



# Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego

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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. We want 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.

We will be holding our 2006 Specialty Show on the 19th of May at Qualcomm Stadium. Our Club Vice-President Janice Hochstedler is the event chairperson and will need help in various assignments. If you have an interest in working on the show please contact Janice.

Our next major activity for the club will be our annual Spring Party on the 1st of April. Naomi Bell Hawker, one of our new Board members is the chairperson for the event and will be getting out details of the activity in the next Club Newsletter and on the club website. Anyone that would be willing to help with this activity is very much invited to contact Naomi 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 2006 dues, please send in your checks as soon as possible. Any additional amounts of money could be channeled towards our Bulldog Rescue efforts. 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 couple of rescue dogs and can never have enough financial resources to support this very important function of our club. Your donations to rescue are tax deductible and if you need further information, you can contact Megan Lilly or myself. We are in the process of setting up a stand-alone Bulldog Rescue organization, which is in keeping with national guidelines from



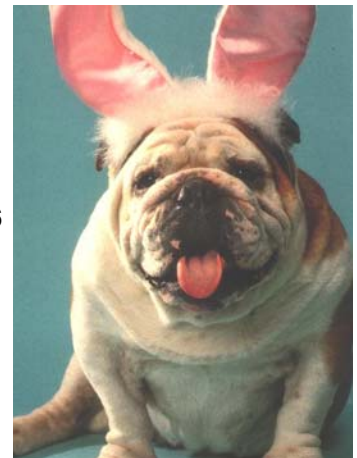
the Bulldog Club of America. The BCGSD will continue to support this worthwhile effort. More information will be provided in the future.

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 the last few months and would appreciate your input. The electronic version saves us printing and mailing costs and helps keep our Club costs down. For those who prefer a hard copy please let us 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. We will be doing a little more training in showmanship and obedience and try to set up some smaller social activities for club members in closer proximity to each other if there is an interest.

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 2006 year.

Derek Rasmussen



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## Upcoming Events

**April 1, 2006** - BCGSD annual easter party - Saturday 1:00pm at San Dieguito Lower Park, 1628 Lomas Fe Dr., Del Mar

**May 19, 2006** - Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego Specialty Show, Qualcomm stadium practice field. Hidden Valley Obedience Club obedience/rally trials same location

**May 20, 21, 2006** - Cabrillo Kennel Club 2 days of conformation, obedience and rally trials. Jbradshaw.com

**July 7-9** - Wags for Wishes, wonderful dog extravaganza to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation at the SD Equestrian Park

**October** - Annual BCGSD Halloween Party

## New Members

### Phone and Email Changes

Betty Fisher - has moved to Raymond CA, about an hour east of Fresno in the Yosemite foothills onto 80 acres! betty@coastoriginals.com, 559-689-3551, P.O. Box 93, Raymond, CA 93653



Have you paid your  
2006 dues yet? Please  
pay by March 15<sup>th</sup>

Send your check to the  
Membership Chairman  
P.O. Box 270176  
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**Our club will be hosting a specialty show on May 19.** Top bulldogs from across the west will be attending this event. We are currently looking for volunteers to supervise the trophy table, serve as hospitality lunch hosts, and also someone to be a ring steward or steward's assistant. If you would like to experience the world of dog showing, please email Janice at [mjh6@aol.com](mailto:mjh6@aol.com). No experience needed - we will train! Even if you can help for a few hours that day we will appreciate it.

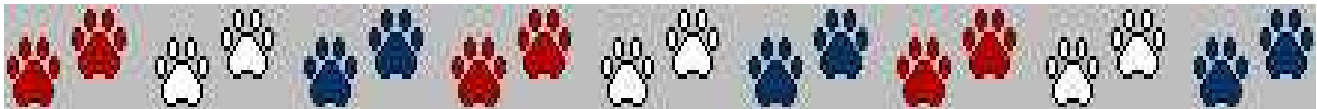
## **FROM THE EDITOR**

I have been a member of BCGSD since 1971 and editor of the newsletter for many years. On March 19<sup>th</sup> a life-long dream is coming true and I am moving onto 80 acres in Madera County. The only sad note is leaving my many dog friends here in San Diego. Deb Shoemaker and Naomi Bell are taking over the editors hat but with the magic of email I will continue to contribute to the newsletter. I hope to have a little more time. My ribbon business, Coast Originals, will move but I think we will be cutting back a bit. My family has opened a feed store in the small (really small) town of Raymond in the Yosemite foothills. My son Jim is joining us too.

I will miss all of you but of course my Bulldogs, Prize, Going and Copper as well as my Newfoundland, Franklin will be moving with me. I'm looking forward to getting more horses too.

New address will be P.O. Box 93, Raymond, CA 93653, phone 559-689-3551, email me at [betty@coastoriginals.com](mailto:betty@coastoriginals.com)

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### **Looking for a bulldog puppy or know a friend that is?**

Please educate them about the dangers of buying a bulldog off of the Internet. Reputable breeders may have websites, but they do not use them to sell puppies. Breeders who are located out of state, especially in the Midwest, who are willing to sell a puppy to someone they have never met, and are willing to ship that pup, are not reputable. Many of these dogs lead horrible lives as puppy factories, and are never part of a family's life. The dogs are presented online as family pets, but the reality is that they are bred until they are no longer useful, and then disposed of. Especially in bulldogs, the dogs are not of good quality, and many of the pups end up with grave health issues and do not look like the bullies we love.

Please do not support these types of facilities. There are even some local Internet breeders who post signs along the freeway. One clue is they will have "puppies always available." They are not members of any local clubs, and they do not ever show their dogs.

We encourage you to consider adopting a dog from bulldog rescue -- we have many dogs waiting for loving homes. If you really want a pup, use resources like the AKC breeders referrals or contact our club for suggestions of responsible breeders. What our breed looks like in 50 years is dependent on the choices we all make now. Keep the integrity of our bulldogs by boycotting the puppy mills.



*Weep not for me though I am gone  
Into that gentle night.  
Grieve if you will, but not for long  
Upon my soul's sweet flight.  
I am at peace, my soul's at rest,  
There is no need for tears.  
For with your love I was so blessed  
for all those many years.  
There is no pain, I suffer not,  
The fear now all is gone.  
Put now these things out of your thoughts.  
In your memory I live on.  
Remember not my fight for breath,  
Remember not the strife.  
Please do not dwell upon my death,  
But celebrate my life.*

## In Loving Memory

This is for Hannah (aka Taffy) she was a rescue that went to live with David and Emy Beard  
Our condolence.

We loved this little dog so very, very much. In the space of a year and one half she became such a fixture in our house. My adult kids considered her a sister and are just devastated when we contacted them about her death. We've had boxers and a bulldog which we loved but I can unequivocally state, Hannah was the most special of them all. Such energy, so well behaved, she just loved to roam our yard, chase after the lizards (fortunately never caught one) and always be ready to play. The hillside by the side of our house is where she used to love to run. We are going to get a metal plaque and mount it on a stucco fence post to proclaim "Hannah's Hill". In such a short period she became the center of our home. We miss her terribly.



## **Do you find yourself glued to the TV whenever the Eukanuba cup rolls around?**

Does the thought of showing your dog seem exciting, but maybe a bit intimidating? There are many wonderful activities in which you and your dog can participate, and in the next few newsletters, we will be highlighting different AKC sanctioned programs. This month we'd like to introduce you to the world of conformation showing.

Conformation is when a dog is judged for their appearance, gait, and structure. Each breed is judged against a written standard, developed by the breed group. Judges must decide which dog best conforms to the standard for that breed on that given day. The goal is to reward dog who best display the desired characteristics, so that those traits can be passed down to future generations. Dogs and bitches are judged separately, and there are separate categories for puppies ranging from 6 months to 18 months. There are also different categories for novice dogs, dogs bred by the owner etc.

During the show, dogs are led around the ring by the handler, who may be a professional, or the dog's owner. The judge observes the gait of the dog, and then with bulldogs, the dog is placed on a platform so that the judge can physically inspect the dog. The judge feels for muscle tone, bone structure and general condition, and also looks for a good temperament.

The best female and the best male are awarded points -- the number of points depends on the number of dogs entered in the show. The goal is to accumulate enough points to obtain a Champion title. Championships can be difficult to earn, as your dog must consistently defeat many other quality dogs.

There are those who wonder if the dogs enjoy showing as much as the people do. The answer is they must -- an unhappy dog without presence would never win in the ring. If my dog sees me in a show outfit, she immediately races to the back of the SUV and waits to be let in. She loves the one-on-one attention, and being a bulldog - the admiration. Being told you are beautiful is very rewarding for any self-respecting bulldog.

Not all dogs can participate in conformation showing. They must be AKC registered and dogs with limited registrations are not eligible. The dog must be intact - not neutered or spayed. With those few limitations - conformation is open to most purebred dog owners. There are several members of the club who are active in the show world and if someone is interested in learning how to show, we would love to help you. The bulldog show world tends to be filled with very supportive, kind people who will try to make your first show a good experience.

There are many local shows coming up, and you might want to observe a match before you jump in. You can access the schedules online by going to [jbradshaw.com](http://jbradshaw.com) and clicking on shows. Bulldogs always begin at 8:00am.

Be sure to let us know you will be coming and one of the club members would be happy to give you a guided tour of the ring. If anyone has interest or questions about showing, feel free to contact me and I would be glad to answer any questions.

Janice Hochstetler

# BIRTH OF SAN DIEGO BULLDOG RESCUE

BCGSD has had a Rescue and Adoption Program for several years, almost too successfully. Last year we handled 26 bulldogs and the number has been increasing annually. Those of us who work with this program have come to realize that it was time to 'break away' and form a separate organization. It will be known as San Diego Bulldog Rescue. In addition we were informed by our club insurance carrier that rescue activities would not be covered by our liability policy however we could obtain coverage for our volunteers if we aligned with the Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network (BCARN). We have begun the application process to build SDBR, to incorporate, to obtain 501-c-3 nonprofit status for this organization; to receive recognition from BCARN and identify ourselves to the community.

Megan Lilly will continue as Rescue Coordinator, and the Board Members of SDBR are Megan, Birte Haakanssen, Elaine Feinstein, Skip van der Marliere, Joel Ludington, Derek Rasmussen and Betty Fisher. Those BCGSD members who have been working with rescue and foster activities are asked to continue with this new group. If any other BCGSD members are interested in joining us, please contact Megan, Birte or Elaine. All active SDBR members need to be current BCA members as well. We plan to continue to work side-by-side with BCGSD on fundraising auctions at our club events. Adoption fees alone do not cover the operating costs of a rescue and adoption program and we will seek your donations all thru the



## A SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to extend a heart-felt THANK YOU to Doug and Liz Heinz who own and operate the Point Loma Pet Pantry. This small, friendly business carries high-end, holistic, raw and whole foods for pets. They also stock many holistic supplements, and of course, there are toys, beds, etc for the fun side of pet ownership. Doug and Liz have donated many, many bags of food to Bulldog Rescue for feeding our foster dogs. The value of this food ranges between \$300-\$500 to date. So, again, a big thank you to Doug and Liz and if any of you are ever in Pt. Loma stop in and say hello. They are always friendly and your dogs are welcome too! Doug just loves it when the bullies come in to take a drink and slop water all over his floor.... :

**Point Loma Pet Pantry  
3704 Voltaire St #108  
San Diego**

## Ask Fang

**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, [betty@coastoriginals.com](mailto:betty@coastoriginals.com) or P.O. Box 93, Raymond, CA 93653)**



Dear Fang,

I am moving and very concerned about my Bulldog, Cherry. Would it be better for me to find her a new home than try to move her?

Worried.

Dear Worried,

Whether you place your dog in a new home or take her with you she will be moving to a new place so it would be much less stress for her to keep her with you. Try to travel when it is as cool as possible. Take your dog's bed and familiar belongings as well as her usual food and several bottles of her home water. Try to avoid too much activity until she has a chance to settle in and become acclimated.

When we moved to San Diego I was very excited and thought it was a grand adventure. I didn't overheat of course. My daughter, Imp, stayed on the bed for three days and Whistler walked into the house, saw the blue chair and flopped down in front of it, just like he did at our old house, so dogs will react in many different ways just monitor her to be sure she does not overheat.

### **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. She teaches classes for all breeds of dogs in the San Diego area.***

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

If you are interested in applying for membership in the Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego please contact Membership Chairman, Cheryl McKean, at 760-721-4628 or email her at [McKean91@cox.net](mailto:McKean91@cox.net). You can download applications from the web!

Go to [www.sdbulldogs.org](http://www.sdbulldogs.org).

Dues are \$20 per year for individual member or \$30 per year for two people at same address.

# Meet The Members

## Derek Rasmussen

Cindy and I have been happily married for 31 years. I had my first bulldog when I was a year old. My grandfather bred and showed bulldogs in Canada. Cindy and I have owned bulldogs for the past 20 years. When i first suggested that we get a bulldog, Cindy's initial reaction was: "No way they are so ugly". After her first exposure to our first puppy, Iroquois Princess Abbey, she was hooked and will not own another breed. Abbey lived a great life and has been succeeded by a number of other bullies. Today, we are blessed with two beautiful sour mugs - Bella and Fawn. Bella is 4 yrs old and the mother of Fawn. Cindy and I have been involved with members of the BCGSD since we moved to California. Our first contact was Betty Fisher and then we met Elaine Feinstein and the rest is history.

I have served as vice-president for a year and a half and am currently serving my third year as president. I enjoy the members of the Club and its activities and appreciate all the work that is done by the officers and board member that I have the great privilege to work with.



Left to right: Fawn, Derek and Bella



## Chew Toys



Chewing is a natural dog behavior. Historically, canine species chewed prey as part of the natural behaviors needed for survival. Today, packaged, prepared foods do not require intense chewing to prepare the meal for digestion. Dogs, however still crave chew objects to satisfy their natural urges. Dogs chew to relieve stress and to occupy the time. Bored dogs often relieve stress by keeping busy with a chew object. Puppies passing through teething periods need chew objects to alleviate the stress and pain of teething.

When dogs are left to select the objects of their chewing pleasure, they often make inappropriate choices. Dogs acting on impulse destroy furniture, shoes and toys daily. You can't stop a dog from chewing, it's in his nature, but you can direct him to appropriate objects.



select chew toys that exercise the dog's mouth. Many stores offer a variety of objects to please the most discerning pooch **Nylabone** and **KONG** toys make the best choices.

Avoid giving chew toys that resemble household items to your dog. Bones from your kitchen are also not recommended. They can splinter and damage the dog's intestinal tract. Old shoes and towels look just like your new possessions, so don't confuse your dog by giving him your cast-offs.

Rawhide chews are not recommended. The rawhide can expand in the stomach causing irritation and serious illness, such as bloating. It can also cause blockage of the intestine.

While your instinct may be to indulge your dog, limit his chew item stockpile to three to four choices. When you see him eyeing a "victim" like your new suede shoes or guest towels, direct him to one of his own chew toys and praise him. Giving too many choices may make him think that chewing is an acceptable behavior, regardless of the object chosen.

Encourage your dog to chew, but teach him the difference between right and wrong.

This bullie is chewing on a Hurley, Bulldog proof chew toy





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# Preppie Pup Fashions

**OUTFITS FOR THE  
KID FINISHING UP  
HIS FIRST SEMESTER  
OF MEDICAL SCHOOL**