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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 new officers and board. We want to provide you with resources and information that will increase your enjoyment of the wonderful Bullies that live in your homes. 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 and various committee assignments.

We ended the year with a fun and enjoyable holiday celebration at Elaine Feinstein's home and appreciate Elaine and Sheldon's hospitality. We enjoyed an excellent potluck and exciting gift exchange. Our Annual Good Sportsmanship Award went to Jamie Kimball. Betty Fisher's Copper received her Rally Novice Title October 20, 2006 and Jamie and Kasey Kimball's "CH. Marco's Just Too Cool" finished her championship May 21, 2006.

I want to thank all of our officers and board members for their effective service during the past year and look forward to serving with them again this year. We elected two new board members for the coming year – Sarah Grant and Geri Dimeglio and look forward to their service and fellowship. I would also like to thank all the club members who have participated in various assignments throughout the year. It's great to associate with such good people.

The next major activity for the club will be our annual Spring/Easter Party. Look for further information in our upcoming newsletters. Anyone that would be willing to help with this activity is very much invited to contact me and I will be happy to provide you with 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 2007 dues, please send in your checks as soon as possible. Any additional amounts of money could be channeled towards Bulldog Rescue efforts. This last year the Club

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HURRY UP AND SAY
YOU'LL BE MY VALENTINE.

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Upcoming Events

February 24th and 25th Meet the Breed at the Del Mar Fairgrounds

March 24th Annual BCGSD Spring Picnic and Board Meeting

May 18th Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego Specialty Show

June 2007 San Diego County Fair

July 2007 Wages for Wishes

August 2007 Annual BCGSD Summer Picnic

New Members

“A great big bullie hug to our new members”

Daniel and Sandra Aguila and Charlie of Escondido

Jesse Moreno and Joi Santa Cruz and Steiner of San Diego

Daniel Wilson and Ripley of San Marcos

separated from Bulldog Rescue for insurance reasons but we are still very much supportive of the program and encourage all who want to be involved. Last year we had a record number of rescues and we spent a great deal of our budget in that effort. We are starting the New Year with a few rescue dogs and can never have enough financial resources to support this very important function. Your donations to rescue are tax deductible and can be made with your annual dues. The rescue portion will be forwarded to the Bulldog Rescue program.

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.

I hope to see you all at the Easter Party and hope that this New Year brings you much happiness and success. I am glad for the opportunity to serve as your president for the upcoming year and look forward to an exciting and productive experience.

Derek Rasmussen

TIDBITS

from the editor

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PRODUCTS??
Most of our products
can now be
ordered "Wheat-Free"**

November Minutes
Meeting held Nov. 4, 2006
Tom White's House

Board Members Present: Tom White, Derek Rasmussen, Naomi Bell, Kasey Kimball, and Elaine Feinstein.

Board Members Absent: Janice Hochstedler, Angela Estrada, Corina Cauldren and Dayna Bondurant.

Board Member Reports:

Naomi - The newsletter is going well. We will begin a new schedule of bi-monthly issue beginning in January. We are in need of a web master for our website. We may also want to look into changing our service provider.

Kasey - Judges and registration were the topic of the Specialty Show discussion. Also, this year, the Specialty Show will be at The I Pay One arena.

Other Discussion Items:

Bulldog Rescue - Elaine updated us on all the hard work SDBR is doing to place bullies in good homes.

Job Descriptions - We established the job descriptions and discussed how to attract new board members

Nominations - Nominations for both board members and the yearly award were discussed. We created a ballot for elections and discussed e-mailing them out to everyone before the elections at the Holiday Party on December 30th.

Next Meeting: Jan. 27th 12:30 pm



Have you paid
your 2007
dues yet?

Send your check to the
Membership Chairman
P.O. Box 270176
San Diego, CA 92198



*Congratulations to the
Weir Family on the birth
of a litter between Leila
& Sir Homerun Charlie!*



For a copy of the
BCGSD Member's
Directory,
e-mail a request
to the editor at
naomibell@hotmail.com



The Annual BCGSD Business Meeting - Holiday Party Another Success

On Saturday, December 30th, our annual party was held in the home of Elaine Feinstein. The evening began with cocktails and conversation. At 7 pm dinner was served. Elaine had prepared a ham and vegetarian lasagna while guests contributed yummy side dishes and desserts. After eating, we held the board election. (election results below) After business, we got down to real business; with the Holiday Gift Exchange. You know the one, open a gift or steal a gift! It seems Elaine had a knack for opening gifts that others always wanted. It appeared a good time was had by all. A special thanks goes out to Elaine and her crew of special helpers.

Election Results

President: Derek Rasmussen
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Naomi Bell, Geri Dimeglio, Sarah Grant,
Kasey Kimball & Thomas White



Championship Title



Good Sportsmanship Award

Got Asthma?

If you, or anyone in your home does, this is a “must read” for the safety of your animals.



Tank & Spike

Last Monday our kitten conveniently knocked my husband's asthma inhaler off of our bed onto the floor where Spike punctured the medication cartridge allowing all of the Albuterol to inject into his system. It caused his heart to begin racing, his lungs to go into overdrive where he began hyperventilating and caused his “normal” soft palate to become inflamed to the point his airway was closed off...absent of all of the technical terms, he underwent emergency surgery on his palate, was given a tracheotomy and put on life support in an oxygen cage for 3 days, on Friday his tracheotomy tube was removed and his breathing improved enough that he was able to come home with 24 hour supervision thru this

week. He still has the hole in his throat until Friday just in case something were to go wrong between now and then we have a secondary airway to use...\$8000 later we have him home and are lucky he is alive, but I think it is important that we educate other members of the club of the risks of Albuterol - the doctors said normally it is deadly to pets within 4 hours we were just lucky enough to identify him having a problem so soon.

Pet Insurance for your Bulldog

Family pets are a part of your life. They are your companions, guardians and best friends. But just like any loved one, they can fall into harm's way. You should be aware of the dangers your pet can come across and the financial strain it will put on your savings. From bee stings and allergic reactions to swallowing a foreign object or breaking a bone, your pet could easily be hurt or injured and veterinary treatments may cost you more than thought. The last thing you need to worry about is an unexpected expense.

Veterinary care has become incredibly sophisticated, and can be expensive for pet owners. **Pet insurance** reimburses you for the money you spend on veterinary care. It's a great way to ensure you can always provide the care your pet needs.

Here are some of the “big boys” in the business.

www.sheltercare.com Shelter Care 1-866-375-PETS

www.petinsurance.com Veterinary Pet Insurance Co. **888-899-4VPI**

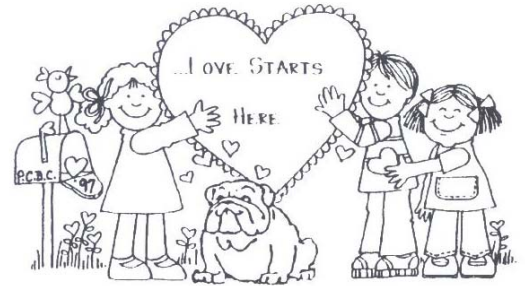
www.petshealthplan.com Pets Health Care Plans 1-800-807-6724

Submitted by Kasey Kimball

Dogs in SDBR as of January 2007

Bocci - a very sweet 2 year old male, with a bad (but not extreme) case of demodectic mange. He also has upper eyelid entropion and infected ears. His owner was unable to provide the care that Bocci needed and surrendered him to SDBR. He needs a lot of medical care to get him healthy and ready for adoption, but he's well worth it. He has a wonderful, happy personality despite his physical discomfort and always has a "high five" ready (the one trick he knows) and a little bullie dance whenever he meets someone. Quite the heart stealer. He is currently fostering at my home.

Babe-the-Rock-Eater - This 2 year old male came to us from an Emergency Clinic up in the Temecula area. He was surrendered to the clinic because he is a chronic "rock eater" and was in for his second surgery to extract yet another wedged rock in his intestines. The family felt they couldn't afford his neuroses and surrendered him to the clinic. He is currently being fostered by Caroline Serrano and her husband Manny who report that he is very sweet and good with her dogs and is house-trained. Once he recovers sufficiently from surgery he is to go out on home trial with a family she's in contact with. This couple lives in an apartment and we are hoping Babe might do better without a yard since he has such a fetish for rock consumption...



Cody - My old boy is still with me. This 9 year old bulldog, who looks more like a mix than a papered bulldog is just a wonderful dog. People miss out on something special when they won't consider an older dog for adoption. Cody is mellow, doesn't bark, is house-trained and patient when my dogs or cats get rambunctious with him. He is happy to just have a warm bed to sleep in with a soft blanket to snuggle and two square meals a day. He is very affectionate and will come sit quietly by my side when I'm on the computer just to get a pat on the head and then he ambles off to bed. As mellow as he is, he also still has a playful side and is more than happy to chase a ball or play a bit of tug with my young female bullie. He is basically very healthy and probably has a good 3 or 4 years of life and love to give. I have one home for certain that is interested and a potential second.

Show Results

Riverside Kennel Club Show

Bred by Exhibitor Lily (Compatible's Tiger Lily) took 2 thirds

9-12 puppy Bunny (Compatible's Make it Happen) took a first place

10/28/06 Riverside Kennel Club (Lake Perris)

9-12 Puppy Bitch- 2nd- Kimbull's Cool Dudes Grand Finale (Grandy)- Handled by Jamieson Kimball

4th- Kimbull's Brindle Britches (Pooy)

Bred By Dog- 3rd- Kimbull's Cool Dude Recommissioned (Buster)

Open Dog- 2nd- Phenix's Mighty Rebel Maximus (Max)

Breed Special- Best of Breed Best Opposite Sex- Marco's Just Too Cool (JC)

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Brag Note- The Littermate to our Champion Girl JC, his name is Mookie, went Best of Winners to finish his Championship on Sunday 10/29.

Long Beach

Sir Charlie

Date 11/29- 1st Open Dog & RWD (Reserve Winners Dog)

11/30?- 1st Open Dog

DK's Miss CeCe Rider

11/29?- 4th Open Bitch

11/30?- 1st Open Bitch- Winners Bitch- BOB/ Best Opposite Sex

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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 or
P.O. Box 93, Raymond, CA 93653**



Dear Fang,

My dogs act like they are starving all the time. Anytime anyone is in the kitchen, they beg for food. It breaks our hearts and we give them a little something. Now they are overweight. How can we handle this?

Perplexed

Dear Perplexed,

Bulldogs are very smart as I've said before and we recognize a Dog Patsy when we see them and can really take advantage of them. It is important to remember that excess weight can be very harmful and as caring owners it is your responsibility to do what is necessary for your Bulldogs best health. Just like children, you have to protect your dogs from themselves.

My Mom has us stay outside of the dining room or kitchen when anyone is eating. If you think about the fact that most Bulldogs only eat about 2 cups of kibble a day it is very easy for snacks to add up to a quarter to a half of a cup of extra food a day. This really puts on weight.

When your dog has been in the habit of begging it is hard for both of you to break it but you really must work at it. Harden your heart and say no snacks while I'm cooking or eating a meal. If you like give a tiny piece of meat after you have gotten up from the table. In training I get pea sized pieces of the training treats, not tablespoon sized bites. Try giving pieces of vegetable instead of fattening snacks (just like people dieting, use a lower calorie treat).

If you dog needs more volume to eat and feel full you can add ¼ to ½ cup of canned, fresh or thawed vegetables. Broccoli, green beans and peas are a possibility.

Harden your heart and really believe you are acting in your dog's best interests when you don't give them everything they want.

Good luck

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.



Paws in the Park

A Walk for the Escondido Humane Society

The 8th annual fundraising walk to benefit the Escondido Humane Society will be held on on Sunday, March 25th, 2007 in Kit Carson Park. Thanks to people like you, they exceeded their 2006 fundraising goal for Paws in the Park and they hope to do the same in 2007! They need your help, and know with your support, they can achieve our goal of raising \$150,000 to help home less and abandoned animals.

Click on <http://www.escondidohumanesociety.org/> to get involved.

Teams are encouraged. Imagine a team of beautifully wrinkled bulldogs!!!

If you are interested in forming a team, contact naomibell@hotmail.com

Meet The Members

Kasey Kimball



Hi! I'm Kasey Kimball of "Kimbull's Bulldogs".

I am a Board Member & Breeder/ Handler.

My Bullies include: Ch. Marco's Just Too Cool "JC"-
"Max"- "Buster" "Grandy"- "Pooy"- "Gizmo"- "Gigi"-
"Spanky" and last but not least "Tink".

I'm a Domestic Engineer (Mother and Wife) - Bulldog
(surrogate) Mother- General Care Giver and Task Master.
I enjoy time with my human family- Jamieson 16, Darrell
7, and Shelby 6 and my husband Jamie.

We spend most weekends showing our bullies. We load
up the RV and take mini family vacations. Last year we
were able to Champion our girl JC showing at over sixty
shows. It is lots of fun for the entire family. We have been blessed to meet very spe-
cial bully people both at the shows and through the club. Hope to meet and make more
BCGSD friends.

Elaine Feinstein

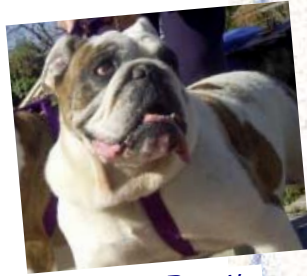
MEMORIAL TO MIMI

Born on December 28, 1993 , and registered as Maebellene of Manderley, fawn brindle & white
bitch, this bulldog lived a full and happy life. She crossed the Rainbow Bridge just 3 weeks
short of her 13th birthday and her ashes will guard the other side of our front door, across from
our beloved Igor, who sired her first of two litters.



Ah, there's so much I could tell you about this bulldog; that she
was known as 'the puppy from Hell' as she chewed everything in
the yard she could get her piranha-teeth on including a couple
garden hoses, a couple wooden Adirondack chairs and numer-
ous sprinkler heads. She tore out one rear knee at age 5mos
which put an end to my show plans for her, and the 2nd one at
13mos...she quieted down a bit after that. She carried seven
pups in her first breeding but unfortunately only two survived and
came home from the vets. We kept them both. The others were
thought to have some respiratory problem...our vet felt as badly
we did and we watched her more carefully at the second breed-

ing two years later. This time we used a champion stud but bred a little late because her opti-
mum day fell on Christmas and I didn't want to interrupt the holiday for that family...she had two
pups who we named Chip & Dale. I had traded Chip for stud, and kept Dale, the cute little bitch
with the big ears.



Princess Penny
will be missed.
Sharon Ray



Sami
will be missed
Darrell Burnett



Tigger
will be missed.
Pete & Betty Garcia



Max
will be missed.
John & Deb

*They will not go quietly,
the dogs who've shared our lives.
In subtle ways they let us know
their spirit still survives.
Old habits still make us think
we hear a barking at the door.
Or step back when we drop
a tasty morsel on the floor
Our feet still go around the place
the food dish used to be,
And, sometimes, coming home at night,
we miss them terribly.
And although time may bring new friends
and a new food dish to fill,
That one place in our hearts
belongs to them...
and always will.*



Desert Southwest Cluster - Yuma

Kimbull's Cool Dude Recommissioned
12/1 - 2nd. Bred by Exhibitor Dog
12/2 - 2nd
12/3 - 3rd
Phenix's Mighty Rebel Maximus
12/1 - 3rd. Open Dog
12/2 - 3rd
12/3 - 3rd
Kimbull's Brindle Britches
12/1 - 1st 9-12mo. Bitch
12/2 - 1st
12/3 - 1st

Kimbull's Cool Dude's Grand Finally
12/1 - 2nd Bred by Exhibitor Bitch
12/2 - 4th
12/3 - 4th
Dk's Sweethock's Tinkerbull
12/1 - 2nd Open Bitch
12/2 - 3rd
Marco's Just Too Cool (Kimbull's JC)
12/1 - BEST OF BREED!!!!!!
12/2 - BEST OF BREED!!!!!!!!!! (3pnt major)

One Owner, Two Bulldogs — and Three Unexpected Surgeries by Linda Crandall

Sammie the Bulldog, fully recovered from her surgeries.

The term ‘double trouble’ took on a new meaning last winter for Megan when her beloved Bulldogs, Sammie and Brindal, came limping in from their snow-filled backyard in Washington D.C. one Sunday afternoon. Thinking that perhaps both pets had somehow injured their paws in the snow, Megan took them to her vet as a precaution. Little did she know that her dogs (both under three years old and from different litters) would ultimately require *three* TPLO (Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy) surgeries between them for torn cruciate ligaments, with costs totaling nearly \$9,000. Actually, cruciate ligament injuries are very common and can happen to all types of dogs of all ages. According a recent article* in the *Wall Street Journal*, TPLO is the most common surgical procedure for injured or diseased dogs and is used for an estimated 50% of cruciate ligament procedures — and that percentage is growing. The number of dogs undergoing cruciate ligament repair each year in America is estimated to exceed 1.2 million. That’s about five times the number of human procedures, even though humans outnumber dogs in the U.S. by nearly five to one, *The Wall Street Journal* says.

“The vet took X-rays and it turned out that Sammie had torn her left cruciate ligament and Brindal had also torn hers,” Megan says. “But the vet needed me to bring both dogs back on Tuesday when his orthopedic surgeon would be able to confirm the diagnoses.” During those two days, both Sammie and Brindal – who were taking prescription painkillers – were suffering. Then, the orthopedic surgeon confirmed that both dogs needed TPLO surgeries, but he wouldn’t schedule them until he discussed the ‘options’ with Megan, who knew that avoiding the surgery — or euthanasia — were not options for her.

“The surgeon kept emphasizing how much it would cost to have not just one, but two surgeries, which were about \$3,500 each,” Megan explains. “I would have been willing to go into major credit debt to cover the surgeries, but the surgeon didn’t know that it wasn’t necessary because I had pet insurance. As a single woman who doesn’t have any children, my pets are my children and are the loves of my life. Like any parent, I think they are the sweetest and prettiest pets in the world and I would do anything for them.”

In October 2005, Megan purchased the AKCSM Pet Healthcare Plan for both Sammie and Brindal. At the time, she says her friends and family made fun of her.

“Both dogs came through the surgeries well,” Megan says, “though Sammie stayed an extra day because she became dehydrated and was vomiting from the anesthesia. When I took them both in for their three-month check-ups and X-rays, I was actually more worried about Brindal because she was overweight and seemed to take longer to recover than Sammie.” X-rays eventually showed that Brindal was fine, however Sammie had somehow torn the ligament in her *other* leg, some weeks after her initial surgery, and would need a *second* TPLO operation.

“I wasn’t nearly as worried about the second surgery, since the first operation had turned out so well for Sammie,” Megan shares. “Plus, I knew that I would have no problem relying on my AKC Pet Healthcare Plan since I had received the reimbursement checks for the first surgeries so promptly.” Megan’s plan ended up paying \$8,980.70 of her total veterinary costs for the three surgeries. Not all pet healthcare plans will cover more than one TPLO surgery per dog.

Today, Megan is delighted that her ‘girls’ are doing well and she has recently just renewed her insurance for them. Megan says that she has heard stories about other people who have chosen to euthanize their pets because they didn’t have the money to pay for treatment costs. “Not only is that so terribly sad, but so unnecessary,” Megan says. “I have been recommending to my own friends and family that they consider insurance for their own pets, and they are certainly not making fun of me now. I can’t believe we could ever go through another year like this one. My insurance plan is well worth my peace of mind and having it made a very difficult period much easier for me.”

Unexpected accidents and illnesses can occur. If they do, pet healthcare insurance can greatly help you manage the cost of veterinary care, as well as preventive measures. The range of AKC Pet Healthcare Plans offers quality and affordable coverage. For a no-obligation quote, go to www.akcphp.com or call toll-free at 1-866-725-2747

Source: AKC website

Grooming Your Bulldog



Ears: Use a cotton round (not a cotton swab) to clean your bullies ears at least once a week. Apply alcohol or "Bull-doggie Wash" to the cotton round and wipe out the ears or pour a small amount directly into the ear canal.

Mix the following ingredients together for use as an **ear wash, wrinkle cleaner, and tail cleaner**. Used several times per week, it keeps away unsightly tearstains too.

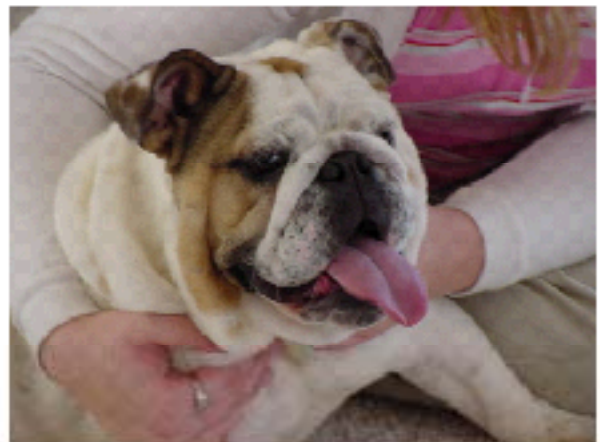
Bull-doggie Wash:

1 part peroxide
1 part white vinegar
2 parts warm water



Stored in a closed container, it will stay good for months.


Wrinkles: A Bulldog's face is covered with wrinkles and that is his trademark for sure. This is a trademark that requires **daily** care to keep him comfortable and healthy. Using the Bull-doggie Wash and a cotton round, clean well around and under those wrinkles, making sure not to get any in his eyes. Then dry the area. Used daily, this will eliminate tear stains.





Tail: Bulldogs have a small indented area underneath the tail. It is commonly referred to as the tail pocket. Special effort is needed to keep the pocket clean and dry. If not properly cared for, your Bulldog may end up with an infection. Use unscented baby wipes to clean under the tail at least a couple of times per week. Your Bullie will most likely be licking the air while you do this (normal but funny to see). For problem pockets, try Malaseb Pledgets.



Genital area: Unscented wipes  are also good for keeping the genital area clean. Use the wipe along with the Bull-doggie Wash to keep the area free of stains as well.

Nails: Trimming your dogs nails is very important, not only for your comfort, but for your dog's as well. This should be done at least once every 2 weeks. If you are going to use a nail clipper, I recommend Resco clippers. Make sure the blade is always sharp. The nail should be cut from underneath, not from the top downward. Slide the opening over the end of the nail while staying in the whitish part of the nail. The pink area of the nail is the live part and has blood vessels throughout. It's a good idea to have some Kwik Stop on hand in case you cut too short. Be sure not to cut to the quick. A good rule of thumb is to cut just until the curve. Or, use a nail file like the one attached to this Dremel Tool. (This is just like the one the ladies in the nail shops use.) It takes about 3 seconds per nail, once or twice a week, to keep the nails trim and smooth. Your dog's nails will be easiest to trim right after a bath because the water softens them.



Bathing: If your bullie sleeps with you, you probably want to bathe him more often than others. Using an adjustable hand-held showerhead in the shower is probably the easiest way to do this. Just walk your dog into the shower and wet from the neck down. Apply shampoo and lather. Carefully, use a small amount of the lather on the dog's face, but stay away from the eyes and ears. Those are cleaned outside of the shower. Rinse well, **very well**. Residue left on the coat can cause dry, itchy skin. This kind of showerhead allows precision.



If you want to bathe your dog often, your choice in shampoo is critical. By using an organic shampoo, you can safely bathe your dog once a week. Aubrey Organics Organimals Shampoo & Conditioner are great products available at Whole Foods and most major health food stores.

Brushing: Even though bulldogs have short coats, they still require weekly brushing. This will keep the coat looking good and your clothing less hairy! The Zoom Groom by Kong is a great tool for the job! It is gentle...no pulling, yanking or scratching. It collects loose hair like a magnet!



Tooth Brushing: Start by wetting a wash cloth and rubbing the dog's teeth with it, twice a week. When your bullie is okay with you in its mouth, work your way up to a pet finger toothbrush. Let the dog lick off the doggie toothpaste and then proceed. (Never use human toothpaste on dogs. Flouride can be toxic to dogs.) Gently rub the toothbrush against your dog's teeth and gums.





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