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President's Message ...

Dear Club Members and Bulldog lovers everywhere,

We just finished a wonderful set of Bulldog specialty shows and teamed up with the Pacific Coast Bulldog Club. It was great event with a lot of very positive feedback from exhibitors and guests. A very special thanks to Amber Ferreira Vallejo and Gay Lewis who co-chaired the shows. Additional kudos to Susan Rohringer, Rosie Verdugo, Janice Hochstetler, and

Laurie Nack for their wonderful contributions to an outstanding event.

Our next immediate Club activity is the Spring party on the 9th of May, and then we will be hosting a Meet The Breed at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar on the 6th of June.

We are soon coming into the summer months. Be sure to keep your dogs and yourselves cool and hydrated. If any of you would like to be involved

in future activities please let me know.

*Derek Rasmussen
President*



Editor's Note ...

We are very happy to have The BullyTin newsletter back in production, and we think it a very important communication tool between our members and our Board of Directors! And, it's a very important way to facilitate and foster the care and promotion of the breed we all love, the Bulldog.

Primarily, this publication is for YOU. As such, we would love to hear from you with your ideas on dog-related articles, whether that be on new dog products, health-related articles, dog food, or places to travel and visit with your dog. If you want to brag on you and your dog's successes in any conformation, obedience, agility or rally performances, any new AKC title, etc., we would love to share that with our fellow members. While several of your Board members actively show their dogs in conformation shows, and this particular issue is filled with information about our recent specialty show, we're not just a "show club", and we want to hear about YOU and YOUR DOG! We are OPEN to what you would like to see and read, and we want to celebrate and share your successes, silly stories, hear about your new puppy, litter announcements, fun pictures, or whatever you'd like to share with us. Your support and participation would be welcomed!

Susan Rohringer, Editor, silverdollarsue@hotmail.com

2015 Specialty Show Wrap-Up

By Susan Rohringer

The ballroom was empty, silent and still, the ring broken down, raffle tables and chairs put away, the crate room quiet. No longer was there the cacophony of dogs, exhibitors, crates, the hawking of the raffle tickets, the chatter and laughter of friends —everyone was gone and the lights were off. I was reflecting on another end to a GREAT combined specialty for 2015! This show was BIG and FUN with five conformation shows, three sweepstakes, junior showmanship, and two health clinics. It had been a VERY busy and long five days. We had a great judging panel all the way around, which drew some of the top dogs and competitors in the country, we had some beautiful competition in attendance.



Congratulations to all of the winners! Pictures of many have been posted on our website.



I cannot thank enough BCA Division III and the Pacific Coast Bulldog Club for co-hosting these events with the BCGSD. Our new host hotel, The San Bernardino Hotel, had a HUGE ballroom with plenty of room for a very large ring, the raffle tables and a spacious crating area all in one room. Our raffle table was FANTASTIC with a great draw of almost \$1,237! Excellent job, Amber! Room rates were very spacious and reasonably priced, plenty of grassy area for the dogs, lots of local restaurants and services within an easy walk or drive, it couldn't have been much better. We received a great many compliments on the new location, and we hope we can offer this locale again next year.

Many thanks to all of the Show Chairs – Gay Lewis, Amber Vallejo, and Debra Munt (PCBC) – to Cindy Liebeck our Show Secretary, who did an outstanding job navigating the complexities of 5 shows, and to the entirety of our BCGSD Show Committee which included Derek Rasmussen, Laurie Nack, Rosie Verdugo, Andrew Rohringer, Scott Lewis and Janice Hochstettler. Everyone really outdid themselves for a truly memorable event. These events don't happen over night. It takes an entire year to bring a show cluster to fruition. Many long phone calls, emails, Facebook messages, and months of coordinating, planning and executing. My humblest thanks to everyone involved with both clubs, and all the show committee members.

Our final accounting is nearly complete, and this show has proved to be a very successful one financially for us, with a total income of nearly \$1,700! That's pretty amazing, given we had two other clubs and two other raffle tables in attendance. Folks were generous with both their praise and their wallets.

Showing opens us up to so many wonderful people, dogs and experiences. We hope you will join us next year in the planning of another great event!



Sweepstakes Judge Mr. Dennis Balanag

And congratulations go to ... !

BCGSD Member and Treasurer Gay Lewis winning a 4-Point Major on her puppy bitch TWENTY TWENTY'S BAILEY BY GUNSLINGER. Bailey was just 6 months and 4 days old with this win! What a way to start a show career, way to go Gay and Bailey!

Owners: Dr. Scott and Gay Lewis

Breeders: Andrew and Susan Rohringer



Amber Vallejo accepting her 1st Place ribbon and prize from Breeder-Judge Vern Hoppman. Amber showed her bitch LADY LUCK'S CHARGIN TO THE MAXX (aka Charly) in the American Bred class. Amber is our current Vice-President. Go Amber & Charly!

Owners: Amber Vallejo, Patti & John Merkt

Breeders: Patti & John Merkt

BCGSD Member and Secretary Susan Rohringer taking Winners Bitch from the 12-18 Month Bitch class for a 4-Point Major under Breeder-Judge Vern Hoppman with GUNSLINER WICKED FELINA! Nicely done!

Breeder/Owners: Andrew & Susan Rohringer



Please visit our website for many more pictures of the beautiful dogs we had in attendance: www.sdbulldogs.org

2015 Specialty Show Results

4/8/15 - Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego

Sweepstakes Judge: Dennis Balanag

BISW: GUNSLINGER WICKED FELINA

Owner: Andrew & Susan Rohringer

BOSW: ZARBULLDOG MONTANA

Owner: Pablo Zarco Garcia

4/10/15 - Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego - AM

JR. Showmanship Judge: Mrs. Anne Catterson

1st Place Novice: Christopher Candelario

Conformation Breeder- Judge: Mr. Vern Hoppman

BOB: GCH JUST LONESTAR BRIGHT LIGHTS BIG CITY

Owner: Kara Gordon

BOS: FANCY BULLDOGS J-LO

Owner: Jose Navarro

BOW: TUMBLEWEED'S SUPER QUAKE AT IROC

Owner: Kandie Kroonen

SELDOG: GCH NEWCOMB'S LAST YARD

Owner: Nancy Newcomb, DVM & Robert L. Newcomb

SELBTICH: CH E. CLIVE'S PRACTICAL MAGIC @ LONE HAWK

Owner: Sherry Webb & Kimberly West

WD: TUMBLEWEED'S SUPER QUAKE AT IROC

Owner: Kandie Kroonen

WB: GUNSLINGER WICKED FELINA

Owner: Andrew & Susan Rohringer

RWD: MAJOR LEAGUE POP-A-TOP MR. OCTOBER

Owner: T & C McDermott & R King & Z Lane

RWB: TUMBLEWEED'S SWEETIE PIE

Owner: Mark & Renee Benjamin

Best Puppy: MAJOR LEAGUE TAKE MY BREATH AWAY

Owner: Teresa & Crystal McDermott, Zach Lane, Chris King

4/10/15 - Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego - PM

Conformation Breeder-Judge: Mr. Victor Lopez Marquez

BOB: GCH B-LOVED NOTHING BUT NET

Owner: Betsy Love

BOS: NEWCOMB'S LACY UNDERALL

Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson & Link Newcomb

BOW: NEWCOMB'S LACY UNDERALL

Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson & Link Newcomb

SELDOG: GCH JUST LONESTAR BRIGHT LIGHTS BIG CITY

Owner: Kara Gordon

SELBTICH: GCH OLIVIA ENCHANTING LADY OF CAMELOT

Owner: Adrian & Michelle Quesada

WD: NEWCOMB'S SCARLET CASANOVA

Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson

WB: NEWCOMB'S LACY UNDERALL

Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson & Link Newcomb

RWD: TUMBLEWEED'S SUPER QUAKE AT IROC

Owner: Kandie Kroonen

RWB: CANDY ROSALES

Owner: Armando Mata

BBE: NEWCOMB'S LACY UNDERALL

Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson & Link Newcomb



4/9/15 - Bulldog Club of America, Division III

Sweepstakes Judge: Deb Lesslie

BISW: GUNSLINGER WICKED FELINA

Owner: Andrew & Susan Rohringer

BOSW: ZARBULLDOG MONTANA

Owner: Pablo Zarco Garcia

Conformation Breeder-Judge: Mr. Randy Miller

BOB: GCH B-LOVED NOTHING BUT NET

Owner: Betsy Love

BOS: CH E. CLIVE'S PRACTICAL MAGIC @ LONE HAWK

Owner: Sherry Webb & Kimberly West

BOW: NEWCOMB'S SCARLET CASANOVA

Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson

SELDOG: GCH JUST LONESTAR BRIGHT LIGHTS BIG CITY

Owner: Kara Gordon

SELBTICH: CH TUMBLEWEED'S HONEY BADGER

Owner: Alin Retezatu & Joyce Wolfe

WD: NEWCOMB'S SCARLET CASANOVA

Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson

WB: FANCY BULLDOGS J-LO

Owner: Jose Navarro

RWD: ZARBULLDOG MONTANA

Owner: Pablo Zarco Garcia

RWB: B&S MISS GLORY THE HIGH FLYING FLAG

Owner: Scott & Bonnie Johnson

BBE: B&S MISS GLORY THE HIGH FLYING FLAG

Owner: Scott & Bonnie Johnson

2015 Specialty Show Results, cont'd

4/11/15 - Pacific Coast Bulldog Club

Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Yvonne Miller
 BISW: ZARBULLDOG MONTANA
 Owner: Pablo Zarco Garcia
 BOSW: TOP BRASS' PRISCILLA OF BABYLON
 Owner: Geoffrey Vande Kuyt

JR. Showmanship Judge: Mr. Jeff Ryman
 1st Place Novice: Christopher Candelario

Conformation Breeder-Judge: Mr. Jeff Ryman
 BOB: CH IROC VIVA LAS VEGAS
 Owner: Kandy Kroonen
 BOS: NEWCOMB'S LACY UNDERALL
 Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson & Link Newcomb
 BOW: TUMBLEWEED'S SUPER QUAKE AT IROC
 Owner: Kandie Kroonen
 SELDOG: GCH NEWCOMB'S LAST YARD
 Owner: Nancy Newcomb, DVM & Robert L. Newcomb
 SELBITCH: GCH OLIVIA ENCHANTING LADY OF CAMELOT
 Owner: Adrian & Michelle Quesada
 WD: TUMBLEWEED'S SUPER QUAKE AT IROC
 Owner: Kandie Kroonen
 WB: TWENTY TWENTY'S BAILEY BY GUNSLINGER
 Owner: Scott & Gay Lewis
 RWD: CRONNOS (VILLANUEVA)
 Owner: Kandie Kroonen
 RWB: GUNSLINGER WICKED FELINA
 Owner: Andrew & Susan Rohringer
 BBE: LORMIKES LOVEABULL QUAZAR
 Owner: Loretta & Thomas Mikesell

4/12/15 - Pacific Coast Bulldog Club

Conformation Judge: Mrs. Winn Ryman
 BOB: GCH NEWCOMB'S LAST YARD
 Owner: Nancy Newcomb, DVM & Robert L. Newcomb
 BOS: NEWCOMB'S LACY UNDERALL
 Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson & Link Newcomb
 BOW: NEWCOMB'S SCARLET CASANOVA
 Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson
 SELDOG: GCH SILVERSPoon'S THE WHOLE ENCHILADA, CGC
 Owner: Mary Aiken & Rick Sturiza
 SELBITCH: FANCY BULLDOGS J-LO
 Owner: Teresa & Crystal McDermott, Zach Lane, Chris King
 WD: NEWCOMB'S SCARLET CASANOVA
 Owner: Brenda Newcomb & Claire Johnson
 WB: JOELEE DIAMOND JUBILEE
 Owner: Richard Truong
 RWD: MAJOR LEAGUE POP-A-TOP MR. OCTOBER
 Owner: T & C McDermott & R King & Z Lane
 RWB: GUNSLINGER WICKED FELINA
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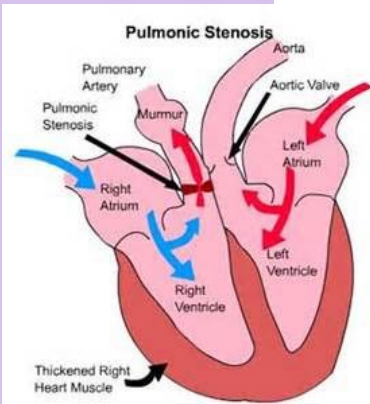
New 2015 AKC Conformation Points Schedule

The new schedule is effective May 13, 2015.

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points (Major)		4 Points (Major)		5 Points (Major)	
Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	6	9	11	16	16	21	28	29

Visit www.jbradshaw.com for a complete list of upcoming shows in our area.

PULMONIC STENOSIS SEMINAR



The Pulmonic Stenosis Seminar and Echocardiogram Clinic at the specialty, hosted by BCGSD with the support of BCA Division III, was a big success! We had a full seminar and were able to echo 22 dogs, the results of which will go towards the new Pulmonic Stenosis in Bulldogs research study, with the ultimate goal of creating a DNA

test so we can identify and eliminate this disease in Bulldogs.

This study was just launched by UC Davis with funding by the BCA Charitable Fund. This is great news for our breed, as the advancement of health testing continues!

This effort was spear-headed by our very own club Officer

and Board Member Gay Lewis. It was largely through her efforts this new study has come about. Excellent job, Gay, you are a true guardian of the Bulldog breed!



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BREEDER DIRECTORY & LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are starting a new feature, a member Breeder Directory and Litter Announcement section of our newsletter. If you would like your name listed in the Breeders Directory, please send your Kennel name (if applicable), your name, city, state and phone number, you may also send your web site, and e-mail to the Bullytin Editor at silverdollarsue@hotmail.com.

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Litter Announcements

None this month



Spring Picnic and Hat Contest May 9!



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!

A lunch will be provided, along with drinks.

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

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!



Upcoming Club Events

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

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

Aug 8 - Beach Party! Dig out your beach balls and doggie life jackets for a day of fun and sun on the beach! Stay tuned for which beach our Bulldogs can chase the beach ball!



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

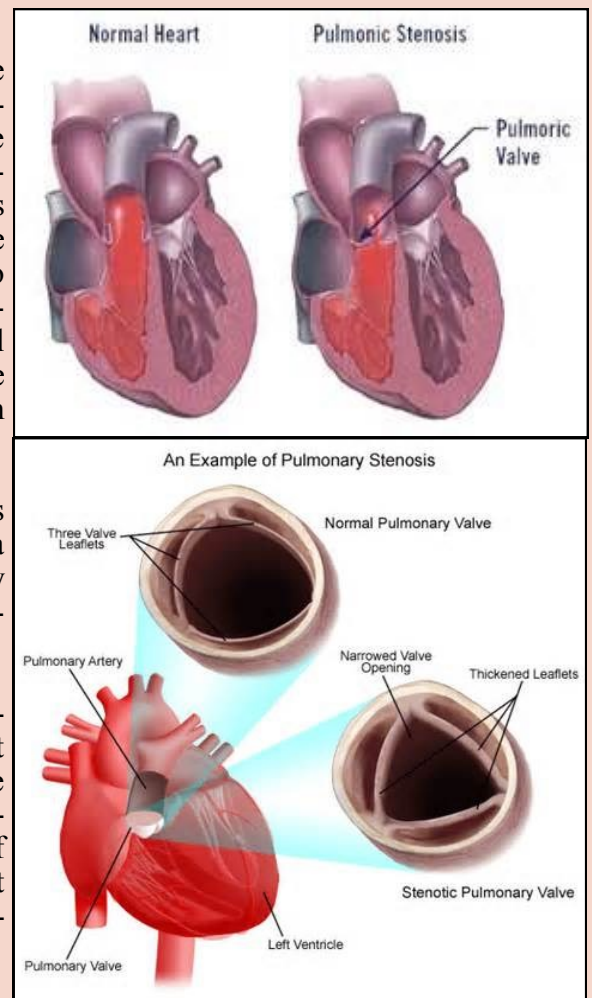
Pulmonic Stenosis in Dogs

What dogs get this disease? This congenital disorder is most often identified in brachycephalic (e.g. bulldogs, Boston terriers), terriers (Jack Russel terriers), Samoyeds, and Labrador retrievers. Other breeds can also be affected such as boxers and Newfoundlands.

CAUSE: Pulmonic stenosis is a congenital heart defect of the semilunar valve that is between the right ventricle and the pulmonary artery (great vessel that takes blood to the lungs). The leaflets of this valve are thickened and/or partially fused together. Sometimes the supporting structure known as the annulus is also narrow. Dogs that have this congenital defect have a wide range of stenosis to include very mild to severe obstruction to blood flow from the heart to the lungs. This defect may be associated with other congenital defects too (e.g. ventricular septal defect, overriding aorta, subaortic stenosis). Because this disease is associated with certain breeds it is likely that it is at least in part due to a mutation in as yet unidentified gene.

CLINICAL SIGNS: Many dogs have no clinical signs. Dogs with mild disease never develop any problems and may live a normal lifespan. However, dogs with advanced disease may have exercise intolerance, collapsing, arrhythmias, or heart failure.

DIAGNOSIS: Virtually all dogs with clinically important pulmonic stenosis will have a cardiac murmur heard when the chest is listened to with a stethoscope. This is auscultation of the chest. Often, but not always, how loud the murmur is in this particular disease correlates with severity. An important example of the exception to this general statement is with tetralogy of Fallot where several congenital defects are present together with pulmonic stenosis.



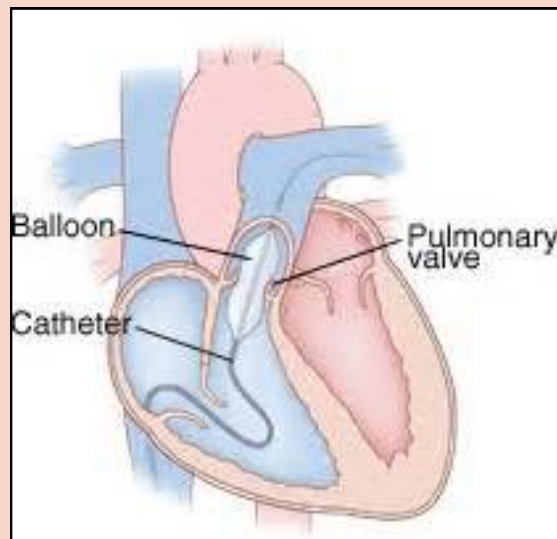
- **Radiography and angiocardiography.** Radiographs which are made with x-rays provide information regarding the size and shape of the silhouette of the heart. Angiocardiography is a type of radiography whereby contrast (dye) is injected into the vasculature to see the stenosis. This is most often done at the time of treatment using balloon valvuloplasty.

- **Echocardiography** An important diagnostic tool to fully characterize the structure and function of the pulmonic valve and the support structures involves the ultrasound of the heart known as echocardiography. This test permits the examination not only of the muscle and valve, but also of the blood flow (*Doppler echocardiography*). Determination of the blood flow across the stenotic valve is important to learn the severity of the pulmonic stenosis because this guides the recommendations for treatment. The cardiologist will be able to determine the gradient across the stenotic valve. This is usually the first parameter used to decide if the dog requires treatment with balloon valvuloplasty. In most cases dogs with a gradient above 80 mmHg are recommended to have treatment when the stenosis is primarily valvular. Dogs with a gradient of less than 50 mmHg do not usually require treatment. When the gradient is in the middle, other factors are taken into consideration for the next step towards or away from the catheter procedure.

Pulmonic Stenosis in Dogs, continued ...

- *Electrocardiography* An electrocardiogram (ECG) may be performed to further characterize dogs with pulmonic stenosis; however, this test is usually not as important as the physical examination, radiograph, and echocardiogram. Other tests may be ordered to determine the status of other body systems and to insure that all are functioning adequately.

TREATMENT: Balloon valvuloplasty is the treatment used for valvular pulmonic stenosis. Not every dog with this defect can be helped by this procedure. Some dogs have dramatic improvement while others have adequate results. Echocardiographic examination can give indicators of dogs that are most likely to be helped. This treatment involves the passage under general anesthesia of special catheters which when an attached balloon is inflated, tears the restricted valve leaflets. Measurements of the pressure gradient before and after treatment give information as to the success of the treatment. This treatment involves specialized training of the veterinary cardiologists and the use of expensive specifically ordered catheters for each patient. Our service has published several manuscripts concerning the treatment of pulmonic stenosis. Some dogs may be treated with beta-adrenergic blockers (e.g. atenolol) either with or without the balloon valvuloplasty.



PROGNOSIS: The prognosis depends on the severity of the disease and the response to treatment.

How should an affected dog be monitored? The frequency and intensity of the monitoring depends on each patient, the severity of the disease, the response to treatment, and the status of other body systems. Usually after the balloon valvuloplasty a dog is examined 3 months later and then yearly.

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May Member Profile ... Amber Vallejo, BCGSD Vice-President

Hello, my name is Amber Ferreira Vallejo, and I am the current Vice President of the Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego. It is my pleasure to introduce myself and my family to you. I currently have one 6-year-old son, Max, and two Bulldogs Humphries and Charly.

My dream was to own a Bulldog for many years; thus I negotiated one for a bonus nine years ago. She was my first Bulldog, Josephine. Unfortunately, she was not bred very well, and I went looking for knowledge to help her. This led me to the Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego. Although Josephine was just a pet, she led me to this very wonderful club.

I have served on the Board in various capacities for 8 years, and I am proud to work with a group of very wonderful people who all have the same common goal - preserving our breed. They have also watched me "grow up" as I have gotten married and had a child, all in this 8 years. When I am not in the ring or running to T-Ball games, I am a Purchasing, Facilities and Safety Consultant in the Biotechnology Sector.

When I joined the club it was just for knowledge. Shortly after joining, I was introduced to the world of Conformation Dog Showing. Never in a million years would I have ever thought I would EVER show a dog. I am not a "sporty" person ... but I got hooked, and whenever I get a chance I get in that ring.

Showing a dog is not easy. I spend hours going to training classes, watching videos, etc., however, the reward of getting my first points on Humphries after five years of training myself was one of the best days ever! You can see from the picture below I was unbelievably happy. Humphries attained his Championship earlier this year with the help of fellow Club member Sergio Valenzuela and handler Jay Serion. He is our first Champion. We currently have his sister Charly in the ring. Below is a picture of her and me at our recent Specialty event in April. Our family loves Bulldogs, and we travel to shows as a family as much as we can.

If you ever have any questions or just want to come see what a dog show is all about, I will be at the Palomar Kennels club shows at Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center, Saturday and Sunday, May 16 & 17, 2015 or at Bahia Sur Kennel Club, Southwest College, June 13 & 14, 2015.

Cheers!

Amber Ferreira Vallejo



GOOD DOG TRAINING CORNER



Patience

by Janice Hochstetler



So often I receive questions on training that begin with "I've tried everything and my dog just won't ..." My answer is always the same - "Either what you are asking is impossible for the dog, or you haven't been patient". Patience is the most important skill in training our dogs, because animals learn behaviors in tiny steps. You can explain to a human the steps involved in learning to read for instance -i.e. memorize the alphabet, learn the sounds for each letter, learn to blend sounds, learn to recognize sight words, learn to read fluently. A human can understand that the long range goal is reading, and that they must master each step before moving on to the next. We sometimes forget that a dog cannot understand what the final goal will be. For him, each step IS the goal, and when he sits instead of lays down, he has no idea why we are frustrated. When he "stays" for one second and then moves, he has mastered the "stay" command in his mind and should be rewarded. We cannot explain to him that "stay" means hold that position for as long as your human wants you to, which can vary from two seconds to ten minutes.

The more we can learn to see training from the dog's perspective, the better trainers we will become. Each new behavior has to be broken down into the smallest of steps, and each step mastered before we move on to asking for more complicated behaviors. This takes patience. The most common mistake we make is to become hurried, and this only confuses the dog and extends the time needed to train. In the picture, you see Jack calmly skateboarding across the Verizon Center in front of a huge crowd. What you don't see, are the numerous steps it took to achieve this behavior. We began when Jack was 8 weeks old, and a year later, he's half way to his goal. Our next goal is to teach him to push himself. You have to anticipate what can go wrong in training, and ensure that your dog avoids those pitfalls. For Jack, we did not want him to step off the board, fall off the board, decide when and where he would end his ride, pay attention to the audience or to the television cameras. He could not turn when someone yelled his name (paparazzi trying for a face shot) or become distracted by balloons, balls, costumed mascots etc. To ensure this goal, we developed a very detailed plan so that he could master each skill independently. We have all experienced this with our own dogs, when they will listen perfectly to a command at home, but lose all knowledge when at the dog park.

The key to success is training a dog "TO do something", not training a dog "NOT to do something". We trained Jack TO look for his handler, which avoided him looking at any distraction. He is TO stay on the board, which prevented getting off the board. The key to success was to break it down into seconds - he was rewarded for staying on the board one second, then getting off. Two seconds, then off. If he ever got off on his own, we restarted from the beginning, so it was clear that rewards only came from exact behavior. Often times at home, we tell a dog to stay, and then reward him when he decides to break the stay, thinking that he was good for holding it however long he did. It's important to reward a dog while he's actually doing the behavior you want, not after he stops performing the trick. Remember the key is timing and patience. With these two skills almost anything is possible.

Lots of patience and timing and the Georgetown Mascot, Jack debuts his new trick and skateboards at the arena. (Bred and trained by the author)





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.

New Folks Applying for Membership:

Kathy Hairston

Jason and Lydia Ortiz

Welcome New BCGSD Members!

None this month.

Stewards of the Bulldog Breed!

Bulldogs On The Go ...

CORONADO FERRY



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

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

Dog telology purports that canines are jubilant when the wind is blowing in their muzzle, ears flopping in

the breeze. If so, the water taxi on San Diego Bay is nirvana!

A 31-foot retired Navy vessel ferries passengers to harbor hotels, restaurants, shopping and Coronado Island; it's gratis for pups. The ride gives a beautiful vantage point of the city and the breathtaking skyline at night. On-call service runs Sunday through Thursday 9:30 am to 8:30 pm. Saturdays and Sundays until 10:00 pm.

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