



WRINKLE TIME

August 2009

Upcoming Gathering Dates: TBD

A Bulldog Lives in This House

My bulldog and I live in this house. You are welcome to come visit me at any time, but we have a few things that you must understand before you visit.

You must expect a few dog hairs to stick to your clothes. I vacuum and clean on a regular basis, but a bulldog lives in this house too. You may be licked and given a paw a few times, but he does this because he loves people and wants to say "hello." So if you feel that you are too good for his love then you may not feel welcome here because this is his home too. My dog is well mannered and very clean, but if you are one of those people who think ALL animals are dirty and smelly then you will probably have difficulty feeling comfortable during your visit.

If you don't like the sound of barking, then my home is not likely to be a pleasant place for you. My bulldog protects me by letting me know I have a visitor, whether it be a friend or unwanted stranger. If you are a friend, my dog will consider you his friend too, but if you are an unwelcome guest, my dog will protect me with his life as I would his.

Do not expect me to lock my dog in another room during your visit. I have trained my dog well so he will not do anything to you except maybe want a pat on the head. I will not subject him to feel as if he is being punished by locking him away for no reason. This would be cruel.

When you walk in my home, be careful not to trip on a squeaky toy or a bone. These are my dogs little treasures and I will not take them away from him just to show you that I keep a clean house. He knows where all his toys are. They may not look like much to you, but to him they are worth more than gold. You see, this is OUR home. We have been together for a long time. I raised him into a well mannered, beautifully behaved dog. I am proud of him. I consider him my personal gift from God. He has done nothing but give me endless love and devotion for many years. I love him dearly and want to make his years happy ones. As happy as he makes mine. When you go home to your family, he stays here with me. A fine and loving companion. He is MY family and I wouldn't change that for the world. When I was sick, he stayed right by my side as I did his when he was not having a good day. A better friend I could not ask for. When no one else cared, my bulldog did. He has given me nothing but pure joy and I love him endlessly. So please understand I am not being rude. I'm just looking out for my BEST FRIEND.

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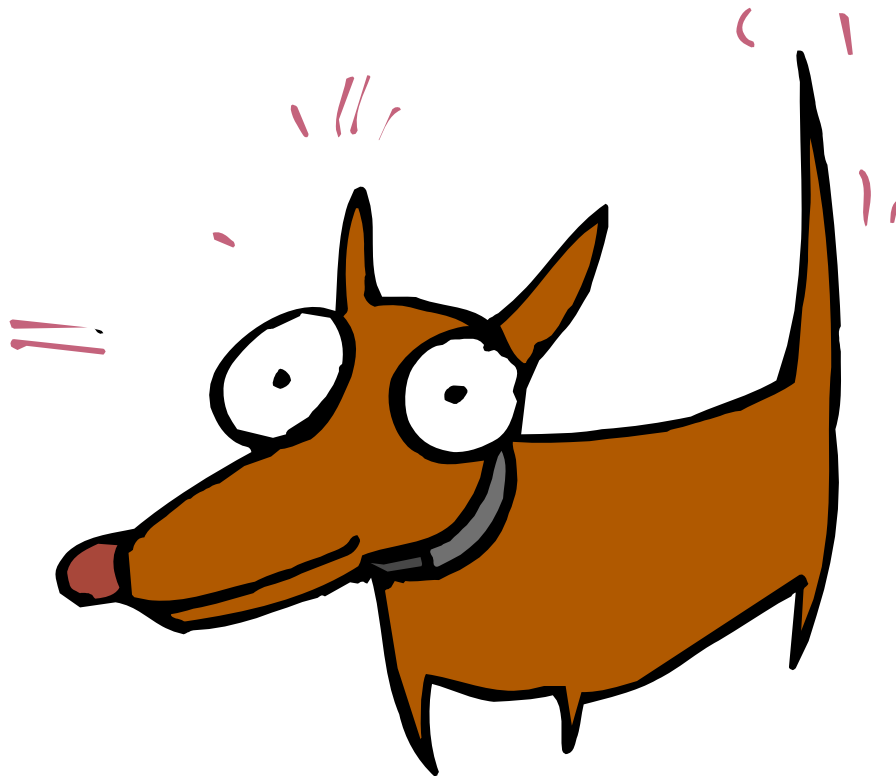
No Bull. Just fun

DRY eye

We have a question from a Wrinkle Time attendee...

What's everyone do for dry eye? What meds does your vet have your dog on? How else do you handle it?

Submit your answers for publication in the next newsletter.



CALENDAR CONTEST



<https://www.360photocontest.com/contest.asp?contestId=16>

Copy and paste the above address into your web browser.

Here's the short of it..

- ◆ ALL proceeds go to rescue
- ◆ \$15 donation gets you 15 votes AND a calendar!
- ◆ \$5 per photo for entry into the contest
- ◆ \$1 per vote for your favorite bulldog picture
- ◆ Prizes and prestige!
- ◆ Donations may be tax deductible (consult your tax professional)

There are already Wrinkle Time dogs in the contest so cast
your votes today!

You'll find details on the web site.

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HELP OTHERS

http://www.fundable.com/groupactions/groupaction.2009-05-31.7556368692/groupaction_view

As you may remember, HUB rescue also takes dogs from Iowa because there are no bulldog specific rescues in Iowa. This saves Minnesota rescue from having to take all the Iowa rescues.

Read below for more information

This is the little girl we called Peanut. She is such a sweetheart and her owners are wonderful. Not only did they adopt Peanut knowing she had a "problem", but they dropped everything to help transport Muggsy from KC to Columbia when he needed surgery in a hurry, and unblocked a "road block" at the hospital enabling him to get the surgery he so desperately needed. This is a very deserving cause. We have donated and hope that if you can't donate at this time, you will send it on to some people you think might be able to donate.

Sandy

HUB Bulldog Rescue

Petunia the Rescued English Bulldog Surgery Fund

http://www.fundable.com/groupactions/groupaction.2009-05-31.7556368692/groupaction_view

Hi Sandy,

We finally got a fundable.com account...

Thanks a bunch! Looking forward to seeing Ms. TuTu
(Pentunia's nickname) get better.

Stan



BRAGS

-----"AL"----- Wmson's Silverado A Smooth Ride became a Champion receiving his last major at Vermillion June 28-2009 as Winners Dog and Best of Winners. --Roxanne

Rita Guthmiller & Reiny Guthmiller are proud to announce that they have a new Reingold champion. Ch. Reingold Cut To The Chase finished his AKC championship at the Waukesha show Saturday, July 25th, 2009 by going Best of Winners under breeder-judge Rudy Kilgus. "Chase" is the 19th champion bred by the Guthmillers. One week later, Chase went Best of Breed and received a Group Two at the Bismarck, ND show on July 31st.

Reingold My Fair Lady (Eliza) went WB, BW, BOS for a 5 point major Sat 8/1/09 in Bismarck, ND. Eliza is up to 10 points and 1 major! Eliza was bred by Rita Guthmiller and Reiny Guthmiller and is owned by Rita and Reiny of Reingold Bulldogs and Dana and Dianne Huntington of WestOak Bulldogs.



12 THINGS DOGS WOULD SAY IF THEY COULD TALK

Unknown Author

- 12 But it SMELLS like food.
 - 11 The cat did it.
 - 10 What say we all drive down to Dairy Queen?
 - 9 Explain this 'heat' thing again.
 - 8 Mind if I sit there?
 - 7 You gonna eat ALL of that?
 - 6 I don't smell anything.
 - 5 Could I see the menu?
 - 4 FETCH THIS!
 - 3 Next time, I pick the bitch!
 - 2 This isn't a mess, it's ambiance!
- And the number one thing your dog would say:
- 1 You are going to cut off my WHAT??!!

YOU WROTE THE CAPTION



RIPTIDE

- ♦ That's not the way I taught you do it
- ♦ (whooh,haa,haaaaa,haaa) My evil plan is working. The human is under my control. Next, I get him to feed me steak.
- ♦ Who's training who?
- ♦ Yep, I see how its done, just don't wanna do it.
- ♦ Look! Didn't take me long to train him.
- ♦ You first
- ♦ (evil laugh) First, the human, next the world!
- ♦ Sucker..
- ♦ Berta, come quick, I've trained the human!
- ♦ That's what you get for dressing me up last Halloween
- ♦ Uh, Dad.....you might wanna lay off the strawberry shortcake if you wanna play agility.....
- ♦ See, I told you that you could not fit in there!
- ♦ DO YOU SEE THE LIIIGGHHHTTTT!!!
- ♦ I cannot believe this human thinks after he shows me this I'm going to do it. What a Maroon!
- ♦ Is this what you call a dead end?
- ♦ Boy, can those humans pass gas.

YOU WRITE THE CAPTION



OZZIE AND HENRY

You write the caption. Send your caption to Karen at
karen@pantheonbulldogs.com

GOOD DEEDS

Why Rescue Groups do "Rehomes"

With the current economic conditions it is not surprising that rescue groups in many areas are overwhelmed with dogs. Rescue Volunteer "burn out" is always a concern, so sometimes rescue workers are asked why we take in dogs from individuals aka "rehomes" rather than just encouraging people to rehome these dogs themselves. The reasoning is that by doing this it would conserve some financial resources and volunteer hours. Some people feel that rescue groups should concern ourselves only with the "true" rescues, which to most people refers to dogs that are about to be euthanized at a shelter or confiscated by authorities in puppy mill raids. Restricting who we help sounds like an easy solution to the problem of too many dogs "in rescue", but the reality is that it really isn't quite that simple.

Living situations can change and sometimes the kindest thing an owner can do is to admit they can no longer provide the best home for their dog and take the necessary steps to find it the best home possible. In these cases, people often contact a rescue group because they feel rescue groups can do a better job of finding their dog a home than they could on their own. Rescue groups certainly have better access to a larger pool of people qualified to adopt a Bulldog than someone who just places an ad in their local paper and hopes for the best.

Before suggesting we turn away Bulldogs who are no longer wanted by their current families, you should be considering the answers to these questions – If rescue groups don't take these dogs, who ends up with them? Just how carefully will the current owners screen people in an effort to find a new home for their dog? And what about the dogs that need veterinary care, but the owners can't afford it? Will the new owners commit to spending the money or will they just dump the dog at a shelter when they realize the cost is more than they anticipated when they acquired their "bargain Bulldog"? And what about the dogs that were never spayed or neutered? These dogs can become easy prey for the many puppy millers out there to take advantage of.

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Owners can certainly drop their Bulldogs off at a shelter, and leave the rehoming to the "professionals", but what then? If they are fairly healthy, the shelter will adopt them out and not call rescue because the Bulldog is a popular breed right now and the shelter can turn a profit on a Bulldog. But just who ends up with these Bulldogs? The answer is – just about anybody who has enough money in his pocket to pay for the dog. There is no effort to find a good match for these dogs so that the dog doesn't end up at the shelter again in a few months when the new owner realizes his "status symbol" dog is more work or more expense than he bargained for. And a shelter worker certainly isn't going to offer advice to the new owner on the maintenance involved in caring for a Bulldog. If the dog is lucky, it might end up in a decent home, but the odds are not in its favor.

So what about the dogs that are advertised in the paper or on Craigslist? Once again, it is a gamble as to what kind of people the new owners will be. I can guarantee you that any person who has done any rescue work for any length of time will have dogs that come to rescue after being bounced around from home to home when careless owners let their dog leave with whomever was willing to take the dog off their hands.

All of these scenarios are stressful for the dogs involved; and it also increases the chances that the dogs will be permanently harmed, either physically or psychologically. These Bulldogs can easily then become "problem children" in these less than desirable circumstances. Getting Bulldogs into a rescue group that will work to get these dogs rehabilitated and find them homes that are best suited for each particular dog so that they can be a credit to the breed, rather than a black mark against it is a good outcome for the dogs themselves and the Bulldog breed. So anyone concerned about the image of the Bulldog breed should consider successful rehomes by a rescue group as a positive thing and not just a drain of resources. Odds are they'll end up in rescue sooner or later, and the sooner we get them, the less damage is done to the dogs. Bulldog Rescue should not be about doing what is easiest or cheapest; it should be about what is best for the Bulldogs...for those individual dogs that need our help and for the breed as a whole.

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Rescue Dogs Update:

The last edition of the Wrinkle Time newsletter mentioned three dogs – Helga, Pearl and Daisy. Helga has found a new home with a great family. She now lives on a farm (with a fenced yard) and has a 12 year old boy for a buddy. She gets to sleep on his bed and she likes that a lot. She has made friends with the other dogs in the family and likes to keep her new "mom" company when she goes out to garden. So far, all has been going well for Helga in her new home.

Pearl's owners decided not to surrender her to rescue, but gave her to a family friend instead and they are hoping that her behavioral issues will resolve themselves in her new home. Daisy is still with her current owner as her children are pressuring her not to give Daisy up. Hopefully, the owner is trying to find a new place to live with fewer stairs. Pearl and Daisy are good examples of how sometimes people think they want to surrender a dog, but when it comes down to the wire, they decide not to and find alternative solutions for their dogs. Sometimes they work out and sometimes we get a call a few months later. Hopefully, things will work out for the best for Pearl and Daisy.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Albert Lea, MN

August 8th, 8 am ring 2

August 9th, 8 am ring 3

Lake Elmo, MN August 22-23. For more information go to www.onofrio.com



YOU KNOW YOU'VE BEEN OWNED BY BULLDOGS TOO LONG WHEN...

You Know You've Been Owned by Bulldogs Too Long When:

- ♦ the Snoring, Yawning and Farts are second nature!
- ♦ you have a lint roller in every room of the house
- ♦ you can't walk out of pet store less than \$100
- ♦ their food sounds more appetizing than yours
- ♦ they start taking you for walks
- ♦ there is a 2' high snark ring around your house...and your car interior
- ♦ you can't fall asleep on your non-dog vacation because there's no snoring in the hotel room
- ♦ you hear screaming kids on an airplane and for the life of you can't figure out how your bully friend could be any worse
- ♦ you think a sneeze in the face is a sign of love
- ♦ you prefer puppies to children
- ♦ your idea of a perfect mate is chubby, short, and wrinkly
- ♦ your vocabulary consists of one word sentences
- ♦ you see your veterinarian more than your human doctor
- ♦ when you are feeling ill you go to the dog medicine cabinet before calling your human doctor
- ♦ you've had to add on to the house to hold your bulldog collectibles
- ♦ you've ever ordered a happy meal for the toy because it looked like a bulldog
- ♦ cars, homes, and beds are all bought with the bully's comfort in mind
- ♦ you are tripping all over a lazy Bulldog who won't get out of your way, but yet you find yourself automatically telling him/her you're sorry
- ♦ you make clothing purchases based on how whether or not slobber/dried drool will easily show up on the fabric
- ♦ you never notice your dog snoring unless a visitor asks you about it
- ♦ they take up more room in the bed than you do!
- ♦ you consider dog hair an accessory and a spice!

Keep sending them and I'll keep adding them! We will see what we can do about putting this list to good use on merchandise!