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## President's Message

Dear Fellow Bulldoggers,

I want to welcome our newest member Elgene Davison to the Club. She and "Chester" live in Carlsbad. We are now in the dog days of summer and need to be particularly mindful of our bullies and be sure that they have plenty of cold water available. Early mornings and later evenings are good times to take them out for socialization and exercise.

In the month of June, we had a successful and fun time at the Del Mar Fair. The format was different from past years with only one breed highlighted per day. 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 and their owners. I want to express my special thanks to Sarah Grant, a member of our board, for all her hard work in organizing the event. I would also like to express my appreciation to all the wonderful members of the Club who volunteered their time and efforts and contributed to this successful activity.

Coming up in the very near future is our August picnic. Geri Dimeglio, a member of the board will be organizing this activity. If there are any of you who would like to help, please contact Geri. Her phone and e-mail address is on the front page of the newsletter.

On behalf of the officers and Board, I thank you all for your support, and encourage you to get involved in club activities. There is a lot more we could do with more involvement. We appreciate your input and encourage your questions and suggestions for club improvement.

Derek Rasmussen



Greetings from Fawn

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Cyndee McGowan and Buster



## Upcoming Events

**August 18, 2007** Annual BCGSD Summer Picnic at Dusty Rhodes Park in Ocean Beach

**October 20, 2007** October Halloween Party

**December 28, 2007** December Holiday Party at Elaine's house.

**Division III Specialty Show May 17 & 18, 2008**

## New Members

“A great big bullie hug to our new members”

**Jim and Ellen Laramie and Calvin** from Chula Vista

Mentor: Tom White

**Elgene Davison and Chester & Teaser** from Carlsbad

Mentor Sarah Grant

## August Picnic

Lunch Menu

Hot Dogs or Hamburger,  
side & drink \$5.00

Rescue will hold a  
baked goods sale for  
dessert



## RSVP For the Dog Days of Summer

Tuesday, August 14, 2007, 7:00 PM  
Petco Park

### Padres vs. Colorado Rockies

This is your opportunity to bring your best canine friend to a Padres game. Stop by any San Diego County PETCO store for more information and sign up your dog. Once you submit your application by mail you will be notified if you are accepted.

You must pre-register for this event through Petco, you cannot just go onto the Padre site and purchase tickets and show up with your dog. I just called Petco and they have applications available now. From what I understand, this is a VERY popular event and sells out quickly. Acceptance of applications depends on number of applications submitted, if your dog is current on rabies shots, etc.

Seats are \$8.00 per person, and are in the bleacher area.

## TIDBITS

from the editor

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Before you visit an establishment or place, please contact them and verify that they are still dog-friendly and available, as policies and management change frequently. All places listed require your dog to be leashed and under your direct control unless specified otherwise by an establishment (including parks and beaches). Please be aware of local [Breed-Specific Laws](#) that may be in place where you are visiting. For more info. go to [DogFriendly.com](#)



## July Minutes

Meeting held July 15, 2007

Naomi's house in Santee

**Board Members Present:** Derek Rasmussen, Sarah Grant, Naomi Bell, Kasey Kimball, Thomas White, Elsa White

**Board Members Absent:** Geri Dimeglio, Corina Cauldren and Janice Hochstetler

**Other Members Present:** Marie Olson Weir and Jaime Kimball

### Board Member Reports:

**Derek** - We voted in two new members, Jim & Ellen Laramie & Calvin their bully.

**Naomi** - Bulldog Rescue Committee Report - has not received yet

**Specialty Show 2008 Report:** We discussed a theme we all agreed on: "Fun In The Sun".

Motion was passed to do our Specialty Show in conjunction with the BCA. We are looking into having a sponsor(s), i.e. Solid Gold. Also, where to have the show is being researched. Motion was passed to have a budget for the show. A show committee needs to be formed.

**Sara** - Yahoo Group is not up yet. Motion was passed to have a separate booth for rescue for next year's Meet The Breed and Del Mar Fair. Members voted to update club brochures and pictures.

### Other Discussion Items:

**August Picnic:** Date: Saturday, August 18, 2007 at Dusty Rhodes Park in Ocean Beach.

**October Halloween Party:** Date: Saturday October 20, 2007

**December Holiday Party:** Date: Friday, December 28, 2007 Location: Elaine's house

**Future Board Meetings** - All members are welcome to the board meetings. The next meeting has been set for September 8th at Sara's house.

**Other Business** - Mentoring new members Jim & Ellen Laramie, Derek assigned Thomas White to mentor them.



The website has a new feature - **the Bulldog Forums**. To access the forums, click on the link at the far right of the main website menu. Currently there is an open board where all can post - no registration is required. However, once you register (and are verified as a club member) there are two additional boards - one for club members to chat amongst each other and one "swap and sell" board for club members to unload bulldog items they no longer want or need.

Registration is simple - on the top menu of the forum is a link to "Register". Click there and agree to the terms and conditions and you will

be sent to the registration screen. Once you complete the info an email is sent to the board admin for approval - it should be processed within 24 hours.

Unfortunately the open board is getting spammed almost daily with ads. If a way around this cannot be found, then the board will have to change to registration only.

Feel free to email any suggestions or comments on the website to [webmaster@sdbulldogs.org](mailto:webmaster@sdbulldogs.org)

# Cool Bulldog Remedies

## Emergency Bland Diet for Sickness:

1 lb. ground beef, 2 cups rice (not instant), 2 cups cold water, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, mix in saucepan and bring to a boil; boil till rice is cooked; add water if needed as cooking; cool and feed 1-1/2 cups 2 times a day.

## Flatulence:

One or two TBS whole fat yogurt daily, or acidophilus or Beano can help with Bulldog gas.

## Chin Acne:

Use stainless steel bowls at all times. Plastic & crockery harbor bacteria and cause little chin zits, which can lead to infection. Wipe the chin with Listerine then dust lightly with Gold Bond Medicated powder.

## Shedding:

Add 1 TBS of peanut oil, olive oil, corn oil or salmon oil daily to food. Brush your dog daily.

## Allergies:

1 mg. of Benadryl per lb. of body weight 2 times a day. Pink Benadryl pill or capsule is 25 mg.

## Yeasty Feet and/or Inter-Digital Cysts:

2 gallons of warm water in the tub; add 1 cup of Clorox and stand the dog in it for 5-10 minutes. Do not rinse - just pat dry with an old towel. Do this for 4-5 days, if the feet do not improve then see the vet. You can also put hemorrhoid cream on the cyst.

## Hot Spots:

Apply Listerine mouthwash or apple cider vinegar, pat dry, and then dust lightly with Gold Bond powder. Persistent areas may be ringworm or staph and need to be diagnosed by a vet.

## Head Shakes:

Some bulldogs will experience a bit of hypoglycemia sometimes between meals. Just about anything sweet will help to control it. Repeated and persistent head tremors are a different issue, which need to be addressed by your vet.

## Pain Relievers:

Regular baby aspirin or buffered aspirin are the only "otc" pain relievers that are safe to give to your dog on occasion. NEVER give your dog Tylenol, Advil or Aleve.

## Emergency Phlegm Problems:

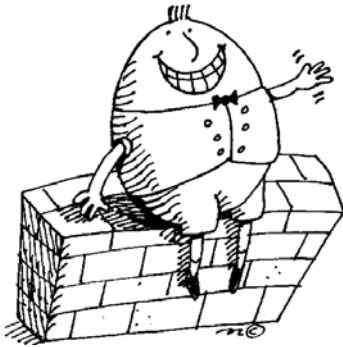
Keep "squirt" lemon juice (can be found at your local grocery store). Squirt it quickly down the throat to break up the phlegm. Excessive panting due to exertion and excitement can cause the production of phlegm. Some dogs are willing to drink sprite or cola, which can also help to break up the phlegm.

When a dog has difficulty passing phlegm, there is also difficulty breathing. It is very scary to observe your dog being unable to expel phlegm or vomit and struggling to breathe. Be prepared to press with your fingers on the back on your dog's tongue to allow for the passage of a collection of phlegm or vomit. Many dogs produce yellow bile phlegm in the morning. A biscuit at night and upon waking can reduce the incidence. (from the BCGS newsletter)



# Humpty Dumpty

Do you have a dog that does the "Humpty Dumpty" dance on you or other family members? Or does the dog prefer pillows and stuffed animals? If so, here is some advice:



Give the dog a very firm correction, immediate and pronounced, and look him in the eye when delivering it. Most often the knee in the face works for jumping. If you keep a harness on the dog you can grab the harness and quickly pull him off your leg while firmly telling him "NO..OFF!" Then walk away before he can do it again. If you need to kennel him for five minutes after you give the correction and he won't stop humping, then do the kenneling/isolation. You need to be even more persistent than he is.

Time out in another room away from you for just a few minutes every time he attempts to hump and he will soon stop with just a warning. Dogs do not like to be isolated away from their people. Tell him, "No Hump!" and then lead him by his collar to a bathroom or laundry room. Shut the door and come back in 4 minutes and let him out and say nothing. If he starts up again,



back he goes. Say, "No Hump!" and lead him back to the isolation spot. He'll catch on soon!

# The Training Corner

## The Importance of Exercise in Your Dogs Daily Routine

Exercise is one of the most overlooked aspects of your dog's life. Owners believe that if they have access to the backyard that they get all the exercise they need.

### **NOT!!!**

Most Bulldogs don't want to be by themselves, even with another dog present. Having two or more dogs doesn't guarantee that they would rather play than lay in the sun. They soon become bored and everyone knows what happens when a too smart Bulldog becomes bored; barking, chewing, plots to escape, yards that need to be rearranged, to name a few. Dogs need daily exercise routines, just as people do. In most cases, a tired dog is a better behaved one.

### **Destructive behaviors just seem to disappear.**

Not only taking your dog for a walk but one on one games such as fetch, chasing a ball (have several on hand), relay racing (running between family members for praise and treats) and hide and seek are great ways to spend quality time with your dog. It can also be a great stress reliever for you. Not only does exercise benefit you and your dog physically, but, it builds an emotional bond that makes training easier or more fun for all involved.



## Rescue Report

As of July 14<sup>th</sup>, San Diego Bulldog Rescue is working with the following bulldogs. Any questions can be directed to Elaine (buldawg@cox.net) or Tracey (mtmleveque@aol.com).

1-**ALTHEA** is a 9.5 year old spayed female, with moderate-to-severe arthritis and ongoing ear problems. She is still in “medical rehab”.

2-**RALPH** (aka Roscoe) is a 7 year old neutered male taken from the Chula Vista shelter. He’s had surgery and medical rehab and is now out on Home Trial.

3-**TRICKSY** is a one year old spayed friendly, healthy female. She will go out on Home Trial quite soon.

4-**COOPER** is a 2yr old male, active, friendly, needs neutering and treatment for facial dermatitis. We are reviewing applications for him now. Inquire if interested.

5-**DAISY** is a 6 year old spayed female, healthy, active, friendly. She will be going out on Home Trial.

6-**MARCUS** is a 6.5 year old friendly neutered male just contacted this week. After vet exam he will need foster care while we review adoption applications. This dog okay with older children. Please inquire if interested.

7-**TIGER** is a 7 year old neutered dog, okay with children, now overweight and somewhat lethargic. Not good with other dogs, Tiger needs to go to a one-dog-only home! Qualified applicants sought.

8-**TYSON** is a very young male we may have incoming. He has extensive medical problems and the owner may not be able to afford the continued treatment. Dog may have slight disability after treatment completed.

### **“State’s Mandatory Spay-Neuter Bill Dies in Committee” “Pet Sterilization Measure is Put Down – for Now”**

Dear Elizabeth,  
We did it!

Working together, the 33,000 members of PetPAC were victorious today at the State Capitol. Assemblymember Lloyd Levine was told by Members of the Senate Local Government committee that his statewide mandatory sterilization legislation would not get their vote. Senators voiced their opposition to the very foundation of the bill – punishing responsible pet owners – and left Assemblyman Levine with little choice but to table the bill for six months and come back to the committee next year with amendments that will gut most – if not all – of the current language. We are grateful for your support of PetPAC and thrilled with the outcome. It was an honor to testify

against the bill today, and I was especially pleased to enter into the record an additional 742 organizations opposed to the measure.

PetPAC has worked around the clock advocating against AB 1634. Coming down to the homestretch, our television commercials took our story to millions of Californians and bringing Lassie to the Capitol stole the hearts of everyone in Sacramento.

We will continue to grow our coalition and organize our efforts against opponents who for months have shown more enthusiasm for personal attacks and misleading the public than working towards making good public policy.

Stay tuned...together we will protect our pets.

Sincerely,  
Bill Hemby  
Chairman, PetPAC

**A column to address common training problems for pet owners.  
You are welcome to send in your questions or problems to  
Betty Fisher by phone (559-689-3551, [bfisher@sti.net](mailto:bfisher@sti.net) or  
P.O. Box 93, Raymond, CA 93653**



Dear Fang,  
Is it safe to leave my Bulldog outside during the summer? I worry about him getting too hot.  
Worried

Dear Worried,

Heat and Bulldogs (any dog for that matter) can be a deadly combination. If you like to walk with your dog please do it in the early morning or late evening and carry water. Keeping your dog well hydrated is most important. You can also pour the water over your dog too.

If you have shady trees with deep shade throughout the entire day you may want to let your dog stay outside as long it is under ninety degrees but it is important to remember that heat and excitement can be deadly and if something gets your dog all excited it could be disastrous. Our mom teaches us all to go into the wading pools when we are warm. Of course I can swim and retrieve in the ocean but some Bulldogs have to be taught to appreciate water.

I think it is better to leave us in the house during the warm hours. Less chance of someone stealing us too. She also keeps fans running down on our level in the house during the summer even with air conditioning. One danger with air conditioning is there will be no air circulation if the power goes out so it is important to have a neighbor that will come in and open up the house if this happens and you are not at home.

If you go out in the car always carry and a water bowl. Mom uses Water Holes, a dish with a snap on lid with a hole in the middle. Water won't spill out when you drive and your Bulldog can get a drink whenever he wants. In San Diego you can find water holes at San Diego Pet and Lab on Euclid in San Diego.

Fang

*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.*

Prize (White Fang Prize Package CD, RN, RA, RE, NAP, CS, CI) competed at the Bulldog Club of America Division III specialty at Ventura in Rally and earned her first RAE leg taking a first in both Advanced B and Excellent B Rally. Earning a RAE title requires the dog to qualify in both Adv. and Ex classes at 10 shows.



She also competed the next day at the Southwestern Rottweiler Club Carting Test in San Diego and earned her Carting Intermediate title. This is an off lead competition where she took third place. She also competed in agility the next two days. Not bad for a dog that just turned nine years old.

Betty Fisher

# Meet The Members

## Sarah Grant

Sarah is a proud bully mommy since 2003 to Lily Anne, a female fawn and white bully from Brampton Bulldogs Kennels in England by way of Bully Buds in Salem, Oregon. Originally from Oregon, Sarah relocated to San Diego in 2004 and settled in Clairemont Mesa to work for Cingular Wireless, adding antennas to the wireless network in Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties. Fourty thousand miles of driving time, 100 sites added, and now she is moving on to work on the T-Mobile network here in San Diego county. She recently relocated to a bigger house in Santee with a large yard for Lily and her new friend Aiden, a Boxer pup recently purchased by her roommate for training in Schutzhund. Sarah enjoys camping, hiking, wine tasting, and enjoying the beautiful San Diego climate with her fellow members of BCGSD. She helps the club with training and education events, and helps with the picnics and photographs at functions for the club.



### Summer Show Results 2007

name: SIR HOMERUN CHARLIE

owners: Tom & Elsa White

show: Mission Circuit

5/25 - 4th open

5/27 - 3rd open

show: Bahia Sur Kennel Club

6/17 -1st open, BOB

show: Summerfest

7/8 -1st open

name: DK'S MISS CECE RIDER

owners: Tom & Elsa White, Marcel Daignault

show: Mission Circuit

5/26 - 1st open, WB,OS

5/27 - 3rd open

show: Bahia Sur Kennel Club

6/16 - 3rd open

6/17 - 3rd open

show: Summerfest

7/8 - 4th open

name: KIMBULL'S COOL DUDE RECOMMISSIONED

owners: Jamie & Kasey Kimball

show: Bahia Sur Kennel Club

6/16 - 1st bred by exhibitor

6/17 - 2nd bred by exhibitor

#### Junior Handlers

Haley Wilson

show: Bahia Sur Kennel Club

6/16 - 2nd Open Junior

6/17 - 1st Open Junior

Dhani Wilson

show: Bahia Sur Kennel Club

6/17 - 3rd Novice Junior

#### Conformation

name: KIMBULL'S RIPLEY'S BELIEVEITBULL

owners: Daniel & Haley Wilson

show: Bahia Sur Kennel Club

6/16 - 1st Open/ W/ BOW

6/17 - 4th Open

name: KIMBULL'S UNBELIEVEABULL RAPUNZEL

owners: Daniel & Haley Wilson and Jamie & Kasey Kimball

show: Bahia Sur Kennel Club

6/16 - 1st 9-12mo.

6/17 - 1st 9-12mo.

# Will You Be An Ambassador For Our Bulldogs?

By Carol Santoro (LVBC)

Internet puppy schemes, fraudulent web sites, sick puppies imported from Russia or Hungary, national and local puppy millers, puppies smuggled from Mexico---these stories can be heard recently on many television stations or can be found in your local newspaper. We've all heard the old saying, if it seems too good to be true then it probably is. And guess what, that saying may be old but it's still true today.

I just don't feel too sorry for people who send money to Nigeria to missionaries for a \$500 Bulldog puppy they must sell to raise money for whatever cause and then complain they are ripped off when they are never sent the puppy. I don't feel sorry for people who believe these slick internet sites advertising the most beautiful Bulldogs I have ever seen and then cry when again they never receive the puppy or if they do it doesn't look anything like the photo and costs them thousands of dollars in medical expenses. I can't understand people who think a Bulldog from a foreign country would be better than one from a reputable breeder in the United States, where the parents and the puppies can be seen in person. Of course there is one puppy importer who claims all Bulldogs born here are inbred and that his Bulldogs are pure and free from genetic problems. How can people believe these snake charmers?

I just read a story from a US customs website that reported 10,000 young puppies were smuggled into San Diego over a years time. Puppy peddling is turning out to be better than selling drugs for some people because the consequences are not so great.

The story said purebred (maybe) puppies are purchased in Mexico for \$50 to \$150 and then sold at street corners and flea markets in Southern California for between \$300 and \$1,000 each. These puppies are packed in glove compartments and truck beds, pulled from their mothers at four to five weeks of age, are infested with parasites and often

too weak to stand. Many of the puppies never make it across the border alive.

Debbi Golding, club member and BCA Div. III Vice-President, called me with the suggestion that the club put an advertisement in the Review Journal, publicizing the club and that there is help available for anyone wishing to know more about the breed or wants to buy a Bulldog. She was concerned because she had just talked to a man who spent several thousand dollars on a Bulldog from a woman who is a breeder here in Las Vegas with an impressive website and who always has puppies available. That's a clue to me what kind of operation she is running. When I looked at her photos, most club members would agree, they aren't the best-looking Bulldogs. I won't name this woman or her website because I don't want to get sued for slander but she doesn't want to have anything to do with the club or The Bulldog Club of America.

I checked into the advertising rates and it's almost \$200 for an 8-line ad, which is expensive and not very big. Then what is going to happen during the months we don't run the ad, do people again fall prey to unscrupulous breeders?

I really feel a cheaper and more effective solution is for all club members to be ambassadors for the Bulldog. When you're out with your Bulldogs, how many of you tell people about the club or that we have reputable breeders in the club? Do you tell them about the dangers of buying a Bulldog from a pet store that purchases dogs from a puppy mill? We have LVBC business cards that you can hand out with your name and phone number and the club website and I'll be happy to give them to everyone at the next meeting. We all need to educate our friends, co-workers and strangers who want to know about our breed and want to purchase a Bulldog. It shouldn't be an impulse purchase, they need to

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do their homework, research and get advice from a variety of sources. I challenge every club member to join in and help educate, inform and advise.

(Editor's Note: I know there are some club members with wonderful Bulldogs from pet stores or other countries. Please don't take offense from this editorial because it was in no way intended to criticize you.)

BCGSD Editor's Note:

Although a Las Vegas Bulldog Club member wrote this article, it is just as pertinent for our San Diego club members. I too have business cards for our club. The name line has been left blank so that members

can pass them out to others and include their own name as a contact person. They are available at board meetings and other events.



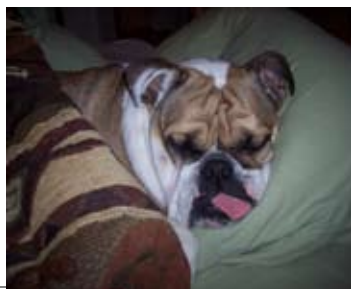
## SLEEPING WITH A DOG



Rule #1: The deeper the sleep the heavier the dog. Most people who sleep with dogs develop spinal deformities rather than rent the heavy equipment necessary to move their snoring canines to a more appropriate part of

the bed. Cunning canines steal precious space in tiny increments until they have achieved the center position on the bed, with all covers carefully tucked under them for safekeeping. The stretch and roll method is very effective in gaining territory. Less subtle tactics are sometimes preferred. A jealous dog can worm his way between a sleeping couple and, with the proper spring action from all four legs, shove a sleeping human to the floor.

Rule #2: The deeper the sleep the louder the dog. As you cling to the edge of the bed, wishing you had covers, your sweet pup begins to snore at a volume you would not have thought possible. Once that quiets down, the dog dreams begin. Yipping, growling, running, kicking. Your bed becomes a battlefield and playground of canine fantasy. It starts out with a bit of "sleep running", lots of eye movement and then,



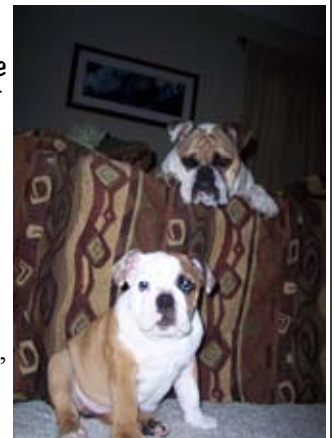
suddenly, a shrieking howl blasted through the night like a banshee wail. The horror of this wake-up call haunts you for years. It's particularly devastating when your pup insists on sleeping curled around your head like a demented Daniel Boone cap.

Rule #3: When the dog wakes, you wake.

The night creeps on and you fall asleep in the 3 inches of bed not claimed by a dog. The dog dreams quiet, and the heap of dog flesh sleeps breathing heavily and passing wind. Then, too soon, its dawn and the heap stirs. Each dog has a distinctive and unpleasant method of waking the pack. One may position itself centimeters from a face and stare until you wake. The clever dog obtains excellent results by simply sneezing on your face, or they could romp all over your sleeping body, or the ever-loving insertion of a tongue in an unsuspecting ear.

So, why do we put up with this? There's no sane reason. Perhaps it's just that we're a pack and a pack heaps together at night, safe, contented, heavy and loud.

Author unknown.



# How to Raise a Child Friendly Dog



Most dogs can be taught to get along with all members of the family. The most frequent reason why dogs become aggressive or non-responsive to children is that the owners are not aware of the rules of the dog pack. Without realizing it, they are communicating to the dog that the children are lower pack members, and the dog behaves accordingly. These simple guidelines will help you raise a loving, obedient bulldog.

- 1) The parents are in charge - not the children, not the dog. This sounds simple but is the cornerstone of pack order. If children are allowed to pick up the pup, hold the pup more than it wants to be held, play roughly with him, or frighten him, the pup learns that there is no leader, and he will assume that role over the “unruly” children. Bulldogs are especially prone to independent thinking and leadership. Make sure your children understand that the pup is not a toy, and they cannot ever pick it up, carry it around, or play with it outside of your supervision.
- 2) The children are second in command - not the dog. Dogs love order. They thrive on knowing who is above and below them. Teach your kids to give simple commands (one time no repeating), feed the dog, and play with the dog. Let them rub his belly.
- 3) Never give a command unless you intend to follow it through. When kids yell “sit, sit” and the dog doesn’t sit - he learns not to listen. It is better to say nothing, than to give a command you can’t enforce. A common mistake is people allow bad pup behavior, then get frustrated and yell or hit the dog which only makes the dog aggressive and confused. Fix the behavior before it’s a problem.
- 4) DO NOT play any of these games with a pup or adult dog - chase, tug of war, wrestling, keeping an object away from you while you chase the dog. These all tell the dog you are not sure of your position.
- 5) DO play games like fetch, come, simple tricks. This gives the dog a “job”.
- 6) Do not let your pup do anything now that you won’t enjoy later - biting fingers, licking faces (dangerous because it leads to biting), putting its paws up on your leg, whining, begging. Get up and walk away, put your pup in time out for 2 minutes, or ignore the behavior. The more you work on this now the easier it is later.
- 7) Don’t yell, hit with newspapers, spank, or otherwise punish your pup. You will build a resentful dog. Ignore, distract, or teach a different command instead. Example: pup puts his legs on you wanting to be picked up. Say “off” as you turn away from him. Then say “sit” and as soon as he sits, say “good sit” and pick him up. He will learn that attention only comes from good behavior. If he is biting in play - give him a toy instead, or get up and walk away.

By Janice Hochstetler

## Well Behaved Dogs Welcome: Just what does this mean?

When reading about places you may want to go with your dog you will often run across the words "Well-behaved dogs allowed". Just what does this mean? And is it really mostly about the dog, or the owner? DogFriendly.com asked hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people at various pet-friendly establishments. Here is what we think it takes to have a well-behaved dog.

The phrase "Well-behaved dog" applies equally to the dog and the owner. Dogs must be kept on leash in all public places (sidewalks, malls and parks except for designated off-leash areas). Even a very well trained dog must be kept on leash at these places. Some people, and certainly the business owners, may not be comfortable with a dog off-leash roaming around people and children. They do not know your dog or how friendly and well behaved they are. If people violate the leash requirements almost certainly a "No Dogs Allowed" sign will follow.

The second requirement of a well-behaved dog is for their owner to choose appropriate places for their dog to go "potty". A well-trained dog does not simply "go" wherever they are, indoors, on public sidewalks, at a restaurant, in transportation vehicles or even on dirt or grassy areas inside a museum area. Ideally, the owner should give a dog, before visiting such an establishment, the opportunity to "go". Of course, when they do "go" the owner should promptly and completely clean up after the dog. Failure to train dogs to "go" where and when they should or to clean up after them will also cause dogs to be banned from many places.

Before you take your dog to public places you need to know how they will get along with other people and dogs. Unless you are going to an off-leash dog park then getting along with people and especially children is the most important thing. Children will, in public places, run up and pat your dog. Sometimes, 5 to 10 kids have surrounded our dogs at a time. How will the dog handle this? They cannot be aggressive in any way towards the children. A well-behaved dog

will need to handle this sort of situation. A leash is helpful as well to get the attention of your dog or to remove them from a threatening situation before trouble starts.

Dogs are pack animals and when off-leash with other dogs they will sort out their pack order. If all dogs are on leash and controlled not much can happen, although a dog can bark quite a bit. Problems arise if one or more dogs are off-leash and some dogs are on leash. The off-leash dogs may run up to an on-leash dog that feels somewhat defenseless since they are leashed and the other dogs are not. This is another reason that all dogs should be kept on leash in public places. At an off-leash park or a doggy daycare, care must be taken when introducing a new dog to the existing group of dogs that has already sorted things out.

So how about barking? All dogs will bark once in a while. Sometimes, it's to say "hi". Sometimes it's a warning that someone is about to get into your stuff. Sometimes it's part of playing. A well-behaved dog should not bark continuously as that will annoy the rest of the people in a public area. An occasional bark is usually okay.

The "well-behaved dog" is really a catch phrase not just entirely for the dog but for the owner and the dog together. A well-behaved team does not create problems for the other people around them. The well-behaved dog does not have to be perfect. Each of us, dogs included, has our faults. You should never leave a mess in a public place and you should always obey leash requirements. It is important to remember that when you take your dog to public places that are not specifically created for dogs, you represent, to a degree, all dog owners and future dog owners who would like to visit that place.



# Rescue - Please Help!

After two long years of being on a waiting list for a show quality puppy, we have been notified by the breeder that, at long last, our number has come up and ...WE ARE HAVING A PUPPY!!!

Now, we must get rid of our children IMMEDIATELY because we just know how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be and it just wouldn't be fair to the children. Since our little puppy will be arriving on Monday we MUST place the children into rescue this weekend!

They are described as:

One male - His name is Tommy, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), light blonde hair, blue eyes, Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Temperament tested. Does have problems peeing directly in the toilet. Has had Chicken Pox and is current on all shots. Tommy eats everything and is very clean, house trained and gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little training, he should be able to read soon.



One female - Her name is Lexie, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), strawberry blonde hair, green eyes quite freckled, Two years old. Can be quite surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Has been temperament tested but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on all shots and tonsils have been removed. She is very healthy and can be affectionate. Gets along well with other little girls & boys but does not like to share her toys. Therefore, would do best in a one-child household. She is a very quick learner and is currently working on her house training - shouldn't take her long at all.



We really do LOVE our children so much and we want to do what's right for them; that is why we contacted a rescue group. But we simply can no longer keep them. Also, we are afraid that they may hurt our new puppy.

I hope that you understand that ours in a UNIQUE situation and we have a real emergency here. They MUST be placed into your rescue by Sunday night at the latest or we will be forced to drop them off at the orphanage or along some dark, country road. Our priority now has to be our new puppy.

Editor's Note:

This funny, but sad commentary, was found in Bull Craps, the LVBC publication.

**Our own rescue gets calls from people who want to surrender their bulldogs immediately for a long list of reasons.**

**If you are interested in rescuing a bulldog or even fostering one, please contact Megan Lilly at [lilliorum@msn.com](mailto:lilliorum@msn.com) or through the link on our website.**



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At this year's

## **San Diego County Fair**

various pet groups were exhibited separately, so BCGSD had a day all to ourselves.

The booth was busy all day with people stopping by to pet the bullies and ask breed specific questions. Pictures from the event can be found on the club website.

Special thanks to all the booth volunteers: Deb and John Shoemaker, Tom and Elsa White, Ellen and Jeff Fuller, andy and Michell Sydoriak, Jane Boehrer, Marie Weir, Geri Dimeglio, and Sarah Grant (If I forgot anyone I apologize!)

And a *HUGE* thanks to all our bulldog volunteers - they were all well behaved and left the visitors with a great impression!

