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President's Message

Dear Fellow Bulldoggers,

Happy New Year! As we start the New Year, I am looking forward to working with our experienced officers and board. The following individuals will be serving as officers and board members – Derek Rasmussen (President), Janice Hochstetler (Vice-President), Marie Weir (Secretary), Corina Cauldren (Treasurer), and as members of the Board - Jamie Kimball, Amber Ferreira, Lydia Demars, and Olivia Franklin. We would like to provide you with resources and information that will increase your enjoyment of the wonderful Bullies that live in your homes. We also would like to provide you with opportunities to be involved in our activities and various committees. This is your club and we want you to enjoy your membership in it. We have need of volunteers for a variety of activities and functions.

Our next major activity for the club will be our annual Spring Party at the end of March. Janice Hochstetler will chair that event and more details will be available on the club website. Anyone that would be willing to help with this activity is very much invited to contact Janice for a meaningful assignment. Once again, it's your club and we really would like to invite your involvement. In most cases the assignments only amount to a few hours of work.

If you haven't paid your 2009 dues, please send in your checks as soon as possible to Corina Cauldren, our Club treasurer. Contributions to our

sister organization San Diego Bulldog Rescue will be forwarded on if you so desire to support this worthy organization. Each year the number of Bulldogs coming through the program seems to increase and last year was no exception. Many of you have helped raise funds through the Santa Photo program and the purchase of the new cookbook. Your donations to San Diego Bulldog Rescue are tax deductible and if you need further information, you can contact Tracey Leveque at mtmleveque@aol.com.



HURRY UP AND SAY
You'll BE MY VALENTINE.

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Upcoming Events

Meet the Breed	Silverbay
March 2009	Spring Picnic
June/July 2009	SD County Fair Booth
July 2009	Specialty Show
August 22, 2009	August Picnic
October 17, 2009	Halloween
December 4, 2009	Holiday Dinner



New Members

"A great big bullie hug to our new members"

Stacy Stanton and Tommy Banks and Bella Mae

I am excited about the New Year and look forward to working with more of you in the future. If you have items or stories that you think would be worthwhile to publish in the newsletter please let us know, or if you have questions or concerns that we might be able to address, likewise let us know. We have been doing the newsletter electronically – online for a few years now and it saves us printing and mailing costs and helps keep our Club costs down.

Our newsletter editor, Naomi Bell who has served faithfully and well for the past three years is no longer able to serve in that capacity. If there is anyone that has an interest in working on the newsletter, please let me know.

The Club Officers and Board members met recently to plan the activities and events for the upcoming year and I am excited about the prospects

Hope to see you all at the Spring Party. I hope this New Year brings you all much happiness and success and I am happy for the opportunity to serve as your president for the 2009 year.

Derek Rasmussen

TIDBITS
from the editor

Frozen Treats

The dogs all loved this stuff!

Here's the easy recipe:

1 quart yogurt (any flavor or plain)

2 tablespoons peanut butter

2 tablespoons honey

1 banana

Place all ingredients in a blender and puree.

Pour in small individual containers and freeze.

This freezes soft and flaky so dogs can eat with ease.

With summer approaching, this is a nice treat!

January 10, 2009 Board Meeting Agenda

Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego

Members Present: Derek, Janice, Jamie, Marie, Amber

Rescue News: 40 bulldogs, 28 placed, 1 returned after placement, 8 in foster care, 1 on home trial, 3 euthanized due to aggression, 1 passed away in foster care. A record year! 2009 is expected to be another large rescue year. Reasons: 50% foreclosure housing, lack of training. Age range: 1-3. More winding up at the shelters, including 2 puppies.

Treasurer's Report: Club operating in the black.

2009 Dog Show

- * Location: Guahome Campgrounds
- * Date: July 18/19
- * Judges: inquiries are out, recommendations taken, Jamie & Derek to finalize selection ASAP
- * Superintendent: Jack Bradshaw proposed
- * Application due Jan. 14, 2009
- * Flyer & Advertising: due Jan 25, 2009 to the Bulldogger
- * Budget: \$4485 proposed to date

New Business

- Needed Positions: Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairperson, Rescue Liaison, Social & Events Coordinator
- Newsletter, Membership: reach out to email & call direct
- Amber—Rescue Liaison
- Social—Lydia? (Derek to call)

Upcoming Activities

- Meet the Breed—Silverbay: contact them to get info in Oct for Club coordination
- Spring Picnic—Janice, March 21st or March 28th(double check against Del Sur Show)
- August Picnic—Amber/Olivia, August 22
- Christmas Party—Janice/Marie, Dec. 4 (Friday)
- Halloween—Amber/Corina, Oct 17
- SD County Fair Booth—Marie/Derek, (1st choice: July 4, 2nd:June 27, 3rd: June 20)
- Specialty Show, July—Jamie, et al

Board Meeting Dates & Sites

- March 14, 2009—9am at Amber's Work
- May 16, 2009—5pm at Janice's
- July 11, 2009—
- Sept 19, 2009—
- Nov. 14, 2009—

Adjournment of meeting





Halloween

2008





Holiday Dinner 2008



Cherry Eye in the English Bulldog

Cherry Eye is one of the most common eye problems in the English Bulldog. It happens when the tear gland located on the inside corner of a dog's third eyelid pops up. It appears like a red cherry growth on the inside corner of the eye. It is not pleasant to look at. It generally does not cause a lot of pain or discomfort, but with prolonged exposure to air the gland can become inflamed and infected. You primarily see it in young English Bulldog puppies (under 8wks), most times this will need to be surgically corrected.

The condition of Cherry Eyes may also be a result of trauma to the eye or head. It has occurred in adult bulldogs when having an allergic reaction to something inhaled (i.e. fertilizer, or harsh cleaning agent, pollen at certain times of the year). When this happens in an older dog, or with trauma, it is more likely that it can be put back in place, and be stable without surgery.

Treatment

Veterinarians often suggest an antibiotic lubricant specific for use in the eye such as Terramycin Ophthalmic Ointment. After stabilizing your pet's head, you apply the lubricant to the eye. Close his eye and massage the gland back into place. Antihistamines like Benadryl, are sometimes recommended for allergic reactions. Massaging the gland may have to be repeated daily but with trauma, or an allergy, normally the gland will subside and not have to be surgically corrected/removed. ***ALWAYS Consult Your Veterinarian before applying any medication to your pet.***



Entropion/ Ectropion in the English Bulldog

Entropion

Inward rolling of an eyelid, normally the lower lid of the English Bulldog. This rolling causes the eyelashes to rub against the eyeball, which can cause excess tearing, squinting and eye ulcers. Entropion can occur within a few months from birth, or later in life. This can be surgically corrected by your veterinarian.

Ectropion

Ectropion is where there is a sagging or rolling-out of the eyelids of the English Bulldog. This results in exposure of the eye (think of a bloodhound's eyes), which often leads to irritation & Dry Eye. Should the conjunctiva become infected repeatedly it may have to be surgically corrected by your veterinarian.

If I did not have Dogs.....

1. I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.
2. My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.
3. All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of dog hair.
4. When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like the kennel.
5. When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through dog bodies who beat me there.
6. I could sit on the couch the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.
7. I would not have strange presents under my Christmas tree?like dog bones, stuffed animals or have to answer to people why I wrap them.
8. I would not be on a first name basis with three vets.
- 9 The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: "out", "sit", "down", "come", "no", "stay", and "leave him/her/it ALONE".
10. My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.
11. My pockets would not contain things like poo bags, dog treats and an extra leash.
12. I would no longer have to spell the words R-I-D-E or B-A-L-L or F-R-I-S-B-E- E or W-A-L-K or C-O-O-K-I-E-S.
13. I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.
14. I would not look strangely at people who think having their ONE dog ties them down too much.
15. I'd look forward to Spring and the melting of the snow instead of dreading "mud season".
16. I would not have to answer the question "Why do I have so many dogs?" from people who will never have the joy in their life of knowing they are loved unconditionally by something as close to an angel as they will ever get.
17. How empty my life would be....

Bulldogs in Popular Culture and as Mascots throughout the Years



The bulldog has been around for many years and has always been a popular, if misunderstood dog. While many still associate the bulldog with the dog that was involved in bull baiting many years ago, others have discovered what a versatile and wonderful family pet the bulldog can be. In addition to being a great pet, the bulldog has served many other purposes through the years. Research has shown that music is very relaxing for dogs, specifically the

bulldog. Classical music was the music chosen to make the dog more mellow and relaxed.

The Bulldog has been the symbol or mascot for many different events as well as for specific countries. Anyone that watches WWF wrestling knows of the wrestling hero Davey Boy Smith, who was called the “British Bulldog”. During his tenure, he had a mascot, a British Bulldog named Matilda, who came out at each match to support him.

The Bulldog, highly revered in Great Britain, is used as their symbol. Chesty, a bulldog is also used as a symbol of the United State Marine Corps. Numerous American universities have the bulldog as their mascot such as the University of Georgia, Georgetown University, University of Minnesota Duluth, Mississippi State University, Yale University, Louisiana Tech University, South Carolina State University and many more in addition to many high schools in the United States. Yale University has the bulldog Handsome Dan as the mascot for all their athletic teams. In addition to being very popular in his role, Handsome Dan is also the first living mascot in America. There has been a group of ‘Handsome Dan’s’ through the years.



Another famous mascot was Uga V, a bulldog for the University of Georgia, who also happened to be the first live college mascot that was on the Sports Illustrated magazine cover in 1997. Sports Illustrated also named Uga V the College Mascot of the Year. Uga V’s other accomplishments were a role in ‘Midnight in the Garden



of Good and Evil', a movie that was directed by Clint Eastwood. Uga V once again made the news at a football game in 1996 when he took off on the field after an Auburn University receiver to try to bite the player and take him down. Uga V made quite a name for himself as well as his breed until death took him away in 1999.



New additions to the Weir family.

Three bullies born on December 9, 2008 two males and one female.





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Hello from San Diego Bulldog Rescue! Thank you to everyone that purchased the **Bulldog Bites** cookbook! With a record number of bulldogs coming in to rescue, your generous donations are so very appreciated.

Current foster dogs:

Hamilton: 5 month old male with severe pulmonary stenosis. In need of an expensive balloon valvuloplasty surgical procedure to prolong his life. Many thanks to UC Veterinary Medical Center of San Diego and Dr. Orvalho for donating Ham's cardiovascular consultation and echocardiogram.

Moxie: 3 month old female found abandoned outside in the rain at the Central Shelter, recovering from demodex and pneumonia.

Sancho & Khuyana: 4 year old male and female pair, need to be placed together.

Gertie: Sweet 4 year old girl was found by Animal Control in terrible condition. Gertie is now looking and feeling great!

Oscar: 4 year old male found tied to a tree in a park with skin, ear and eye infections. Oscar is recovering beautifully and almost ready for his new home.

Velma: 5 year old female found emaciated, wandering the streets. Velma needs to gain 15 pounds and regain her trust in humans.

Precious: 6 year old female with limp from previously untreated injury. Precious just wants someone to love her!

Boogie: 5 year old male ready for his own home where he can be king of the castle.

Congratulations to Logan, Chubbs, Rocco, Zara, Steak, Ollie and Zoe on finding their wonderful, forever homes! We love you all and are so very proud!

SDBR would like to thank **Dr. David Judy and staff of Judy Veterinary Clinic** for their continued excellent care and generosity. We truly couldn't do this without you!



**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,

My rescue Bulldog, Mac, is a really wonderful dog but as he is getting older he is becoming aggressive with other male dogs that we meet on our walks. He has come a long way with his training since I got him at two but I'm worried that this problem will get worse. How can I help him learn to get along with other dogs?
Robert

Dear Robert,

Bulldogs are very smart but they can also be bullies. They usually enjoy it so it can be a hard habit to break. It will get worse with time if you don't take steps to stop it.

One of the first steps is attention training, teaching your Bulldog to focus on you instead of other things. You begin with saying his name in the house away from distractions. Every time he looks at you give him a cookie. Use something better than dry dog biscuits. I really like those meatballs from Costco. Mom gives little pea sized pieces. Gradually move outside into the yard and along the sidewalk. Don't try going close to other dogs until you can reliably keep your dog focused on you when you say his name. Always include verbal and physical praise as well as the treats.

Keep your dog on lead and go for walks where you will see other dogs without being too close. My great granddaughter, Rainbow, was very defensive if dogs would bark at her from their yard when she walked by with Mom. Mom worked with Rain on attention. As they walked when they got near one of those yards she asked Rain to sit, gave a treat then asked her to heel while she gave treats every few steps. If Rainbow barked or tried to lunge at the fence Mom would turn her away and walk back down the block and try again. It only took a few trips until Rain and Mom could walk past the fenced dogs without an incident. Mom always rewarded Rainbow when they were safely past the danger spots.

It takes a lot of persistence on your part but with patience you can get your dog past this. The more obedience training you give your dog the easier the job will be. Good luck.
Fang

Mom recommends these books if you'd like more help in dealing with your aggressive dog.
www.dogwise.com has them and other books.

The Dog Aggression Workbook by James O'Heare
Ian Dunbar has several books available. Mom has been to a number of his seminars and recommends his books very highly

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 "Caninestien", 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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Next Board Meeting
Saturday, March 14, 2009
9:am
at Amber's Office