



Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego

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Dear fellow bulldoggers and friends,

On the 19th of May, the club held it's annual Bulldog specialty show under the direction of Betty Fisher and Janice Hochstedler. All who participated had a good time and the judges were pleased with the professional way in which the show was run. There were many club members involved in the activity and I appreciate all their efforts. Elaine Feinstein supplied all the awards for the show in remembrance of one of her special bullies.

The hot weather season of summer is now with us. Be sure to make an extra effort to keep your dogs cool and comfortable. For two weekends in June, the club has had the opportunity once again to participate at the Del Mar Fair and educate the public. Many visitors had an opportunity to learn more about Bulldogs and had the opportunity to meet and interact with some of our four legged bullie buddies. We extend a special thanks to Andy Sydoriak and Elaine Feinstein for organizing the activity and to all of you who par-

icipated and shared your experiences. We are grateful for all the bullies who participated.

In the past few years, there has been an increased concern about puppy mills, imported dogs and disreputable breeders. This is still a serious problem. 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 costly and unexpected expenses and heartbreak.

Since our last newsletter, one of our longtime club members and mentor Betty Fisher has moved away to another part of the state. We have enjoyed her advice and expertise and will miss her. We extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

I would like to express my personal thanks to Naomi Bell and Deb Shoemaker for the wonderful job they are doing with this newsletter. It takes a lot of work to put something like this together. I would also like to extend my thanks to all the members of the board for their contributions the club

Derek Rasmussen



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Upcoming Events

July 7-9 - Wags for Wishes, wonderful dog extravaganza to benefit the Make a /wish Foundation at the SD Equestrian Park

August 13, 2006 - Summer LUAU Picnic Dusty Rhodes Neighborhood Park, 3:30pm to 6:30pm, menu Teriyaki Chicken Bowls.

October - Annul BCGSD Halloween Picnic

New Members

A great big bullie hug to our new memers

Jeff and Lisa Chapman of Oceanside

Marcos and Cynthia Torres of Santee

Phone and Email Changes



LUAU Picnic

August 13, 2006

3:30pm to 6:30pm

Dusty Rhodes Neighborhood Park
(west end of park)

Menu
Teriyaki Chicken Bowls
\$7.00 per person
includes drinks,
teriyaki chicken bowls,
salads and desserts

R.S.V.P. by August 5th
(to ensure enough food)
send check to

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May Minutes

Meeting held May 13, 2006
Thomas White's House

Members Present: Derek Rasmussen, Janice Hochstedler, Naomi Bell, Tom White, Kasey Kimball, and Elaine Feinstein

Board Member Reports:

Naomi - The first newsletter to be published without Betty Fisher came out the first week of May. Naomi Bell (editor) & Deb Shoemaker (publisher) are on a learning curve, and are beginning to master the art. They are working on both content and format. Beginning in July, minutes from board meetings will be published.

Janice - This year's Specialty Show was the topic of Janice's report. We discussed last minute preparations for the show being held at Qualcomm Stadium on May 19th. Also on the Specialty Show agenda was the topic of recognizing Betty Fisher and all her contributions to our club.

Kasey & Tom - Our resident show people discussed the new Obedience / Handling Classes, held on Thursday nights. Talk included a possible change of location to allow for more lead or on-leash training, and more Obedience lessons (sit, stay, come, etc...)

Other Discussion Items:

Bulldog Rescue - Elaine informed us of the official split between our club and the rescue organization. She also updated us on all the hard work Megan is doing to place bullies in good homes.

Member Directory - Naomi proposed that we have a membership directory available to members only. This would allow members to communicate and organize play dates, etc. The directory will be kept and updated by our club secretary and made available via e-mail and at BCGSD events.

Show News - Kasey, Janice, and Tom shared the latest news in the show world. They attended shows both locally and in Utah recently and brought home a fistful of ribbons.

Policies - Derek discussed the establishment of new guidelines for helping people with distressed animals.

Parties - A date was set for the August Picnic and ideas shared for times and events at the picnic.

Future Board Meetings - The idea of inviting all members to board meetings was agreed upon. We would like to have more members involved. If well attended, we would like to add education and dog socialization time to the meetings. The next Board Meeting will be held on July 15. Any suggestions for future locations are requested.



In Memoriam...



Karen, Carleton and Elizabeth

It is with sadness that we report that Karen Krings has passed away from colon cancer, which she had been battling for 3 years. She was involved with bulldog rescue for many years as member of the BCGSD Rescue Committee. She herself, adopted two rescue bulldogs. She will be missed.

Spring Show Results

On Friday, May 19th, the **BCGSD** held its annual **Specialty Show**. The show's theme was "fireplugs" in honor of Elaine Feinstein's beloved dog, Fireplug. Elaine sponsored all the trophies in his honor and in celebration of her 65th birthday.

At the show, we held a special presentation in Betty Fisher's honor. She was presented with a T- shirt proclaiming her 'Official Alpha Female of the BCGSD' along with flowers. Later that night, at the judge's dinner, the group presented her with a memory book where all the show people had written their best wishes for her new move. Betty has been a club member for over 30 years, written books, articles for National Magazines, and was an innovator of bulldogs being able to participate in agility, obedience, rally and carting.

PCBC Specialty Show

Several of our club members attended the Pacific Coast Bulldog Club specialty show in Ontario, Ca. It was a three

day show which included a puppy match and a junior showmanship competition. Janice Hochstetler's puppy Compatible's Buddy Cash won his three month old class, and went on to win Best Male Puppy. Rachel Hochstetler, 14, won Junior Showman on Saturday and Sunday. Showmanship classes judge the skill of the handler, not the conformation of the dog.

Specialty Show Results

In the 6-9 month class Rhyan Aquino's "Elmer" won first. Betty Fisher's "Copper" took 2nd and Derek Rasmussen's "Fawn" took 3rd in puppy bitch 6-9 mo. Tom White's "CeCe Rider" took 3rd in the 9-12 puppy bitch. Janice Hochstetler's "Lily" took 2nd in the American bred bitch. The Kimball's "JC" took 2nd in Open Bitch.

Cabrillo Kennel Club Show

After the specialty show, many members competed in the Cabrillo Kennel Club Show. At the Friday afternoon Match, the Kimball's puppy, Chilly, took 2nd, Grandy took 1st and Best Opposite Sex. Buster took 1st,

Best of Breed, and won a Group 2 placement in Non-Sporting.

Jamie and Kasey Kimball's dog Max took First in Open class, won Winners Dog and "Best of Winners" on Saturday. Tom and Elsa White's dog, Sir Charlie, made the exact same progression on Sunday. This gives each of these boys their first Major (3 pts.). Tom and Elsa's girl, Miss CeCe Rider, won 2nd in 9- 12 month old puppy class.

On Sunday, the Kimball's girl J.C. won Open class, then Winners Bitch giving her a 3pt. Major (this is her 3rd Major). This Major win finished her and completed her Championship quest!

Congratulations to all!!!



"Champion Marco's Just Too Cool"- JC





Dog Shows - General Info.

Dog shows are basically a process of elimination, with one dog eventually being named Best in Show. Throughout the day, dogs compete in categories that lead to the culminating event, starting with classes for earning points toward championship status. There are six regular classes in which dogs may enter. Males and females are judged separately in the following divisions:

Puppy Class: 6-9 Months, 9-12 months, and 12-18 months.

Novice Class: Dogs who have never won a blue ribbon in any of the other classes, or who have won less than three ribbons in the novice class.

Bred by Exhibitor (known as BBX): for dogs whose handlers are the breeder and owner (or co-owner).

American Bred: For dogs whose parents mated and whelped in America.

Open Class: Can be entered by any intact dog of the breed being judged.

After the classes are judged, dogs that placed first in classes return for judging of Winners Dog or Winners Bitch. The dog (a term used to mean male) and bitch (a term used to mean female) selected receive points that accrue toward a championship title. Reserve winners (dog and bitch) are also awarded ribbons, but not points. Depending upon the number of dogs shown the number of points given winners varies from one to five.

The Winners Dog and Winners Bitch advance to compete against champions of record for the

Best of Breed award. The judge selects the dog most deserving of BOB and the best entry of the opposite sex (Best of Opposite Sex, aka: Best Opposite).

Best of Winners is chosen from Winners Dog and Winners Bitch, and the highest number of points available according to entry numbers are awarded. For example, if more dogs are entered than bitches, it is possible for Winners Dogs to be awarded five points, while Winners Bitch receives three. However, if Winners Bitch becomes Best of Winners, she will also receive five points for beating the dog.

The Best of Breed winner advances to compete in group competition (Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-sporting and Herding). A judge will place the dogs 1st through 4th, with the first place winner advancing to compete for Best in Show laurels.

How to Become a Champion

Fifteen points are required for a dog to become a champion of record. Within the fifteen, a dog must accrue points considered "major" wins. A major is a 3, 4 or 5 point win that demonstrates that the dog can compete in stiff competition based on large entries. Furthermore, the dog must win under at least 3 different judges. After a dog (or bitch) has completed the requirements for championship, the American Kennel Club will award a certificate acknowledging the award, and the dog's name will be preceded by the title Ch. (Champion) in all formal documents.

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Beware of Foxtails

The foxtail, in its "green condition" as seen below, is a native plant in Western areas of the United States.



This plant populates the area by drying and breaking apart into tiny burrowing duplicates of itself as seen in its "brown seeding condition" below.

The "seedlings" are physically built to burrow. While some animals do not have difficulty with the plant (horses can eat them with no side effects), and people seem to be able to remove them easily, dogs appear to have the most severe reactions to them.



The outsides of the "seedlings" contain a bacterium with enzymes used to break down vegetation. This bacterium also allows the seedling to burrow into a dog along the tunnels of pus created by the enzyme. In fact, pus and foxtails go hand in hand.

A foxtail can literally go anywhere in the dog. For example, they have been found inside the brain, anal glands, eyes, ears, jowls, feet, spinal cord, lungs, and vagina. We will focus on the symptoms, first aid treatment, and veterinary treatment for foxtails in the more common areas of the ears, eyes, nose, mouth, feet, vagina, and a general wound.

Ears: The symptoms are clear: a head tilt or head shaking is the immediate response of a dog that has a foxtail in its ear. Later, the symptoms look like an ear infection. The larger the dog, the less noticeable the symptoms so monitor your dog carefully. First aid response is to put drops of oil into the affected ear to soften the foxtail. This softening helps prevent the foxtail from moving forward and may allow the dog to shake it out. Unless you see the foxtail shaken out, do not assume it has been removed. Take the dog to a vet for removal of the foxtail. The vet will most likely conduct an otoscopic exam and a simple retrieval.

Eyes: Symptoms for foxtails in the eyes are a gummy discharge and a squint, or an eye glued shut. In parts of California, for example, if an eye is glued shut, it is generally considered a foxtail and treated as such. First aid response is to calm the dog. If the foxtail is in sight and you can control your dog, use a blunt tweezer to pull out the foxtail. Foxtails cannot be flushed from the eye with water or eye-wash, nor can they be removed by applying ointment. Get your dog to the vet.

Nose: For a foxtail in the nose, the obvious symptoms are spasmodic and serial sneezing. If blood comes from the nose as a consequence of sneezing, you are almost assured it is a foxtail. First aid treatment is to drop (not squirt) some oil into the nose. Mineral oil is best but baby or

vegetable oil can be used. The oil will soften the foxtail, so hopefully, it will not continue to burrow. The oil is for the dog's comfort as well as to help stop the foxtail from poking the sensitive nasal passages. But again, get your dog to a vet quickly.

Mouth: Dogs can get foxtails in their mouth. The symptoms of a foxtail stuck in the gums or back of the throat include gagging, difficulty swallowing when eating, etc. If swallowed, foxtails can be passed. However, if it gets caught in periodontal pockets, the tongue, in between teeth or in the back of the throat, it can cause problems. You can tell if this has occurred, not only from the above symptoms, but also because the dog may have a "dead body" odor coming from the mouth. The vet will anesthetize the dog, then locate and remove the foxtail.

Interdigital: Symptoms are continuous licking of the foot or pad, or the appearance of a bubbly swelling between the toes. First check the dog. If you think there is a foxtail, you can soak the foot in warm water 10 to 15 minutes one or two times a day for three days. This will assist in the creation of an abscess in the area that will eventually burst. Once it bursts, you can remove the foxtail by milking the abscess and backing out the foxtail. Once the foxtail is removed, keep soaking the foot, but now add an antiseptic (like betadine) to the water (about one tablespoon per cup of water). What should be clear by now is that for foxtails, "pus marks the spot," so always look for a bubble of pus on the foot. Sometimes the bubble shows up and disappears, then shows up somewhere else on the dog's leg. From our experience this indicates a roving foxtail and the best bet is to get your dog to the vet.

Vagina: This area is hard to spot symptoms at for they are not as obvious as in other areas. Look for a swollen area in the groin and constant licking of the vaginal area. There is no first aid treatment. Take the dog to a vet immediately. Any foxtail that enters a dog through the ears, eyes, nose, mouth, feet, or vagina if ignored, has the potential to travel (burrowing along the tunnels of pus created by the seedling's bacteria) anywhere in the dog's body. Don't ignore any of the outermost symptoms, as internal symptoms are usually not visible. Severe injury and even death can occur if the foxtail reaches the dog's brain, spinal cord, heart or lungs.

Although generally foxtails do not lead to death, they can cause severe injury. After any event in areas with foxtails, it is wise to carefully inspect your dog. It is also wise to immediately treat any dog that shows the above symptoms and get it to a vet. You might also want to add blunt tweezers, mineral oil, and an eye dropper to your growing first aid kit for field trial dogs.

Ask Fang

A column to address common training problems for pet owners.

You are welcome to send in your question or problems to Betty Fisher by

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Dear Fang

I'm interested in showing my dog in conformation but I've seen the ramp they use in the shows and I don't know how to teach her to do that. Some of the dogs just walk right up and others seem so worried about it.

Uncertain

Dear Uncertain,

That is a great question. It is important to show your dog slowly and make her think the ramp is a really fun place to be. Start by giving your dog some great treats and getting her attention. Walk by the ramp and treat. Stop by the ramp and treat. Approach the ramp straight on from about 4'. Stop at the bottom and treat. Place a treat about 12" up on the ramp and let your dog eat it. Place another with a second about 6" higher. Encourage your dog to place her feet on the ramp to get the treats. If she does give the treat and let her go back down.

Just gradually encourage your dog to walk up and ramp and stand on the platform and get pets and treats. Don't attempt to stack her. Teach one thing at a time. Stacking is taught on the ground first then added on the platform after the dog is comfortable walking up the ramp and just hanging out there.

You don't have to have a real ramp either. A plank firmly leaning on a retaining wall or sturdy table will work. Good luck and have fun.

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 American.

Fantastic Frozen Treat

- 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.

Cool Summer Treats

Does your Bully like **Ice cubes**?
Fill a separate tray with **chicken broth** and give your bully a frozen broth treat.
How about **frozen grapes**? Or **chilled carrots** and **apple chunks**.

Plain yogurt in their breakfast meal to aid digestion - they think it's a an ice cream treat!

Meet The Members

Corina Cauldren

I have been the Treasurer of the BCGSD since 2005. My husband Ryan and I live in El Cajon with our furry children including four cats and our beloved two Bulldogs! I am an accessibility specialist and my husband is a technology engineer. Miss Tank our female is 2 1/2 years old and our male Spike is 1 1/2 years old. We purchased Miss Tank from a breeder in Fresno and Spike from a breeder in Escondido. We had another beautiful red-brindle bulldog Mugsy but he passed away on August 25, 2004. We love going on vacations with our two bullies and taking them to the beach, Seaport Village and parks with their two best bullie friends Deuce and Ginger. I usually begin my mornings by cooking them scrambled eggs with chicken, hot dogs or cottage cheese mixed in, so my friends and family think they are overwhelmingly spoiled and have a lot to keep up with when they doggie sit!

We just adore the way our bulldogs love to cuddle and our favorite thing about our bullies is that they may look tough but they are the most gentle dogs, they love to play rough with dogs but yet are so gentle when they play with our cats!



Here is a picture of Ryan & I with Tank & Spike in Lake Arrowhead in November 2005

Cool pads, water bowls etc for your Bulldog
Check these website outs

www.petedge.com
www.valleyvet.com
www.sahalie.com
www.drfostersmith.com



Ribbons

At dog shows, the judge presents each dog that wins an award with a ribbon. The color of the ribbon represents the award and is consistent at all dog shows sanctioned by the AKC.

Red, White and Blue: Best in Show

Purple and Gold: Best of Breed

Blue and White: Best of Winners

Red and White: Best of Opposite Sex

Purple: Winners Dog and Winners Bitch

Purple and White: Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch

Blue: First place in a class or in group competition

Red: Second place in a class or group competition.*

Yellow: Third place in a class or group competition.*

White: Fourth place in a class or group competition

Green: Qualifying score, usually given in obedience competition



*Usually flat ribbons are awarded in the classes and rosettes are awarded in group competition. However, some specialty shows award rosettes in all classes, due to the prestige associated with placing in a specialty class.

To find a list of upcoming shows, go to <http://www.jbradshaw.com/> and click on "shows".

Tips for the First-time Spectator

- * Plan to spend several hours at the dog show. Don't rush or expect the dogs to be on your schedule.
- * Consider bringing lunch or purchasing lunch at the show site. Outdoor shows can get hot, so bring beverages. Also bring outdoor gear such as sunscreen, rain protection or boots as necessary.
- * Study the show's catalog or schedule, usually sold near the entrance to the show. This will tell you in which ring and at what time each breed is being judged.
- * If you are interested in bulldogs, arrive early. Once each breed has been judged, those dogs often leave. If you miss the breed competition, you may be able to see the best of breed representative in the group competition.
- * Visit the grooming area and speak with the attending exhibitors and handlers. They can offer tips in many areas of dog care: selecting a pet, health, training and grooming. However, time your questions as to not interfere with preparing for the competition. Never pet a dog without the permission of the handler.
- * Visit the vendors and information booths at the show. You may find interesting items. Books with valuable information and difficult-to-find educational items are often available. It's a good place to find toys and specialized canine care products too.
- * Take your camera. The interesting dogs can make great photographs.

EASY TICK REMOVAL

A School Nures has written this info -- good enough to share--and really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's some time difficult to get to with tweezers, between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you left it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way.



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BCGSD Specialty Show



The BCGSD Booth at the Del Mar Fair

was a hit! We had so many people stop in and ask questions about our beloved friends. There was a sign up sheet for rescue and another for those who may be interested in membership. Andy Sydoriak did a fantastic job coordinating the schedules and Elaine Feinstein made it all possible. A heartfelt thanks to all who participated. They are the: Shoemaker, Sydoriak, Bohrer, Cauldren, DiMeglio, Aquino, Franklin, Grant, Feinstein, Rasmussen, Bell, Torres, Weir, Bossenbroek, Knowles, Whittle, and Mattix families.