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President's Message

Dear Club Members and Visitors,

Welcome to the dog days of summer. In July, we had two successful events. On July 4th, our booth at the Del Mar Fair was a real hit with both old and young alike. The Bullies were wonderful ambassadors of good will for the Club and for the breed. A special thanks to Jeff and Ellen Fuller, Jane Boehrer, Karl and Netanya Dayzie, Carlos Montoya, Jim and Olivia Franklin and to Cindy Rasmussen for their participation and sharing their bullies with the people of San Diego County. Many visitors had an opportunity to learn more about Bulldogs and had the opportunity to meet and interact with some of our four legged bully buddies.

Our other major events were the Bulldog Specialty Shows on July 17 & 18. They were held at Guajome Park in Oceanside and were well attended and a great success. The show was organized by Jamie Kimball. I want to extend a special thanks to Mark and Elgene Davison, Daryn and Tina Marie Donato, Janice Hochstetler, Cindy Rasmussen and the entire Kimball family for their exemplary service and dedication to making it happen. I am grateful for the support of Club members for their entries in the shows – Thomas and Elsa White, Elgene Davison, Daryn and Tina Marie Donato, Kasey and Jamie Kimball and Janice Hochstetler. Thanks also to Betty Fisher for her beautiful ribbons. I encourage more members to get involved in our shows next year.

Coming up in the very near future is our August picnic. It will be on Saturday the 22nd of August at Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park in San Diego just off the Adams Ave exit from the I-15 freeway. There will be a Bulldog Beauty contest in which bullies and their families can participate. I look forward to seeing many of you at our picnic.

In the past year we have been increasingly concerned about puppy mills, imported dogs and disreputable breeders. When in doubt about purchasing a bulldog, remember these rules: Do your homework! Buy from a reputable breeder. Don't be afraid to wait for a good dog. Buy yourself a quality puppy, not an expensive problem that may lead to

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Upcoming Events

August 22, 2009	August Picnic at Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park
October 17, 2009	Halloween
December 4, 2009	Holiday Dinner

TIDBITS
from the editor

Heat stroke is an excessive rise of body temperature such that there is direct thermal injury to body tissues.

Factors that increase your Bulldog's risk of developing heat stroke include:

- water deprivation
- excessive heat/humidity
- obesity
- exercise
- cardiovascular disease
- lack of acclimatization

The elevated body temperatures affect multiple organs. Heat stroked dogs often present with temperatures >106 F, have extreme panting and hyper-salivation, and the mucous membranes are often dark. The animal is generally in shock, may have diarrhea and/or vomiting, and is often unresponsive or comatose.

The longer the temperature is elevated the worse the damage. Once you've determined your Bulldog has heat stroke, spray or immerse it in cold water, and get veterinary help. Keep the windows down in the car on the way to the veterinary clinic. Putting ice on the animal is not recommended as this constricts the blood vessels, which impedes the heat loss. Massaging the animal is thought to improve blood flow and thus help cooling. It is not recommended that you cool the animal below 103 F as further passive cooling will occur and animals often become hypothermic.

heartbreak. Janice Hochstetler is our breeder referral representative and she will be happy to help in any way she can to find you reputable breeder.

At a recent board meeting, we determined that we would like to provide a policy for sponsoring new members into the Club. We would like all members new and old alike to feel comfortable in the Club and hopefully develop some lasting friendships. Our new policy as it pertains to sponsoring new members is:

- (1) All members must have a sponsor before being considered for membership by the board.
- (2) Any active member in full fellowship (Current Dues Paid) may act as a sponsor.
- (3) If an application is received with a sponsor's name, the board may inquire about the applicant with the sponsor before approving the name.
- (4) If an application is received without a sponsor, the applicant will be invited to attend an event, meet with the members and acquire a sponsor.
- (5) A person does not need to attend an activity to acquire a sponsor, but attendance at an activity is still a requirement for membership.

On behalf of the board I extend my thanks to all of you who support the Club in so many ways and encourage your continued support. I am personally grateful to each of our board members for their hard work and dedication to the Club.

Derek Rasmussen



Del Mar Fair





Specialty Show



Canine Travel Tips

Taking your dog on the family vacation can make for a great trip, if you plan carefully.

Are you traveling by car, plane, train, bus, or boat? How long will the trip take? Will you be staying with family or friends, or at a hotel or motel? Is your dog in good health?

These are some of the questions you will need to answer to make your trip safe and fun.

Safety

A crate or harness that attaches to the seat belt should be used for your dog's safety when traveling. Crates and harnesses are available from most pet supply stores. Be sure to provide plenty of water and a favorite toy to make your dog as comfortable as possible. Also, be sure the crate...

- is large enough to allow the dog to stand, turn and lie down
- is secured to the vehicle
- is strong, with handles or grips, and free of interior protrusions
- has a leak-proof bottom covered with plenty of absorbent material
- has ventilation on opposing sides, with exterior rims or knobs to prevent blocked airflow
- has a "LIVE ANIMAL" label, arrows upright, with owner's name, address and phone number

By Car

When traveling by car, be sure to keep your dog comfortable. Bring along a favorite toy to make your dog feel secure.

If it's hot, open car windows to provide sufficient ventilation. Do not let your dog stick its head out of the window; this may lead to eye or ear injuries. Also, do not let your dog travel in the back of an open pickup truck. Your dog could be injured in an accident.

To help prevent motion sickness in your dog, take several short trips in the car before your journey. Also, feed your dog lightly before the trip, about one-third the normal amount.

By Plane

When traveling by plane, plan to visit your veterinarian before your trip. Certification of health must be provided no more than 10 days before travel. Rabies and vaccination certificates are also required. Your dog should be at least 8 weeks old and weaned.

Airlines make it clear that it is the owner's responsibility to verify the dog's health and ability to fly. Ask your veterinarian if it would be best for your dog to be tranquilized for the trip. Also be sure to check the temperature of the flight's starting point and destination; it may be too hot or too cold to be safe for your dog.

Federal regulations prohibit shipping live animals as excess baggage or cargo if an animal will be exposed to temperatures that are below 45°F or above 85°F for more than four hours during departure, arrival, or while making connections.

Remember that each airline has its own variations on regulations and services. For example, if your crate doesn't meet its requirements, the airline may not allow you to use it. They may, however, allow your dog

in the passenger cabin if your crate or carrier fits under the seat in front of you.

When making your reservations, you must make reservations for your dog. There are restrictions on the number of animals permitted. They are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

By Train, Bus and Boat

If you decide to travel by train, you may be disappointed. Amtrak does not allow pets of any kind, including dogs. (Service dogs *are* permitted.) Local and commuter trains have their own policies.

Travel by bus may be equally disappointing. Greyhound and other bus companies that travel interstate are not allowed to carry live animals, including dogs. (Service dogs *are* permitted.) Local bus companies have their own policies.

Federal law (Americans with Disabilities Act) allows equal access to all "Service Dogs" (ie., hearing assistance, mobility assistance, etc.). It is crucial if you are traveling with a service dog to alert the carrier that you are coming with a service dog so that they may accommodate you with special seating, if available. If you travel with a service dog, you need to know those laws and carry a copy of the law with you and the number for the ADA office in the U.S. Department of Justice, (800) 514-0301 (voice) and (800) 514-0383 (TDD). You may come across a gate agent, ticket seller, conductor, etc. who does not know the law.

If you're taking a cruise, you may be in luck. For example, the QE2 luxury cruiser, which sails from New York to England/France, provides special lodging and free meals for your dog.

Check with the cruise line or ship that you are planning to use for its policies. Smaller ships will usually not be able to accommodate your dog.

Lodging

If you plan to stay at a hotel or motel, be sure to find out in advance if it allows dogs because many do not.

If your dog is allowed to stay at your hotel or motel, respect the privacy of other guests. Keep your dog as quiet as possible.

Beware of leaving your dog unattended. Many dogs bark or destroy property in a strange place.

Prevent any possibility of unwanted messes or an escape. Keep your dog in its crate at night or if you must, leave it in your room alone. Also, ask where you should walk your dog, and be sure to clean up after your dog.

Please remember, for hotels to continue to accept guests with dogs, it is important to respect hotel property, staff and fellow guests.

International

International travel involves much more than interstate travel. Each country has its own rules and regulations.

Many countries have a quarantine period. Check with the embassy or consulate of the country of your destination for details.

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Other Helpful Tips

However you travel, keep these tips in mind:

- Make sure your dog has a sturdy leash and collar. The collar should have identification tags, a license and proof of rabies vaccinations. Your home phone number should be on the tags as well.
- You may want to consider a permanent form of ID (such as a microchip or tattoo) that can increase the likelihood of reuniting you with your dog if it gets lost far from home.
- Carry recent pictures of your dog with you. If you are accidentally separated, these pictures will help local authorities find your dog.
- Take the phone number of your veterinarian and any special medication your dog needs. Some dogs can't adjust to abrupt changes in diet, so pack your dog's regular food, bowls and a cooler of water.
- If you think you might need to board your dog at some point during your travels, be sure to bring your dog's complete vaccination records.

Here are some other resources you may want to consult:

Directories/Books

- *On the Road Again With Man's Best Friend: United States*, by Dawn Habgood and Robert Habgood
- *On the Trail With Your Canine Companion: Getting the Most Out of Hiking and Camping with Your Dog*, by Cheryl S. Smith, Howell Book House
- *Pets Welcome, A Guide to Hotels, Inns and Resorts That Welcome You and Your Pet*, by Kathleen Fish and Robert Fish, Bon Vivant Press
- *Traveling with your Pet: The AAA Petbook: The AAA Guide to More Than 10,000 Pet-friendly AAA Rated Lodgings Across the United States and Canada*, by Greg Weekes, American Association of Automobiles
- *Vacationing With Your Pet*, by Eileen Barish, Pet-Friendly Publications
- *Great Vacations for You and Your Dog, USA*, Martin Management Books

Other Resources

Numerous websites are dedicated to traveling with your pet. Check out www.petswelcome.com and www.doggonefun.com. Both have national lists of hotels, campgrounds, resorts and bed-and-breakfasts for you and your best friends.





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Hello from San Diego Bulldog Rescue! We currently have 12 bulldogs in our program that are in need of wonderful homes. Here is a very special boy:

Name: Titus
Age: 7
Gender: Male
Location: San Diego, CA



Reason given up for adoption:
Owner Surrender
Temperament:
Excellent
Health Condition:
In Rehab
Placement Limitations:
Southern California
Special Needs:
Yes

Comments:

Hi out there! I'm Titus! I have a sad story to tell. Once I was an adorable little puppy, as all bulldogs are. I played, I was fun, and I was so loveable. Then, as the years went by, I developed glaucoma in my eyes. My family didn't treat my eyes with the needed eye drops or surgery to release the constant pressure behind my eyeballs. Oh, I was in such pain everyday. Since I was not treated for my condition, I am now completely blind. I will have surgery to have my eyes removed, since I don't need them anymore, and then I won't need any eye drops, ever. I am also being treated for demodectic mange, skin, and ear infections. Soon I will be good as new. My foster mom says I am the sweetest, most loving bulldog ever. I have learned my way around the house, by following her voice and being guided. Now I can do it all by myself! I am SO smart. I can find my water, my way outside, and my way to my favorite chair:-) I sure do love people, even though I can't see them anymore. I wiggle with love when you talk to me and rub me. I have tons of love to give still! TONS! So, I need a kind hearted person to take me as their own and accept all the love I have to give.

Here is a beautiful poem:

I cannot see you Mommy, when you cuddle me so near.
And yet I know you love me, it's in the words I hear.
I cannot see you Daddy, when you hold me by your side
But still I know you love me when you tell me so with pride.
I cannot see to run and play out in the sun so bright
For here inside my tiny head it's always dark as night.
I cannot see the treats you give when I am extra good
But I can wag my tail in Thanks just like a good dog should.
"She cannot see. The dogs no good" is what some folks might say
"She can't be trained, she'll never learn She must be put away."
But not you, Mom and Daddy You know that it's alright
Because I love you just as much as any dog with sight.
You took me in, you gave me love and we will never part
Because I'm blind with just my eyes, I see you in my heart. ---
Sherrill Wardrip
Love, Titus

Please submit an application online at www.rescuebulldogs.org before inquiring about Titus. Applicants must be within driving distance, we do not ship dogs.

Congratulations to our most recently adopted bulldogs: Duncan, Kelani, Fergie, Gertie, Bruno, Gretchen, Hermie, Chunk, Jack, Jazz, Tabatha and Hana! We love you and wish you much happiness in your new homes!

Special thanks to Rhoda and Robert Slifka for their generous donations to our program. You have helped us save many dogs, and we are very appreciative!

**A column to address common training problem
for pet owners.**

**You are welcome to send in your questions or problems to
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Dear Fang,

We need some advice on how to help our 6 year old male(fixed) bulldog. We think he might have separation anxiety.?? He has become increasingly aggressive towards our feet when we go somewhere in the evening. (never when we leave in the morning for work) It started about 6 months ago he would go for my shoes and try to bite them maybe once a month. But, recently he's doing it more often and actually won't listen when we tell him to sit or stay and started bearing his teeth /growling. Now I'm afraid if friends or family come over and start to leave he might do that to them. Can a 6 year olds behavior be corrected? He also started grabbing his leash & pulls on it like a tug of war, when we walk him and won't let go. Mostly he does it if we stop to talk to someone or if a dog barks from another yard. We need help on how to correct his behavior because we don't want to have to give him up. He's very loved and probably spoiled too much. (FYI, we have another male bulldog that we got from the rescue, they've lived together for 5 years & he doesn't act like that).

Thank you for your time.

Suzy & Jon

Hi Suzy & John,
Without knowing the dog I can only surmise but I suspect this is an escalation of previous behavior that you didn't really notice. You mentioned probably spoiled too much and that is probably true. You can have spoiled and behaved at the same time

but it can be a fine line. Your other dog is probably more laid back and spoiling doesn't affect him but some dogs are pretty high powered and you have to set limits and stick to them. I speak from experience here because Fang and his descendants are all pretty strong minded.

You mentioned he won't follow directions when you are leaving so I would try a couple of things. Put a

leash on him then lead him towards the door after you have made preparations for leaving (this is a set-up). Have some GOOD treats either in your pocket or close to the door. Ask him to sit and treat and praise lavishly. Do this several times, take off the leash and toss a couple of treats away from the door and go out.

If he refuses to follow commands move further from the door and try again.

You might put him on a leash when you have guests too, especially when they are leaving. If he grabs the leash at any time drop it and stand on it. If you take away the game there is no contest.

This is a problem I have with Copper and fortunately she is only in advanced competitions now and everything is performed off-lead ☺. We're still dealing with it when she's on lead.

I would really recommend some obedience classes as well, you need to establish who is really the pack leader but it has to be done with positive, but firm and consistent, methods.

Let me know if this helps.

Fang, via betty

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Betty Fisher

Betty Fisher has owned and trained Bulldogs to more than twenty obedience, carting and agility titles. She is the author of "So Your Dog's Not Lassie" an award winning book on training

independent dogs and "Caninestein", both recommended by the Bulldog Club of America. Betty writes a regular performance column for the Bulldogger, magazine of the Bulldog Club of America.



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August Summer Picnic Saturday 22nd at Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park



Next Board Meeting
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