



# Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego

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## President's Message

Dear Fellow Bulldoggers,

Once again, we come to the end of another year. It has passed quickly and we have enjoyed some wonderful times together with each other and our bullies. In the Rasmussen home, we have been blessed with two beautiful, healthy, female puppies – Red and Fawn. They are now 6 weeks old and weigh in at about 7 ? lbs. It is a joy to watch them grow before our eyes and explore the mysteries of the house and yard. .

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 dinner and exciting gift exchange. Our Annual Service Award went to Megan Lilly for his wonderful service to Bullies everywhere. We appreciate all her time and efforts with our rescue program. The Sportsmanship Award went to Thomas White one of our newer members and an enthusiastic showman.

We held our elections for Officers and Board Members and I am pleased to announce that the following individuals have been duly elected to serve during the year 2006: Derek Rasmussen – President; Janice Hochstetler – Vice-President; Dayna Stahl Bondurant – Secretary; Corina Cauldren – Treasurer: and as members of the Board - Angela Estrada, Thomas White, Naomi Bell Hawker, Megan Lilly, and Kasey Kimball. I extend a vote of thanks and appreciation to those who served during the past year and I am grateful for their wonderful and dedicated service.

We appreciate Betty Fisher, Deb Shoemaker and other members of the editorial staff for all their work on the Club Newsletter and want you to know that you can now access the Club Newsletter on the Club Website located at <http://sdbulldogs.org/>. The suggestion to go to the website was endorsed as a way of

keeping costs of printing and mailing down so as not to necessitate an increase in dues. For those of you who cannot access the website, please contact Betty or myself and we will provide you with a hard copy.

I would like to express a special thanks to all the members of the Bulldog Rescue committee. They have been so generous in providing time, money, and talents and have opened their hearts and homes to the

wonderful bullies that have come to the program. They have experienced great joy and deep sorrow but continue to give their all and I am in awe of their service.

I want to extend to all a wish for a happy and prosperous New Year. The next major activity for the club will be our annual Spring Party and that will probably be sometime in March or April, so look for further information in upcoming newsletters or on the website. Help on this or other Club activities is always welcomed. If you have an interest we will put you to work and 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 2005 dues, please send in your checks as soon as possible. Any additional amounts of money could be channeled towards our Bulldog Rescue efforts. We very much appreciate all of you who have provided additional monies and support for our Rescue program. 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.

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 Spring Party and I hope this New Year brings you all much happiness and success and I welcome the opportunity to serve as your president for the 2006 year.

*Derek Rasmussen*

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## Upcoming Events

**February 24, 2006**, Obedience Club of San Diego County obedience/rally trial, Del Mar Fairgrounds

**Feb. 25 & 26**, Silver Bay Kennel Club 2 days of conformation, obedience, rally and agility. [www.Jbradshaw.com](http://www.Jbradshaw.com) for premiums. Del Mar Fairgrounds

**April 2006 – BCGSD annual easter party – chairman needed**

**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.** [www.Jbradshaw.com](http://www.Jbradshaw.com)

## New Members

**Jane Boehrer**, 858-755-7783, [jmboehrer@aol.com](mailto:jmboehrer@aol.com) and Winston. He is her first dog and Jane wants to learn more about dogs and interact w/other Bulldogs

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**Rick and Kathy Mays**, 858-675-4555, [teammays@sbcglobal.net](mailto:teammays@sbcglobal.net) and Spartacus Maximus. They would like to know about club events and Kathy has expressed an interest in photographing club events.

## Phone and Email Changes

**Emelyn Gabaldon** – New Email: [cabbye1@cox.net](mailto:cabbye1@cox.net)

**Melody Friedman** – New Phone: (760) 735-9915

## BCGSD Annual Awards

The BCGSD annual awards were presented at the Christmas party at the Feinsteins on December 3rd. The results of the election are on page 1. We all had a great deal of fun opening and stealing great Bulldog gifts and enjoying a bountiful potluck and warm hospitality of Elaine and Sheldon. Extra thanks to Marcus Hochstetler, he wielded a mean dishrag on the enormous pile of dinner plates.

BCGSD's Sportsmanship Award for 2005 went to Thomas White. The Ann Singleton Perpetual Service Award went to Megan Lilly.



Betty Fisher's White Fang Prize Package, CD, NAP, CS, RN,RA, RE was awarded a plaque for the four new titles she earned in 2005.

*Pictured left to right:  
Betty Fisher,  
Thomas White and  
Megan Lilly*

# Litter News

Doug and Carolyn Knowles' Bucky has sired a litter of 5 females to a member of Pacific Coast Bulldog Club's bitch. The will be 8 weeks on 12/16. Knowles can be reached at 760-510-9365. Congratulations!

Derke and Cindy Rasmussen's Bella whelped a litter of two females on Nov. 2, 2005 out of Betty Fisher's Spy. (pictured here) This was a frozen semen litter. Derek and Cindy are keeping one and Betty is taking the other little girl.



*Bella and Pups*



Also, Janice's Lily is expecting pups from the national champion, Angus in January! More later on that!

## Holiday Party Pictures!



# Halloween Report & Pictures!

Treasurer Corina Caldron reported the Halloween auction netted the club a grand \$659. BCGSD members sure are a generous bunch. I was really sorry to have to miss it. Jon Whittle sent us several great pictures....



Aflack!



Check out my coconuts!



Hercules looking for a home...



Giddy up, Cowgirl!



RRROOAR!!!!



Hey, Partner!



Pretty ladybug!



I'm a princess looking for my frog!



Seen any???



You know it!!!

# In Loving Memory

*I explained to St. Peter, I'd rather stay here, outside the pearly gate.  
I won't be a nuisance, I won't even bark, I'll be very patient and wait.  
I'll be here, chewing on a celestial bone, no matter how long you may be,  
I'd miss you so much, if I went in alone, it wouldn't be Heaven for me.*

I write this page with tears streaming down my face because I know so well the pain you all are feeling with the loss of your beloved friends.



**Guinness**

November 21st Megan Lilly lost her beloved Guinness (aka Leona Helmsley) who led her into the world of Bulldogs that she will never leave. Guinness was a rescue that found heaven on earth when she met Megan.

Emelyn Gabaldon lost her baby, Mickey Finn. Mickey was found by Emelyn ten years ago and he stood with her through the loss of her husband and mother. He was her constant companion. Just days before his death Emelyn fell, breaking her wrist. Mickey stood by her and waited until help came. She is so grateful to all her Bulldog friends for their cards and heartfelt sympathy.

Lisa McConnell wrote to tell of the passing of Vinny, her rescue bully. It was very unexpected and Lisa and her family are just beside themselves. He was such a happy and loving member of their family.

George Britton and Skip Van Der Marliere's Maya lost her fight with cancer in mid-November. Many of you will remember Maya in her wagon at the picnic just weeks after removal of her rear leg. Skip and George were with her all the time and have lovingly buried her in her favorite spot in the back yard.

In our grief it is so wonderful to think of all of these dogs that were rescued and



so loved the last years of their life. They will be waiting when we cross that Rainbow Bridge.



**Mickey Finn**

## Ask Fang

Tis' Holiday time and I thought I'd share a few thoughts about proper behavior to all of you. First remember that you will ALWAYS get presents so some of those packages are yours. It is all right to sniff the and even stomp on them but don't ever open any except your own. It's a lot of fun to tear open the paper but don't eat it, it tastes awful.

There is a lot of really good food around the holidays and if you act properly you can get a big share. Don't ever grab a treat or steal food from a plate even if they are left very temptingly on low tables. Sit very politely and look really soulful, this really works well if there is a crowd. Each one thinks you are only getting one or two pieces and it's all right. If you get too much and start feeling sick go tell your people mother so you don't throw up in front of the guests.

Sometimes your people will want you to wear a Santa hat or reindeer antlers. That's all right because people will think you are SO CUTE and you'll get more goodies, plus get your picture taken. Pretty collars make you look very handsome too. Girls like that!

Happy Holidays to everyone and be sure to give your people lots of hugs and kisses so they give you lots of presents.

Your friend Fang

P.S. my mom is going to get to practice those training skills she keeps telling you about because she is bringing home one of those Spy puppies. She is a 12th generation White Fang puppy.



## NOTICE TO PEOPLE WHO VISIT OUR HOME

The Dogs Live Here, You Don't

If you don't want dog hair on your clothes,  
Stay off the furniture.

Yes, they have some disgusting habits...  
So do I and so do you. What's your point?

Of course they smell like dogs.

It's their nature to try to sniff your crotch.  
Please feel free to sniff theirs.

I like them a lot better  
Than I like most people

To you they're dogs.

To me they're adopted daughters who are short,  
hairy, walk on all fours and don't speak clearly...I  
have no problem with any of these things.

Dogs are better than kids.

They eat less.

Don't ask for money all the time.

Are easier to train.

Usually come when called

Never drive your car.

Don't hang out with drug using friends

Don't smoke or drink.

Don't worry about whether they have  
the latest fashions.

Don't wear your clothes.

Don't need a gazillion dollars for college.

And if they get pregnant  
You can sell the pups.

The same applies for the cats.

Except they will ignore you—Until you're asleep.

# CANINE INFLUENZA: HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS, INFECTED HUNDREDS OF DOGS

By Barbara Tunick, excerpted from an article in *Bark* magazine, Winter 2005 via All Breed Obedience Club Dec. 05 newsletter

First identified in racing Greyhounds at a FL racetrack in 2004, the virus known as H3N8 is believed to have mutated from an influenza strain that has infected horses for at least 40 years. "The virus may have jumped directly from horses to dogs," says Cynda Crawford, DVM, PhD, an immunologist at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, and one of the first scientists to identify the new virus. "We can't yet rule out an unidentified third party—perhaps a bird—that may have carried the virus from the horses to the dogs."

Since last January, the virus has swept through Greyhound race-tracks, boarding kennels and animal shelters. It has been confirmed in the companion dog population in seven states and the racing Greyhound population in 11 states. "While there have only been six confirmed pet dog deaths—three in New York and three in Florida from June 2005 to October 2005—we expect that it has infected hundreds of dogs across the country, and there are probably many more deaths that have not been confirmed." Dr. Crawford says.

"Canine influenza is a highly contagious respiratory pathogen," she says. "Since dogs have no natural immunity to it, nearly all dogs are susceptible. About 80 percent of dogs who get the flu will develop a milder form of the disease, such as cough and nasal discharge that resolves over time. A smaller number of dogs will develop pneumonia, which is most likely due to a secondary bacterial infection."

Dr. Crawford notes, "I want to stress that despite the rumors, this disease is not as deadly as people want to make it." According to her, the majority of dog will respond to treatment such as IV fluids, a broad-spectrum antibiotic to treat the secondary infection and oxygen support if necessary. Some vets may also use the human anti-viral medication Tamiflu.

But even though it's treatable, "the infection will become a major concern for all dog owners," says Edward Dubovi, PhD, director of the virology lab at Cornell's Animal Health Diagnostic Center, who isolated the virus. "With 50 million pet dogs in this country, even if you have 1 percent mortality, this is going to result in a number of dogs dying from it," he says. Currently the mortality rate is believed to be much higher, about 5-8 percent.

"The canine influenza epidemic is similar to a human flu epidemic," says Chestnut Ridge, New York, holistic veterinarian Beverly Cappel, DVM, whose practice has treated about 30 infected dogs. "The very old, very young and those that are sick or have suppressed immune systems are at greater risk for developing secondary respiratory infections," she says.

"In the past, vets and dog owners alike referred to most respiratory infections as kennel cough, but now we have to look at everything differently," adds Dr. Crawford. Indeed, since the dog flu mimics kennel cough, many vets have misdiagnosed and treated it unsuccessfully.

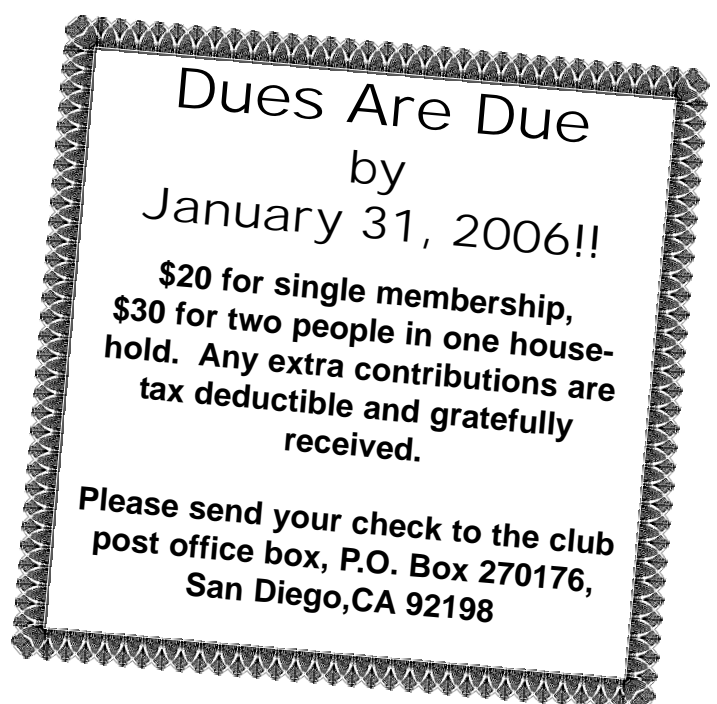
And unlike kennel cough, canine influenza makes dogs feel real-

ly sick. They're lethargic and have a fever. They sneeze, have runny noses, and don't want to eat or drink. It's also highly contagious, transmissible through the air and by contact. Even worse: 20 percent of infected dogs are symptom-free, yet contagious to other dogs. "The incubation period is two to five days, and dogs may be contagious for up to 14 days," says Dr. Dubovi.

Fortunately, the virus can only live for a day or two outside the dog. This means that if an infected dog sneezes or coughs on inanimate material, the virus is unlikely to survive long enough to infect others. Also, "any standard disinfectant or bleach will kill it," says Dr. Dubovi. This is reassuring, considering that people can also transmit the virus to dogs via their hands, clothes and shoes. "While people can pass the virus to dogs, there's very little risk of people contracting the disease [themselves]," he notes. "Even though dogs have the most intimate contact with people on a daily basis, there is no evidence that the virus will jump to humans."

The best way to protect your dog is to use common sense, advises Dr. Cappel. Keep dogs away from congested doggy parks, poorly ventilated boarding kennels and symptomatic dogs, she says. "If you take your dog to the park, don't let him share toys or water bowls with other dogs. You can also wipe down his paws with Nolvasan, a disinfectant available at your vet's office. If you're going to a groomer or veterinarian, make sure they're familiar with the virus, and disinfecting regularly."

"Just don't stop your regular, day-to-day dog-related activities," adds Dr. Crawford. "I'm going to keep taking my two Pekinese to the groomer. I'll board my Greyhound when I have to, and I'll still take them to the park. This disease is here to stay: use common sense and take precautions."



# A Puppy's 12 Days of Christmas

Be sure to read down to Day 12

On the first day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the second day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the third day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the fourth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the fifth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the sixth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the seventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings

Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
My wreath in nine pieces  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed  
My wreath in nine pieces  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me  
Eleven unwrapped presents  
Ten Christmas cards I shoulda mailed  
My wreath in nine pieces  
Eight tiny reindeer fragments  
Seven scraps of wrapping paper  
Six yards of soggy ribbon  
Five chewed-up stockings  
Four broken window candles  
Three punctured ornaments  
Two leaking bubble lights  
And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my puppy  
Gave to me.  
A dozen puppy kisses...  
And I forgot all about  
the other  
Eleven days.





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**Happy  
Holidays!**



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