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President's Message

Dear Fellow Bulldoggers,

As we enter the fall quarter of the year and cooler weather, I for one, am grateful for the incredible work that has been done by so many members of the club. The BCGSD rescue team has been busy fostering and placing bullies with good homes. The time, money, and talents that are put into their efforts often go unnoticed but I want them to know that they are greatly appreciated and are doing a service above and beyond the norm. Elaine Feinstein, who has been our BCGSD rescue chairman for such a long time has stepped down as chairman and turned over the reins to Megan Lilly. Megan would welcome any assistance from members of the club. Presently she is looking for people to foster bullies.

The August picnic was well attended and a special thanks to Cindy Rasmussen and Naomi Bell for their efforts in organizing the event. It was great to get to know some of the newer members of the club and I very much appreciate their willingness to get involved in other club activities. I'm sure the bullies also had a good time. I would also like to express my appreciation to Elaine Feinstein and Skip Van der Marliere for their help in making the rescue auction a great success.

The cooler fall temperatures will allow us more time to spend outside with our dogs and provide them with more exercise. This is a good time to think about enrolling in some training classes with your bullies. Contact Betty Fisher for details and referral to various groups in the area that provide training for your specific needs. Betty is a wonderful resource for all things Bulldog.

The annual Halloween party is coming up in October and more information will be available later in this issue of the newsletter. The Halloween party is always fun and its great to see the bullies in their costumes. This gives you all an opportunity to display your creative decorative abilities when it comes to showing off your dogs. In the past we have had some very creative costumes and hope the tradition continues.

If there are any of you that are interested in serving as officers or members of the club's board of directors, or on various club committees, now is the time to come forth and toss your hat into the ring and volunteer to serve. WE NEED YOU!! Please contact me and I will make sure that your names are on the slate for election or on a committee. Again thank you for your support both with finances and manpower.

Best Regards,
Derek



Nominations for 2006 officers and board members will be taken at the Halloween party/meeting. Anyone interested in serving please contact Derke Rasmussen. You may nominate someone at the meeting but if they are not present you must have their permission.

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 1st – All Breed Obedience Club Octoberfest, Allied Gardens Park, San Diego, 9am to....
Obedience, rally, flyball, confidence course and much, much more.

Activities for Bulldogs with minimal training: confidence course, animal communicator, CGC test, wonderful raffle, all breed conformation match and more.

Oct. –15-16 & 22-23, Obedience Club of SD, Hidden Valley Obedience Club, 2 weekends of obedience and rally trials, great raffles.

Oct. 23 – **BCGSD Halloween Party, DUSTY RHODES DOG PARK, Nomination of Officers/Board**

Dec. 12 – **BCGSD Holiday Party and election**

May 19, 2006 – **BCGSD Specialty Show, Qualcomm Stadium**

May 20, 21, 2006 – **Cabrillo Kennel Club Show, Qualcomm Stadium**

New Members

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PICNIC TIME HAS COME AND GONE AND IT WAS A ROUSING SUCCESS!!

The weather cooperated and we had a wonderful day at San Dieguito park. Derek and Cindy Rasmussen orchestrated a beautifully organized, fun day. They got quite a few club members involved on the committee. There was a silent auction, a regular auction and everyone that signed in received a raffle ticket. The winners got to pick from a prize table.

Skip Van de Meer solicited dog goodies from several vendors for give aways. Janice Hochstetler gave a very informative talk about nail clipping. One of her tips was to use treats and rewards to show your dog that nail trimming was a fun event.

All attendees were given a bingo card to fill out. You had to find a bulldog owner that could answer yes to one of a series of questions. When you found him you could write the name in your bingo card in a randomly numbered square. After the cards were filled Derek called names and you could circle each one on your card. Circling a row on your card gave you a bingo. Great ice breaker and lots of fun. I think Naomie Bell wrote it.

Megan Lily, Birte and Tanya manned a table soliciting new foster homes.

There were probably 40-50 people and almost as many dogs. Over \$800 was raised for the benefit of our rescue dogs. BCGSD folks are really generous!

DISASTERS

From our own experiences here in San Diego County we know disasters do strike. Are you prepared? On www.channel10.com under Loren's field notes you can find a Red Cross list for emergency supplies to keep on hand. It is especially important to have emergency supplies for your pets because they are not allowed in most shelters and there are few provisions for their care following a disaster. I would include a small cement mixing tub (black plastic) from Home Depot because most of our disasters involve fires when it is usually warm and we need to be sure we can cool off our Bullies. Even an 1" of water in the tub can be used to cool them down



BCGSD's insurance company has notified us that they will not cover rescue efforts. Also since we are not a federal non-profit organization and for various other legal reasons the Bulldog Club of America strongly recommends that a club's rescue operation be a separate organization with their own bank account, insurance, etc. At the last board meeting it was voted to call the group San Diego Bulldog Rescue. Elaine, Megan and several other BCGSD members are working on a plan to create this important group. This is not a "breaking away" from BCGSD in any way but will simply enable us to carry on this most important facet of our club in the most efficient way.

On August 6th an ad hoc committee of Birte, Megan, Taunya, Andre, Tony, Joel & Elizabeth and Elaine met to develop a plan. Elaine has resigned as rescue coordinator. Megan Lily has agreed to head rescue until January, followed by Birte for 6 months and then Taunya until the end of 2006.

Taunya and Corina will review rescue income/expenses for the past two years to get a feel for how much assistance rescue will require, how the dues will be allocated, etc.

Dogs need to sniff the ground; its how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dogs news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard.



THE CHASTITY GARDEN

Ariel Lucas

OH, STOP, MY WEEPING HEART!
OH, STILL, MY RAGGED BREATH.
I THOUGHT WED NEVER PART
TIL WHEN ALONG CAME DEATH.

I HELD YOU IN MY ARMS
I WHISPERED, "OH PLEASE STAY."
YOU CUDDLED CLOSE, SO WARM,
THEN SIGHED AND SLIPPED AWAY!

FOREVER AND FOREVER
YOU'VE LEFT ME HERE TO MOURN,
THOUGH I SWORE THAT NEVER
WOULD YOUR HEART FROM MINE BE TORN.

THE PERFUME OF YOUR KISS
HAUNTS MY HOURS WITH LONELY FEARS,
THAT MEM'RY'S OF SUCH BLISS
REWARD WITH ASHES, IT APPEARS.



I KNOW NOW THAT PLEASING ME,
THOUGH RAVAGED AND IN PAIN,
WAS WHY YOU STROVE SO HARD TO BE
STRONG, WITH NAUGHT TO GAIN.

I LABORED O'ER YOUR GRAVE,
BENEATH THE SOBBING MOON
THAT LIT MY TEARS, DEGRAVED,
FOR YOU HAD GONE TOO SOON.

THE CHASTITOOTY GARDEN,
WHERE, ONCE MY ANGEL STROLLED,
IS NOW HER TOMB. OH PARDON
ME FOR GRIEVING UNCONTROLLED.

I KNEW THE TRUTH, YET I DECEIVED
MYSELF, THAT WE WOULD ALWAYS BE.
OH! NOW HOW I GRIEVE, BEREAVED
I'VE LOST MY LOVELY CHASTITY.



Ed and Ariel's beloved Chastity lost her battle with a non-malignant brain tumor on August 7th. We share your terrible loss and know your hurt.

Ed has asked any club members that own Chastity's puppies please contact him so he can discuss the possible hereditary factors of this with you. Ed King uedipusking@cox.net or 619-663-9878

All of us are touched by the plight of the Gulf Coast and all of the animals in desperate need of help. I watched a special last night on the Animal Planet (it was very late but I couldn't turn it off) There are literally thousands of pets lost and being taken into shelters. Pictures are being posted on petfinders.com but I fear many will never be reunited with their owners. Many are being flown to various states. Our own Helen Woodward has brought 50 dogs and cats in for adoption. The logistics of caring for these animals is completely overwhelming. I've had as many as 15 dogs here and the time to care for them is huge! If you would like to contribute there are several good places where 100% of your donation goes to the animals.

The American Kennel Club program, AKC/CAR can be reached on their web site. www.akc.org

The Louisiana Veterinary Medical Assoc. is caring for hundreds of animals and coordinating with various shelters etc. to care for them. www.lvma.org. Donations may be sent to LMVA, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

There are Bulldoggers in the midst of this destruction. An email from Rhonda Cavett, BCA membership director, reported at least three Bulldog families in dire need. Bob Newcomb, president of BCA, is setting up a special account. You can mail donations directly to him, Katrina Bulldog Relief Fund, Rt. 4, Box 6655, Elk City, OK 73644. Bob is a Bulldog Judge, longtime Bulldog breeder as well as active for many years in BCA. I know him personally and am very comfortable with sending donations to his care.



Get ready: Trick or treat, dogs under your feet!

Doorbells ringing, monsters screaming, spooky noises, unfamiliar voices. Costumes galore, dog bolts out the door. And this is just the beginning, as Halloween signals only the first event of a very long holiday season that doesn't wrap up until January 2.

All this holiday celebration may send your dog's behavior into a tailspin. Day in and day out, our dogs come to rely on the schedule of mealtimes, walk times, and down times. But from Halloween to New Year's Eve this schedule changes dramatically, testing the limits of canine self-control (or lack thereof, depending on the dog).

THE EXCITEMENT OF THE RINGING DOORBELL

Let's face it—we're all a bit frazzled when the holidays arrive. In anticipation of the seasonal overload, we fill the candy bowls for trick-or-treaters while we also rearrange our furniture to make room from the ever-shifting displays of scarecrows, Native American cornucopias, to, later in the season, Christmas trees.

With all this fuss, it is not surprising that the family dog forgets every manner we've ever taught him and promptly proceeds to slobber, nip, and jump on every man, woman, and gremlin who stands at the door. Then he spends the rest of the evening relentlessly begging for hors d'oeuvres, candy, and attention.

Before you go dragging the dog off to an empty room or, worse, calling the nearest kennel and begging for a vacancy, there's an easier way to ensure that your holidays come off without a hitch. Here's how.

First, about a week before Halloween, incorporate a long, aerobic walk (for both you and the dog) into your daily schedule. Exercise is an essential ingredient in the recipe for good canine behavior—not to

mention how good it will be for you after you sit on the couch with a bowl of Halloween candy on your lap. As much as your dog requires this exercise in his daily regimen (all year long), he needs it even more any time the activity level in the house is about to change. Any dog hyped up on excess energy is bound to be socially handicapped.

Unlike any other night of the year, Halloween marks the one time that your doorbell is pretty much guaranteed to ring dozens of times in one evening. Although to anyone whose dog goes ballistic every time the front door comes to life this suggestion may seem rather daunting, it may be the best night to really work on your dog's meet-and-greet skills.

(Translation: If your dog can handle the endless Halloween traffic, Thanksgiving should be a breeze.)

To begin, snap on the dog's leash. Put whatever treat you have chosen to give out (for the children) into a bowl on the floor. Do a short "leave it" lesson, letting the dog know whatever is in the bowl is not for him. (Remember that sugar—and especially chocolate—are not good for your dog and even a little bit is a no-no.)

Then, take another bowl and fill it with small pieces of broken up dog treats. Place both bowls, side by side, on a stool or chair near the door. When the doorbell rings, bring the dog with you to the door and remind him (before you open the door) to "leave" both bowls of treats alone. Open the door, hand out your human treats, then close the door.

Immediately after you close the door tell your dog to sit and give him one of the dog treats. Once the dog knows he's going to get a treat (after the door closes), start asking him to "sit" before you close the door and give him the treat while the kids are still there. After a few trips to the door, your dog should get the idea that he too will get a reward—but only after he sits. This lesson not only teaches the dog to look forward to the ringing bell, it also teaches him to sit and wait patiently for his own reward.

Remind your guests to praise or pet your dog only when he is "off" and in (at least) a semi-controlled sit. After a day or two the dog will have a clear understanding that jumping is frowned upon and sitting is the way to the attention he's really looking for. Keep in mind: The more dress rehearsals he has, the better he'll be on opening night.

Now that you've got this down, repeating the same exercise from Thanksgiving through New Year's should be a walk in the park.

Investing a bit of time in the planning of any holiday gathering will undoubtedly make for a better party. Add a refresher course in your canine's manners and greet the season with a well-behaved dog. 🐾

Jodi Andersen, a New York-based professional trainer, is the founder of TrainingWorks for Dogs and the author of The Latchkey Dog.



A column to address common problems for pet owners...



You are welcome to send in your questions or problems to Betty Fisher by phone (619-588-6491), fax (619-447-2207), email (efisher@cts.com), or to the club P.O. Box 270176, San Diego, CA 92198

Betty Fisher

Dear Fang,

There haven't been any questions for me to answer in this issue, but I am very concerned about all of the lost dogs and other pets in the hurricanes path.

Have you microchipped your dogs? Do you have the registry number to notify them if you move or get a new phone number? Many people do not and found dogs are not reunited with their owners. You must also send in the paperwork to the registry when you microchip your pet. Any kind of pet can be chipped, not just dogs.

When you travel do you have the registry phone number with you? Do you carry pictures of your pets that are traveling with you just in case there is a loss? This could save valuable time to get posters and notices out in the area where your pet is lost. It is helpful if your dog wears a collar with his name and a contact phone number on it. Even if you don't want a collar on your dog for safety reasons you should have a traveling collar for him to wear when you are in the car.

Pictures of your pets, copies of their registrations and pictures as well as the microchip registry information should be included in your disaster kit. My mom keeps pictures and this info in the car all the time. She also gives this info to the kennel where she leaves some of the dogs, not me of course! I did not stay I kennels!

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. You can now download applications from the web! Go to www.sdbulldogs.org

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



Other Web Sites

Bulldog Club of America
[Www.thebca.org](http://www.thebca.org)
Pacific Coast Bulldog Club
www.pcbe1.org

Dog Wise Book Store – a web site with all the dog titles you can imagine. www.dogwise.com

Do you have an interesting web site to share? Let the editor know!

A great tool for keeping home-alone dogs occupied all day!

My bullie, Guenevere loves her Kong toys. I fill them with peanut butter and freeze them each night. Then, when I leave for work in the morning, she gets a fun filled toy. It takes her about 20 minutes to lick out all the peanut butter. Sometimes, she even finds an extra little treat inside. I'm sure as she finishes with it, she thinks, "That was great! But now what?"

Well, now there's a machine that dispenses those great Kong toys throughout the day to your loved one. It's called Kong Time.

Kong Time is easy to use. Just place the 4 food filled Kong toys inside the device, press the button and go. The **Kong Time** emits a tone loud enough to grab your dog's attention, even if he's out in the yard. Then, a Kong toy is released. It dispenses the Kongs at random intervals throughout the next four or eight hours (you decide).

Kong Time comes complete with 4 Kong toys and batteries. The machine is sold with a one year limited warranty and the suggested retail price of \$139. But, as a special introductory offer, you can receive it now at 40% off! If you place your order by October 15th, you can purchase your Kong Time for \$85. (shipping included)

To order, contact Naomi Bell at (619) 562-1412 or naomibell@hotmail.com



Halloween is almost upon us. There will be the annual costume parade at the Halloween party and many of our Bullies enjoy being dressed up for the occasion.

Costumes can be found in the stores of course. Size 6 child will fit sometimes depending on the design. Doggie costumes are available in many dog catalogs, Valley Vet, Pet Edge and Cares A Lot are a few. All have web sites.

Elaine sent a web site with a lot of choices. www.kooldogtees.com and click on Halloween costumes. You will usually need a large size

This article about helping your dog cope with Halloween is from the Sept/Oct 2005 issue of the American Kennel Club Family Dog magazine. If you like it why don't you subscribe? The magazine is full of informative, useful articles to help the pet owner. Call 1-800-490-5675. One year subscription is a mere \$9.95.

Wonderful new children's Bulldog book.

My good friend, Lenora Kerr (BCA Div. III treasurer) and her friend Alice Kalomas have written the first two of a series of children's books featuring the adventures of Sir Wrinkles. Lenora has a real Sir Wrinkles that visits schools and other events to bring messages to children.

You can follow the adventures of Sir Wrinkles at his web site, www.sirwinstonthebulldog.com

The first two books are on the market as well as Sir Winston bookmarks and a darling plush toy. You can order from the web site. Great Christmas gifts for any children on your list as well as for your own collection



 THE BULLDOG CLUB OF GREATER SAN DIEGO 



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

10:00am – 12:30pm

DUSTY RHODES DOG PARK (On & Off Leash Areas)

Located on Sunset Cliffs Boulevard between Nimitz and West Point Loma

There will be a Halloween Costume Contest, an Auction for Bulldog Rescue and a Guest Speaker from Royal Canin Bulldog Food

 



Trimming your Bulldog's nails by Janice Hochstetler

Does your dog run when he sees the clippers? Do you ignore your dog's long nails because you're not sure how to trim them? Nail care is an important part of owning a dog, and with a little preparation it can be painless for you and for your pet.

In the wild, a dog's nails were naturally worn down through digging and running, but few bulldogs are that active today. Long nails change the way a dog walks and put excessive pressure on the back of the foot. It is important to keep your bullie's nails trimmed for optimum health. A good way to tell if your dog's nails are too long is to listen as your dog walks across a hard surface. If you can hear the nails clicking on the floor, they are in need of a trim. Most dogs need trimming at least once a month.

Dog's nails are composed of a blood and nerve core that is covered with a hard outer shell. If the nails are white, you can see the pink area called the quick. With black nails, look for the place where the nail thickens. You will need to make small cuts to ensure you don't cut into the quick. Nail trimming is painless, but we all know the pain of having a nail cut too short. If you accidentally cause bleeding, don't panic. Have powdered blood stop on hand, or dab cornstarch or flour on the spot.

To begin, make sure your dog is comfortable with having his feet handled. Massage or hold your dog's paws and give small food rewards as he allows you to do this. Begin as soon as you get a new puppy. You can use human nail cutters on their delicate nails. Careful breeders begin trimming pups at one week old. Beware of a puppy with unkempt nails. As your dog gets older, there are two equipment choices we recommend. The first is the guillotine type trimmers found in pet stores. Make sure the screw side faces the dog, and that the clippers are at a perpendicular to the floor. Blades should be replaced to ensure sharpness.

The second option, which some find to be easier, is to buy a Dremel tool at your hardware store. This is not a dog item, but is a small battery powered grinder, similar to those used on acrylic nails for women. Make sure you use the sandpaper attachment, not the one that is metal. Hold the nail/paw firmly and grind off the nail end. Count to three, and STOP. Heat will build because of the friction so be very careful. Move on to the next nail for a count of three. After proceeding through all twenty nails, you can go back and trim again if you need to. The Dremel has less chance of cutting into the quick than blade trimmers. As nails are kept short, the quick will recede. If your dog's nails are quite long, it may take several months to bring them back to the correct length. Don't forget the dewclaw, which is located on the inside of the dog's leg and can actually grow into the skin if not trimmed.

For older or fearful dogs, it may take a month just to train your dog to become comfortable with the process. Reward the dog for small steps, such as having the Dremel running next to the dog, but not touching him. Work slowly each day toward trimming the nails. You may only be able to work on one nail a day, but eventually the dog will learn that there is nothing to fear. Remember this is a necessary evil - even if your dog is not thrilled with the idea they need to learn to tolerate it. Pair nail trimming with a special treat or a walk in the park. Your dog will soon associate it with good things.

There are many websites that offer in depth assistance for dealing with difficult or fearful dogs. They also have pictures to help you visualize the process. Type "dog nail trimming" into a search engine like Google for more information. If you would like live assistance, bring your clippers and ask a board member to help you at the Halloween party. We would be happy to give you a demonstration.

Ed note: Sometime in the past I put a really good article in the newsletter about nail trimming with a very clear graphic illustrating the anatomy of the toe nail. If anyone has a copy of that would you send it to me? I'd like it for my files, especially that illustration. This article combined with the picture would be a good addition to our web site

YOUR DOGS FEET

A Bulldogs feet, How important they are from the points of Healthy soundness and general appearance. Yet how many of us tend to forget all about our dogs feet until he starts to limp?



According to the Standard a Bulldogs feet should be "of medium size and moderately round" with the toes compact and thick, being well split up, making the knuckles prominent and high". If a dog is down on pastern he will not stand properly on his feet, the toes will be far from compact,, the knuckles anything but high and prominent and he tends instead to be splay footed with toes



spread and claws protruding without touching the ground, giving the dog the appearance of "walking on his heels". Therefore regular daily road walking is doubly important, especially for youngsters since, besides tightening and hardening the feet, it strengthens the pasterns. Another malformation is the "hare foot". This



is often seen where there is excessive tightness of the shoulder and in cases where rickets has produced a curvature of the radius bone - the

cause probably being that the dogs weight is thrown continuously onto one side of the foot alone. Instead of being round in shape the foot is long and narrow - the toes being long and thin. Not much can be done to alter a Hares foot or splay foot once established and care should therefore be taken to avoid the cause of such deformities.

A steady mile or two a day on a good hard road or pavement is the first essential in the care of your Bulldogs feet. Exercising on grass is not enough. A dog must get into some hard surface for a certain period each day if his claws are to be kept down, pads firm and toes compact and well knuckled up. On returning from exercise it is as well to make a quick but thorough examination of a dogs feet for it is surprising what he can pick up between his pads and in between his toes. In damp weather the feet should always be cleaned and well dried after exercise. A cracked or perforated pad left unnoticed will frequently fester, causing the dog painful discomfort and make him limp. Washing sore feet in salt water is good for tender pads and sore feet. Methylated spirits rubbed into pads will help to harden up soft pads. Boracic powder rubbed between the toes will keep the crevices between the toes nice and dry.

Illustrations from *The Perfect Bulldog in Word and Picture*, by J Hay Hutchison



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Halloween Picnic
Sunday October 23rd
10:00am to 12:30pm