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SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

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## President's Message ...

(Derek is off enjoying a vacation, so this message comes to you from your Vice-President.)

Hello All,

It's been a busy summer and time has flown by! I hope that you and your Bulldogs have been able to enjoy some outdoor activities with both your 2-legged and 4-legged family, despite the heat. There are some interesting articles in this issue on Bulldog health, the "rare" color issue, and the sport of AKC Rally.



The Beach Party was a lot of fun and well attended. Ocean Beach Dog Beach is a great place to take the dogs! Parking can be a bit of a challenge, but the water is close by and it's shallow enough for Bulldogs to feel comfortable. The weather was absolutely beautiful and the water temperature was perfect. The dogs had a great time, as did their humans. Some pictures have been included further on in the newsletter for your enjoyment. A big shout-out and thank you to Laurie Nack for being host and providing the food, drinks, and prizes.

Our next event will be the annual **Howl-A-Ween Party**, Saturday, Oct 17. Please note we had to move the date due to a conflict, so please make note of that on your calendar.



Plans are already under way for our 2016 Specialty Show. For the third year in a row, we will be co-hosting the event with the Pacific Coast Bulldog Club. We have retained the same venue as last year, as the site fits all of the needs of both clubs so well. The hotel has finished their remodel and it's beautiful! It's under the same management but ownership has changed, and it now falls under the Double Tree Hotel family. Please see the flyer on page 14 for some additional details.



The Bulldog Club of America National Show is just around the corner, too. This is the "Big Show" of the year for the Bulldog and attracts top competitors with beautiful dogs from all across the country! The week is packed with great competition, seminars, and evening entertainment. It is being held in Hartford, Connecticut and runs from November 2—8. If you can't make it in person, there will be live streaming available for which you can sign up. Please visit the website for more information: [www.bulldognational.org](http://www.bulldognational.org).

If you wish to become more involved and would like to volunteer to assist with any of our club events, we are happy to have you! It's a great way to make new friends and offer some much needed help to the club.

Amber Vallejo  
Vice-President

# STEM CELL THERAPY, ANOTHER OPTION TO CONSIDER

By Dr. R. J. Kraemer

Spoofy is an 11-year-old female Red Heeler mix – stubborn and tough as nails – who stumbled into my office in early 2014. Her owner reported that she was bedridden and had to be carried to the grass to relieve herself. Her x-rays revealed three areas in her spine that were the source of her discomfort. None of the prescribed pain and anti-inflammatory medications were helping, and additional x-rays revealed other serious complications, including an ACL tear in one of her knees. Her veterinarian had delivered the devastating news to Darcie, Spoofy's owner, that Spoofy would eventually have to be euthanized. Refusing to throw in the towel, Darcie contacted me. "Dr. Kramer, you are Spoofy's last hope. I have heard that you are able to use cutting edge stem cell therapy to avoid compassionate euthanasia for dogs with severe chronic pain."

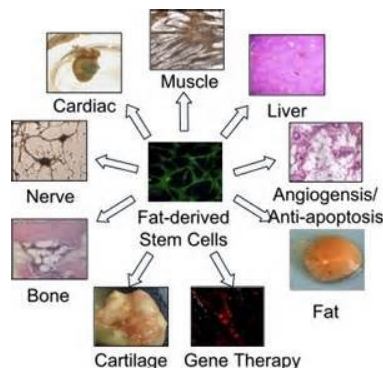


## What are Stem Cells?

Stem cells are the body's repair cells. They are called upon when an injury occurs or our body ages (wear and tear). Stem cells work like guided missiles seeking damaged, injured and aging cells in urgent need of repair. Incredibly, stem cells have the ability to divide and differentiate into many different types of cells, based on where they are needed throughout the body. They can divide and turn into tissues such as skin, fat, muscle, bone, cartilage, and nerve, just to name a few. Your dog uses his or her own cells to augment or stimulate its natural healing processes to repair or replace tissue or organ function due to age, disease, degenerative joint disease (Arthritis) due to elbow and hip dysplasia, patellar luxation, ACL tears ... the list goes on and on.

Many people confuse the controversial embryonic stem cells found in the placenta and umbilical cord (totipotent) with adult stems cells (multipotent). Embryonic stem cells can replicate into all cells found in the body – even replicate into entire organs like the heart, liver, intestines, etc. Adult stem cells are more limited in their ability to replicate, but they are powerful cells that are highly concentrated in your dog's fat tissue. There are 50 to 1000 times more stem cells in your pet's fat than in his bone marrow, and it is easy to collect.

After extracting the multipotent stem cells from your dog's fatty tissue, it is prepared and injected directly into arthritic joints, or fed intravenously. It is also possible to inject them into acupuncture points along the back muscles and even directly into the spinal cord. This is an economical, same-day procedure with no serious side effects or extensive recovery time. Extracting stem cells is a quick and simple procedure that is generally easier than a routine spay.



# STEM CELL THERAPY, ANOTHER OPTION TO CONSIDER (continued)

By Dr. R. J. Kraemer

## Current Stem Cell Therapy Application in Dogs and Cats

- Arthritis (Osteoarthritis)
- Hip and Elbow Dysplasia
- Joint Pain
- Ligament and Tendon Injuries
- Bone Fractures
- Degenerative Joint Disease
- Combined with Orthopedic Surgeries, e.g. ACL Tear Repair
- Compassionate Use Cases – I have used stem cell therapy to treat Bulldogs and other pets with inflammatory bowel disease, chronic atopic dermatitis, severe interdigital dermatitis and cysts, degenerative myelopathy, disc herniation, and polyarthritis.

## Cases to Consider for Stem Cell Therapy

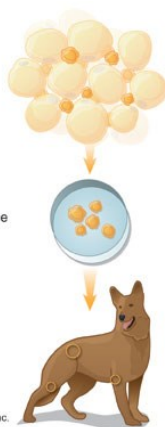
- Poor Anesthetic Candidates
- Multi-Joint Arthritis, i.e. where surgery is not a realistic or practical option
- Non-Surgical Joint Disease, e.g. Elbow Dysplasia
- High Cost and High Risk Arthritic Cases, i.e. where long-term medication is necessary for pain control
- Orthopedic Surgery, i.e. where there is a necessity for prolonged anesthesia, prolonged recovery, lengthy rehab, and there is an increased potential for complications from infection, implant migration, screws, pins, plats, and suture breakage, etc.

Collection of  
fat cells

Stem cells are  
separated from the  
fat cells and  
concentrated

Injection of stem  
cells into the  
affected area

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Some of my Bulldog owners have reported other health benefits in addition to those targeted for treatment. For example, patients have experienced improvements with “dry eye” (KCS = Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca), urinary incontinence, skin problems, demeanor, and increased energy.

## Stem Cell Results and Cost

Nationwide, 95% of stem cell therapy procedures for osteoarthritis and hip dysplasia have shown clinical improvement. Some pet owners report seeing a difference in as little as a week. Others do not see a change for a month or two. If your pet is going to show improvement, we expect that it will occur within the first 90 days following treatment. Other than the short duration of anesthesia, potential problems from stem cell therapy are minimal, since we are injecting the pet’s own cells.

Many pet owners naturally are concerned about cost. Think about it this way: a Bulldog diagnosed with osteoarthritis may require surgical intervention, rehabilitative therapy, and potentially a lifelong prescription for pain medication. The cost of stem cell therapy would be less. Severe cases of arthritis may require multiple injections, but stem cells can be stored for the lifetime of the pet and used again at a much lower cost than the initial process. Plus, most pet insurance is now covering stem cell therapy.

## STEM CELL THERAPY, ANOTHER OPTION TO CONSIDER (continued)

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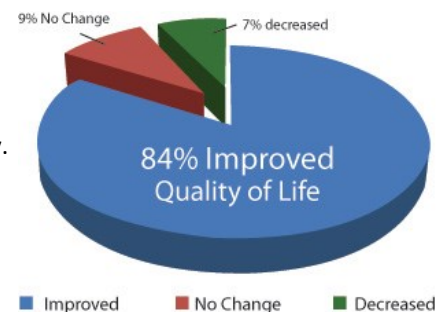
### The Future of Stem Cell Therapy



Have you seen the news reports on the many new lifesaving medical applications and discoveries involving stem cells? Regenerative medicine is in its infancy; we have only scratched the surface. In the coming years, I foresee a major advance in everyday medical practice with a wider range of therapeutic applications available. I believe stem cell therapy is here to stay. As the body of science in veterinary stem cell therapy increases, I envision an increasing number of pet owners opting to collect stem cells prophylactically when their pet is being spayed or neutered, storing the cells for later use. Future science will likely prove

that stem and regenerative cell therapies should be part of multimodal approaches that increase the potential for positive results in veterinary patient care.

As for Spoofy, we provided her first stem cell therapy a few days after Darcie contacted me, saving enough frozen stem cell for future treatments. After her second spinal cord and knee treatment 60 days later, her health has continued to improve. She has gained weight, she is walking better, and she has more energy. Darcie says, "I've seen improvement every week since the therapy. Although the stem cell treatment did not make Spoofy a younger dog, she is definitely a healthier old dog. She seems to be pain free, has a great appetite, loves car rides, and she can walk up to 1.25 miles at a time. I also noticed approximately 90% of the fatty cysts she had all over her body, including a larger mass on her side, have completely disappeared. I truly believe the stem cell treatments have given Spoofy a better quality of life!"



— Dr. R. Kraemer is the owner of Vet4HealthyPet Advanced Medical Care located at 434 S. Tustin Avenue, Orange, California, and is the founder of Vet4Bulldog.com. Dr. Kraemer has provided veterinary services since 1992 and has a special interest in Bulldogs. He has strong ties and long-lasting relations with the Southern California Bulldog Rescue (SCBR). Dr. Kraemer is a leading provider for stem cell therapy and Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP).





# BULLDOG REVOLUTION

BCA NATIONAL 2015 ★ NOVEMBER 2-8 2015

BCA - 125 YEARS OF PROTECTING THE BREED



## 2015 BULLDOG NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW!!

Crowne-Plaza Hotel

Hartford, Connecticut

[www.bulldognational.org](http://www.bulldognational.org)

### 2015 National Show Events Schedule

11/2/15 Welcome guests, BCA committee meetings

11/3/15 BCA National Specialty Show Obedience, Rally & Sweeps: Morning & Evening Hospitality, Education

11/4/15 BCA National Specialty Show Dogs & Bitches: Morning Hospitality, Platinum Sponsor's Party, Purina Hospitality, Entertainment

11/5/15 Councilors Meeting, BCA National Specialty Show Breed: Morning & Evening Hospitality, Education

11/6/15 BCNJ Specialty Show Dogs & Bitches: Morning Hospitality, Awards Banquet

11/7/15 BCNJ Specialty Show Intersex: Morning & Evening Hospitality

11/8/15 BCA Div I Specialty Show all classes: Morning Hospitality



### Important Deadlines

#### SHOW CLOSE DATE ...

Submission of catalog ads 9/1/2015

Trophy pledges 9/1/2015

Vendor space reservations 8/1/2015

RV parking reservations 9/1/2015

Catalog pre-orders 10/1/2015

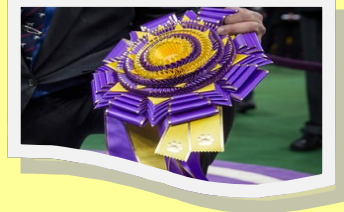
Hotel reservations

Banquet reservations 10/9/2015



# 2015

## Upcoming Shows



### UPCOMING CONFORMATION SHOWS:

- 9/12-9/13 **Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club**  
Sat-Sun City of Industry, CA
- 9/19-9/20 **San Luis Obispo Kennel Club**  
Sat-Sun Calif. Mid-State Fairgrnds, Paso Robles, CA
- 9/26-9/27 **Burbank Kennel Club**  
Sat-Sun Los Angeles Valley College, Van Nuys, CA
- 10/09 **Las Vegas Bulldog Club**  
Fri Primm Valley Resort, Primm, NV
- 10/10-10/11 **Black Mountain Kennel Club**  
Sat-Sun Primm Valley Resort, Primm, NV
- 10/24-10/25 **Kennel Club of Riverside**  
Sat-Sun Lake Perris State Recreation Area  
Lake Perris, CA
- 10/31-11/01 **San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club, and  
Antelope Valley Kennel Club**  
Sat-Sun Industry Hills Expo Center, Industry Hills, CA
- 11/13-11/14 **Tuscon Kennel Club**  
Fri-Sat Prima County Fairgrounds, Tuscon, AZ
- 11/15-11/16 **Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club**  
Sun-Mon Prima County Fairgrounds, Tuscon, AZ
- 11/27-11/28 **Yuma Kennel Club**  
Fri-Sat Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, AZ
- 11/29-11/30 **Imperial Valley Kennel Club**  
Sun-Mon Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, AZ

### AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/RALLY CLUBS:

- Agility Club of San Diego**  
Meredith Dow, : [mdow999@gmail.com](mailto:mdow999@gmail.com)  
[www.agilityclubsd.org](http://www.agilityclubsd.org)
- Hidden Valley Obedience Club**  
[www.hvoc.org](http://www.hvoc.org)
- Obedience Club of San Diego County**  
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[www.sandiegoobedienceclub.org](http://www.sandiegoobedienceclub.org)
- Temecula Valley Agility Club**  
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[www.temeculavalleyagilityclub.com](http://www.temeculavalleyagilityclub.com)
- All-BREED CLUBS OFFERING Obedience/Rally/Agility:**
- Bahia Sur Kennel Club**  
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## 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](http://www.jbradshaw.com) for a complete list of upcoming shows in our area.

# BRAGS-N-WAGS!



Two beautiful males, two gorgeous females. Well done!

Dam: Lady Luck's Charging to the Maxx

Sire: MBISS GCH Itsa Brix

Breeders/Owners: Amber Vallejo, John and Patti Merkt.



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## BREEDER DIRECTORY & LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Breeders

**Gunslinger Bulldogs**  
Andrew and Susan Rohringer  
Corona, CA  
[www.gunslingerbulldogs.com](http://www.gunslingerbulldogs.com)  
[silverdollarsue@hotmail.com](mailto:silverdollarsue@hotmail.com)

**Lakeview Bulldogs**  
Thomas White  
Santee, CA  
Email: [tommyhihtide@msn.com](mailto:tommyhihtide@msn.com)

**Maxx Bulldogs**  
Amber Vallejo  
San Diego, CA  
Email: [ambervallejo@gmail.com](mailto:ambervallejo@gmail.com)

### Litter Announcements

Amber Vallejo of Lady Luck Bulldogs is proud to announce their new litter of four lovely puppies, two males and two females, whelped on 8/11/15. See above for details.

If you would like your name listed in the Breeders Directory & Litter Announcements, 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](mailto:silverdollarsue@hotmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENT ...



**HOWL-A-WEEN PARTY!**

**Awhooooooooo!**

**Saturday, October 17**  
**Ward Canyon Park**  
**10:00 am—12:00 noon**

*Prizes for Best Costumes!*

## 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 15 (at beach)  
October 17 (after Halloween party)  
December 5

**Veterinary Specialty Hospital**  
**10435 Sorrento Valley Rd**  
**San Diego, CA 92121**  
**858-875-7500**  
**Meetings begin at 7:00 pm**





# Bulldog Club of America (BCA)

## Division III News



As mentioned in our last newsletter, BCA Division III is having a Board Election. Each BCA member CLUB gets to cast one ballot on behalf of the club. There are seven clubs in our division, and each club ballot is an important vote!

At the BCGSD August 15th meeting, a vote was taken and tallied, with our club vote cast as follows. All other positions were uncontested.

Vice President:

Susan Rohringer

Governors:

Patti Hawkinson

Suzy Holleran

Cindy Liebeck

Patricia Ropp

All ballots must be returned to the Division III Secretary by September 11, 2015. Counting of the Ballots will be conducted at the 4th Quarter Division Meeting to be held on Saturday, September 26, in Carson City, NV.

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### 2014-2015 Current Term

Officers:

President—Patricia Ropp

Vice-President—Mike Lerchenmuller

Secretary—Gay Lewis

Treasurer— Bonnie Roberts

Governors:

Melisa Barrett

Mark Benjamin

Lesley DeHaas

Stacey Edwards

Patti Hawkinson

Councilors:

Al Breckley

Suzy Holleran

Link Newcomb

Lalaine Policar

Susan Rohringer

### 2016-2017 Slate of Nominees

President:

Link Newcomb—unopposed

Vice-President: (Choose 1)

Bill Gray

Mike Lerchenmuller

Susan Rohringer

Secretary:

Gay Lewis—unopposed

Treasurer:

Bonnie Roberts—unopposed

Governors: Choose up to 5

Mark Benjamin

Lesley DeHaas

Stacey Edwards

Patti Hawkinson

Suzy Holleran

Cindy Liebeck

Patricia Ropp

Councilors: Choose up to 5

(all running unopposed)

Al Breckley

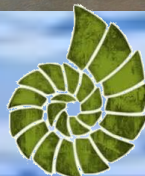
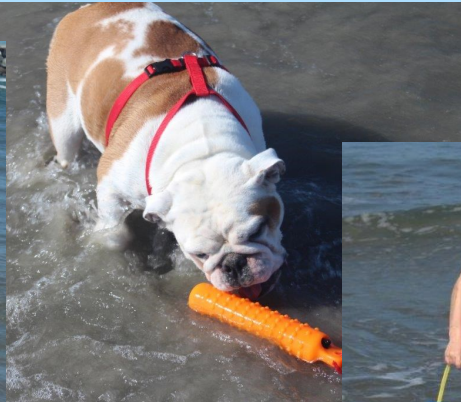
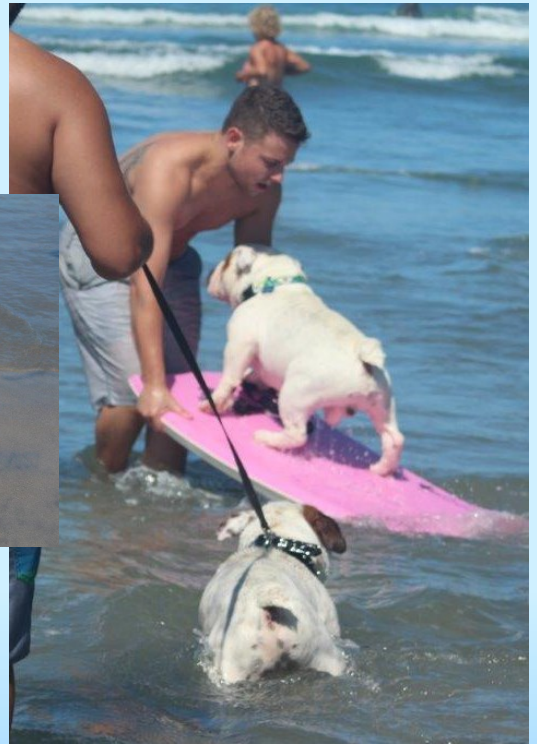
Suzy Holleran

Link Newcomb

Lalaine Policar

Susan Rohringer

The Bulldog Beach Party was a hit! It was a grrrrreat day at the Beach, beautiful weather, warm water, humans and dogs alike had a great time!





# NON-STANDARD COLOR PROBLEM IN BULLDOGS

By Susan Rohringer

The Bulldog Club of America owns and controls the Written Standard for the Bulldog breed. The Written Standard is the “blue print” of what a Bulldog should look like. It includes the correct color for Bulldogs, and states the following:

## Color of Coat

*The color of coat should be uniform, pure of its kind and brilliant. The various colors found in the breed are to be preferred in the following order: (1) red brindle, (2) all other brindles, (3) solid white, (4) solid red, fawn or fallow, (5) piebald, (6) inferior qualities of all the foregoing. Note: A perfect piebald is preferable to a muddy brindle or defective solid color. Solid black is very undesirable, but not so objectionable if occurring to a moderate degree in piebald patches. The brindles to be perfect should have a fine, even and equal distribution of the composite colors. In brindles and solid colors a small white patch on the chest is not considered detrimental. In piebalds the color patches should be well defined, of pure color and symmetrically distributed.*

In recent years, the Bulldog breed has been under assault by the irresponsible and indiscriminate breeding of so-called “Rare”, “Exotic”, “Fad”, or “Colored” Bulldogs. Historically, black and black/tan has been a recessive color in Bulldogs, as has the Liver/Brown pigmented dog having a brown nose, eyelids and often foot pads. The occasional black or liver nose colored dog would appear, but when this occurred, the dog would be spayed/neutered and placed in a pet home with no AKC registration papers – and the breeding would NOT be repeated. This happened very, very infrequently and these colors were never purposely bred, as they are highly undesirable or a DQ in our breed.

Many unscrupulous breeders are now intentionally breeding for “color”. They DNA color test their dogs to specifically identify dogs that carry the recessive genes for non-Standard color. They breed for non-Standard color, to the exclusion of all else. They advertise these dogs/puppies as “rare”, and charge huge amounts of money for them. “Exotic”, “Rare, and “Fad” colors include any Non-Standard color for our breed: black, blue (grey or mouse), chocolate-liver-seal (what we call a Dudley), lilac (a dilute of red, with a grayish or purplish cast to it), and now MERLE. All of these colors can be solid, have tan points, or be tri-colored with white patches and tan points.



Black/tan



Black/white



Black Tri-Colored



Blue/White



Chocolate ( brown nose)



Chocolate Tri-Colored



Lilac



Lilac Tri-Colored

# NON-STANDARD COLOR PROBLEM IN BULLDOGS (con't)



Blue Tri-Colored



Red Merle



Blue Merle



Catahoula Bulldog

Notice the lack of Bulldog breed “type” in the two merle patterned dogs. The merle gene has NEVER been in the Bulldog breed. These merle dogs were like cross-bred with another breed, most probably the Catahoula Bulldog.

**While these non-Standard colors are highly objectionable, both to the BCA Standard and to the individual responsible breeder, with the recent appearance of BLUE MERLE and CHOCOLATE MERLE Bulldogs, we are now facing serious problems with the integrity of our stud book with the AKC! Yes, AKC is registering MERLE Bulldogs.** Merle has NEVER been a coat color pattern in Bulldogs. Evidence highly suggests the outcrossing with various other breeds to get this coat pattern, along with the practice of “hanging papers” (falsifying AKC papers). Today, with the internet and social media, our breed is facing a very disturbing dilemma with the appearance of these non-Standard colors, something the founders of our breed could not possibly have anticipated. This problem could potentially change the Bulldog breed as we know it. We are seeing an alarming increase in the numbers of commercial breeders, websites and social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, commercial websites, etc.) purposefully breeding for and advertising exotic, fad or rare color Bulldogs. These rogue breeders have capitalized on recessive color genes, and very likely engaged in outcrossing with other breeds to specifically, consistently and prolifically produce non-Standard colored Bulldogs. Solely for profit. Huge profits. They are charging outrageous prices for puppies, dogs and stud fees. Depending on the color and genetic DNA make-up of the individual dog, prices can range from \$5,000 - \$30,000. Stud fees are commonly in the \$2,500 - \$5,000 range.

This color phenomenon is fairly recent, appearing within the last 10-15 years, with escalation in the past 5 years or so. What changed? What was the catalyst in starting this trend? When did AKC stop honoring the BCA Written Standard and allow the registration of Non-Standard colors? Why does the AKC website show non-Standard colors for our breed? BCA needs to ask these questions of AKC.

A big problem is the AKC’s practice of registering non-Standard colors. While the Bulldog paper registration form currently reflects the correct Standard colors for our breed, the online registration form does NOT, nor does the AKC website for the Bulldog Breed Information page. Both AKC online sources list Standard and Non-Standard colors, with the statement, *“Please refer to the [breed standard](#) for descriptions and the difference in types.”* This is very confusing and misleading to the public.

Adding to the problem is the ambiguous wording in our Written Standard on coat color. Our Standard does not clearly define - as many other breed Standards do - acceptable colors and those that are DISQUALIFICATIONS. The current wording in the BCA Written Standard for color is “preferred” colors. **Our ONLY disqualification is a dog with a Brown or Liver-colored nose.**



## NON-STANDARD COLOR PROBLEM IN BULLDOGS (con't)

This ambiguity gives color breeders a platform and argument to promote their breeding agendas as “acceptable by AKC” and “showable”. Since the BCA Standard DOES NOT disqualify these colors, color breeders justify breeding for them as permissible.

And they do a fantastic marketing job on the promotion and sale of their “product”, primarily through online resources. They intentionally misrepresent the AKC as the holder of our breed Standard, which they are NOT, and this perception is reinforced by the AKC online registration process and the AKC website Bulldog Breed Information page, as both list Non-Standard colors. The result is the public perception is being influenced and changed! The public is now beginning to think these colors are correct and permissible. THEY ARE NOT!



The annual meeting of the BCA National Councilor meeting will be held at the BCA National coming up in November. This color issue will be on the Agenda. Hopefully, the BCA will address this problem with AKC, and AKC will be receptive to changing their registration practices on non-Standard colors.

But we need to do our part, as well. The BCGSD club officers and Board Members make every effort to educate the public on this issue. We do so at the Meet The Breeds we attend, through our club breeder referral, and also through our members who participate in conformation shows. Please join the fight in educating the public, too. We need every available asset and person to help combat this issue and correct public perception.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [silverdollarsue@hotmail.com](mailto:silverdollarsue@hotmail.com).



**The Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego and  
Pacific Coast Bulldog Club  
Combined Specialties!**



**Save the Dates and Join Us!  
April 7 - 10, 2016  
Thursday thru Sunday  
4 Days with 5 Shows!**



**BCGSD - Thursday, Conformation & Sweepstakes**

**BCGSD - Friday, AM and PM Conformation**

**PCBC - Saturday, Conformation & Sweepstakes**

**PCBC - Sunday, Conformation**

Note: judges not yet finalized, and all events and judges pending AKC approval.



**Double Tree by Hilton Hotel San  
Bernardino  
285 E. Hospitality Lane  
San Bernardino, CA 92408**

**Renovations are complete and it's gorgeous! Huge ballroom, restaurant, bar, bistro, patio and updated rooms! Minutes from Ontario International Airport, easy freeway access, close to services/amenities.**

# GOOD DOG TRAINING CORNER

## THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF RALLY!

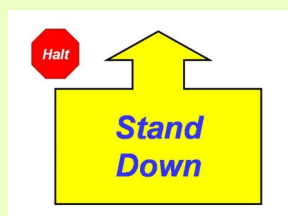
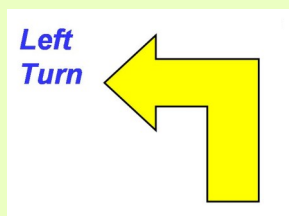


### WHAT IS RALLY?

AKC Rally is the new dog sport that is taking the nation by storm, a successful stepping stone from the AKC Canine Good Citizen® program to the world of obedience or agility. Rally offers both the dogs and handlers an experience that is fun and energizing, and promotes fun and enjoyment for dogs at all levels of competition.

It is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 - 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.

Communication between handler and dog is encouraged and perfect heel position is not required, but there should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler. The main objective of rally is to produce dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs, in a manner that will reflect positively on the sport of rally at all times and under all conditions.



### AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible to compete in AKC Rally trials, a dog must be:

Registered with the AKC

Listed with the AKC Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP) program

Listed with the AKC Canine Partners program

Be a Foundation Stock Service (FSS) recorded breed.

6 months of age or older.

### THE PUREBRED ALTERNATIVE LISTING/INDEFINITE LISTING PRIVILEGE (PAL/ILP)

Dogs of any breed recognized by the AKC that do not have registration papers or known parents may qualify for a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privilege (PAL/ILP). PAL/ILP dogs may participate in certain AKC events, such as obedience, agility, tracking, rally and many performance events. Photos are required to prove the dog is a registerable breed. The dog must be spayed or neutered. For more information about the PAL/ILP program, visit the [PAL/ILP section](#) on the AKC web site, or e-mail questions to [PAL@akc.org](mailto:PAL@akc.org).

### AKC CANINE PARTNERS PROGRAM

The AKC Canine Partners program is for anyone who has a dog they want to enter AKC events with. This program allows mixed-breed dogs or dogs ineligible for AKC registration to compete in AKC events such as obedience, rally, and agility. The dogs must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. For more information about the AKC Canine Partners program you can visit the [AKC Canine Partners homepage](#) or if you have any questions, you can email [akccaninepartners@akc.org](mailto:akccaninepartners@akc.org).



# GOOD DOG TRAINING CORNER

## LEVELS OF COMPETITION

The three levels of competition in AKC Rally:

### NOVICE

This is the first level for those just getting started in competition.

- All exercises are performed with the dog on leash.
- There is a requirement of 10-15 stations to complete with no more than five stationary exercises.
- The exercises performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course.
- Exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course.

### ADVANCED

This is the second level, which includes more difficult exercises throughout the course.

- All exercises are performed off-leash.
- There is a requirement of 12-17 stations with no more than seven stationary exercises.
- Exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position.

### EXCELLENT

This third and highest level of AKC Rally is the most challenging.

- Exercises are performed off-leash except for the honor exercise.
- There is a requirement of 15-20 stations, with no more than 7 stationary exercises.
- Handlers are only allowed to encourage their dogs verbally. Physical encouragement is not allowed at this level.
- The Excellent-level exercises include backing up three steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walks around the dog.

## RALLY TITLES

The dogs must earn three qualifying scores under two different judges in order to receive a rally title. The titles that can be earned are:

Rally Novice: RN

Rally Advanced: RA

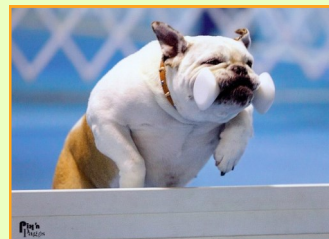
Rally Excellent: RE

Rally Advanced Excellent: RAE (The requirement for the RAE title is that the dog must qualify ten times in both the Advanced B class and the Excellent B class at the same trial.)

## HOW DO I GET STARTED IN RALLY?

Many AKC clubs conduct a variety of classes, instructed by experienced trainers who have earned titles and awards in obedience competitions with their own dogs. These people are up-to-date on the latest training techniques. They have experience training different breeds of dogs, mixed breeds and purebreds, and prospective students are usually welcome to observe a class before signing up for a training course.

To find AKC clubs in your area that offer training, please visit the website at [www.akc.org/events/training-clubs](http://www.akc.org/events/training-clubs).



BISS CH Devine's Adventure Of The Chunky Monkey, aka Yogi, finishing his Rally Novice title. Owned by Beth & Brian Stephenson, Kim and Tm Lucier.





# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BULLDOG RESCUE

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How can you help Southern California Bulldog Rescue, you ask? There are several ways you can support bulldog rescue even when you don't have the time, space or are not located in the areas we need hope the most.

## Support – Ralphs Rewards Card

Don't have time to volunteer, but want to make a difference in the lives of animals? It's as easy as shopping for groceries and swiping your Ralphs Club card! *Ralphs Supermarket recently launched its new Ralphs Rewards program to support charity programs in our communities. Southern California Bulldog Rescue is signed up as a charity program for bulldog adoptions, spay/neuters, educational programs and outreach efforts to end pet overpopulation.*



If you do not have a Ralphs Reward card, it is a great time to START! Cards are available at the customer service desk at any Ralphs, or just register online at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com), click on community contributions, then click on participants and add Southern California Bulldog Rescue (# 84547).

ALL participants are required to register for the new term once a year and renew every September. Ralphs REWARDS CARDS can only be used at Ralphs stores. Every time you shop, the store will donate a percentage of your total receipt to rescue in your name. Doesn't cost you anything and rescue gets badly needed funds.  
*Southern California Bulldog Rescues Sign Up number is 84547.*

Can you think of an easier way to help the animals who cannot help themselves? We all need groceries, and by swiping your card for So Cal Bulldog Rescue, you'll do so much more than just purchase food. You'll help save a life.

## I-Give

If you are an internet shopper on a regular basis or just once in a while, doing your shopping though the I-Give site is where retailers make donations to Southern California Bulldog Rescue. You can find everything from offices supplies, clothing, flowers arrangements and many of the most popular retailers. [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com)



## Cars for Causes

Do you have an extra car, boat, RV or motorcycle you want to donate and help support SCBR? We're happy to be part of Car for Causes, too. Call them and let them do all the work for you and tell them you want to support So Cal Bulldog Rescue. [www.cars4causes.net](http://www.cars4causes.net)



## Good Search

Surfing the internet or doing research can support bulldog rescue, too. Doing your web surfing earns SCBR a few pennies every time you start surfing the net at Good Search. In some cases, if you make purchases during your search, they, too, will generate donations to SCBR. [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)



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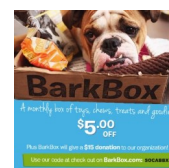
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## BarkBox

When you sign up for BarkBox, every month you will receive a box in the mail with four or more carefully selected products and presents for your dog – anything from toys, bones and all-natural treats to hygiene products and innovative new gadgets! A portion of proceeds from each box will go to help SCBR.

Use our code SOCABBX1 to get \$5 off your order and a \$15 donation to our rescue!





### 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](http://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:

None this month

### Welcome New BCGSD Members!

None this month



**Stewards of the Bulldog Breed!**



## Bulldogs On The Go ...



Get the leashes out, put on your walking shoes, and enjoy some outdoor fun and activity with your Bulldog!

**The Original Paw Pleasers** is San Diego's first dog bakery, featuring a full line of fresh baked, preservative-free treats, including a grain-free line. Having a birthday? They bake all cakes and ice cream to order in their on site bakery. They are also a boutique with lots of fun toys,



leashes and collars. Stop in for a visit... Pets welcome, owners optional!

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