



Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

Spring is here. Enjoy the cool weather with your bullies, while it lasts. We are already almost one third of the way into the year and have many exciting activities planned for the upcoming months. We held our annual spring picnic on April 1st at the San Dieguito Dog Park. The weather cooperated and we had plenty of sunshine. I want to thank Naomi Bell Hawker and all of her helpers for a wonderful activity. Many attended and all who attended had a lot of fun. I personally enjoyed the taco bar, which was a new and innovative feature introduced by Naomi. We had an auction and raised some additional funds for Bulldog Rescue.

I want to give a big welcome to the newest members of the Bulldog Club and encourage them to share their talents as they participate in club activities. Igor and Alona Ryzhak, Elizabeth and Ramon Alonso, Dennis Quaglia and Joe Lorenz, Jeff and Ellen Fuller, and Rhyan Aquino and Barbara Guinto.

Our next big club activity will be the Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego Specialty Show on Friday May 19th. Our club is sponsoring this event and Janice Hochstedler is in charge. She will need many volunteers to help with set up, hospitality, Bulldog Rescue action, take down and other service opportunities. Please let her know if you can help. All help is greatly appreciated.

Tom White and Jaimie Kimball are doing conformation training at Tom's home every Thursday night at 7:00. If you are interested in showing your dog or just getting some more training you are invited to attend. There is no charge for Club members. Please contact Tom or Jaimie for more information. After the Specialty Show our next club event will be the Del Mar Fair in June. I hope that many of you will participate in this public outreach and educational event. The club will have a bulldog booth to provide information about the breed. We encourage participants to bring their bulldogs. People love to come and pet the animals and it provides us with a wonderful opportunity to educate the public about the special needs of our lovable Sourmugs. Please contact Elaine Feinstein for more details.

After the Fair our next club activity will be our annual August picnic. We are still looking for a chairman for this activity. If there are any of you that would be interested in working on this event please contact me. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Fair or at our August picnic. 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

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Upcoming Events

May 19, 2006 — Bulldog of Greater San Diego Qualcomm Stadium practice field. Show & Trail hours 8:00am to 4:00pm

May 20, 21, 2006 — Cabrillo Kennel Club 2 days of conformation, obedience and rally trials. Jbradshaw.com for entry info, entries close May 3rd.

June 17, 18 and 24, 25 Del Mar Fair — Club sponsored booth in the Pet Care Center bldg. Contact Andy Sydoriak asydoriak@cox.net and Elaine Feinstein buldawg@cox.net

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

August — **Annual BCGSD Summer Picnic**

October — **Annual BCGSD Halloween Picnic**

New Members

Igor & Alona Ryzhak — 858-357-3217, ryzhak@sbcglobal.net

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Does your dog pull on the leash?
Does your dog jump up on your guests?



These and other bad habits
can be corrected.
Check out the **FREE** classes
for members.

Obedience / Confirmation / Handling Classes

Thursday nights 7-8pm **free** to members,
\$5./ class non-members.

Contact Tom: tommyhightide@hotmail.com

Bully Fools Day Picnic

The April 1st, Bully Fools Day Picnic was a success. We could not have asked for better bully weather! If you didn't make it, we missed you. We had a **Rescue Raffle**, thanks to Skip & Elaine. Many walked away with some pretty cool items. **The Bully Egg Hunt** was fun to watch as the dogs found little plastic eggs filled with Old Mother Hubbard Organic Treats. Dayna Stahl Bondurant was the judge of the **Best Dressed Bully Contest**. Winners included Princess Guenevere as the "Most Fashion-a-bull", Sam as the "Most Unforget-a-bull", and Xena as the "Most Unbelieve-a-bull". The **Taco Bar** seemed to be a big hit. And **Melanie Snowwhite** took some beautiful photographs of our 4-legged friends and their parents. Can't wait for the next event!

Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego Specialty Show

To Be Held At
Qualcomm Practice Field
9449 Friars Rd
San Diego, California

Friday, May 19 2006
Show & Trial Hours: 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Entries Close
Wednesday, May 3, 2006 6:00PM

Show Secretary
Barbara Scott
619-262-2885



Our club Specialty Show is May 19th. Top bulldogs from across the west will be attending this event. Come and watch, support the club. Perfect opportunity to get started in showing. You can also show Sat. and Sun. at the Cabrillo Kennel Club dog show. Bulldog show at 8:00am until about 11:00am No Dogs that are not reg for the show allowed on show grounds. AKC rules.

Specilty Show Janice Hochstetle MJH6Aaol.com
Cabrillo Kennel Club Jbradshwa.com

Rescue Update March & April 2006

Below is a quick summary of recent rescue activity. We've been busy, but so far, happy endings for all involved. Thank you to everyone who supported the rescue raffle at the Spring Picnic. The money raised at the 3 annual picnic auction provides much of the needed to cover the vet bills of the many dogs that come into the rescue program each year. Be sure to check out the silent auction at the upcoming summer picnic. We're going to have many wonderful items. If you have any items you'd like to donate to any auction or rescue fundraiser please feel free to contact me.

Charlie - This sweet, special boy has become familiar to many of us, and has been place, only to come back. So Charlie is my dog now. I will be bringing him to some of the picnic so keep and eye out for him.

Ollie - Is a behavioral special needs dog. Ollie started a home trail recently and so far, so good.

Isabella - A pretty 3 year old girl, currently being fostered by Tony Lobb and James Foran. Tony reports she's a sweet, well-behaved girl. I have an applicant who is interested and hopefully arrange a meeting.

Dory - Home trail was positive and the adoption should be finalized

Bentley - Is a big, cute bullie who has epilepsy. I found a wonderful home to take on Bentley medical needs. I finalized his adoption and everyone seems very happy.

Zoe - This little girl went to Phoenix, Az. She is cute, small girl, but a hand full. I got a call from the new owner and everyone is happy, so adoption finalized.

Bubba - A young male who was too boisterous with children. Bubba has settled into his new home with a couple in Orange County. Iam in the final stage of adoption.

That's all for now. Thanks to everyone, as always, for their help and support.

Sincerely,
Megan Lilly



In Loving Memory

They will not go quietly,
the bullie who've shared our lives.
In subtle ways they let us know
their spirit still surbives.

Old habits still can make us
think we hear them at he 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
belong to them...
and always will

Mischief will be missed,
our condolence go out to Betty



The advent of Canine Genius and the Leo Toy

Back in December of 2001 club member and rescue committee board member, Birte Haakansson and her friend Alise Shatoff were out hiking with their new puppies and discussing the sad fact that their pups had become bored with the standard treat release toys. They were looking for something that would provide more of a challenge and keep the puppies "problem-solving" for a longer period of time. Thus was born the company of Canine Genius and eventually the development of the Leo toy, named after the genius Leonardo da Vinci. The Leo is *not* a chew toy, but rather a challenging treat release toy that inspires your dog to problem solve in order to get the food reward contained within. Our club members are encouraged to go the company's website at: www.caninegenius.com and see what Birte and Alise have created. The Leo toy is now enjoying recognition nation wide and has been featured in quite a few national publications. Canine Genius has made several product donations to help bulldog rescue raise needed funds.



San Diego County Fair

**June 17-18, Sat. & Sun.
June 24-25, Sat. & Sun**

**To all BCGSD members,
Volunteers are needed to man the booth, 4 hours shifts,
10:00am to 7:00pm. Mainly we would like to tell people about the breed, educate them, and just let them meet some real bulldogs. Their are sign up sheets for Adoption and New Members, hand out. Join the fun come support the club and bring your bullies.**

Contact

**Andy Sydoriak asydoriak@cox.net or
Elaine Feinstein buldawg@cox.net**

Meet The Members

Janice Hochstetler

Janice has served as the vice president of the club for two years. She and her husband Marcus own bulldogs Bryn and Lily and are currently raising a new litter of puppies, sired by the #1 ranked bulldog in the country. Their third bullie will be from this litter. Janice is active in showing and her dogs have filmed a commercial and modeled for several Petco ads. Marcus and Janice have six children and are active in the horse world. They are psychologists and also own Southcoast Performance Solutions, which makes fuel-saving modules for diesel trucks.

Janice is currently the show chairman for our club's upcoming specialty show on May 19 at Qualcomm Stadium. Her passion in the club is helping people find a bulldog through rescue or through a reputable breeder.



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



Dear Fang,

My dog, Winston, really pulls on his leash when we go for a walk and it just isn't a lot of fun and I'm afraid he will get away from me because I can hardly hold onto him. I'm worried about hurting his neck too. What kind of a collar or harness should I use?

Tired

Dear Tired,

This isn't really about what kind of a collar you need but about a training and attention problem. Dogs must be trained to walk on a loose leash and they need to pay attention to you when they are walking. I always keep an eye on Betty because I never know what she is going to do and she needs to be protected.

When your dog is pulling on the leash he isn't paying any attention to you and he is actually leading you. A dog cannot pull unless you pull back and if you follow him when he tries it! Think about that, your dog cannot pull you unless you pull back and follow him!

Betty just found a great new book, My Dog Pulls. What Do I Do? By Turid Rugaas. This is a small book with a GREAT method of teaching your dog to walk on a loose leash. This method is very much like the way Betty teaches her students but she thinks this is even better because it breaks it down into small pieces.

The book is available from www.dogwise.com, (800-776-2665) for \$10.95. If you follow the steps in this book carefully you and Winston will be able to take really fun walks. 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. She teaches classes for all breeds of dogs in the San Diego area.

Interdigital Cysts



Interdigital cysts are actually a cellulitic form of deep tissue pyoderma (skin infection). Cellulitis is a condition in which inflammatory fluids are forced into the tissues, rather than being discharged on the surface. Interdigital cysts are characterized as a firm, nodular thickening of the interdigital web. These cysts generally exhibit active stages of deep draining tracts of large pustules in one or more interdigital spaces.

Interdigital pyoderma tends to be chronic in nature, therefore a thorough search for the underlying cause is essential. This search can consist of skin scrapings, bacterial cultures and sensitivity tests. Most often the causative factors are found to be infection with staphylococci, ingrown hairs or blockage of a sebaceous gland. Though in some cases a genetic predisposition is suspected, which will necessitate intermittent lifelong antibiotics to control the symptoms. In some cases, the cyst is removed under general anesthesia followed up by appropriate antibiotics.

In many cases, interdigital cysts can be alleviated, if only temporarily, by home treatment. Home treatment should not be attempted by novices, it is however a step available to those experienced in dogs and the possible repercussions of interdigital cysts. The following is a brief outline of one fairly successful home treatment course.

- a) first thoroughly clean the area.
- b) soak the paw in warm water with Epsom Salts. Some people find it easiest to soak all 4 feet at the same time by standing the dog in a bath tub.
- c) Do not allow the dog to drink the water.
- d) Soak for approximately 10 minutes.
- e) Dry area thoroughly.
- f) apply Panalog ointment to the area or use preparation H.
- g) repeat daily until swelling has been gone.

Source: Bulldogs World

Welcome to BCA Education Group for the Bulldog

Membership is for BCA members, those who have or are making application for membership and those interest in education of the breed.

This list is a part of BCA Education group and the posting will deal with Bulldog, Breeding Issues, Exhibiting, Show, AKC Questions, Handling, Health and the many other questions that arise when you own this wonderful breed.

Pictures will be welcome but bragging and cute posts will not, there are many other lists available on the internet and this one will be used so the veterans in the breed can be there to help mentor new members and those who encounter issues they have not dealt with before.

This lists exist as a servicxe to you, so please feel free to ask and be assured, no onw will be flamed or ignored.

If anyone does respond in tha manner they will be removed from this list by the Moderators. The posted opinions expressed are those of the contributor. The BCA, list members, are not responsible for any posts. As with any medical advice, PLEASE consult your veterinarian first. To visit your group on the web, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BCAbulldogeducation/>
Debbie

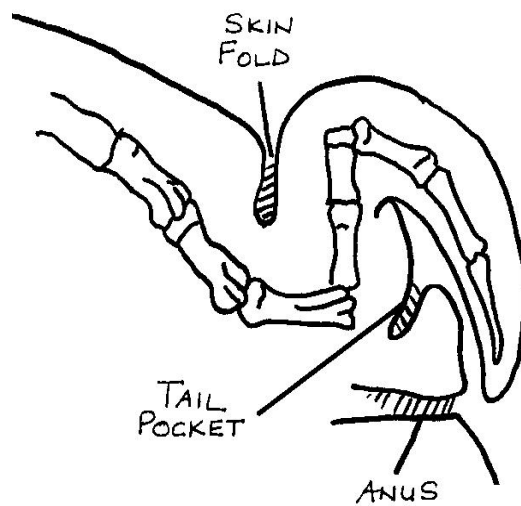


Keepin' it clean!

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. It can be difficult but if you are diligent about taking care of it, you can prevent any problems.

Use unscented baby wipes to clean under the tail at least a couple of times per week. **If you get in there real well, you should get out lots of hairs.** Your Bullie will most likely be licking the air while you do this which is normal, but funny to see.



Naomi & Guenevere



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