



Wrinkle Time

August 2010

Upcoming Gathering Dates:

August 22nd, 11 am

October 10th, 11 am (Halloween Costume Contest and Party)

November 14th, 11 am

All above gatherings are at Pet Supplies Plus in Burnsville, MN.



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No Bull. Just fun

Hot Days Ahead!

Here's some advice from a Bulldogger that was posted on BulldogsWorld (reprinted with her permission)

This weekend (or any weekend)by Jennifer Joseph

If you are coming to the puppy match, or on your way to a show, let's talk summer safety tips.

The main one. If you are traveling with dogs in the summer, carry 3-5 gallons of water per dog. Why? If you break down somewhere and have no AC, you can at least get the dog soaked to the skin and in the shadow of your car or a building. MISTING IS NOT GOING TO DO IT. SOAK TO THE SKIN. A wet to the skin dog will have a hard time overheating. And soaking down a dog at the first sign of over-heating can prevent disaster.

I broke down once on I-5. 110 degrees out, 40 miles from anything. The tow truck driver would not let me put the three dogs in the cab, they had to stay in the dead van. I saturated them with water, rolled the windows down and we stopped to check on them every 10 miles. thanks to being wet and with the air rushing through the car, they made it without any real problem. Not fun but not a disaster.

Fans are great of course, consider bringing umbrellas or pop up shade too.

Cool coats, pads and collars are nice additions.

And remember, if the ground is too hot for your feet, it's too hot for the dog's too!

See everyone at the shows!

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Update: Lola, Lila and Mia are all in new homes and hopefully settling in to their new routines. George is still waiting for a new home, but we do have a couple of possibilities we will be checking for George soon. Fortunately, there are no new dogs in rescue right now.

Some people have asked me about what is involved once a Bulldog comes into rescue and what the adoption process is like, so I thought it might be good to share this recent email that I sent to someone who desired more information about rescue.

What can you tell me about the adoption process?

Because all of these dogs come as adults with their unique circumstances, we do not let people pick the dog they want, rather we pick the home we feel will give that particular dog the best odds for a successful rehome. The objective is to match the rescued Bulldog with the most suitable adopter.

When a dog is surrendered into our rescue program, they are usually in foster care for about a month, sometimes a little less, sometimes longer. We cannot consider any one as a potential home for a particular dog until we have a chance to review their adoption application. While the dog is in foster care they are evaluated as to temperament and general health. During this time period, I will start looking for a suitable home for it. If the dog has any medical or behavioral issues, these need to be addressed before the dog can be made available for adoption. Once we have a good idea of what the dog's personality is like, I start to search the application database. The applications all go into a national database and we are able to select for certain criteria when searching for a home for a particular dog.

If someone's application looks suitable, I will contact them and give them info about the dog; otherwise I post the dog on the BCARN website. Once I find what I feel is a suitable family, I will contact them and send them photos and info about the dog. Then we arrange to have a "meet and greet" where the interested family gets a chance to meet the dog and ask the foster volunteer any questions they might have about the care of the dog. A home visit is also conducted. If all goes well, we will then arrange a time for them to complete the adoption process and to arrange transfer of the dog into their possession. The BCARN adoption contract gives new

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owners a thirty day "trail period". If the dog is not working out, the dog can be returned within that first month and the money refunded.

Bulldogs coming into rescue can be of any age. It is uncommon to get in a dog under the age of three. The average age of a Bulldog in rescue is about four to six years old. Because of the higher value of Bulldog puppies compared to other breeds of dogs, a Bulldog puppy coming into rescue is quite rare. In those cases it is likely to be only if a puppy has a serious health defect that the owners cannot afford to fix and would surrender it to a rescue in the hopes that they could have the defect fixed rather than have to euthanize the puppy.

The following is on the main page of the Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network and it is something to keep in mind:

Dogs are placed according to the type of home best suited to their needs. A majority of our rescues have social, emotional, behavioral and health issues. If you are not able or willing to deal with a not-so-perfect bully, your wait may be a long one. Many rescued Bulldogs are dog aggressive and have trust issues. Some are not suitable for placing with children. Rarely does a happy, well-adjusted Bulldog end up in our care. If you are not committed to deal with housebreaking issues in an adult dog or to provide obedience training, you may not really want to take on a rescued Bulldog.

Are there a lot of people on a waiting list to adopt?

There are usually quite a few applications in the database, but because each dog has its own unique needs, there may only be a few applications that are a good "match" that particular dog.

Is it a "first come, first served" basis?

No. We try to find the best match for each dog. Sometimes an applicant is contacted soon after they apply and some may never be contacted. We usually only

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contact people once we think their home is suitable for a particular dog. Applications older than 7 months are automatically deleted from the database, but the applicant receives an automatically generated notice prior to it being deleted in case they want to apply again. The more flexible an applicant is in regards to the age of the dog, the more likely they are to be contacted. Having a fenced yard, and no small children is an advantage also as some of these dogs are not reliable with small children for one reason or another.

When do you officially decide who is a good fit?

Not until after the "meet and greet" and home visit are completed. Once that is done, and provided all parties agree that the fit is a good one; the adoption contracts are signed and the adoption is completed.

<http://www.loveabullrescue.org/>



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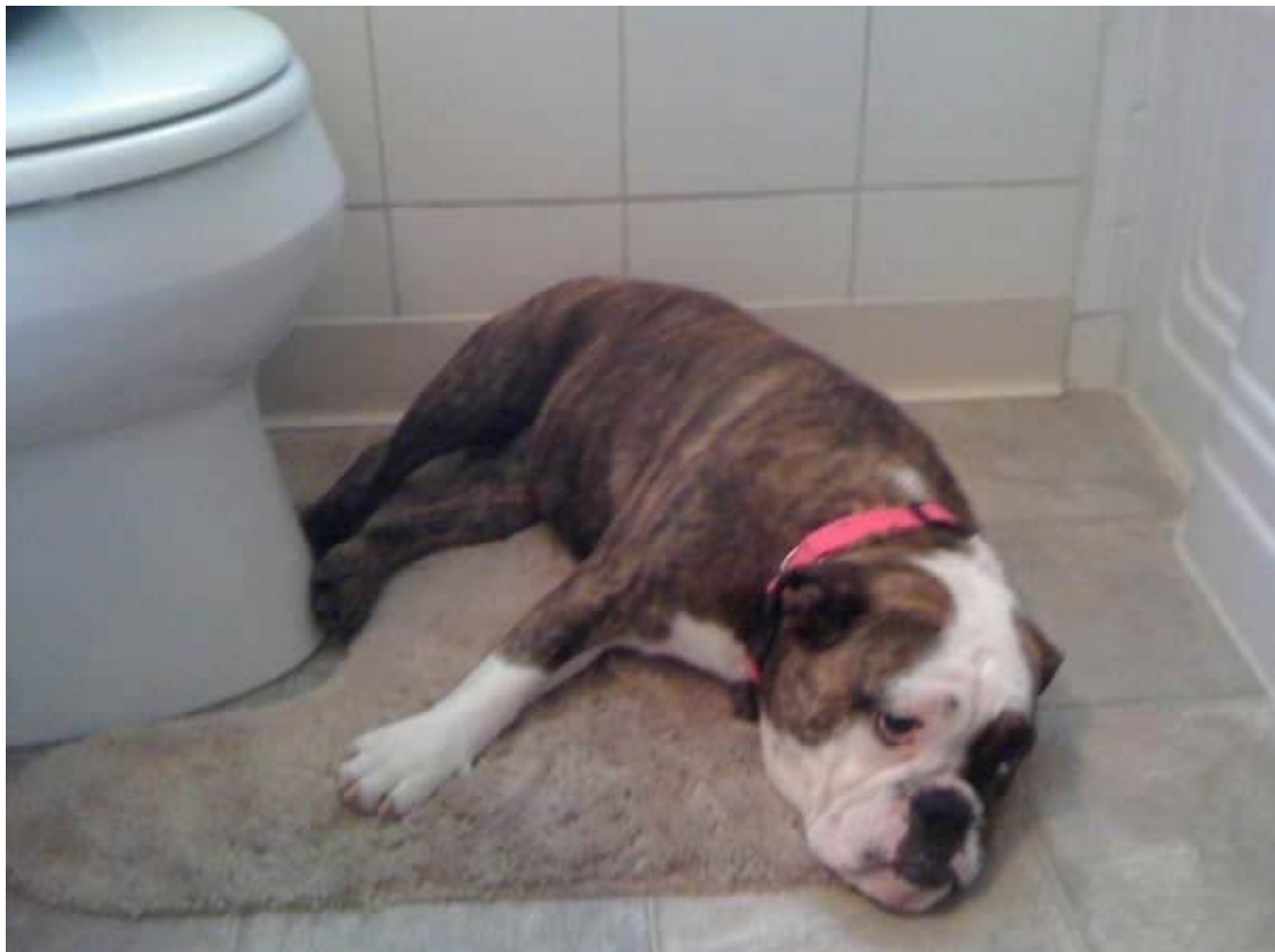


Too....many....margaritas.
Just 5 more minutes Mom.
I love hide and go seek!
Bulldog Hide and Seek
All I said was... let's clean your ears.
I don't need my nose cleaned.
Who turned out the lights?
Don't tell anyone where I am!!
Peek-a-boo, can you see me?
Hide & Seek, Ready or Not

Yup, you got a dust bunny infestation under here.
She can't bathe me if she can't find me!
Some days it doesn't pay to get out from under the bed.
I thought you said there were bunnies under here.
So this is were the bulldog Santa hides things.
Fine, you can trim my nails but I can't watch.
Maybe if I'm quiet, Mama won't find me
Don't bother me...I need my beauty rest.
I am going to try to sleep with mom and dad for once, I will sneak under the bed here. No will see me.
Sniff, sniff...I sure do love this new fabric softener.
I love playing "hide and seek".....it is....my favorite.....game....ZZZZZZ....ZZZ.
Guess I shouldn't have chewed up dad's new shoe. I'm in trouble now, but he'll never find me in here!
'they'll never find me!! hehehe'.....that's my caption!
Why did I hide my bone so far under the bed?
Momma said there were bunniesI didn't know she meant dust bunnies!!!
Is this what they mean by off with your head?
What's so special about sleeping under the covers?

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Braggs

This is a quickie newsletter because we have a new litter! Three girls and one boy born 08/03/10 to Ria and Bug. --A Tired Karen and Chris

Illinois English Bulldog Rescue had our first birthday/anniversary on June 1. We have taken in 82 bulldogs our first year, including a spina bifida pup and two deaf ones. Thanks!!

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