

BULLYTIN

MEMBER CLUB OF BCA DIV III

MARCH 15, 2015

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2015 BCGSD Specialty Show

Our club is once again hosting an encore presentation Combined Specialty with the Pacific Coast Bulldog Club for our 2015 event. In addition, the BCGSD was invited by BCA Division III to host their 2015 Specialty, so we have a total of 5 Specialty Shows in one weekend! The dates are April 8—12, 2015 at The Hotel San Bernardino in San Bernardino, CA. We invite you all to come out and support this endeavor. There will be a lot of great looking Bulldogs there.

Room rates are very reasonable at \$89/night with NO PET FEE.

We are also hosting a Health Seminar/Echo Clinic, the details of which are listed later in the newsletter.

Bring out your daubers and dollars for a fun-filled evening of lightening fast Bingo that will be played Saturday evening, as well!



So, you may ask, why are we hosting our shows outside of our geographic area? In recent years, entries for dog shows have been on the decline. In an effort to boost and attract exhibitors, we decided to combine our shows with PCBC so the exhibitor can get more bang for their buck. We had a great turnout last year, and the combined shows were a success for both clubs. We hope to have an even greater show this year.

Please visit our website for more information about this exciting event:

www.sdbulldogs.org

Your 2015 Board of Directors

At our annual Christmas party, elections were held and a new Board of Directors was voted in for the 2015 year.

President: Derek Rasmussen We are lucky and delighted to have Derek at the helm once again. He's been a dedicated servant to our club for many years, in multiple capacities.

Vice President: Amber Vallejo

was voted to stay as VP for another term! Though she has a busy life with a husband, child and busy job, she manages to always find time to support our activities.

Treasurer: Gay Lewis. Financial responsibilities of the club will now be handled by Gay Lewis. She has a CPA background, so we're in good hands!

Secretary: Susan Rohringer

Our corresponding and recording secretarial duties will again be handled by Susan. Please feel free to email her with any questions, information, or agenda items.

Board Members At Large:

Rosie Verdugo and Laurie Nack. Welcome aboard Rosie! See her Rosie's member profile in this issue.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Bulldoggers,

Once again, we have come to the end of another year. It has passed quickly, and we have enjoyed some wonderful times together with each other and our Bullies. We ended the year with a fun and enjoyable holiday celebration at Laurie and Ron Nack's home. We are very appreciative for the use of their home and for their wonderful hospitality. We enjoyed an excellent dinner and exciting gift exchange. Our Annual Service Award went to Jeff and Ellen Fuller. They have been long time members and particularly faithful in staffing our San Diego Fair booth.

We held our elections for Officers and Board Members and I am pleased to announce that the following individuals have been duly elected to serve during the year 2015: Derek Rasmussen – President; Amber Vallejo – Vice-President; Susan Rohringer – Secretary; Gay Lewis – Treasurer: and as members of the Board – Laurie Nack and Rosie Verdugo.



I want to express my thanks and appreciation to those who served during the past year, and I am grateful for their wonderful and dedicated service. We appreciate Amber Vallejo and Susan Rohringer as members of the editorial staff for all their work on the Club Newsletter. I also want to express my thanks to Susan, Amber, Gay, Janice, Carlos and Rosie for a wonderful Specialty Show last year, and to Rosie Verdugo and Laurie Nack for a successful Halloween Party. Much time and hard work was involved with all those endeavors. I want to extend to all a wish for a happy and prosperous New Year.

The next major activity for the club will be our annual Specialty Show on April 8 and 10. Please come and participate, and if you would like to help in any way, please contact Show Chairs Gay Lewis or Amber Vallejo. Our Spring Party will be on Saturday, May 9. More information is contained in this newsletter. Please check out our website at www.sdbulldogs.org for more information on all our activities .If you haven't paid your 2015 dues, please send in your checks as soon as possible as March 31 is the deadline date before your membership lapses.

I am excited about the New Year and look forward to working with more of you in the future. If you have items or stories that you think would be worthwhile to publish in the newsletter. please let us know. Or if you have questions or concerns that we might be able to address, likewise let us know. I hope to see you all at the Specialty Shows and Spring Party! I hope this New Year brings you all much happiness and success, and I welcome the opportunity to serve as your president for the 2015 year.

Derek Rasmussen - President

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PULMONIC STENOSIS SEMINAR

We will be hosting a FREE **Pulmonic Stenosis Semi**nar and Low-Cost Echocardiogram Clinic at our upcoming specialty shows! The speakers are two cardiologists from the UC Veterinary Hospital San Diego, while the clinic will be run by a research cardiologist with UC Davis. Results of the Echo Clinic will go towards a newlresearch study supported and funded by the BCA Charitable Fund! This is great news and important for our breed!

Pulmonic Stenosis is reported to be a disease of high incidence in Bulldogs., upwards of 25% or more. We have all heard stories of dogs who have died suddenly from it.

Studies in other breeds have been able to isolate a genetic link for it, and researchers have developed a DNA test to identify genetic marker in dogs who carry it.

We have our very own BCGSD club member and Treasurer Gay Lewis to thank for this new study! Through her efforts, she was able to coordinate and facilitate the submission of a proposal by Dr. Joshua Stern of UC Davis to the BCA Charitable Fund, requesting funding for Pulmonic Stenosis research. The funding was recently approved at the February 2015 BCACF meeting. Huge congratulations to Gay in helping to get this historic study launched!

Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

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Kevin Buffini's and Ted Parry's girls, Artemesia (I) and The Princess (r)



Fresno State Mascot Dies

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) -- Fresno State's Bulldog mascot Victor E. Bulldog II died Thursday, March 12 from a severe anaphylactic shock caused by a bee sting. Victor E. would have turned three next month.

Veterinarians say the nearly three-year-old pup died immediately from a bee sting after being let outside around noon. "Dr. Weaver had just gone out to move her trash cans and literally came back within a minute and a half or two minutes and he was already in full blown shock," Dr. Chris

Dobbins with Fresno Pet ER said. Victor E. had had bad reactions to bees in the past, so many that his caretaker Dr. Kelly Weaver had medication to treat him for his bee allergy.

"We want to make sure people take that kind of condition seriously and don't think, oh I can wait till morning if he's still vomiting by then or he's not perked up. They need to get treated immediately," Dobbins said.



With spring conditions, bees are rampant and it is common for dogs to get stung. It is recommended to have Benadryl on hand in case of such an emergency. If stung, Benadryl should be given immediately, and immediate medical care sought if signs of swelling or airway blockage is evident.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Our meetings are scheduled bi-monthly on even months of the year, at the Veterinary Specialty Hospital in San Diego. Members and Non-Members are welcome! If you'd like to have something on the agenda, please contact our club Secretary.

2015 Schedule:

February 18 April 15 June 17 August 19 October 19 December 5 **Veterinary Specialty Hospital**

10435 Sorrento Valley Rd

San Diego, CA 92121

858-875-7500

Meetings begin at 7:00 pm

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Spring Picnic and Hat Contest May 9!



Mark your calendars! Our annual Spring Picnic will be held Saturday, May 9, at Ward Canyon Park from 10:00 am—2:00 pm.

Rosie & Stewart's girl LOLA rocking her hat and tutu at the 2014 picnic! It'll be a Hat Contest, so get your creativity and imagination going to put together the best overall Hat Decorations!

Hats can be of any design, color, size or theme. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative designs. Guys, don't be afraid of this one, now, you know you can bring out the masculine!

A lunch will be provided, along

with drinks.



Felina, owned by Susan and Andrew Rohringer

Upcoming Club Events

May 9 - Spring Picnic, Hat Contest, Ward Canyon Park, 10:00 am—12:00 pm.

Apr 8-12 - Annual Specialty Show—see flyer inside for details.

Jun 6 - San Diego County Fair, Meet The Breed, Del Mar Fairgrounds

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Aug 8 - Beach Party! Stay tuned for which beach the Bulldogs can chase the beach ball!



Meet The Breed, SBKC

We were invited back once again by the Silver Bay Kennel Club to participate in their annual Meet The Breed. It was held Sat/Sun, February 21 and 22. This is something we look forward to participating in every year. It's a great way to

introduce our club and our breed to the public! Bulldogs are always a favorite at these events, and we always get good traffic in the booth.



2015 Specialty

Breeder Judges 5 Specialty shows COMBINED SPECIALTIES

Bulldog Club Of Greater San Diego, Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, and **BCA DIVISION III**

www.sdbulldogs.org www.thepcbc.org.

Wed 4/8 – BCGSD evening sweepstakes

JUDGE: MR. DENNIS BALANAG

THU 4/9 – BCA DIVISION III SPECIALTY

SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: MRS. DEB LESSLIE

JUDGE: MR. RANDY MILLER

Fri 4/10 - BCGSD two shows:

A.M. ALL CLASSES: Mr. VERN HOPPMAN

P.M. ALL CLASSES: Mr. VICTOR LOPEZ MARQUEZ

SAT 4/11 – PCBC

Sweepstakes Judge:

Mrs. Yvonne Miller

ALL CLASSES: MR. JEFF RYMA

SUN 4/12 - PCBC

ALL CLASSES: MRS. WINN RYMAN

New location, bigger hotel, newly renovated, with larger ring room!

The Hotel San Bernardino

285 E. Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA

April 8th thru the 12th, 2015

AKC Approved

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES: Div III - Mr. Randy Miller

BCGSD - Mrs. Anne Catterson

PCBC - Mr. Jeff Ryman

RVs \$130 Wednesday - Sunday \$89 room rate

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Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego



BCA Division III ...



are excited to be hosting

FREE SEMINAR ON PULMONIC STENOSIS IN BULLDOGS!

and

LOW-COST ECHOCARDIOGRAM CLINIC!

\$150 per dog, or \$125 per dog with a blood draw (normal cost averages \$450+, a big savings!)

UPDATE: For the study, Dr. Stern needs dogs 6 mos. and older. Although, if you have an abnormal puppy of ANY age, he will see it. Known abnormal or Pulmonic Stenosis affected dogs he will look at and include in the study for FREE!! In addition, he will be there at 9:00 AM to start the clinic early, so he can see dogs all day!

FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OFA SUBMISSION

- * SEMINAR SPACE LIMITED TO 40 SEATS!
- * SIGNUPS OPEN THROUGH DAY OF SEMINAR
- * FREE LUNCH PROVIDED!
- * WHEN: Thursday, April 9, 1:30 pm or 1 hr after BOB
- * CONTACT: Gay Lewis, 951-834-8906 or bgl757@gmail.com

What you need to bring:

- * Complete Owner info (name, address, phone, email)
- * Dog's AKC name/Registration number
- * Dog's Date of Birth
- * AKC/CKC Registration number of dog's sire and dam
- * Copy of Dog's 3-Generation pedigree
- * Dogs do NOT need to be microchipped
- * Dog must be at least 6 mos old for study, and at least 12 mos old for OFA certification
- * Payment: credit card, debit card, or cash accepted

Results of the echo clinic and blood sample will be used for research purposes!

The BCA Charitable Fund recently approved funding for a PS study to be headed by Dr. Stern. Ground breaking for the health of our breed!

Presenting Doctors:

Dr. Timothy Hodge, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (Cardiology)

UC Veterinary Medical Center - San Diego



Dr. Joao Orvalho, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM (Cardiology)

UC Veterinary Medical Center - San Diego



Clinic Doctor:

Dr. Joshua A. Stern, BS, DVM, PhD, Dipl. ACVIM (Cardiology)

UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

Assistant Professor Medicine & Epidemiology

March Member Profile ... Stewart Tulledge and Rosie Verdugo

Stewart and Rosie met at Stewart's parents' business, Sew Pro's Sewing and Vacuum. Stewart is the Lead Sewing Machine Technician and Rosie sells sewing machines and teaches sewing classes. Stewart's hobbies include gardening and fixing up old houses. Rosie likes to sew, quilt, read and scrapbook. They both love to travel and Rosie works part time for Firstworld Travel and Cruises. They've both always had dogs in their lives.

In 2005, it looked like their almost 17 year old Boston Terrier was not going to make it much longer. Rosie commented to a friend that it was time to start contacting the rescue agencies to let them know they'd be ready for another dog soon. The very next morning Rosie's sister called from church to say her friend had found an English Bulldog at the Humane Society in Hemet. Rosie made arrangements to go see her. She seemed to know immediately that she had found her rescuer. Rosie named her Petunia. By the time they got home from the vets that afternoon, Petunia had made it clear that she rode in the back passenger's seat





But they knew they wanted another dog right away. Rosie says, "We weren't going to be those people saying we could never find another dog like her. We knew there was another bulldog out there that needed us. We knew we wanted another adult dog." Petunia had some health problems that they wanted to try to avoid. It was very sad because the backyard breeder who had owned her originally had passed those health problems along to her pups. Rosie and Stewart knew they wanted to find a healthier dog, but they weren't opposed to adoption.

It took less than two weeks for them to start looking for and find Lola. They answered an ad in Santee for a beautiful male that a breeder was selling. He was about a year old and gorgeous, but he was scared to death of them. She also was fostering Lola, who was almost three. They took Lola out for a walk and she started licking them and was so excited to meet them. They walked Lola to the corner and Stewart turned to Rosie and said that this was THE DOG and that he wanted to take her home right now. She was curled up next to Stewart watching TV a couple hours later.

Petunia felt instantly and madly in love with Stewart and rarely left his side. They should have named her Shadow. When he worked in the yard she sat right next to him. They have photos of her waiting at the door to the crawl space for hours when he worked under the house. When Stewart sat on the couch she sat or slept next to him. When he ate breakfast she ate breakfast. If they kept her in the house while Stewart worked in the garden in the heat, she sat at the door and made noises like a crying infant. Petunia was the epitome of stubborn. Her pouting and shunning would put a teenage girl to shame! She played a rough game with Stewart where she would jump straight up in the air and then go limp and body slam him. "She came with that one, we didn't teach her to do it. But they played it almost every night." When she was diagnosed with lymphoma just a few years later they were devastated. She lived less than two weeks after they first heard her coughing. Rosie and Stewart both bawled like babies when she was gone.



Rosie was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2012 and after bilateral mastectomy was on chemo and other cancer fighting drugs for about a year. "Lola was my protector during that year. I slept a lot. She seemed to sense that I was ill. She slept near me by the bed and couch and kept watch over me all day. I know she was depressed when I returned to work."

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Wanted: English Bulldog

Looking for English Bulldog who wants to be petted and kissed a lot, who might like to spend all weekend "working" in the garden or "supervising" home improvement projects, who doesn't mind cuddling on the couch or on a cushy dog bed watching reruns of House, CSI, NCIS or various space-man shows, (over and over and over again, I might add).

Said Bulldog needs plenty of selfesteem to be able to ignore funny looks from passers-by when she/ he is wearing a sweater or riding in a stroller on long walks in Balboa Park, San Diego.

Climate in San Diego is generally mild: ideal for an English Bulldog's health! Bulldog ought to be able to take short walks and needs to be able to wrestle, tug or do some kind of play sometimes.



Bulldog should like taking break-

fast on the deck and maybe a few bites of croissant, and be able to clean up a few crumbs from the kitchen floor and from around the couch where the man watches all those reruns. Dog shouldn't mind a weekend drive to Carl's Jr for a hamburger patty for the dog and a burger for the man.

This Bulldog must be able to tolerate two old kitties and an obnoxious macaw. It would be nice if this dog likes other dogs, but not a necessity.

Bulldog should like to potty outside, not inside, or at least be trainable.

Said Bulldog can expect to have its photo taken several thousand times in her/his life-time, because its parents will think it is the most intelligent, gorgeous and amazing doggy in the world! She/he should also expect to see its own image at every friend and relative's house when she/he goes visiting, because these parents will send out photos of their adored Bulldog whether anyone else really wants them or not.

Only seriously interested Bulldogs please.

(submitted by Stewart and Rosie)



Application for Membership

Becoming a member of the Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego is easy! You can download an application from our website: www.sdbulldogs.org/membership.html.

Once completed, bring to the next scheduled meeting. Annual dues are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple in the same household.

Stewards of the Bulldog Breed!

New Folks Applying for Membership:

No new applicants this month.

Welcome New BCGSD Members!

None this month.



Filbert chillaxing' and giving' us the "stink eye"

Bulldogs On The Go ...

Spring is here with summer soon to follow, so get the leashes out, put on your walking shoes, and enjoy some outdoor fun with your Bulldog!

Each month we'll highlight a SD and SoCA dog-friendly place(s) for you to get you and Fido out and about, a goto destination, restaurant or hotel.

Little Italy

India Street between Ash and Laurel

This Italian-American precinct epitomizes assimilation of one culture with another. It's linchpin is the Little Italy Association, which assures cohesiveness of shop and restaurant owners and results in one big happy family.

Po Pazzon, Zia's Bistro, Trattoria Fantastica and Café Zucchero are all pet-friendly. Indigo Grill, Buon Appetito and Extraordinary Desserts amore pooches, too. Colorful history of the urban quarter unfolds on Anthony Davi's "Saturday Behind The Scenes" walking tours. The tuna industry and Mafia both had strong



Get Your Motor Running!

ties to this 52-square block nascent



Thrill seekers can rent a bright yellow, three-wheeled, GPS-nagivated GoCar with room for two, plus a canine copilot, to tour around the metropolis and behond. Buono shopping abounds with Juniper's mishmash of glam and clever home accessories. Hand-painted silk fashions are Carol Gardyne Boutique's specialty.