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## President's Message ...

To all members of the Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego and friends,

We have just finished another successful day at the San Diego County Fair. We had many visitors, and most of our bullies were worn out with affectionate pets, hugs and kisses. This was probably our busiest traffic flow ever. A special thanks to Amber, Rosie, and Patty and their families two and four legged for their participation.

Our Newsletter editor, Susan Rohringer, will be moving soon but is still in the Club and we want to express our thanks to her for all her service to the Club. Her work on the newsletter is always timely and informative and she is greatly appreciated. We wish her well on her move.

We are now in the summer months and need to be conscious of our four legged friends and their need to be cool and comfortable. Some occasional ice in their water will always be appreciated. Walks in the morning and evening when it is cooler will provide us and our bullies with good exercise and great memories.

Stay tuned to this newsletter for future activities and information about the Club. We are beginning to plan for our Specialty shows for next year. We have many areas that will need volunteers and welcome all who would like to participate. Many hands make light work so please let us know where you would like to help. For our new members, if you have questions, please send them to us.

We wish you all a very happy, cool, and successful summer.

Derek Rasmussen  
President



## UPCOMING EVENTS ...



**Saturday, July 23 is our fun-in-the-sun Bully Beach Party! We'll be meeting at the Ocean Beach Dog Beach, off of W. Point Loma Blvd and Voltaire St, San Diego, at 9:00 am. The dogs had a grand time last year, so get out your beach balls and doggie life jackets and get ready for some fun! For parking and directions, please see the flyer posted on the website.**

## 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

# Fresh Frozen Plasma and Serum, the Differences and their Uses

By Myra Savant Harris

I am only going to cover this topic from a layman's point of view. First thing that is important to understand is the basic differences between the two: Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP) and Serum. They are similar, but have some key differences that may affect your choices. (There are other sources for FFP but I am only going to recommend and reference Hemopet because I can vouch for their complete safety and excellent service.)



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

## Fresh Frozen Plasma (FFP)

Fresh Frozen Plasma has a different, more time consuming method of collection and is a different but very similar product. It is collected from dogs via two IV sites. Fresh whole blood is withdrawn from IV site #1 and a machine does the work of separating out the whole blood from the plasma. Red blood cells and white blood cells are placed back into the dog through IV site #2. Plasma and platelets are then placed into plastic transport tubes to be frozen and sold. This plasma/platelet product is what is referred to as **Fresh Frozen Plasma**. In its frozen state, it looks mostly icy with very small flecks of pink/red throughout. When thawed it is a light pinkish color and is safe to transfuse. Though it has the little pink/red flecks in it, it has not been hemolyzed. While dogs and people are only allowed to donate whole blood about every six weeks or so, platelets can be donated as often as every 48-72 hours if needed. The body manufactures platelets very rapidly. The more platelets you donate, the more platelets you will have.

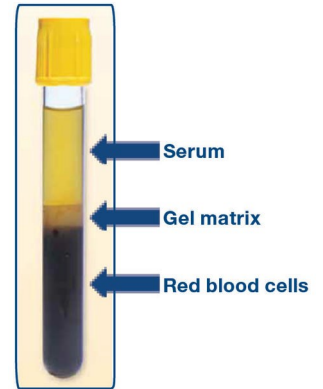
The dogs from which Hemopet collects FFP are rescued greyhounds that are placed into well-screened private homes after they have served as donors. While at Hemopet providing their donor services, they are kept sequestered and safe. They are what are called "universal donors" which means that their blood products can be safely given to all blood types of the canine. These dogs provide a very important service to dogs throughout the US. You can place an order for FFP from Hemopet, located in Irvine, California and they will ship it frozen the next business day for next day delivery. The product can be kept in your freezer for five full years. The antibodies are good for five years, but the clotting factors last only one year in your freezer. Shipping costs for out of the state of California is \$44.00 at this time but that shipping fee is the same for one tube as for 20 tubes. Breeders often place group orders and split the cost of shipping. The antibody properties are safe frozen for five years but the platelet properties became ineffective after one year.

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## Serum

Serum is useful but differs from plasma in these ways: Serum can be collected from your dog at the vet's office. Typing of both the donor and the receiver is necessary. Fresh whole blood is taken from a large vein and placed into a glass tube. The tube used is called a "separator tube" because it has a small layer of gel. As the tube is centrifuged, the whole blood and the plasma separate and are held separate by the little layer of gel, which moved up the tube during the centrifuging process. You are left with a glass tube (can't be frozen) that contains the whole blood products at the bottom, the layer of gel in the middle and the clear, light yellow serum at the top.



After centrifuging and removing the clear serum, the whole blood products and the separator tube is discarded. The serum can be used at the vet's office or you can ask for it to be poured off into a plastic transport tube for freezing at your home. It too can be kept frozen for five years, but it does not contain platelets.

The advantage to using serum is that you can have it drawn from any of your own dogs or use serum that has been removed from other dogs that may belong to others. You have more immediate access to serum, particularly during regular vet's clinic hours. The disadvantages are that you will not be guaranteed to have a universal donor blood product and may have to have the blood typed before using the serum. Your vet can give you advice regarding this. Serum does not have platelets, which are used to boost the clotting capabilities. There may be more expense involved when you factor in the costs of the vet's office visit and the costs of typing if your vet advises you to do so. An important advantage to serum is that if you are seeking antibodies to specific diseases you may be able to select dogs as donors who have survived a specific disease process and that blood will be rich in the antibodies that will fight that particular disease.

## Uses of FFP and Serum

The primary use of both FFP and Serum is to take advantage of the antibodies to diseases that they carry. **These products/antibodies can be used on all newborn puppies as a matter of regular newborn care to boost their general overall immunities. Hemopet recommends that FFP be administered to all normal, healthy looking, nursing puppies within 24 hours of birth.** It can be placed via feeding tube into the stomach or it can be given as a sub q injection at the

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back of the neck. After 24 hours of age, the stomach has 'matured' and will no longer accept the larger molecule of the plasma and must be injected sub-cutaneously.

If a puppy appears to be struggling, weak, or fading the recommendation is to give a total of three doses starting at birth or shortly thereafter, 12 hours of age and 24 hours of age. You can choose between feeding tube or sub q injection at anytime in the first 24 hours of age. After 24 hours of age, it must be administered sub cutaneously. At any age that a puppy appears to be having difficulties, you can feel safe using FFP to strengthen and boost the immune system of your puppies. You will need a sterile syringe and needle for each dose. A ten cc syringe and a short needle; 3/4 inch to 1 inch long, 22 or 23 gauge is an appropriate set up for any breed. Here is the basic formula for knowing how much serum should be given, but remember that Hemopet has excellent staff members who will also instruct you and can email instructions to you.

Translate the weight (in oz) of puppies into CC's first. For instance:

12 ounce puppy = 12 cc's

8 ounce puppy = 8 cc's

20 ounce puppy = 20 cc's

Then divide the cc's by 4. For instance:

12 cc's divided by 4 = 3 ccs....that is the dose you will administer

8 cc's divided by 4 = 2 ccs

20 cc's divided by 4 = 5 ccs

### Use of Serum for Disease Specific purposes

If your puppy contract diseases like Parvo, Canine Herpes Virus (CHV) or distemper, you can use serum from an adult dog who has survived the disease because that serum will be rich in antibodies to the disease. FFP will also work for Parvo or distemper but for CHV, you'll be better off finding a dog that has survived CHV within the last 18 months or so and using serum from that dog in a sub injection on your puppies. If you suspect that your bitch has contracted CHV while gestating, start searching for a dog, any breed, any gender, who has survived herpes and give serum from that dog to every puppy born as soon as they are dried and nursing. Once puppies have shown symptoms of being infected with herpes, they are often difficult to cure and complete recoveries must be viewed as rarities at this point in time. Use the same formula as described above to determine the amount of serum/FFP to administer to your puppies.



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### Use of Fresh Frozen Plasma for Clotting Purposes

Clotting mechanisms contained in FFP do not last a long time. If you are planning to remove dew claws yourselves or if you are making a vet's appointment for dew claw removal and/or tail docking, you can administer a single dose of FFP to each puppy up to 4 hours prior to the procedures to give the clotting capabilities of your puppies a boost. This will further insure that your puppies will have minimal blood loss during these minor surgical procedures.



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Hemopet's licensed full-service blood bank provides state-of-the-art blood components and supplies for transfusions to veterinary clinics nationwide. We strive to make transfusion medicine practical, safe and affordable.

Hemolife Diagnostics is dedicated to offering the highest quality, full-service veterinary laboratory diagnostic program. Hemolife specializes in thyroid testing.

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# BCA Div III Specialty & 2016 Summer Spectacular June 30 - July 3 At the beach Ventura Co Fairgrounds

Surfs Up! Don't miss the waves, entries close Wed June 15

Entries can be made through:

Div III (PL) – [www.picalo.com](http://www.picalo.com)

Division Sweeps + 3-All Breed Shows (PL) – [www.ibradshaw.com](http://www.ibradshaw.com)

Bulldog RV Village reservations – closes Monday June 6

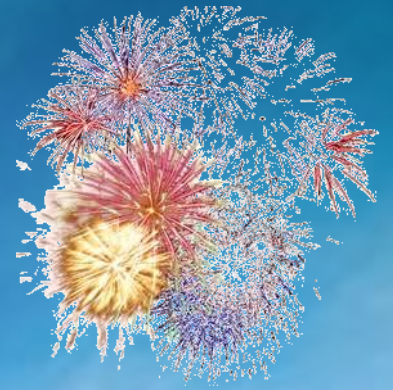
contact Scott Johnson (951)847-4874 [trvlgman1@verizon.net](mailto:trvlgman1@verizon.net)

or Lesley DeHaas (909)636-1949 [lesdehaas@aol.com](mailto:lesdehaas@aol.com)



## Scheduled Events

- Nice casual beach wear on Specialty day, 6/30 (NO bathing suits)
- BCA Div III hosted pizza lunch after Specialty Show – Ringside
- BCA Div III hosted breakfast 7/1 Fri morning after Breed – Bulldog Village
- BCA Div III Sweeps prior to All Breed show Sat 7/2
- BCA Div III hosted Tri-Tip BBQ 7/2 Sat evening – Bulldog Village w/ Div Awards, Championship Cake and a Live Auction





## 2016 SPRING BULLY BONNET AND "FLYBALL" PARTY

We had a great turnout for the Spring picnic, thank you to all who participated! Special thanks to Rosie Verdugo and Stewart Tulledge who hosted and planned the event. Below are some of the pictures to enjoy.







# Bulldog Club of America (BCA)



## Division III News

### BCA MEMBERS VOTE "YES" TO REVISE THE STANDARD!

The votes are in – BCA members voted "Yes" to revise the Bulldog Written Standard and make non-standard colored Bulldogs a disqualification! With an overall ballot return of 70%, the revisions passed as follows:

Ballot #1 Coat Color - 95% in support

Ballot #2 Eye Color in Head Section - 97% in support

<b>BCA Standard Revision Ballot Results – May 27, 2016</b>			
<u>Ballots</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Returned</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Individual Members	1669	1169	70%
Clubs	55	40	73%
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1724</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>70%</b>



<b>Ballot #1 - Coat Color</b>				
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Voting Yes	1094	94%	---	0%
Split Ballot	10	1%	41	4%
Voting No	---	0%	24	2%
Member Totals:	1104	94%	65	6%
Club Totals:	39	98%	1	3%
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1143</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5%</b>

<b>Ballot #2 - Eye Color in Head Section</b>						
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Voting Yes	1094	94%	---	0%	0	0.0%
Split Ballot	41	4%	8	1%	2	0.2%
Voting No	---	0%	24	2%	0	0.0%
Member Totals:	1135	97%	32	3%	2	0.2%
Club Totals:	39	98%	1	3%		
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

The ballot results were immediately submitted to AKC. The AKC board next meets in July 2016 where we anticipate a final approval date of August. Once the standard revisions are approved, the BCA can move forward with efforts to clean up the registration colors. Well done Bulldoggers!

By Susan Rohringer , BCA Division 3 Vice President, BCA Standard Revision Committee



## *Helpful Tips for better health ...*

**Let's talk EARS!** Don't forget to include ear cleaning as part of your regular grooming protocols.

### **Chronic Ear Infections in Canines** **Sometimes, old-fashioned care is better than the newest antibiotic.** by CJ Puotinen

Chronic ear infections are the bane of long-eared dogs, swimming dogs, recently vaccinated puppies, old dogs, dogs with an abundance of ear wax, and dogs with allergies, thyroid imbalances, or immune system disorders. In other words, ear infections are among the most common recurring canine problems.

In conventional veterinary medicine, infected ears are often treated with oral antibiotics, topical drugs, or even surgery. The problem is that none of these treatments is a cure. Ear infections come back when the dog eats another "wrong" food, goes for another swim, experiences another buildup of excess wax, or in some other way triggers a recurrence.

Holistic veterinarian Stacey Hershman, of Nyack, New York, took an interest in ear infections when she became a veterinary technician in her teens. "This is a subject that isn't covered much in vet school," she says. "I learned about treating ear infections from the veterinarians I worked with over the years. Because they all had different techniques, I saw dozens of different treatments, and I kept track of what worked and what didn't."



Over the years, Dr. Hershman developed a program for keeping ears healthy and treating any problems that do arise, without the steroids and antibiotics usually dispensed by conventional practitioners. In addition, when she treats a dog with infected ears, she usually gives a homeopathic remedy to stimulate the dog's immune system and help it fight the infection's underlying cause. "Ear infections are a symptom of a larger problem," she says. "You don't want to just treat the ear and ignore the rest of the body. You want to treat the whole patient."

Dr. Hershman believes that many ear infections, especially in puppies, stem from immune system imbalances caused by vaccinosis, a reaction to vaccines. "The ill effects of vaccines," she says, "can cause mucoid discharge in puppies. For example, it's not uncommon for puppies to have a discharge from the eyes or to develop conjunctivitis after a distemper vaccine."

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Once a dog develops an ear infection, conventional treatment can make the problem worse. “Dogs are routinely given cocktail drugs, which are combinations of antibiotics, antifungal drugs, cortisone, or other ingredients,” she explains.

“After a while, you’ll go through 10 tubes, and your dog will develop a resistance. Then you’ll have to go to more powerful drugs to treat the recurring infection. In conventional veterinary medicine, chronic ear infections are considered normal. Dog owners are told they’re a fact of life, they’re never cured, they just keep coming back, and the best you can do is ‘manage’ them. My goal is to cure, not to manage.”

Dr. Hershman’s treatment for infected ears is not a cure by itself, but it’s a remedy that isn’t harmful, and it gives you an important kick-start in treating ears holistically. “That’s the approach that leads to a cure,” she says.

Note: If your dog develops an ear infection for the first time, or if his condition seems especially severe or painful, take him to see your holistic veterinarian, to rule out a tumor, polyp, or something else that requires veterinary attention.

### **Maintenance cleaning**

Dr. Hershman’s healthy ears program starts with maintenance cleaning with ordinary cotton balls and cotton swabs. “This makes a lot of people nervous,” she says, “but the canine ear canal isn’t straight like the canal in our ears. Assuming you’re reasonably gentle, you can’t puncture the ear drum or do any structural damage.”

Moisten the ear with green tea brewed as for drinking and cooled to room temperature, or use an acidic ear cleanser that does not contain alcohol. Dr. Hershman likes green tea for its mildness and its acidifying, antibacterial properties, but she also recommends peach-scented DermaPet MalAcetic Otic Ear Cleanser or Halo Natural Herbal Ear Wash (see sidebar).

“Don’t pour the cleanser into the dog’s ear,” she warns, “or it will just wash debris down and sit on the ear drum, irritating it.” Instead, she says, lift the dog’s ear flap while holding a moistened cotton ball between your thumb and index finger. Push the cotton down the opening behind the tragus (the horizontal ridge you see when you lift the ear flap) and scoop upward. Use a few dry cotton balls to clean out normal waxy buildup.

Next, push a Q-tip into the vertical ear canal until it stops, then scoop upward while rubbing it against the walls of the vertical canal. Repeat several times, rubbing on different sides of the vertical canal. Depending on how much debris is present in each ear, you can moisten one or several cotton balls and use two or more Q-tips.

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“You don’t want to push so hard that you cause pain,” she says, “but for maintenance cleaning using gentle pressure, it’s impossible to harm the eardrum. I refer to the external ear canal as an L-shaped tunnel, and I tell owners to think of the vertical canal as a cone of cartilage. People are always amazed at how deep the dog’s ear canal can go. I often have them hold the end of the Q-tip while I demonstrate cleaning so they feel confident about doing it correctly without hurting their dogs.”

If excessive discharge requires the use of five or more Q-tips, or if the discharge is thick, black, or malodorous, Dr. Hershman recommends an ear flush.

### **Washing out debris**

Dr. Hershman realized that when an ear is not inflamed and not painful but full of debris or tarry exudates from a yeast or bacterial infection, flushing the ear makes sense. “If you don’t flush it out but keep applying medication on top of the debris,” she says, “you’re never going to cure the problem. But I also learned that flushing the ear is an art. You can’t simply fill the ear with otic solution and expect it to flow out by itself, taking all the debris with it. Because the dog’s ear canal forms a right angle, you just can’t get the liquid out unless you suction it gently with a bulb syringe or some kind of tube with a syringe attached.”

Flushing the ears, says Dr. Hershman, is one of the most important techniques you can learn for keeping your dog’s ears healthy. “They don’t teach this in veterinary school,” she says. “It’s something people learn by experience.”

When should the ears not be flushed? “If they’re painful, ulcerated, or bleeding,” she says, “or if there’s slimy, slippery pus in the ear or a glutenous, yeasty, golden yellow discharge. In any of these cases, flushing is not recommended. But if the ears are not inflamed and are simply waxy or filled with tarry exudates, flushing works well.”

The procedure begins with a mild, natural, unscented liquid soap from the health food store. Place a few drops of full-strength soap in the ear, then thoroughly massage the base of the ear. The soap is a surfactant, and it breaks up debris that’s stuck to the sides of the ear canal. From a bowl of water that’s slightly warmer than body temperature, fill a rubber bulb syringe or ear syringe, the kind sold in pharmacies for use with children or adults. Place the point of the syringe deep down in the soap-treated ear, then slowly squeeze the syringe so it releases a gentle stream of water.

“By the first or second application,” says Dr. Hershman, “you should see all kinds of debris flowing out. It’s like a waterfall. At the end of each application, hold the syringe in place so it sucks remaining water and debris up out of the ear canal. Then empty the syringe before filling it again.”

For seriously debris-filled ears, Dr. Hershman repeats the procedure three or four times, then she lets the dog shake his head before drying the ear with cotton balls and Q-tips. “I look for blood or debris,” she says, “and I check inside with the otoscope. If there’s still a lot of debris, I put more soap in, do a more vigorous massage, and flush it a few more times.”

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“An ear flush can be traumatic if the ear is inflamed,” she warns, “and occasionally there will be an ulcer or sore that you don’t know is there and it will bleed. That’s why you have to be careful about how you do this. You have to be vigorous but not aggressive. You don’t want to make the ear more inflamed, painful, or damaged than it was to begin with.”

After flushing the ear, Dr. Hershman applies calendula gel, a homeopathic remedy. “I put a large dab in each ear and ask the owner to do that once or twice a day for the next three days. The gel is water-soluble and very soothing. Calendula helps relieve itching and it stimulates the growth of new cells, so it speeds tissue repair.”



If the discharge in the dog’s ear is yeasty or obviously infected, Dr. Hershman skips the ear flush, instead using the following treatment.

### Treating infections

Careful treatment is required for infected ears and ears that are full of debris that resists even an ear flush. But what approach works best?

When Dr. Hershman began her veterinary practice, she met many dogs who wouldn’t let anyone touch their ears. “I knew that nothing I’d learned in vet school was going to help them,” she says, “so I thought back to all the treatments I’d seen over the years. The one that seemed most effective was a combination of boric acid and a thick, old-fashioned ointment that looks like pink toothpaste. I couldn’t remember its name, but I never forgot how it smelled – really peculiar, like burnt embers.”

The ointment was Pellitol, and as soon as she tracked it down, Dr. Hershman developed her own protocol for using it in combination with boric acid. Through groomers she had learned the importance of ear powders. “Like those powders,” she says, “boric acid dries and acidifies the ear. Yeast and bacteria are opportunistic organisms that die in a dry, acidic environment. They thrive where it’s moist, dark, and alkaline.” Experimenting first with her own dogs and dogs at the animal shelter where she volunteered, she placed two or three pinches of boric acid powder in each infected ear unless it was ulcerated, bleeding, or painful. “Being acidic,” she explains, “boric acid might irritate open wounds. In that case, I would use the Pellitol alone. Otherwise, a pinch or two of boric acid is an effective preliminary treatment.”

Boric acid is toxic; note warnings on the label. It should not be inhaled, swallowed, or placed in the eye. Shielding the face is important and usually requires a helper, someone who can hold the dog’s head steady while protecting the eyes, nose, and mouth.

“I put the boric acid in and use my finger to work it deep into the ear canal,” she says. “If the dog has a very narrow ear canal, I gently work it down with a Q-tip.”

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Next, she attaches the Pellitol applicator to the tube and squeezes the pasty ointment into the ear canal, applying enough pressure as she withdraws the tube to completely fill the canal. “I massage the ear,” she says, “especially around the base, then leave it undisturbed for an entire week. I learned this by trial and error. The Pellitol dries up within a day or two, but if you leave it undisturbed for an entire week, it removes whatever exudates are in the ear, whether they’re sticky, tarry, yeasty, or slimy pus. It just attaches to whatever’s there, dries it up, and everything falls out together.”

Pellitol ointment contains zinc oxide, calamine, bismuth subgalante, bismuth subnitrate, resorcinol, echinacea fluid extract, and juniper tar. “Zinc oxide,” says Dr. Hershman, “is a drying agent; calamine helps with itching and inflammation; bismuth is soothing and has antibacterial properties; resorcinol is used to treat dermatitis and other skin conditions; echinacea is antiviral and antibacterial; and juniper tar, like all tree resins, fights infection and makes the ointment very sticky. Once applied, it stays in place until it dries and flakes off, taking the ear’s debris with it.”

After a week, the ear should be much improved. “That’s when I use cotton balls or Q-tips to remove whatever’s left,” says Dr. Hershman. “I love this treatment because it works well, it doesn’t traumatize the ear, and it doesn’t antidote homeopathy.”

If Pellitol has an adverse side effect, it’s the product’s stickiness. “I tell people to protect their furniture for a day or two,” says Hershman. “The ointment will stick to anything it touches, and when you fill the ear, it can stick to the outside of the ear or the dog’s face. That excess will dry and fall off. You can remove it with vegetable oil, but leave the inside of the ear flap alone.”

Sometimes a second treatment is needed, and sometimes Dr. Hershman flushes the ear to complete the therapy.

While dog owners can successfully treat many ear problems with the foregoing program by themselves, don’t hesitate to bring your dog to your holistic veterinarian if he exhibits severe pain or discomfort, or if the ear problems recur. There may be an underlying issue that your holistic veterinarian can identify and treat.

Also, there have been cases in which the alternatives described here don’t work. If this happens, conventional treatment might be needed to defeat the bacteria infecting the dog’s ear. Dr. Hershman’s cleaning and flushing program can be used afterward for preventive maintenance.

### **Ear mites**

Not every ear infection is an infection; sometimes it’s an infestation. Ear mites are tiny parasites that suck blood and fill the ear with waste matter that looks like black coffee grounds. The problem is most common in dogs from pet shops, puppy mills, shelters, or breeders with unclean environments.

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How can you tell if your dog has ear mites? The definitive test is by microscopic examination, but Dr. Hershman describes two simple home tests. “Smear some ear debris on a white paper towel and wet it with hydrogen peroxide,” she says. “If it creates a brownish red stain when you smear it, you’re looking at digested blood from mites. In addition, most animals with ear mites have a positive ‘thump test.’ They vigorously thump a hind leg when you clean their ears because of intense itching.”

Ear mites are usually treated with pesticides, but there’s a safer, easier way. Simply put a few drops of mineral oil in each ear once or twice a week for a month.

Mineral oil has a terrible reputation in holistic health circles because it’s a petrochemical that blocks pores and interferes with the skin’s ability to breathe. But when it comes to fighting ear mites, these characteristics are a virtue. Mineral oil smothers and starves ear mites. Reapplying the oil twice per week prevents the growth of new generations.

Herbal ear oils containing olive oil or other vegetable oils can be less effective in the treatment of ear mites, either because they contain nutrients that feed the tiny parasites or because they are not heavy enough to smother them.

For best results, use an eyedropper to apply mineral oil to the inside of the ear. Then use a cotton ball saturated with mineral oil to wipe inside the ear flap. Massage the entire ear to be sure the mineral oil is well distributed. Before each subsequent application, remove debris from the ear with cotton balls and Q-tips. If mites have caused a secondary infection, follow the mineral oil treatment with Pellitol ointment and leave it undisturbed for several days.

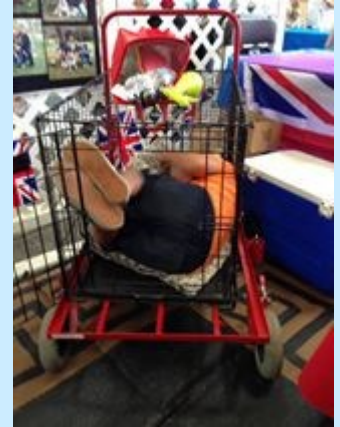
### **Veterinary help**

If you are unsure of your ability to clean or treat your dog’s ears, you can ask your holistic veterinarian to help you; with a little practice, you should be able to prevent ear problems and help your dog maintain a clean, dry, healthy ear on your own.

“These are simple, old-fashioned remedies,” says Dr. Hershman. “There is nothing high-tech about them. But after 30 years of treating ear infections, I’m convinced more than ever that they are the best way to treat canine ear infections.”



Some pictures from our booth at the San Diego Fair on June 25







**DAM**

**SIRE**



**Litter 1:**

Juliet  
(BCA Gold Level Ambassador For Health)  
X  
MBSI GCH Patton's Attila The Hun of Pannonia  
(BCA Platinum Level Ambassador For Health)  
Breeders: Andrew and Susan Rohringer  
Puppies Born: June \_\_\_\_\_

**Litter 2:**

Lady Luck's Chargin' To The Maxx (Charly)  
(BCA Gold Level Ambassador For Health)  
X  
Lady Luck's Only The Boss (Boss)  
(BCA Gold Level Ambassador For Health)  
Breeders: Amber Vallejo, John and Patti Merkt  
Due date: July 19

**Litter 3:**

Validus Gunslinger Rebel Rousin' Ruby  
(BCA Gold Level Ambassador For Health)  
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MBSI GCH Patton's Attila The Hun of Pannonia  
(BCA Platinum Level Ambassador For Health)  
Breeders: Andrew and Susan Rohringer  
Due date: July 17

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**BREEDER DIRECTORY & LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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silverdollarsue@hotmail.com

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**Breeding/Litter Announcements:**

See above for litter details. Please note that all of the dams and sires have been OFA Health Tested!

Well done, BCGSD breeders!



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).



# 2016

## Upcoming Shows



### UPCOMING CONFORMATION SHOWS:

- 06/24 Fri **Kennel Club of Beverly Hills**  
Cal State Univ. Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
- 06/25 Sat **Long Beach Kennel Club**  
Cal State Univ. Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
- 06/30 Thu **BCA Division 3 Specialty**  
Seaside Park, Ventura, CA
- 07/01 Fri **Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association**  
Seaside Park, Ventura, CA
- 07/02-07/03 Sat-Sun **Burbank Kennel Club**  
Seaside Park, Ventura, CA
- 07/08 Fri **Channel City Kennel Club**  
Cal State Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA
- 07/09-07/10 Sat-Sun **Santa Maria Kennel Club**  
Cal State Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA
- 07/30-07/31 Sat-Sun **Lompoc Valley Kennel Club**  
Ryon Park, Lompoc, CA
- 08/13-08/14 Sat-Sun **South Bay Kennel Club**  
North High School, Torrance, CA
- 08/26 Fri **Simi Valley Kennel Club**  
Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA
- 08/27-08/28 Sat-Sun **Santa Barbara Kennel Club**  
Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA
- 08/29 Mon **Los Encinos Kennel Club**  
Earl Warren Fairgrounds, Santa Barbara, CA

### 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**  
Audrie Johnson, [fjohnson@san.rr.com](mailto:fjohnson@san.rr.com)  
[www.sandiegoobedienceclub.org](http://www.sandiegoobedienceclub.org)
- Temecula Valley Agility Club**  
Deb Carlson, [teamgolden101@aol.com](mailto:teamgolden101@aol.com)  
[www.temeculavalleyagilityclub.com](http://www.temeculavalleyagilityclub.com)

### All-BREED CLUBS OFFERING Obedience/Rally/Agility:

- Bahia Sur Kennel Club**  
Georjean Jensen,  
[www.facebook.com/BahiaSurKennelClub](http://www.facebook.com/BahiaSurKennelClub)
- Cabrillo Kennel Club**  
Robin Garcia, [torridon@att.net](mailto:torridon@att.net)
- Del Sur Kennel Club**  
Kathi Horton, [midnitesun@cox.net](mailto:midnitesun@cox.net)  
[www.delsurkc.com](http://www.delsurkc.com)
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- Silver Bay Kennel Club**  
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## 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	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
2	2	6	8	10	14	14	18	20	26

Visit [www.jbradshaw.com](http://www.jbradshaw.com) and [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com) for a complete list of upcoming shows in our area.

**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.*



PLEASE DIRECT ANY INQUIRIES,  
OR EMAIL ANY STUDY INFORMATION  
**MICHAEL W. HUGHES, PH. D.**  
**MWHUGHES@USC.EDU**

**CLEFT PALATE STUDY**

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

**ZENA WOLF**  
**ZTWOLF@UCDAVIS.EDU**

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

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# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BULLDOG RESCUE

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

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



## 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](http://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.



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

### Welcome New BCGSD Members!

Charles and Lisa Batsch

Ted and Karen Parry

Jeremy and Karina Westburg



## The Dog Days of Summer ... chillax and have fun!

