



# Wrinkle Time

Sept 2006



## upcoming gathering dates:

☼October 1st (Halloween Party)

☼November 19th

☼January 7th, 2007 (belated holiday party)

Time: 1 pm

Location: Pet Supplies Plus in Burnsville MN

No Bull. Just fun



## Toad Rustlin'

GlassGiant.com  
**WANTED**  
FOR TOAD RUSTLIN'



ELIZA & SOPHIE  
**\$2500 REWARD**

Dana taught Eliza to ring the bell to go outside. Good idea right? Wrong!!!!!! We ring the bell to hunt toads and frogs with Sophie. I swear Sophie tells her to ring it and if I refuse to take her out Sophie asks to go out. Who is trained here them or me? Please don't answer that.

She rang the bell 12 times in an hour last night and because she had a bladder infection a few weeks ago I let her out the first two times; She didn't go either time. So Sophie asked to go out, Eliza went with her and they went toad hunting. Eliza did manage to catch one before I caught her. She didn't like the taste much but it didn't stop her from hunting. I swear her and Sophie spend the day planning the events of the evening. And I know they are getting a big laugh out of this. And people say bulldogs are dumb. I should send them those two for a week. --Dianne



I don't take that Labor Day thing  
*too* seriously!

**Labor**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **DAY**

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I get all sorts of channels with my new satellite dish!  
They think this is going to stop me from chewing off my cast...HA!  
Are you sure you don't need this lampshade back?  
Now why is it again, that they get the bed? Look at me!!!  
Who needs cable when you have your very own satellite dish?  
OK, I can tell who is little Red Riding Hood, but which of you other two is the big bad wolf?  
I always knew I'd look good in red.  
How do you like my Easter Hat?  
Take this off! If it rains I'll drown!  
It may look funny but increases my chance of catching the treat.



**you write  
the caption!**

**send submissions for next month**

**Halloween is coming!**

Which means the first annual Wrinkle Time Costume Contest and Party! Start planning your costumes now! Dogs in costume are requested - if the human dresses up too its just a bonus! :- ) Mark October 1st!

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# look what i found!

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This might be your answer...

**brake-fast®**  
DOG FOOD BOWLS  
*Slows the Chow Down®*



Check it out at

<http://www.brake-fast.net/>



## **Monkeys & Bulldogs?**

Look at this video clip. Its of a chimpanzee and a litter of bulldog pups. Thanks to Rita for sending this.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALbd8-6lpBM&mode=related&search>

# good deeds

Up until fall 2005, the group now called Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue used to be a committee of the St. Paul-Minneapolis Bulldog Club. Because of liability concerns, the club decided to have the rescue committee split off from the club and became a separate entity. The club requested that the group no longer refer to itself as SPMBC Rescue and that we create a new name for the rescue group. A motion was made at a club meeting that the club would continue to provide support to rescue, although it was never specified as to what kind of support that might be. At any rate, we are the same people doing the same work we did before, but with a new name. An announcement was made at a recent club meeting that our rescue group would not be allowed to fundraise at future SPMBC events, so the support of Wrinkle Time attendees is appreciated more than ever.

Here is a story of one little Bulldog that was rehomed by this group. "Bella" was 14 months old when she was turned over to rescue. She had been purchased by a well-meaning couple from a "puppy miller/dog broker" whom they met by the side of the road. This couple bought Bella even though they didn't have a good feeling about the "breeder". However, they bought her anyway because they felt sorry for her. She was covered in grime and had urine-scalded skin from being forced to lie in a filthy crate for probably hours on end. The seller would not even let Bella out of the car until they handed over the cash for her. This couple took her home and immediately gave her a bath. Once the filth was gone they could see that Bella was missing a lot of hair. After discussing possible causes with some "friend of a friend" who was a vet, they had second thoughts about the responsibility of taking on a dog with health problems so soon after losing their previous Bulldog from surgical complications. They tried to return Bella, but the seller ignored their calls. So they called our rescue group. Because they were still hurting over the loss of their last Bulldog, they were unwilling to risk getting attached to Bella. They decided not to wait and see what the prognosis was on Bella once a vet examined her, but surrendered her instead. They just didn't feel equipped to tackle Bella's issues, whatever they may have been.



Bella was examined by Dr. Winsor and her primary health concern was a long-neglected case of demodetic mange. Bella was vaccinated, wormed and started on treatments to clear up her mange. She responded to the mange treatment quite well and became a lovely little Bulldog. John and Veronique McMillan graciously accepted the responsibility of rehabilitating Bella and took care of her for about a month in their home. She was a stubborn little girl at times, but they worked wonders with her. A young couple from Iowa visiting friends happened to spot Bella with the McMillans in a parking lot. They introduced themselves asked if we could pet their dogs (Bella and the McMillan's dog, Lucky were hanging out in the car), they got to talking and when they found out that Bella was available for adoption, decided to try to adopt her. They were required to fill out a detailed questionnaire and also were interviewed by our adoption coordinator, Lissa Steenerson to evaluate whether they could provide an optimal environment for Bella.

Fortunately, after numerous conversations with Lissa, this couple "passed" and were allowed to adopt Bella. Thanks to their dedication, Bella is now happy and healthy and adored by her new "mom and dad". Bella even participated in The Drake Relays "Most Beautiful Bulldog" contest in Des Moines Iowa earlier this year. Although she didn't take home the

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top prize, Bella was given the title of "Doghouse Darling", a distinction given to the outstanding female contestant. Bella was featured on MSNBC.com, the Des Moines Register Web site and actual paper, and was on the Today show. Her new family is quite proud of her.

Here is what Bella's new owners recently had to say about Bella:

Bella Star has been an absolute joy in our lives -- it's hard to think of what life was like before she came home to us. Bella has this incredible spunk and a personality that lights up any room. Plus, she is just so much fun to have around! We really do believe that we were meant to be her mom and dad. It's difficult to think of what happened to her in her first

year of life. Yet we are so grateful to her second owners for placing her into the MN Bulldog Rescue. If it wasn't for the love and support from the organization and the McMillans, Bella would not have found her forever home. For that, we are truly grateful.

- Amanda & Adam Price



# august's gathering

You can see all of the photos from August's gathering at  
[http://www.wrinkletime.org/Meetings/August\\_2006/August\\_2006.htm](http://www.wrinkletime.org/Meetings/August_2006/August_2006.htm)



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# Anne and Andy's Pet Perspective II

by Anne Burk

I looked at my Andy in February and he just looked depressed. We hadn't travelled since the end of December, our Intermediate Obedience classes ended mid December, the Vikings football season was over so there were no guests coming over for the games... He hadn't left our home for a few months. So, I decided that we must have some enrichment each weekend to perk Andy up a bit.

Bella the Yorkie was scheduled to stay with us a few weekends while her Mom was out of town. (It's cute! It's like having a wind-up exercise toy for your Bulldog.) A few weekends, we made a trip to the Pet Store, where the humans exist to pet the dog shoppers, especially Bulldogs, you know. (You get to sort out the humans: those who watched cartoons with Spike the scary bulldog, and those who have known a Bully at some point in their lives and walk right up to pet Andy with no fear.) Bulldog Club meetings took care of one weekend each month. (Andy has to sit in the back of the room. He's so excited to see Bullies, he breathes so loudly people can't hear.)



But what Andy loves the best ..... is "Class". It's a great way to stimulate your dog (and make him tired so you both can sleep longer at night). They are sponsored by pet stores, dog breed clubs, activity clubs, etc. It's good socializing with both dogs and humans, and it exercises your dog's brain as well as his body.

Andy and I took puppy class, and Beginning and Intermediate Obedience classes with the 3M Dog Obedience Training Club. And during June, they offered 3 Specialty classes that lasted just one month.

We just completed:

**Agility Class:**

Agility Class is great Enrichment for your dog. Dogs learn to run through tunnels, cross a teeter, jump up and wait on a Pause Table, cross a wobbly Buja board, do jumps, and weave poles. It's so much fun to watch how excited the dogs get after they first encounter and conquer the obstacles. This class is NOT just preparation for dogs who intend to go into agility competition, it also teaches the dogs to handle new experiences and not shy away from obstacles you may encounter on a walk.

My bulldog Andy loves tunnels so much, he takes the scenic route through the tunnel rather than a direct route to wherever he's going. Just lower the jumps appropriately for your Bulldog.

**Tricks & Clicks Class:**

This class was not so much about your dog learning tricks as it is about you learning methods of teaching your dog to perform behaviors. You learn to dissect a behavior into parts so you can reward and encourage parts of the behavior (ie: turning head to side, then also paw to the side, leading into a full circle spin). It also teaches you to help your dog learn a behavior and then use that behavior for further tasks (ie: teach your dog to touch a target, then put the target on a door to have your dog close the door). You learn to choose names for the behavior so your dog will do the behavior when it hears the word. From this, you can entertain your friends with a story using those words (while your dog entertains with his "tricks"), or combine behaviors into tricks or dance routines. (You've seen the "Tyson riding a skateboard" video...some day you might see "Andy dancing".)

**Canine Good Citizen Class:**

There is an AKC Certification test for "Canine Good Citizen". Your dog is tested on 10 items and must pass all 10 to receive a certificate.

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There are some "Obedience" tasks:

- 1) out for a walk requires a right turn, left turn, about turn, and stop;
- 2) sit, down, stay while handler walks out 20 ft. and immediately returns;
- 3) coming when called from a sit and stay, when handler is 10 ft. out.

There are some practical tasks:

- 4) walking through a crowd where the dog is allowed to show casual interest in moving people but not jump on them;
- 5) reaction to another dog where 2 handlers approach, shake hands, chat, and move on and the dogs just show casual interest, but no aggression;
- 6) reactions to a distraction where a loud noise occurs and the dog may not panic or show aggression (a metal chair was dropped on the floor for our test, someone offered our evaluator a vacuum cleaner, but she thought that was a bit much). One that can take a bit of practice for our friendly bullies is
- 7) accepting a friendly stranger where the Evaluator approaches, shakes hands with the handler, but does not address the dog and THE DOG IS NOT ALLOWED TO JUMP ON THE EVALUATOR and say, "But you're supposed to pet me! EVERYONE is put on earth to PET ME!" (I was shocked. Andy sat there and allowed her to leave without petting him. During class, wiggle-butt Andy stood up and Happy-Danced in anticipation of being petted.) But then the Evaluator/Stranger approaches again and
- 8) DOES pet the dog, checks his ears, lifts his paw, brushes him and the dog must show no shyness or resentment. (...a bully getting attention from a human...shyness?... resentment?... HAPPINESS!) 9) is the appearance and grooming checked in the previous attention to the dog. And the one where I guess a lot of dogs fail,
- 10) Supervised Separation, where the handler gives the leash to a stranger and then leaves the room, out of sight for 3 minutes. (Andy thinks, "Awake and alert? Liedown and take a quick nap?... Don't snore!") The dog is not allowed to bark continuously or be extremely upset.

Andy passed.

I was told that if your dog passes the Canine Good Citizen exam, you can take him on commercial airline flights if you buy a seat for him. I don't think I'm going to tell Andy. I caught him drooling over brochures of Hawaii last week.

Give your dog some enrichment today and sign up for a Class. Don't be surprised if your dog quickly learns the route to Class and starts barking with excitement when you exit the freeway!



Karen handled a friend's neapolitan mastiff for the very first time at the Albert Lea and Lake Elmo shows. She got a major on her and then reserve, respectively.

Jack and Jill had a litter of 7 puppies on September 1st. Congrats to Jack, Jill, John, and Michelle!

