

Wrinkle Time

OCTOBER 2011

No Bull...Just Fun



Kai and Max say happy fall y'all!

UPCOMING GATHERING DATES

HALLOWEEN **COSTUME** **Contest**

November 6th at 1 pm (Halloween Party!)

Location: The training room at Pet Supplies Plus, corner of county roads 5 and 42 in Burnsville MN.



You
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Caption

In photo from top to bottom and then left to right: Dino, Winston, Marriott and Radisson



Damn, it's a clutch!

I call shotgun!

I ordered a Lamborghini!

I swear I smell a French fry.

I wanted leather seats!

Where's that lumbar support?

Can we come too?

Jailbreak!

SHOT GUN!!!!

Get in, we're headed to Wrinkle Time.

Okay, I'll run the steering wheel and you guys get the pedals.

Yes, my pets, LISTEN UP! THIS is where he sat, he told me I was the Best Boy, and THEN.....the Earth moved!!!! Zoom Zoom

THIS is the place...I smellz him.....drop your dime and you, TOO, can smellz him! One at a time.....

Ok, the keys are here somewhere, you guys, really!!!!

Hey, if we hit this button with our noses it will raise the seat and you can reach the wheel! then we will jump in and hit the gas!

Lets see here....how does this work? I KNOW I KNOW I KNOW!! :)

Which one is the gas pedal? The one on the left. No, its the one on the right. How can you tell, you're looking straight at the seat- right!

If I help you move the seat up, can I come with?

Did mom drop some food under the seat? or is this a test to see if we can find it?

More Rescue Myth Busters -- The Truth of the Matter: Part 2

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I've heard various comments about Bulldog Rescue that are inaccurate in their claims. So I'm going to address a few more of these erroneous assumptions to set the record straight.



Myth: Rescues operate too much like a business and some potentially good owners can't afford to adopt a rescue dog because of the high adoption fees.

If rescue groups did not operate "like a business" they could not function for long. Just like you, we have to pay for everything rescue dogs need, such as vet care and food. Adoption fees have to be high enough to cover most of these costs. Adoption fees vary depending on the health and age of the dog. In this area that runs anywhere from \$100 to \$600, with an adoption fee of about \$400 being "average". We are very aware that people are only willing to pay so much for an adult dog and often times we have veterinary expenses that will exceed the adoption donation. We are of the opinion that if a person can't afford a \$400 adoption fee for a Bulldog, odds are they can't afford the care it may require throughout its lifetime either.

All Bulldogs coming into rescue normally are seen by a veterinarian at least once. Unless they were recently seen by a vet and are current on vaccinations, they have to receive a "wellness exam" and get brought up to date on vaccinations before placement. If they are not already spayed or neutered, this has to be done before also. Any acute medical conditions that can be corrected, must also be addressed.

As generous as our "rescue vets" are with their "rescue discount", they have to charge us for services rendered...they have expenses too, and those charges add up. Payment of veterinary services is always a rescue's largest expense. Veterinarians can't work for free and smaller rescue groups don't have corporate sponsorships like some of the larger all-breed shelters, so unfortunately, we don't have the resources to subsidize expenses to the same degree. We do fundraising to supplement adoption donations, but smaller groups usually don't have the manpower or opportunity to do a lot of elaborate fundraising. This means that the bulk of our expenses will be paid for by adoption donations.

As any Bulldog breeder knows, Bulldogs often have conformation issues that will need surgical intervention to correct. And that means money needs to be spent. Do you think an otherwise healthy Bulldog should have to be euthanized just because it has a defect that needs surgical correction? We don't. Not all owners can afford these surgeries. So in some cases, we are saving a dog from euthanasia because our rescue exists. Rescue groups are often a dog's last shot for survival.



Myth: Rescue Bulldogs all come from Backyard Breeders or Puppy Mills. BCA members shouldn't have to support Bulldog Rescue because the dogs in rescue aren't BCA-bred dogs.

What is the Bulldog Club of America (BCA)? The BCA was established in 1890 and incorporated under the laws of the State of New York on February 29, 1904. The purposes for which the club was formed were well stated by the framers of its constitution. Specifically:

To maintain a standard of excellence for the guidance of breeders, owners and judges.

To improve the breed through encouragement of effort directed toward approach to, or attainment of, the degree of excellence set forth in the standard of the bulldog breed.

To stimulate interest in competitive public showings of bulldogs.

To further the interests of the Breed.

To work for the general good of breeders, owners and exhibitors of bulldogs.

In short, it is the national breed club to which many exhibitors and breeders belong. Members have a code of ethics by which they agree to abide.

BCARN affiliated rescue groups typically will contact Bulldog Club of America (BCA) members if they are aware that a dog bred by a BCA member ends up in their rescue. Unfortunately, many dogs coming into our rescue don't have their AKC paperwork stating who the breeder of the dog is and owners often don't remember who the breeder was. So we are unable to trace breeders in those cases.

Would it surprise you to learn that for the dogs that come in to our rescue that have pedigrees in their paperwork *EVERY single one of those pedigrees* have at least one, and usually multiple, BCA members' dogs in those pedigrees? I have seen many "big names" in the pedigrees of the dogs that come into rescue.

Any breeder who sells an intact puppy to another person runs the risk that eventually a dog they've bred will end up in a pedigree of a rescue dog. Same thing if a breeder offers to stud out one of his/her dogs. The reality is that you lose control of your bloodline sooner or later if you sell puppies or someone has a litter out of your stud dog. There is no way to prevent it unless every puppy is spayed/neutered before placement and you follow every single puppy throughout its lifetime to make sure that the family you sold it to has never had a divorce or financial crisis or some other event which might lead them to contact a rescue group for assistance.

If you are a breeder I'd like you to know that just because a rescue group has never contacted you, it doesn't necessarily mean that none of your dogs are ancestors of a rescue dog. If you have never contacted any rescue group to ask, don't assume you are "safe". I think many breeders would be surprised what I would tell them if they were to ask me if their kennel name has appeared in any pedigrees of rescue dogs. I wonder then if some of these breeders who think that rescue does not concern them would change their minds about rescue and maybe feel that what we are doing is worth supporting. Would they then ask if there is anything they can do to help?

I find it incredibly ironic that our group has received monetary donations from perfect strangers while many "show breeders" prefer to pretend that breed rescue does not concern them and never donate so much as a dime to their own breed's rescue organizations. Would knowing that their champion "Big Shot So and So" is a great grandsire to rescue dog "Fido" make a difference in their attitudes? Maybe. It shouldn't really matter as the possibility always exists. However, I'd like it to be known that if a breeder every wants to contact me to ask, I'll be happy to let them know...but even if they are "in the clear", they shouldn't be too complacent as that could change at any time.

Bulldogs are not the breed for everyone. Anyone who owns a Bulldog I'm sure would agree with that. A breed-specific rescue is the best option for successful rehome for Bulldogs. Without Bulldog rescue, Bulldogs would end up in shelters and that is not good for the individual dogs or the breed's image either.

"The Greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." -- Mahatma Ghandi

Reminder!

We will hold a silent auction at the November 6th Wrinkle Time to raise funds for Bulldogs in rescue. If you have any items to donate, please contact either Marcia (shortlilme@msn.com) or Rita (rita@reingoldbulldogs.com) to make arrangements. Or just bring them along with you the day of the auction.

Be sure to bring your checkbooks (cash is good too!) to the next Wrinkle Time as we hope to have many Bulldog-related items for you to bid on. Thanks to all who support Bulldog Rescue!

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Therapy?

This is the first in a multi-part article on the individual experience of Sheryll with her therapy dog experiences. This is a wonderfully appreciated submission, written entirely by Sheryll!

I became interested in therapy dog work when my best friend started taking her first therapy dog to the hospital. The experiences that she related led me to believe that a bulldog would be good at it. Bulldogs love people and people love to see bulldogs. I knew that I would need a dog that was something more than a couch potato and I had the perfect dog! My current conformation bitch, Olivia, had nearly finished her championship but would definitely not be finished wanting to go places with me. Olivia also loves people. I knew she had the personality to be a therapy dog.

I started to check the requirements that the local hospitals had for bringing a therapy dog to visit their patients. Olivia would have to pass a test and be certified with one of the nationally recognized therapy dog organizations. The test would not be challenging for her. Olivia knew how to walk on a lead, knew how to sit and she understood the meaning of "down." She had easily passed AKC's Canine Good Citizen test and the therapy dog test only included a few new things for her to do. She would have to show that she liked to play with children and that she wasn't afraid of wheel chairs or walkers. Aside from the social aspects, she would be required to have a yearly physical and to be up-to-date with all of her vaccinations. She passed all requirements and is now is a licensed therapy dog.

Anyone who finds the prospect of this work interesting can participate. If your dog hasn't learned basic obedience, there are training classes available. As soon as you and your dog are ready to pass the test, the instructors will let you know.

Next I had to find an appropriate place for Olivia and me to go. There is a hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota that welcomes therapy dogs, but it is a very big hospital and just walking from the parking area to the main hospital would be a long trek for a bulldog. I started asking the other dog owners at our training center about their experiences at other hospitals and I discovered that Lakeview Hospital in Stillwater, Minnesota had a therapy dog program and was looking for more dogs. I contacted the volunteer coordinator and asked about their program. I learned that this hospital is small and Olivia would be able to walk the entire hospital and have the energy she needed to be happy about her job. Each place that accepts therapy dogs has their own forms that need to be completed. After those were submitted, I had to go to an orientation presentation and register as a volunteer. Olivia is also considered a volunteer and wears her own badge complete with her picture on it.

There are places other than hospitals that appreciate therapy dog visits. Some schools have programs that allow the children to meet the dogs or even to read to the dogs. This is helpful for the children and gives them more confidence. Nursing homes also look for therapy dogs. One of them near us is waiting for Olivia to visit.

The people love to see the dogs. Many have never seen a bulldog up close. We get all kinds of comments about bulldogs. People that don't know dogs think they are fat and some say they have a face only a mother could love. Some mistake them for a breed that has a vicious reputation. After people meet Olivia, they have a completely different opinion about bulldogs. Our visits help to educate people about our breed.

There are also people who are dog lovers and think it is a privilege to meet her. Olivia and I always visit on the same day of the week and the workers at the hospital are just waiting for Olivia to come. She brings them a little time to relax and they appreciate this as many of their jobs at the hospital are stressful.

Next month: A typical therapy visit.



are you gettin' busy on
those halloween
costumes? we sure hope
so! november 6th will be
here before you know it!

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Caption



Please send your captions to karen@pantheonbulldogs.com
Thanks to Maria for this picture of Fiona and her boy.

Wrinkle Time



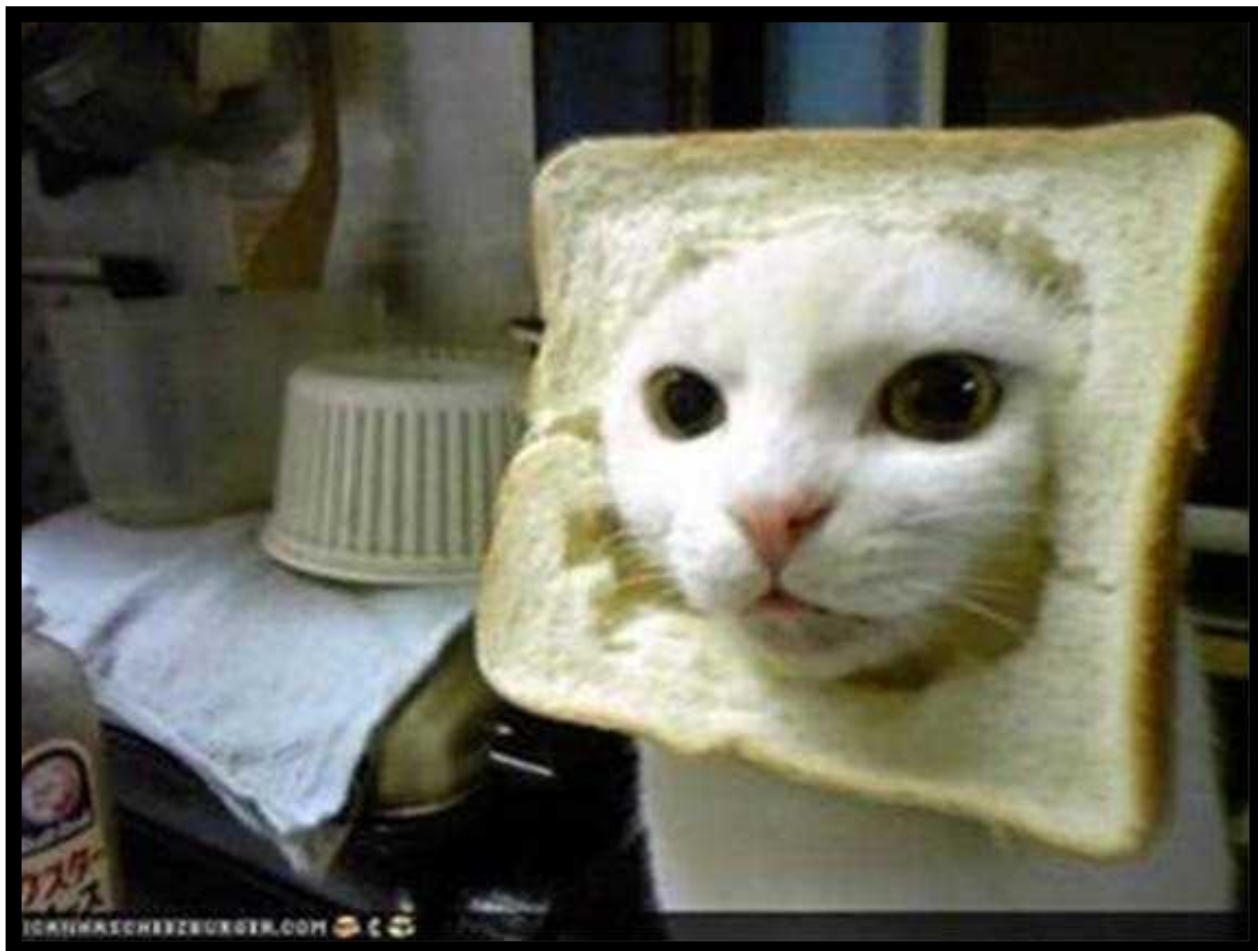
BRAGS

Happy Birthday Olivia, she is 7 years old on October 17, Happy Birthday Elvira, she is 5 years old on October 23 and Happy Birthday Winsor, he is 11 on October 28.

Me and Smush have a brag! We got a qualifying score and first leg in Rally novice B at the Miniature Schnauzer Club show at total recall this weekend! -Jenny



The pain of an In-Bred Cat





Q. Why was the skeleton scared to cross the road?

A. Because there was a dog on the other side.

Q. What kind of dog does a vampire have?

A. A bloodhound.

Q. What do you get when you cross a ghost, a dog and a rooster?

A. A cockatoo!

If you groaned at these, please take it upon yourself to send me submissions to fill the newsletter next month! :)



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Watch Your Dog!

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



I'm Reading Up On Good Behavior

Let sleeping dogs lie...

On the door of the little country store a stranger noticed the sign DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG! Inside he saw a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor beside the cash register.

He asked the store manager, "Is THAT the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep, that's him," he replied.

The stranger could not help but be amused. "That certainly does not look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

"Because" the owner replied, "before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."