



WRINKLE TIME

May 2009

Upcoming Gathering Dates:

Date: May 17th WRINKLE TIME PICNIC in the PARK

Time: Noon - 2 pm

Location: Shakopee Memorial Park

Veteran's memorial park is just south of Murphy's landing on Hwy 101



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No Bull. Just fun

PICNIC

HAPPENIN' AT THE PICNIC

NOON - 2 PM

NANCY WINICK, PET PHOTOGRAPHER - SEE WHAT SHE CAN OFFER YOU. SIGN UP EARLY FOR YOUR TIME SLOT BY EMAILING NANCY AT NAJOWI@GMAIL.COM THIS "TASTE" OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY IS ONLY \$10 WITH \$5 GOING TO RESCUE!!! NANCY WILL OFFER DISCOUNTS ON ANY HOME SESSIONS BOOKED AT THE PICNIC.

SILENT AUCTION BY LOVE-A-BULL MN BULLDOG RESCUE

GAMES

BULLY OLYMPICS OBSTACLE COURSE
PROGRESSIVE PARTS



DOOR PRIZES

FOOD! POTLUCK SERVED PROMPTLY AT NOON

****DON'T FORGET TO BRING A DISH TO PASS, LAWN-CHAIRS, YOUR BULLY FRIEND, AND YOUR OWN NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE**

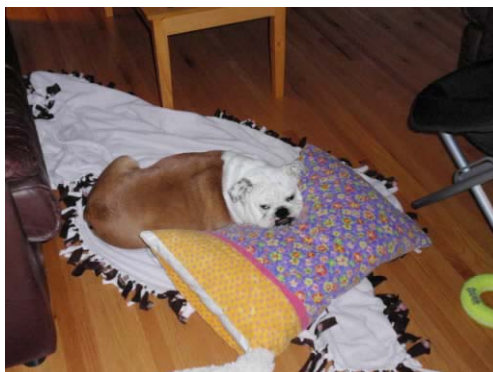
COCOA MULCH FACT OR FICTION?

I'm sure you've all seen the circulating email about cocoa mulch being poisonous to dogs. In short, yes, it is. A lot of garden centers carry it as it has a fine texture and a sweet smell. What are the facts? Well, your 50 pound bulldog would have to eat about 4 1/2 ounces to have an increased heart rate, 5.3 ounces to have seizures, and over 9 ounces for probable death. As little as 2 ounces can cause gastrointestinal upset. Compare that to the fact your 50 pound bulldog can eat about 7 ounces of milk chocolate without an upset tummy. (Still, NOT a good idea). Hershey's says that 98 percent of dogs won't eat it..although they do admit that studies show about half the dogs that eat the mulch can suffer physical harm.

If you have the mulch and your dog has nausea, vomiting, restlessness, diarrhea, muscle tremors, seizures, etc. seek veterinary care and mention the possibility of the cocoa mulch being ingested.

Sources: Snopes, American Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Hershey's.

BRAGS



IT'S NELLIE'S *_1ST*_ BIRTHDAY ON MAY 17TH!! SHE'S A BULLDOG FROM RITA AND REINY! :) WE LOVE HER DEARLY. SHE'S BEEN SUCH A BLESSING! NELLIE'S SUCH A SWEET LITTLE GIRL! ---JENI



PUMBAA WILL BE 3 YEARS OLD ON MAY 20TH! --SEAN

THE PUPPY ON THE FIRST PAGE IS OUR NEWEST "LITTER" FROM RUBI. WESTOAK'S DOIN IT MY WAY IS THE DADDY (BUG). THE PUPPY IS NAMED BRI. --KAREN & CHRIS

YOU WROTE THE CAPTION



- ◆ Doody!!!!
- ◆ Everybody out of the pool!
- ◆ Don't stop!!!
- ◆ Just WHERE is that hose going???
- ◆ Spring willies!
- ◆ Forget the pool, I see treats!!
- ◆ Crap! I forgot the water toys.
- ◆ I just go CRAZY for summer.
- ◆ Gotta pee! Look out!
- ◆ I saw Loch Ness!

- ◆ Ccccooo...llldd...Wa-wa-wa-water coollldd.
- ◆ Someday they'll spring for a proper lawn watering system
- ◆ COLD!!! THE WATER IS WAY TO COLD!!!!
- ◆ I just wanted to share the experience with everyone else.
- ◆ I thought that water was suppose to be warm!
- ◆ I'm a very competitive tri-athlete.
- ◆ I can't believe I drank the whole thing!
- ◆ Step away from the dog, Myra...she's gonna blow!
- ◆ You're right..... That IS a morning eye opener, but I thought the hose was for the pool !
- ◆ "I am NOT going to get a bath!!!!" RUN!
- ◆ Cold water! Cold water! Cold water!
- ◆ Run, run for your life, it is going to blow!!!

YOU WRITE THE CAPTION



CHARLOTTE

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

GOOD DEEDS

Be sure to check out the silent auction for rescue Bulldogs at the Wrinkle Time Picnic in the Park. If you would like to donate to the silent auction, please email Marcia Tieg at: shortlilme@msn.com. If you do not have internet access, you can call Rita at: 952-873-3037. There are sure to be some one-of-a-kind items and lots of Bulldog-related goodies, so bid generously if you are able. We are not funded by any other organizations and depend solely on donations to cover all of our expenses.

We are also doing some work with the BCARN fundraiser at the BCA Nationals, which this year will be held in Kansas City in November. BCARN (Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network) has a fundraiser every year in conjunction with the big national show week. All of the money raised by the silent auction goes to help Bulldogs. If you have some nice items you would like to donate to the BCARN's silent auction, please let us know and we can make sure the item(s) get there safely.

The money that is raised by the silent auction at the Nationals is available to help local rescue groups that have applied for a grant from BCARN to assist with unusual/extraordinary medical expenses for rescue dogs. Some of the money raised also goes to replenishing the BCARN's Disaster Relief Fund. This fund was set up to help local rescue groups that might have a lot of dogs come into rescue due to environmental disasters of some kind or because of a raid on a puppy mill.

These kinds of situations can be very expensive for local rescue groups to fund on their own and that is why the Rescue Relief Fund was created. BCARN reports that requests for assistance are growing at a faster rate than funds are coming in, so any donations to this effort will be most appreciated.

If you have any questions pertaining to these fund-raising events or to rescue in general, please feel free to let us know.



CAN I BE A FOSTER HOME?

The first thing to ask yourself is do you have the desire to help a dog in need? If yes, then you are on the way.

Next, walk through your local animal shelter's run area. Check it out. Many are cold, crowded, and noisy and those are often the better ones. Do you have a spot in your house that is an improvement on what you just saw in the shelter?? If the answer is yes, then please foster.

Rescues don't need to share your couch with your resident dogs; they just need a safe place to be prior to moving on to the next step. Maybe you can foster for a few days, or for a few weeks. All help is needed. You don't need to have a kennel set up. Most rescuers started with one dog they were housing in their dining room or back bedroom. Please don't assume that someone else can do it. Those days are long gone.

The good news is that NorCal Bulldog Rescue has received two grants for providing portable kennels and other equipment to increase their foster home capabilities. Many thanks to the Sence Foundation in Visalia and the Pedigree Foundation for these grants. The money has been earmarked for this specific use, so funds are available to help purchase equipment for new foster homes. Please contact me at my email at MaryRick@aol.com if you are interested in participating.

Do something good for the dogs and for your soul!!

Below is a note from one of our foster homes:

I have fostered for rescue a few times now. We do not have a kennel at our house, nor do we have a designated 'dog room'. My own Bulldogs co-habitate together, but can be separated out if necessary. I knew that fostering was something that I really wanted to do, but I didn't know how to make it possible in my home. With a little guidance from Patti Runo, I found an area in our home that could be gated off, and made comfortable for the rescue Bulldog. In my home, it happens to be our dining room that we use for the foster dogs. It can be easily partitioned off, and it is spacious enough for them to stretch out and there is also space for a crate. Being hands on with the rescue dogs is a 'one of kind feeling'. Do I get attached? "Yes" But when you see these sweet dogs go to their new forever home, it is worth it.

~Michelle Ippoliti

Thank you to the California Bulldogge for allowing us to reprint from their January 09 edition.

TEACH YOUR KIDS

- * First of all, NEVER let your children pick out your pet. You and the breeder should sit down and pick which puppy/kitten is the best match for your family. The breeder should know the personalities of the puppies/kittens and can help you make the best decision for which pet to take home.
- * DO NOT buy a puppy for your children, buy one because you want it, you are the one who will take care of it not them.
- * Children should never be the one responsible for making sure the pet gets fed and watered, children will get bored with the pet and forget. It is ok to assign children that as a chore but should be watched over carefully so they feed the animal properly.
- * Teach the children how to properly handle the pet. How to pick it up and treat it. Many times in the vet office I see older children hitting/kicking/yelling at/pulling the dog by the tail.
- * Go to training classes as a family. Many trainers encourage well behaved children to watch and even participate.
- * Teach the kids and animals appropriate games to play together. Many dogs get too worked up to play tug-of-war with younger children. Also discouraging chase games and chewing on hands and feet, this may be cute when the puppy is small and 10 lbs but when he gets to be 70 lbs and still thinks it's ok to grab feet and hands he won't be so cute anymore.
- * Smaller dogs and cats are not always ideal pets smaller dogs are easier to get run over and hurt in a busy house and cats aren't always tolerant of young children. Not that these can't make good pets but larger animals might be a better choice for a busy household. Something to think about: smaller dogs are more likely to bite out of fear!
- * Teach kids how to properly approach dogs, palm open or the back of the hand in a fist, larger surfaces are harder for a dog to bite. Also ASK FIRST. You as the parent ask if the dog is OK with children and the children should ask if it is ok to pet the dog. Many people are ok with the dog meeting people but like to put the dog in sit/stay and not have the dog approached standing.
- * Teach children not to run and scream around strange dogs.
- * Teach children not to hug strange dogs and not to stick their faces in a strange dog's face.
- * Read as a family: Canine Behavior: Photo Illustrated Handbook by Barbara Handelman. This is a photo book of canine body postures that teach you how to read and understand dogs!
- * A dog can be your child's best friend when time is taken on both sides of picking the right dog and teaching the kids how to handle the dog and teaching the dog how to properly behave with children.
- * Rabbits are not ideal pets for children. They generally do not enjoy being picked up and carried. They are easily frightened by quick move-

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TEACH YOUR KIDS

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ments and are one of few animals who will cause a heart attack from stress. Rabbits are easily injured. We see many at the clinic with broken legs from jumping from children's arms or being placed on a surface too high and jumping off. Children also tend to lose interest in them quickly. Rabbits can make wonderful family pets if the parents carefully supervise the children's interaction and assume the primary responsibility for care. Rabbits also do not tolerate heat well, if you think about it rabbits will find a cool place and hide during the day in the summer. This is another thing I see a lot of at the clinic in the summer is rabbits that have heat stroke and permanent brain damage, usually resulting in euthanasia.

* As for other small animals and exotics:

>Guinea pigs are great options for children as they are very social and rarely bite. Guinea pigs do need a vitamin C supplement that is not added to the water, such as tablet form or a liquid that is given directly to them.

>RATS! They are very clean, social animals and enjoy being close to people.

>Hamsters, Gerbils, Mice: they can be tamed but are usually too small and quick for children. If not handled frequently enough can become biters. They are also short lived, only a few years.

>Geckos: many species make good pets for children who do not want something that is cuddly. Leopard Geckos are very docile and can be handled easily. Care should be taken for proper hygiene when handling Geckos or any animal. The biggest draw back to Geckos is the cost of the habitat, they can be quite expensive. Smaller cheaper setups should be avoided as they need certain types of lighting to thrive.

Dana Huntington, VT



LET'S MAKE OUR OWN LIST

Here is a list someone created for rescue. I was hoping we could do a similar "Bulldog-themed" version - not necessarily rescue, just "You Know You've Been Owned by Bulldogs Too Long When:" I'm contemplating putting it on a tee shirt, or other items I'll make available at Wrinkle Time in the future. Please come up with a list and send them to me. I'll compile them for the next newsletter. Here's the current version for inspiration:

YOU KNOW YOU'VE BEEN DOING RESCUE TOO LONG WHEN:

- You have a mental list of people you'd like to spay or neuter.
- You stopped at a house with a "Free Puppies" sign in the yard to have an Educational "Chat," and your kids had to post your bail.
- You not only know all the characteristics of a good "stool," you discuss them at dinner.
- You secretly wonder about such things as how animals can manage without wiping.
- You absentmindedly pat people on the head or scratch them behind their ears.
- Given the choice of having your teeth cleaned or their teeth cleaned, they get their teeth cleaned.
- You not only allow pets on the couch, guests have to sit on the floor because the dog has "territorial issues."
- You can't look at any dog without guessing what combination of breeds it might be.
- Your spouse missed the final game of the World Series because the cat wanted to watch his favorite video, "Birds of North America."
- You and your vet are on a first name basis and he genuflects when you enter the waiting room. His daughter at Harvard refers to you as "Auntie."
- You needed a prescription to recover from "Old Yeller."
- You've forwarded more warnings about the dangers of chocolate, onions and mistletoe than the National Center for Disease Control has issued about anthrax and smallpox.
- The world would never guess from your "dog or kittyspeak" posts to e-lists that in reality you are chairman of the IBM corporation.



- By the time you investigate different flea control products, their advantages and potential risks, natural versus chemical methods, and study the life cycle of the flea, any fleas have died of old age.
- You tell your children to "heel!" in a grocery store.
- People are still talking about your spay-neuter holiday greeting from last year, "Deck the Halls with Balls of Collies. "

LOOK WHAT I FOUND



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