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### President's Message ...

Dear Fellow Bulldoggers,

We just finished a wonderful weekend of Bulldog Specialty Shows in April. A special thanks to Amber Vallejo for chairing the show and for all the time spent on making it fun and successful!



Thanks also to Andy and Susan Rohringer, Scott and Gay Lewis, Laurie Nack, Rosie and Steward Tulledge, Janice Hochstetler, and Cindy Liebeck for their untiring service before, during, and after the shows. Exhibitors and judges were happy and expressed praise for the food, the auction, and the high quality of the events.

On May 14 we are having our annual Spring Bully Bonnet-Hat Party. Rosie Verdugo Tulledge is in charge and it promises to be a great activity for our Bullies and their families. We hope to have a great turn out. On Saturday June 23, we will be having our annual Bulldog Education and Petting the Bulldog activity at the San Diego County Fair. Our booth will be in the Wyland Center from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. This is always a fun experience for the dogs and the fair-goers who love to see the Bulldogs. A sign-up sheet for the Fair booth will be coming out in the next couple of weeks. We generally have no problem filling the assignments, so if you have an interest and want to show off your Bulldog, please sign up. Free tickets to the Fair for the 23<sup>rd,</sup> and parking passes will be available to those who sign up.

We will be soon into the summer months and encourage you to keep cool and make sure that your Bullies are cool as well. Plenty of cool water will keep them happy and safe!

Derek Rasmussen Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego

### 2016 Specialty show







Rock 'n Roll out your 50's threads on Friday & Saturday!

It's a Wrap! The 2016 Specialty Show is now in the books, and it was a great one, folks! This year's entry was slightly larger than last year's with a very nice Sweepstakes entry of 19 and our largest conformation entry of the weekend was 77. Solid 5-point majors in bitches and 3- and 4- point majors in dogs! Congratulations go to the Show Chair Amber Vallejo for doing such an outstanding job in making sure everyone stayed on track, we got things done, and all the i's and t's were crossed and dotted. Special thanks to the entire show committee for their time and dedication in hosting a quality event and making our club "small but mighty!"

Dennilane's Black Eyed Peas

**Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego** 

Thursday, April 7, 2016

**Sweepstakes** 

19 Entries

Judge: Landon Richards

Best In Sweepstakes: Showbiz Graybulls New Girl In Town

Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes:

Owner(s)

Bill, Aimee & Kay Gray

Dennis Balanag, Lalaine Policar

**Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego** 

Thursday, April 7, 2016

Judge: Robert Keller

64 entries

Best of Breed GCH Major League Take My Breath Away

**Best Opposite Sex** GCH Classay Major League HGM in God We

Trust

Winners Dog/Best of Winners Dennilane's Black Eyed Peas

Reserve Winners Dog Devine's Adventure Schweddy Ballz

Winners Bitch **Empires Empress Trinity** 

Babby's Somewhere Only We Know of Surf **Reserve Winners Bitch** 

City

Select Dog GCH Lil Boys Talkin Smack

Select Bitch **CH Cherokee Legend Slaterprice Amy**  Owner(s)

Teresa McDermott

Dennis Balanag, Lalaine Policar

Dennis Balanag, Lalaine Policar

Kim & Tom Lucier, Brian & Beth Ste-

phenson

Kevin Buffini, Ted Parry

Richard Truong, Kimberly Stephens,

Julie Babcock

Taylor & Brittany Bustamante, John &

**Penny Lancaster** 

**Shirley Slaterprice** 

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### 2016 Specialty Show Results - BCGSD Friday AM and PM



#### **Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego**

Friday, April 8, 2016

**AM SHOW** 

77 Entries

Judge: Robert Rodenski Owner(s)

Best of Breed CH Note A Bull's Sheik Yerbouti Debbie & Lance Golding Best Opposite Sex GCH Major League Take My Breath Away Teresa McDermott

Dennilane's Black Eyed Peas Winners Dog/Best of Winners Dennis Balanag, Lalaine Policar

CH Devine's Adventure Cinnamon Buns

Janet Vance Reserve Winners Dog Jan's Star Chaser

Winners Bitch Major League Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo Teresa McDermott Reserve Winners Bitch Fancy Bulldogs Roxy Public Enemy Jose Navarro

GCH Lil Boy's Talkin Smack Taylor & Brittany Bustamante, Select Dog

John & Penny Lancaster

**Best Puppy** Dennilane's Black Eyed Peas Dennis Balanag, Lalaine Policar

#### **Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego**

Friday, April 8, 2016

**PM SHOW** 

Select Bitch

74 Entries

Judge: Nancy Harrison Owner(s)

**Best of Breed** GCH Lil Boy's Talkin Smack Taylor & Brittany Bustamante,

John & Penny Lancaster

Kim & Tom Lucier, Brian & Beth Stephenson

**Best Opposite Sex** CH Brumar's Kick N Up My Heels Sandra Martinez

Dennilane's Black Eyed Peas Dennis Balanag, Lalaine Policar Winners Dog

**Reserve Winners Dog** Jan's Star Chaser Janet Vance

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners Empires Empress Trinity Kevin Buffini, Ted Parry

Reserve Winners Bitch Fancy Bulldogs Roxy Public Enemy Jose Navarro

Select Dog GCH Classay Major League HGM in God Dennis Balanag, Lalaine Policar

We Trust

Select Bitch **GCH Gunslinger Wicked Felina** Andrew & Susan Rohringer

Best Bred-By-Exhibitor Devine's Adventure Schweddy Ballz Kim & Tom Lucier, Brian & Beth Stephenson

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### 2016 Specialty Show Results - PCBC Saturday and Sunday

#### Pacific Coast Bulldog Club

Saturday, April 9, 2016

**Sweepstakes** 

21 entries

Judge: Chris King Owner(s):

Best In Sweepstakes: Showbiz Graybulls New Girl In Town Bill, Aimee & Kay Gray

Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes Devine's Adventure Schweddy Ballz Kim & Tom Lucier, Beth & Brian Stephenson

**Pacific Coast Bulldog Club** 

Saturday, April 9, 2016

80 entries

Judge:Jan Bone Lewis Owner(s):

Best of Breed GCH Major League Take My Breath Away Teresa McDermott

Best Opposite Sex GCH Lil Boys Talkin Smack Taylor & Brittany Bustamante, John & Penny Lancas-

ter

Winners Dog Ekahi Grandmaster Tristan of Camelot Wendy Barson

Reserve Winners Dog Devine's Adventure Schweddy Ballz Kim & Tom Lucier, Beth & Brian Stephenson

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners Twenty Twenty's Bailey by Gunslinger Scott & Gay Lewis

Reserve Winners Bitch Major League Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo Teresa McDermott

Select Dog GCH Classay Major League HGM in God We Dennis Balang, Lalaine Policar

Trust

Select Bitch CH Babby's Encore at Centerstage of Surf- Julie Babcock, Richard Truong

city

BBE Surf City's Babby's Crown Princess Julie Babcock, Richard Truong

**Pacific Coast Bulldog Club** 

Sunday, April 10, 2016

74 entries

Judge:Elizabeth Hugo Milam Owner(s):

Best of Breed CH Devine's Adventure Cinnamon Buns Kim & Tom Lucier, Beth & Brian Stephenson

Best Opposite Sex GCH Lil Boys Talkin Smack Taylor & Brittany Bustamante, John & Penny Lancas-

ter

Winners Dog Cedar Lane's Jacks Are Wild James R. Armstrong

Reserve Winners Dog Devine's Adventure Schweddy Ballz Kim & Tom Lucier, Beth & Brian Stephenson

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners Maria Feliz(Mata) Mx. Luis Armando Mata

Reserve Winners Bitch Fancy Bulldogs Roxy Public Enemy Jose Navarro

Select Dog GCH Classay Major League HGM in God We Dennis Balang, Lalaine Policar

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Select Bitch CH Babby's Encore at Centerstage of Surf- Julie Babcock, Richard Truong

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Best Puppy Cedar Lane's Jacks Are Wild James R. Armstrong

**Junior Showmanship** 

Judge:Elizabeth Hugo Milam

Best Junior: Brielle Villarreal

## Is She Pregnant? Check her gums!



Well I'll be! Here's a new (at least to me it's new) old trick from the breeders of yester-year, and I'm simply tripping over myself wanting to try it. I've never heard this one before, it sounds nifty and I'm wondering if any of you have ever tried (or heard of) this pregnancy predictor? **Arlene Czech** writes about the "Gum Check" in her article for this month's column in **ShowSight Magazine**.

How to perform the test: exactly <u>21 days after the FIRST tie</u> <u>mating</u> start looking at the gums on your bitch by lifting her lips as though you are checking her bite. If she is pregnant the gum will appear very white, much whiter than their normal red color. This color change will occur between the 21 to 24 days after that first mating. It would be ideal for you to begin checking the gums earlier than the 21 days so you have a good picture in your mind of her normal gum color. If she is not pregnant, the gum tissue will not change color.

**Why it works:** According to Arlene's article, this is the time when the fetus implants itself on the uterine walls. During this process a good deal of the blood flow is redirected from the body of the bitch and focused on her uterus instead.

We'd sure like to hear back from those of you who may have already been aware of this trick and have used it, as well as those who give it a try on your next breeding. Simply send us an email at **gordonsetterexpert@gmail.com** or leave a comment at the end of this article.

Courtesy of www.gordonsetterexpert.com

### 20 Principles of Breeding Better Dogs

by Raymond H. Oppenheimer

- 1. Remember that the animals you select for breeding today will have an impact on the breed for many years to come. Keep that thought firmly in mind when you choose breeding stock.
- 2. You can choose only two individuals per generation. Choose only the best, because you will have to wait for another generation to improve what you start with. Breed only if you expect the progeny to be better than both parents.
- 3. You cannot expect statistical predictions to hold true in a small number of animals (as in one litter of puppies). Statistics only apply to large populations.
- 4. A pedigree is a tool to help you learn the good and bad attributes that your dog is likely to exhibit or reproduce. A pedigree is only as good as the dog it represents.
- 5. Breed for a total dog, not just one or two characteristics. Don't follow fads in your breed, because they are usually meant to emphasize one or two features of the dog at the expense of the soundness and function of the whole.
- 6. Quality does not mean quantity. Quality is produced by careful study, having a good mental picture of what you are trying to achieve, having patience to wait until the right breeding stock is available and to evaluate what you have already produced, and above all, having a breeding plan that is at least three generations ahead of the breeding you do today.
- 7. Remember that skeletal defects are the most difficult to change.
- 8. Don't bother with a good dog that cannot produce well. Enjoy him (or her) for the beauty that he represents but don't use him in a breeding program.
- 9. Use out-crosses very sparingly. For each desirable characteristic you acquire, you will get many bad traits that you will have to eliminate in succeeding generations.
- 10.Inbreeding is a valuable tool, being the fastest method to set good characteristics and type. It brings to light hidden traits that need to be eliminated from the breed.

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- 11. Breeding does not "create" anything. What you get is what was there to begin with. It may have been hidden for many generations, but it was there.
- 12. Discard the old cliché about the littermate of that great producer being just as good to breed to. Littermates seldom have the same genetic make-up.
- 13.Be honest with yourself. There are no perfect dogs (or bitches) nor are there perfect producers. You cannot do a competent job of breeding if you cannot recognize the faults and virtues of the dogs you plan to breed.
- 14. Hereditary traits are inherited equally from both parents. Do not expect to solve all of your problems in one generation.
- 15. If the worst puppy in your last litter is no better than the worst puppy in your first litter, you are not making progress. Your last litter should be your last litter.
- 16.If the best puppy in your last litter is no better than the best puppy in your first litter, you are not making progress. Your last litter should be your last litter.
- 17.Do not choose a breeding animal by either the best or the worst that he (or she) has produced. Evaluate the total get by the attributes of the majority.
- 18. Keep in mind that quality is a combination of soundness and function. It is not merely the lack of faults, but the positive presence of virtues. It is the whole dog that counts.
- 19.Don't allow personal feelings to influence your choice of breeding stock. The right dog for your breeding program is the right dog, whoever owns it. Don't ever decry a good dog; they are too rare and wonderful to be demeaned by pettiness.
- 20.Don't be satisfied with anything but the best. The second best is never good enough.

### **Heat Stroke**

Reminder!

Follow the 70° Rule & Leave your pet at home.

Short nosed breeds like Bulldogs, Frenchies, Pugs, Boston Terriers, etc., are more at risk for heat stroke. Are you prepared?

Signs of Heatstroke Include (but are not limited to):

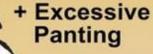
+ Body Temp 104° to 110° Degrees

+ Staggering

+ Stupor

+ Seizures

+ Bloody Stool or Diarrhea



- + Dark/Bright Red Gums
- + Sticky or Dry Gums/Tongue
- + Rapid Heart Beat

In direct sun, with no wind & low humidity your dog's feet feel:

AIR

 $77^{\circ} = 124^{\circ}$ 

86° = 1**35**°

 $87^{\circ} = 145^{\circ}$ 

Asphalt

Cooling Your Dog ~ ~ ~ Get your dog out of the heat
Contact Your Veterinarian Quickly
Use cool water, NOT ice water, to wipe them down
Place cool, wet cloths on Head & Feet
Ice Cubes can be offered for Licking





# Bulldog Club of America (BCA) Division III News



#### BCA VOTES TO REVISE THE STANDARD TO DISQUALIFY NON-STANDARD COLORED BULLDOGS!

By Susan Rohringer

In the September 2015 issue of the *Bullytin* newsletter, I included an article I had penned about the non-standard color problems in Bulldogs. Without going into the entirety of the article, a little background information is warranted.

The article highlighted the progressive increase in the numbers of Bulldogs being bred having the wrong colors for our breed—solid black, blue, lilac, chocolate-liver-seal and merle, with white markings and/or tri-colored with white/tan markings. There has been such an explosion in their popularity, cleverly marketed online and on social media as "rare" and "exotic" and costing thousands more than quality standard colored dogs. "Color breeders" in effect have taken the narrative away from BCA, and the public is being educated to understand these colors are correct for our breed. They are NOT.

While the only current Disqualification in the BCA Standard is a Liver-colored nose, solid black is mentioned only as "highly undersirable". Although non-standard colors are not clearly defined, experienced and knowledgeable dog men and women know the intent and meaning behind the words, which carry significant weight.

Well, a stand is being taken! After several years of pressure from many very concerned members, BCA organized a committee to research the problem and the results were startling. They are now very popular and being bred and registered with AKC at an alarming rate, even appearing in the show ring. In November 2015 at the BCA Nationals, a comprehensive presentation was shown to the entire BCA Council body, and the Council passed two motions to revise our Written Standard making non-standard colors a disqualification. The standard revisions include changing the wording on coat color and patterns, along with an addendum to eye color. These changes were deemed necessary by BCA to protect the future integrity of the breed and the show ring! Wow!

To give you perspective, the BCA Standard has only been changed three times since it was written in 1896. In 1914, a Dudley nose disqualification was added. In 1976, Dudley was changed to Live-colored for the purposes of clarity. In 1990, the standard was reformatted at the request of AKC, but no wording was changed. That's it. Which should make you understand the severity of the problem, and the deep concern by BCA that this issue needs to be addressed.

BCA owns the Written Standard. AKC does not. BCA is the only body that can change it. But in order to change it, AKC must approve the specific verbiage, and BCA must put it to a vote of the membership. AKC gave their preliminary approval in early April 2016; ballots were mailed to the entire membership on April 27. The voting deadline is May 27. It will take a 2/3 majority of the respondents (only those who actually return completed ballots, not the entire membership) to pass the revisions. Once we get the majority vote, AKC will make a review of the voting procedure and then give final approval.

You can read more about the issue by going to the BCA website home page at www.bulldogclubofamerica.org and reading the two articles written by Robin and Cindy Stansell, heads of the Standard Revision Committee. One is titled, "Why Change The Standard", the other is "Just Ask AKC to Remove Non-Standard Colors".



# Bulldog Club of America (BCA) Division III News



### BCA VOTES TO REVISE THE STANDARD TO DISQUALIFY NON-STANDARD COLORED BULLDOGS! (continued)

So, what exactly is being changed? Only two areas are being revised, relating to coat color and eye color.

#### Standard Revision #1

Strike the entire section relating to Color of Coat which currently reads:

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.

REPLACE in the entirety with:

Color of Coat. The color of coat should be uniform, pure of its kind and brilliant. Colors are red, white, fawn, fallow, or any combinations of the foregoing. Patterns and markings may include brindle, piebald, ticking, black masks, black tipping, and a minimal amount of solid black in piebalds. All other colors or markings are a disqualification. The merle pattern is a disqualification.

### Standard Revision #2

Add a sentence in **Head** section relating to eye color. The current standard wording is below with the proposed addition underlined:

**Head.** Eyes and Eyelids – The eyes, seen from the front, should be situated low and down in the skull, as far from the ears as possible, at their corners should be in a straight line at right angles with the stop. They should be quite in front of the head, as wide apart as possible, provided their outer corners are within the outline of the checks when viewed from the front. They should be quite round in form, of moderate size, neither sunken nor bulging, and in color should be very dark. Blue or green eye(s) or parti-colored eyes are a disqualification. The lids should cover the white of the eyeball, when the dog is looking directly forward, and the lid should show no "haw."

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### BCA VOTES TO REVISE THE STANDARD TO DISQUALIFY NON-STANDARD COLORED BULLDOGS! (continued)

If you are a BCA member, you should have already received your ballot. BCA encourages you to VOTE and MAIL your ballot to the BCA National Secretary in the return envelope provided. Ballots must be returned by the May 27 deadline to be eligible. If you have not yet received your ballot, please contact the national secretary at the following:

Phil Handrick BCA National Secretary Email: bcanatsec@gmail.com

Phone: 517-351-9595 Mobile: 517-243-8116

It has been very exciting and a privilege to be working with the Standard Revision Committee on behalf of all BCA members. It truly is an historic event for the Bulldog breed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Susan Rohringer BCA Standard Revision Committee BCA Division 3 Vice President BCA Division 3 Councilor

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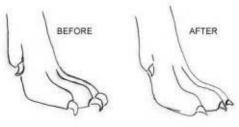
Visit www.<u>bulldogclubofamerica.org</u> for the following articles:

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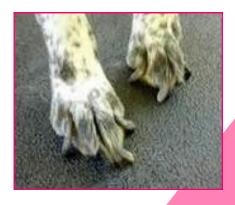


### Helpful Tips for better health ...





How unattractive for your Lady Bulldog! How will she ever find that handsome stud with nails looking like this? Eeeeek! Let's take it from this ...



Don't forget the importance of regular nail trimming for your Bulldog!

... to this! Now, doesn't this look much nicer and ever so much prettier? Your FAB bitch will surely be strutting her stuff and feeling fine!



Foot health is paramount to the Bulldog, particularly because they carry so much weight and mass, a "large dog in a short body". The foot is the foundation of the frame. If you have a faulty foundation, the frame can fail.

Nail length affects more than just foot health, and can cause issues up the entire length of the leg. Long nails cause the dog to walk on the rear of the pads, which leads to misalignment and improper positioning of the pastern (called being "down in the pasterns"), which affects the middle and upper leg bones, and ultimately can also affect the shoulder and/or hip.

Not only can the bones be misaligned, but the tendons and ligaments can be, as well, which can often lead to stiffness, discomfort, and painful limping or cause actual strains.

Nail trimming can be accomplished with a guillotine-type nail clipper or with a nail dremel. Many much prefer the dremel as it allows for precision trimming with less risk of cutting the quick.

Proper nail length should never be overlooked or considered unimportant! Pamper your pooch with regular pedis!





### OFA Health Testing and The Bulldog Club of America's Ambassadors For Health Program



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### Who is The Orthopedic Foundation For Animals?

The Mission of the OFA if to promote the health and welfare of companion animals through a reduction in the incidence of genetic disease. They are guided by the following four specific objectives:

- 1. To collate and disseminate information concerning orthopedic and genetic diseases of animals.
- 2. To advise, encourage and establish control programs to lower the incidence of orthopedic and genetic diseases.
- 3. To encourage and finance research in orthopedic and genetic disease in animals.
- 4. To receive funds and make grants to carry out these objectives.

The OFA databases are core to the organization's objective of establishing control programs to lower the incidence of inherited disease. Responsible breeders have an inherent responsibility to breed healthy dogs. The OFA databases serve all breeds of dogs and cats, and provide breeders a means to respond to the challenge of improving the genetic health of their breed through better breeding practices. The testing methodology and the criteria for evaluating the test results for each database were independently established by veterinary scientists from their respective specialty areas, and the standards used are generally accepted throughout the world.

### What is OFA health testing?

Health testing is much more involved than just taking your pet to the veterinarian for a "wellness check". It is targeted evaluation for specific health conditions by a veterinarian of <u>breeding stock</u>, with tests submitted to OFA for evaluation and inclusion in their databases. The goal is to assist breeders to identify and eliminate specific health problems, which will eventually lead to overall better health in a breed.

The Bulldog Club of America Health Committee has worked diligently with OFA and breeders to establish specific protocols on testing, which tests to be done, etc. At this time, all testing is voluntary and highly encouraged by BCA.





### OFA Health Testing and The Bulldog Club of America's Ambassadors For Health Program



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### What tests are available for the Bulldog?

Cardiac Evaluation—a congenital cardiac exam by a cardiologist using echocardiogram is preferred, but not required. A practitioner exam is acceptable. Evaluation is to determine if any heart anomalies present.

Patellar Luxation—a condition where the patella, or knee cap, pops out of place.

Tracheal Hypoplasia—a narrowing or stricture of the trachea, either in whole or in part, which causes difficulties in breathing.

Hip Dysplasia—a degenerative disease of malformed hip joint(s) with a laxity in the muscles, tendons and ligaments which hold the joint together. Thought to be mostly genetic, but can have environmental causes (diet, exercise, etc.) Both OFA and PennHIP evaluations are acceptable.

Elbow Dysplasia—a degenerative disease of the elbow joint(s).

Autoimmune Thyroiditis—the thyroid glands produce hormones which have many effects throughout the body, including but not limited to regulation of weight, metabolism, heart rate, body temperature, reproduction, muscle and skin condition, etc. This test helps identify Hypothyroidism where not enough hormone produced, or Hyperthyroidism where too much hormone is produced. Both conditions can lead to a variety of health issues.

Congenital Deafness—a genetic predisposition to be born deaf. Determined with BAER testing (Brainstem Auditory Evoked Response) which can detect electrical activity in the ear and auditory pathways in the brain.

Hyperuricosuria (HUU) - a genetic propensity to produce urate bladder and kidney stones through a buildup of uric acid in the kidney. Stones can develop in the kidney and bladder, effectively blocking the urinary tract, a very lifethreatening condition. Surgery is often required. A DNA test is available.

Cystinuria—a genetic propensity to produce bladder stones, however with different causation than HUU, where the kidney is unable to process the amino acid Cystine. Over time, the unprocessed cysteine clumps together to form stones which can block the urinary tract, also a very life-threatening condition. Surgery is often required. A DNA test is available.





### OFA Health Testing and The Bulldog Club of America's Ambassadors For Health Program



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### What is the BCA Ambassadors For Health Program?

The purpose of the AFH program is to promote the betterment of the Bulldog breed through health testing by recognizing Bulldogs owned by BCA members which have met specific health testing requirements.

The program has four levels of recognition—Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

- Bronze—successful completion of any 2 of the eligible certifications.
- Silver—successful completion of any 3 of the eligible certifications.
- Gold—successful completion of any 4 of the eligible certifications.
- Platinum—successful completion of any 5 of the eligible certifications.

Passing results are required on all tests (passing is defined by OFA and an OFA certificate must have been issued) for the Health Ambassador award. All tests must be submitted to OFA and be part of their public database

### What are the Eligible Certifications?

- OFA Cardiac
- OFA Patella
- OFA Thyroid
- OFA Elbow
- OFA Hip
- OFA Trachea

#### Why should we health test?

The most obvious and easy answer is for individual breeders to use health testing results and data to make better and more informed breeding decisions by removing unsound individuals from their breeding programs, which hopefully will result in the overall improved health of the breed.

The more immediate and pressing answer is that our breed has a bad reputation within the public domain for being very unhealthy. Unhealthy dogs require frequent vet visits, which can be very costly. And ... our breed is in the crosshairs of animal rights groups who would love nothing more than to eradicate purebred dogs, in particular brachycephalic breeds like the Bulldog.





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There are many who think this is folly and don't take it seriously. The frightening truth is there is a global movement by AR groups to pressure breed clubs and force the enactment of dog legislation and rules that would severely impact breeders through mandatory spay/neuter laws, limits on the numbers of dogs one person can own, the outright banning of specific breeds, mandatory breeding limits, or even change/eliminate breeds deemed to be "critically at risk for health problems". Don't think it can happen? It has and is. In the UK a few years ago, The Kennel Club, the equivalent to our own AKC, caved to pressure by animal rights groups and changed their Bulldog breed standard. It's happening now in Norway, Sweden, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Great Britain where coalitions of veterinarians have organized to petition government intervention in passing new laws to severely restrict breeding practices of the Bulldog. ( http:// www.vethelpdirect.com/vetblog/2016/05/09/vets-to-end-suffering-ofbrachycephalic-dogs). The mission statement of PETA is to eliminate ALL domestic animals—including dogs and cats. Is this where we want to be in 10 or 15 years? AKC has espoused this will never happen in the United States ... but there are some alarming trends in the AR realm, and who's to say what might happen here in the US?

The AR groups have millions of dollars which they use for cleverly worded, sad and compassionate ad campaigns condemning the breeding of purebred dogs and "unhealthy" breeds. There is tremendous social pressure to "adopt" and "rescue" pets—not seek out purebred dog breeders.

So, how does this relate to health testing? We shoot ourselves in the collective foot by not paying attention to good health in our breed. Our job as Bulldog enthusiasts and BCA members is to protect the integrity and heritage of our breed ... and we must start producing healthier dogs ... prove our advocates wrong ... or we may not have the Bulldog we know and love around much longer. Can you imagine that? A world without Bulldogs? Neither can I. Please give this some real thought, do some research and if you breed, make a commitment and concerted effort to breed quality, healthy animals that benefit the gene pool.

There is NOTHING in our breed standard that says a Bulldog should be unhealthy. Our standard has existed for over 100 years, describes a dog that is healthy, vibrant and strong, able to move in an unrestrained, free and vigorous manner. Its nose should be large with wide nostrils to ensure its ability to breathe. Let's all do our part to ensure

we have this beautiful breed around for another 100 years!

Please visit the OFA at ofa.org and the BCA at bulldogclubofofamerica.org for more information on health testing.

Susan Rohringer



### **UPCOMING EVENTS ...**

### It's the Spring Bully Bonnet Party!!

(Our Re-scheduled Easter Bully Party!)

Hop on Over to Ward Canyon Park for our



**Annual Spring Picnic** 





Wear Your Bunny-Ears, Hat or Spring Bonnet (or Make and Decorate a Bonnet at the Party.)

Lunch will be served. Fun for everyone!



Saturday, May 14, 2016 10 a.m. to Noon
Ward Canyon Park, San Diego
(Adams Ave off I-15)

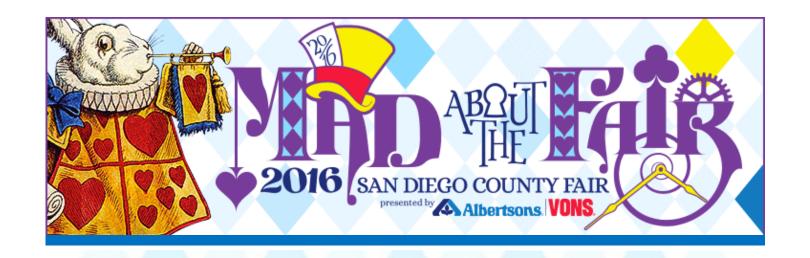
Please RSVP: 619-838-0815 or inarose@mindspring.com

### 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.

2016 Schedule:
February 17
April 20
June 15
August 17
October - to be determined
December - to be determined

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



### JOIN US AT THE SAN DIEGO FAIR!!!

The Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego will be hosting a booth at the Fair on

Saturday, June 23rd

Look for us in the Wyland Center From 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

San Diego County Fairgrouns 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd Del Mar, CA





Wet noses,
drooling jowls,
free kisses...
Life
doesn't
get
any
better!



### Getting ready for some **WOOFSTOCK!!!**







### **Mother Lode Specialty Show** June 8 & 9\*, 2016 \*June 9 designated specialty

June 8

Breeder Judge: Mrs. Anna Sootin **Sweepstakes Judge: Judy Claytor** 

June 9

Breeder Judge: Mr. Van Blevin

### June 10, 11, 12 Supported Entries by Mother Lode Bulldog Club & **Bulldog Club Of Northern California**

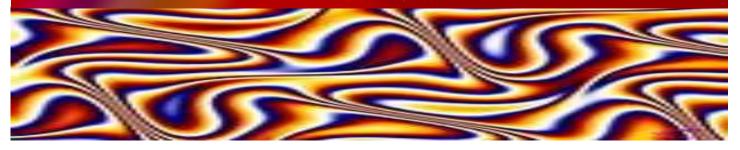
June 10, Judge: Darryl Vice

June 11, Judge: Ann Hubbard

Sweepstakes Judge: Kim Lucier

June 12, Judge: Ray Spivey

COME OUT AND GET HIGH ON THE BULLDOG!! VALLEJO, CA







Derek Rasmussen, President derekrassmussent@cox.net

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Rosie Verdugo, Secretary inarose@mindspring.com



### **BREEDER DIRECTORY & LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Breeders**

#### **Gunslinger Bulldogs**

Andrew and Susan Rohringer Corona, CA www.gunslingerbulldogs.com silverdollarsue@hotmail.com

### **Maxx Bulldogs**

Amber Vallejo San Diego, CA

Email: ambervallejo@gmail.com

#### **Litter Announcements**

None



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 <a href="mailto:silverdollarsue@hotmail.com">silverdollarsue@hotmail.com</a>.



### 2016

### **Upcoming Shows**



#### **UPCOMING CONFORMATION SHOWS:**

05/07-05/08 Rio Hondo Kennel Club

Sat-Sun Cal Poly University, Pomona, CA

05/21-05/22 Mt Palomar Kennel Club

Sat-Sun Bates Nut Farm, Valley Center, CA

05/27 Antelope Valley Kennel Club

Fri LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona, CA

05/28 San Fernando Kennel Club

Sat LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona, CA

05/29 Los Encinos Kennel Club

Sun LA County Fairgrounds, Pomona, CA

06/24 Kennel Club of Beverly Hills

Fri Cal State Univ. Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

06/25 Long Beach Kennel Club

Sat Cal State Univ. Long Beach, Long Beach, CA

06/30 BCA Division 3 Specialty

Thu Seaside Park, Ventura, CA

07/01 Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association

Fri Seaside Park, Ventura, CA

07/02-0703 Burbank Kennel Club

Sat-Sun Seaside Park, Ventura, CA

07/08 Channel City Kennel Club

Fri Cal State Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA

07/09-07/10 Santa Maria Kennel Club

Sat-Sun Cal State Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA

AGILITY/OBEDIENCE/RALLY CLUBS:

**Agility Club of San Diego** 

Meredith Dow, : mdow999@gmail.com

www.agilityclubsd.org

**Hidden Valley Obedience Club** 

www.hvoc.org

**Obedience Club of San Diego County** 

Audrie Johnson, fjohnson@san.rr.com www.sandiegoobedienceclub.org

Temecula Valley Agility Club

Deb Carlson, teamgolden101@aol.com www.temeculavalleyagilityclub.com

All-BREED CLUBS OFFERING Obedience/Rallly/Agility:

**Bahia Sur Kennel Club** 

Georjean Jensen,

www.facebook.com/BahiaSurKennelClub

Cabrillo Kennel Club

Robin Garcia, torridon@att.net

**Del Sur Kennel Club** 

Kathi Horton, midnitesun@cox.net

www.delsurkc.com

**Imperial Valley Kennel Club** 

Jennifer Ytulleralde, mkburk1234@sbcglobal.net

Mt. Palomar Kennel Club

Kitten Rodwell, flashkatphotos@aol.com

Silver Bay Kennel Club

Michelle Mixon, michoudogs@aol.com

www.silverbaykc.com

### 2016 -2017 AKC Conformation Points Schedule

The new schedule is effective May 11, 2016.

1 Point		2 Points		3 Points (Major)		4 Points (Major)		5 Points (Major)		
Dogs	Bit	ches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2		2	6	8	10	14	14	18	20	26

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

### GOOD DOG TRAINING CENTER

### WHO SAYS BULLDOGS CAN'T JUMP?

And run, and weave, and climb and ...



Bea Page's girl Moxie

Even if you don't recognize it by name, you have probably seen an Agility competition. Designed to demonstrate a dog's willingness to work with his handler in a variety of situations, agility is an athletic event that requires conditioning, concentration, training, and teamwork. Dogs and handlers must negotiate an obstacle course while racing against the clock.

Agility is a great form of exercise for both dog and handler, and a fun way to bond. And you don't have to compete to enjoy agility. Taking an agility class offers many other benefits. But many people start the sport just for fun, only to get bitten by the agility bug and become lifelong competitors!

Here are some high flyin' Bulldogs within the agility sport ...



Jennifer Wolfgang's boy Sully



Alexandre Parkov's boy Junior

Though they are definitely capable of many sports, before you attempt to do agility with your Bulldog, it is highly recommended you have your dog fully health checked by a veterinarian to be sure they are healthy and in good condition. This would include paying particular attention to the heart, patellas and trachea, to make sure they can safely enjoy their sport.



Ikuko Jone's boy Boo



Tracy Bradley's boy Maverick

BCACF ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION!
(BULLDOG CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE FUND)

**ANASARCA STUDY (WATER PUPPY)** 

THE B.C.A. IS ASKING FOR TISSUE SAMPLES FOR A PRELIMINARY RESEARCH PROJECT ON BULLDOG ANASARCA.

THE B.C.A.C.F. ANASARCA STUDY WILL REIMBURSE ALL SHIPPING COSTS.



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### **CLEFT PALATE STUDY**

THE BANNASCH LABORATORY IN THE SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT UC DAVIS IS CONDUCTING A STUDY TO IDENTIFY THE GENES RESPOSIBLE FOR CLEFT LIP AND/OR CLEFT PALATE IN DOGS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION.CONTACT:

ZENA WOLF

ZTWOLF@UCDAVIS.EDU F

BCACF IS OFFERING REIMBURSEMENT IN FULL FOR THE ANASARCA STUDY AND UP TO \$50.00 FOR THE CLEFT PALATE STUDY.

### Dr. Kesler's Korner



### **Cesarean Section**

There is no more important topic for Bulldog breeders to understand than that of cesarean sections performed on their bitches. In my practice, it is common for me to see how this lack of understanding results in puppy loss and also the loss of the bitch. Understanding the critical components of performing c-sections will allow us to minimize the losses and take full advantage of having strong, healthy puppies. It would seem that the goals of anesthesiology during a c-section are antithetical, that is to minimize the effects of the drugs used so as to maximize the pup's chances and also to provide the bitch a pain-free and safe surgery. Our goal is to optimize the outcome of the surgery for the bitch and puppies.

Changes to the cardiac, respiratory and gastrointestinal systems occur during a normal pregnancy. Add to these changes that the Bulldog presents us with another set of complications, those associated with being brachycephalic. Developing puppies place an increasing metabolic demand on the bitch, including oxygen consumption and increases in heart rate. Pulmonary changes include increase oxygen consumption which results in less ventilation in the bitch. Progesterone levels decrease GI motility and stomach emptying, which increases the risk of aspiration.

Our goal is to counter the negative effects brought on by late term pregnancy. Proper planning and preparation for c-sections is critical for the results for which we are looking. Pre-oxygenation of the bitch will prevent low oxygen levels in the bitch and also increase delivery of oxygen delivered to the uterus. IV fluids help maintain cardiac output and blood pressure allowing us to maintain proper blood flow to the uterus and to maintain heart rates of the puppies. Pain control of the bitch using safe medications is indicated to decrease stress and its associated complications, and allows the use of less anesthetics resulting in less respiratory and central nervous system depression. It should be decided early whether to use an anti-emetic to reduce the risk of aspiration or post-operative esophagitis.

Careful and well thought out planning and preparation of your pregnant bitch's c-section will go a long way to having a successful outcome for the bitch and neonates.

In the next informational newsletter we will discuss proper resuscitation and care of the newborns.

Dr. Rick Kesler, DVM Royal Canin SSV





### Southern California Bulldog Bescue

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization Tax ID #20-8382808

www.socalbulldogrescue.org

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 <a href="https://www.ralphs.com">www.ralphs.com</a>, 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



#### **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



#### **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 scearch, they, too, will generate donations to SCBR. www.goodsearch.com



#### **Amazon Smile**

If you use Amazon.com regularly, you can help us while you shop! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at www.smile.amazon.com.



#### **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.

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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.

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:

Chris Candalario

Donna Candalrio

Ted and Karen Parry

Jeremy and Karina Westburg

#### **Welcome New BCGSD Members!**

None







### **Promote Purebred Dog Breeeders!**

