

# Wrinkle Time

### **Upcoming Gathering Dates:**

**April** 2011

### SATURDAY May 21st

Time: Noon, please arrive early enough so we can all share your dish to pass because we plan to eat right away

Location: Shakopee Memorial Park

Just a reminder to keep an eye on your dogs when you are at our gatherings. You are responsible for their behavior when you are out in public. Wrinkle Time assumes no liability at gatherings. You assume the same liability you would at any other public event as Wrinkle Time does not screen attendees.

#### **HUMIDITY IS NOT YOUR BULLDOG'S FRIEND**

Just a reminder that the weather can sneak up on you and your bulldog this time of year. It can be humid before you realize it - especially if it is humid and not hot. So just keep that in mind for your bully friend as the humidity seriously reduces their ability to cool themselves by panting.



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# From Nose to Tail

This section is intended for questions and answers (as well as opinions) about what has worked best in your house for things from nose wrinkles to tear stains to tail pockets. Keep in mind this is not veterinary advice and what works for one bulldog may not work for the next.

#### This month's question:

What kind of teeth and gum problems have you had in older bulldogs?

We recently had a rescue dog whose teeth were in terrible shape. Her owner said she didn't like to chew, but since she now chews on Nylabones in her new home, so I think they were never really provided. Red (now called Gracie) is a good example of how bad a dog's teeth can get if you don't take care of them. Gracie/Red had ten teeth pulled and a thorough dental cleaning. Amazing how nice her teeth were afterward. Her breath before the cleaning was so bad you could smell her from 5 feet away. It was awful. Red/Gracie also had hair impacted between her teeth...probably from licking food up from a dirty floor. Red/Gracie is a good example of why you want to keep your dog's teeth clean as they get older. Bad breath is a dead give-away that your dog's teeth need cleaning. If they don't chew enough to keep their teeth clean, then they should be brushed. But always use toothpaste made for dog's, not people.

We haven't had dog teeth problems, knock on wood. We feed raw and give meaty raw bones which I think helps.



See the next page for next month's question.



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#### Next month's question:

7 mo old Bulldog knawing sheetrock so it indents wall, eats off wooden outlet cover and now broke off 4 slats in our door. How to control? He will be shown in ring so neuter isn't an option.

7 mo old Bulldog possessive towards our Cavalier regarding his toys, bones and treats. He will take over toys our other dog has and will hold a stiff stance and bark once at our Cavalier if he thinks she's too close to bone. He's okay with humans messing with his toys and dog food while he's at it. What to do that won't get in way of training him to show in ring.

7 mo Bulldog seems to not know his own strength when playing with our Cavalier. He makes her yelp and she squeals when he bites her tail and ear. Is this normal? Is there anything I should do?



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### Look What We Found

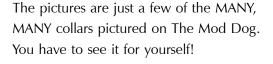
One of our Wrinkle Time readers wrote: One of our bulldogs had a knack for quickly backing out of pretty much any collar or harness we tried on him, no matter how well fit, if we were asking him to do something he didn't want to do. In 2 seconds I would find myself holding an empty leash while Gus headed back home. In searching for a solution, I found a crafter on Etsy that custom makes Martingale collars, which are primarily used for greyhounds and related breeds. A Martingale is a collar with a bit of self-adjustment built in, either with a small loop of chain or nylon webbing. I thought this might be a good option for my Houdini dog problems, so I asked her to make a couple to my dimensions. I was very pleasantly surprised that they not only prevented Gus from slipping his collar, but they solved our pulling problems as well. He can't back out of it because the tension on the leash snugs up the collar just a bit, keeping it from slipping over his big head and the reinforces good walking behavior at the same time.

Here's a link to the Etsy shop, she was quick, very responsive, the collars are very high quality and she carries a fabulous array of ribbon options for custom work:

http://www.etsy.com/shop/TheModDog

















It is hard believe that is now April when I look outside and still see snow everywhere - it is hard to imagine that the Wrinkle Time Picnic in the Park is less than two months away.

Rizzo has been spayed and the medication is working for her incontinence issues. Her family is very pleased with her progress. Red is now in her new home and is doing well. She also has a new name - Gracie...a pretty name, for a pretty Bullie. Emily says that Gracie's eyes are looking a lot better and that the Cyclosporine medication is helping her dry eye. She went from 0 mm on her tear test to 15, so that is great news.

Here is Emily's update on Gracie:

Gracie is doing very well. We all love her so much! She has taken a liking to chewing on nylabones, real bones and other treats. She even surprised us by chewing on her collar, leash, and my sunglasses. I didn't see that one coming. But that was the only incident. She also likes to play and lounge on the couch if she is not following me around everywhere I go. We go on a little walk everyday and she really likes to look around, especially at the other dogs. She has met some of my friends dogs and Gracie is such a sweetie, she is usually licking the other dogs faces.

She has adjusted very well. She hasn't had any accidents in the house and is eating and drinking normally. She is even begging for food now, but not too much.

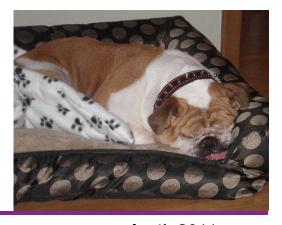
I read the March WrinkleTime newsletter and look forward to this month's!

Thanks,

**Emily** 

Here is Gracie (nee Red) enjoying a good nap on her new cushy bed. ----->

Gracie is looking much more bright-eyed now that she has medication daily for her eyes.



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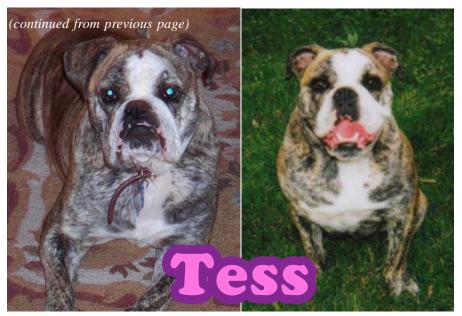




We have a new Bulldog in rescue that is in need of a new home. Tess is eight years old. Her owners actually adopted her from this rescue group back when Aaron Johnson was in charge of the group. Tess was only 18 months old at the time

and her owners did not have any children back then. Well, now they have a toddler and Tess just wasn't comfortable around him and was becoming increasingly less tolerant as time went on. They were hoping eventually she'd get used to him, but that didn't happen. So regretfully they had to give her up and she was returned to our rescue to rehome. Tess is in very good health for her age. She still likes to go for walks and likes to play with toys. However, she can be possessive about them, so an experienced dog owner is probably necessary for Tess. She is not a "beginner's dog". She also does not like most other dogs and can be very bossy around

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them, so we think a home without other dogs will give her the best chance of success.

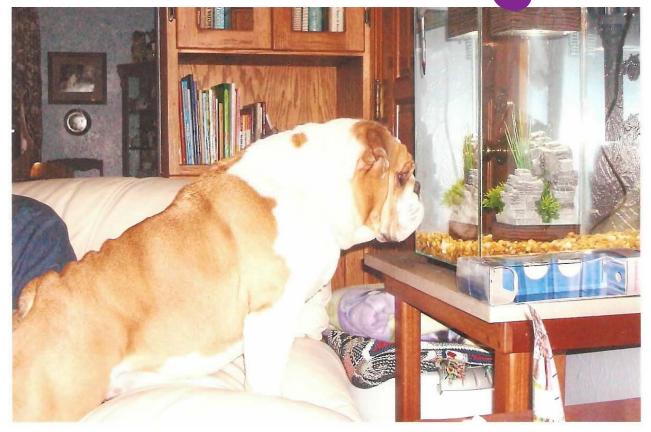
Next week we will be getting in two more Bulldogs. They have been together since they were puppies, and we will attempt to find them a home where they can stay together. However, it can be difficult to find someone willing to adopt two dogs at

once. Ruben can be territorial, like many Bulldogs can be. He accidentally escaped and got in a scuffle with a neighborhood dog that was walking by their house. Ruben never bit a person, but the city has labeled him a "dangerous dog" because of the incident. So even though he did not do any damage to the other dog--only saliva was found on the dog, because of this incident they can no longer keep Ruben. And because Sophie was with him, she too has been labeled "dangerous". Their owners cannot afford the high fees that this designation brings, so unfortunately they have to give up their Bulldogs. We will have more about Ruben and Sophie in the next edition of this newsletter.

Once again just a little reminderif you have any items you'd like to donate to our silent auction to be held at the Wrinkle Time "Picnic In The Park" on , Saturday, May 21st be sure to let us know. Thanks to all of you who have contributed in some way to Bulldog Rescue. Big or small, all donations whether they are items donated or purchased or donations of time and talents, all are greatly appreciated. On behalf of Bulldogs in need, we thank you!

For more information about Bulldog Rescue and BCARN, go to: www.rescuebulldogs.org

### You Wrote the Caption



How does he hold his breath so long?

Yummmmm fresh Sushi!!!!!!!

I don't see what the cat finds so fascinating.

If only I could swim like that. Nay, that fish cannot go for walks.

How do they sniff each other's butts?

So when you gonna get big enough to come out & here play with me?

Yuppie Guppie Puppie

Ewww....his bathroom and his water dish are the same!

Why doesn't he have to go outside in snowstorms?

Will you be my friend?

That's one small kennel

Ah, that's how the nose prints end up on the aquarium

### You Write the Caption



### Jasper

You write the caption. Send your caption to Karen at

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The Guthmiller family is pleased to announce the arrival of two litters. Lucille and Angus are the proud parents of 3 girls and 2 boys. They were born on March 14th. Ten days later, Reba gave birth to five puppies as well. This time it was 2 girls, 3 boys. Proud papa is Phineas, owned by WT regular attendees, Tom & Christy Branham. All babies and their moms are doing great. Rita, on the other hand, could use some sleep!







# You Got Talent?

#### MINI PORTRAIT/ANIMAL TALENT SCOUT DAY

Go to http://www.animaltalentpool.com/animalinfo.html to enter info about your animal.

Email debipool@animaltalentpool.com to schedule your animal for our Talent Scout/Mini Portrait

Susan Stone Photographer
Debi Pool Talent Scout

Anne & Friends
In the Wayzata Bay
Center Mini Portrait
Animal Scout Day

Friday & Saturday April 8th & 9th, 11 - 3

