Dog:

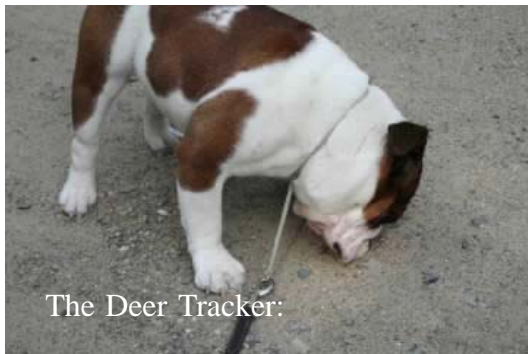


Let me outta here -- I gotta PEE!

# andy's summer vacation

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The Deer Tracker:

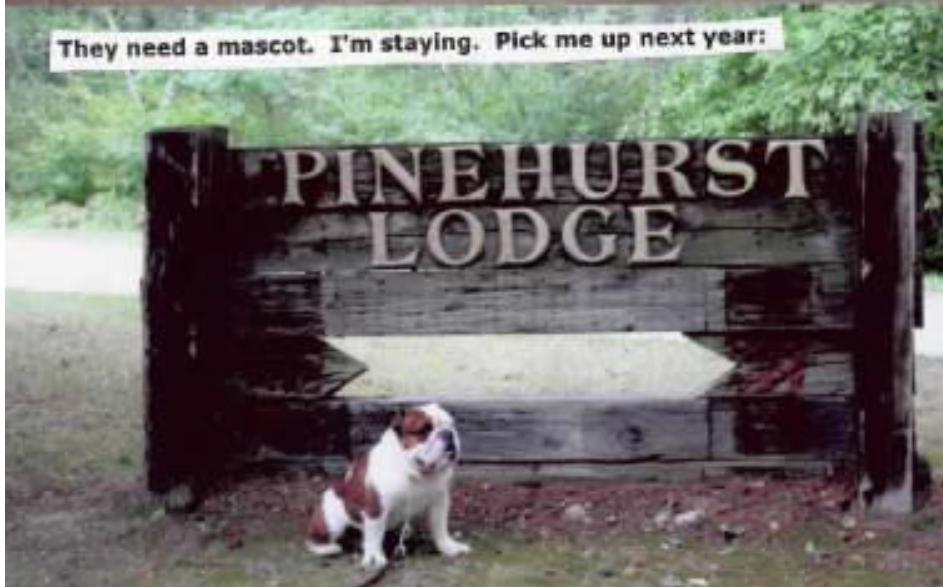


My buddy is waiting for me



Vacations can wear you out:

Rest Stops are fun - lots of people want to pet me. Except this really big guy:



They need a mascot. I'm staying. Pick me up next year:





Andy's vacation photo log 2006;  
"I'm a RETRIEVER!"



Bulldogs can too swim!



WHY does she keep throwing my Float Rings into the water?  
Guarding my Float Rings:



# ask ashley

Dear Ashley,  
How do I stop my dog from pulling when we go for a walk? This is really getting old!  
Sincerely,  
Sore Arms

Dear Sore Arms,  
Every time your dog tries to go somewhere faster than you walk, stop dead in your tracks! Don't budge until your dog comes close enough that he/she isn't pulling on the leash.

Dear Ashley,  
How do I get my dog to stop barking at the vacuum, blender, coffee grinder, etc.?  
Sincerely,  
Afraid to Use the Appliances

Dear Afraid,  
Leave the blender on low and ask him for simple behaviors he knows, like "sit." When he complies, give a treat (maybe a really good treat like a bit of cheese or hot dog). For a while the blender, cuisinart, ceiling fan, and vacuum cleaner all amazingly make treats appear! Or tape the sound, and gradually increase the volume of the recording...while treating of course!

Are there other ways readers have trained their dogs to accept the evil vacuum cleaner and walk on a leash? Send them and we'll publish them next month!

Sincerely,

Ashley



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# the stork!

Sean & Holly Ploeger would like to announce their brand new "baby", Pumbaa. Pumbaa is welcomed home by Scoobie the Pug, Chelsea the Pom-a-Poo and Murrify the Cat



The Winneroski family just added a new bullie also. Pearl joined Winnie the bulldog, along with the humans they own, of course!



## DOGAHOLIC

Good Evening. My name is Donna and I AM a dogaholic.

I would like to welcome all of you to this month's meeting of "Dogaholics Anonymous. Some of you are here tonight because a friend or relative brought you here. You may be sitting here thinking that you are OK and that you really don't need any help. It is not easy to admit that you are a dogaholic and it is even harder to bring yourself to a DAA meeting for help. DAA is here to assist you.

I have some questions to ask. If you can answer YES to more than three of the following, you have come to the right place.

Can you say "Bitch" in public without blushing?

Do you drive a station wagon, van or 4x4 when everyone else drives a real car?

Do you have more than one car? One for you and one for the dogs?

Do you consider formal wear to be clean jeans and freshly washed tennis shoes?

Was your furniture and carpeting chosen to match your dogs?

If you do have dresses, do they all have pockets?

Do those pockets often contain freeze dried liver, poo bags or squeaky toys?

When you meet a new person do you always ask them what kind of dog they have and pity them if they don't have one?

Do you remember the name of their dog sooner than you remember their name?

Do you find non dog people boring?

- If you answered YES to one of the above, there is still hope.
- If you answered YES to two, you are in serious trouble.
- If you answered YES to three or more, you have come to the right place.

My advice to all of you with three or more Yes's is to sit back and smile, turn to the smiling person next to you and know that your life will always be filled with good friends and good dogs and it will never be boring.

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