



Bulldog Club of Greater San Diego

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Dear owners and friends of Sourmugs everywhere,

As I type this message on the computer keyboard, Fawn is laying at my feet chewing on a piece of cardboard. I will have to replace it with a chew toy. Summer vacations are almost over and children and teenagers will soon be going back to school. We still have a few more warm months in the year, so keep your bullies hydrated and cool. On the 13th of August, we gathered together as a Club with our four-legged friends to enjoy a wonderful picnic at the Dusty Rhodes Dog Park at Ocean Beach. There was plenty of good food, and good company. The weather couldn't have been better. I would like to express a special thanks to Angela Estrada, Corina Cauldwell, and Geri Di Meglio co-chairing this event. I really appreciate all the time and talent that went into putting together this great club social event.

Our bulldog rescue is now officially its own organization, with Megan Lilly as the rescue coordinator. We were glad to have them represented at the picnic and enjoyed participating in their silent and live auctions. For more information on their organization and the powerfully good work they do please feel free to go to our club website and click on the link to their site.

Having worked with rescue for a number of years and still being a little involved, I recognize the great work that is being done by these selfless volunteers. If there are any of you that would like to be more involved in the program, please contact Megan or myself. Look for more information on SDBR (San Diego Bulldog Rescue) in this newsletter.

In the past few months some of our members have lost their animal companions. It is always hard to lose these lovable furry friends. Our hearts and condolences go out to you all. For all of

you I would like to share this special thought:

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart. Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.... Author unknown...

Our next major club event is the Halloween Party coming up in October. Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to fellowshiping with you at our next event.

Derek Rasmussen

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Deuce & Ginger out & about with Angela Estrada



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Upcoming Events

October 21st - Annual BCGSD Halloween Picnic

New Members

“A great big bullie hug to our new members”

Diane Miller of Julian

Katy Wong and Patrick Thrower of San Diego

April Day and Adrian Oliver of Lake Elsinore

Welcome Wagon!



In Loving Memory...
Jake

Pets love us unconditionally,
soften our lives with sweetness and affection.
Such treasures can not be forgotten.
So Sorry for your loss.

Our condolence go out to Andre Barlow
and family



For a copy of the BCGSD
Member's Directory,
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The next BCGSD Board
Meeting will be held on
Saturday, September 9th
at 10 a.m. at Naomi Bell's
house in Santee.

For directions contact
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Summer Show Results

Bulldog Club of America Div. III Specialty Show

Some of our club members attended the Specialty Show in Ventura on July 6th & 7th. In the **Open Class**, the White's Sir Homerun Charlie, took 3rd place on the first day and 4th place the next.

El Camino Real Summerfest

The following two days, July 8th & 9th, some also entered into the Summerfest in Ventura. In the **Puppy Class** the Kimball's, Kimbull's Cool Dude Recommissioned (Buster), took 2nd place on both days.

In the **Open Class Dog** on the 8th, the White's Sir Homerun Charlie placed 3rd.

Palomar Kennel Club Show

Another weekend of showing took our members up to the Palomar Show.

In the **Puppy Class Dog**, the Kimball's, Kimbull's Cool Dude Recommissioned (Buster), took 1st in class on both days. He then took Reserve Winners Dog. (Big win for a puppy!).

In the **Puppy Class Bitch**, the Kimball's, Kimbull's Brindle Britches (Pooy), placed 2nd on the first day and 1st on the second. Also in the same class, their female Kimbull's Just Chilled Too Cool (Chilly), took 3rd and 2nd place. The White's Miss Ce.Ce. Rider placed 1st and Reserve Winner.

In the **Open Class Dog**, the Whites' Sir Homerun Charlie took 2nd on Saturday, then Reserve.

The Kimballs', Phenix's Mighty Rebel Maximus (Max) took a 4th place ribbon.

Torrance Show

The following weekend, August 12th & 13th, Tom & Elsa White headed up to the show in Torrance. In the **Puppy Class** Miss Ce.Ce. Rider placed 2nd both days

Then, in the **Open Class Dog** Sir Homerun Charlie placed 2nd on Saturday and 4th on Sunday.

Congratulations to all our show folks and their dogs. They are all winners!



**Congratulations to the
Kimball Family on the
birth of a new litter!**



Cherry Eye

The medical term for 'cherry eye' is nictitans gland prolapse, or prolapse of the gland of the third eyelid. Unlike people, dogs have a 'third eyelid' that contains a tear gland and is located in the corner of each eye. Under normal circumstances, this gland is not visible and aids in the production of tears. For some reason, which is not completely understood, the gland of the third eyelid prolapses or comes out of its normal position and swells creating the condition known as cherry eye.



What dogs are likely to get cherry eye? Any dog can develop cherry eye, but Bulldogs appear to have a higher incidence of developing it in both eyes. Dogs can acquire this condition at any age and it affects males and females equally.

What causes it? The exact cause of cherry eye is not known, but it is strongly suspected that it is due to a weakness of the connective tissue that attaches the gland to the surrounding structures of the eye. The weakness of the connective tissue allows the gland to prolapse. Once the gland prolapses and is exposed to the dry air and irritants, it can become infected and/or

begin to swell. The gland often becomes irritated, red, and swollen. There is sometimes a mucous discharge and if the animals rub or scratch at it, they can traumatize the gland further or possibly create an ulcer on the surface of the eye.

What is the treatment? Treatment of cherry eye is very straightforward and consists of surgically repositioning the gland. Topical or injectable treatments of antibiotics and steroids are rarely effective in reducing the gland and allowing for correction without surgery. Because the exposed gland is at greater risk for further trauma or infection, prompt surgical replacement is the best choice.

At one time, it was popular to surgically remove the gland as a way to correct this condition.

While this procedure is often effective, it can create many problems later in the animals life.

The gland of the third eyelid is very important for the production of tears. Without the tears produced by the third eyelid many dogs could suffer from the condition known as 'dry eye.'

Dry eye or keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS) is a serious condition that results from the decreased production of tears. When the third eyelid gland is removed, we are greatly increasing the chances for the development of this condition. The much better and preferred surgical option is to surgically tack the gland back into place with a suture that attaches the gland to the deeper structures of the eye socket. Most of these surgeries are performed quickly and have very few complications, and allow the gland to return to normal function. After the surgery, some animals may need to be placed on antibiotic ointment for a few days.



In Loving Memory...
Sancho

to say good-bye
to a special friend
is to lose a little piece
of your heart.

Our condolence go out to
Sandra Scherf

WARM WEATHER TIPS!



1.) **Exercise your dog early in the morning or late at night.** These are the cooler parts of the day, and this will make the walk more comfortable for both you and your dog. I'm a believer in vigorous exercise for healthy dogs, but this is the time of year to back off on exercise intensity.

2.) **Use doggie boots.** You can find these at your local pet supply store. If you can't walk your dog during the early and later hours of the day, this is a good way of protecting it. Heat rises from the ground, especially on surfaces like cement and asphalt, and dogs absorb and release heat through their feet. Just like boots prevent the dog from absorbing the cold in the winter, they also isolate heat.

3.) **Watch for signs of dehydration.** Dogs can't sweat. They cool off by panting, so an overheated dog will drool excessively. It will become lethargic, its eyes will be bloodshot and it may appear a little pale. If you lift its skin, it will take longer than usual for the skin to fall back into place.

4.) **Let your dog check the weather.** Dogs don't have the Weather Channel, so they don't know why they are being denied a long walk for the day. Allow your dog to step outside and feel for itself that it is too hot, too wet or too cold to go on a long walk. Instinctually, the dog will understand that it has to shorten its walk, or simply come back inside where it's safe.

5.) **Find innovative ways to cool your dog.** Don't have air conditioning? No problem! Find a spot in the shade and set up a kiddie pool. Or try misters that spray the dogs with gentle streams of misty water. Lay down a wet towel for your dog to lie on. Or simply set up a fan in front of a pan of ice.

6.) **Dogs cool from the bottom up.** Make sure to spray the paws and stomach, not just the top of the dog, when spraying it with water. A wet towel does more good on the bottom of your dog than when laid on the top of its coat.

7.) **Let your dog dig!** Your dog may resort to finding his own way to avoid the heat. Dogs in nature dig their dens not out of frustration but to find food, hide, give birth or keep cool! If it's possible, locate a shady area where it's okay for your dog to dig.

8.) **Keep your dog hydrated!** Different dogs have different needs when battling the heat. Keep in mind that darker coats absorb more heat than lighter coats. Also, overweight dogs will dehydrate faster. Carry a bottle of water when going on a walk with your dog. Better yet, have your dog carry it for you in a backpack or a vest! The water in the bottles will keep the dog cooler and also give the dog a sense of purpose.

9.) **Never leave your dog in a parked car.** The car retains more heat than an open area, even if it is in the shade. Plus, a dog may get overexcited in the car due to passersby or panic from claustrophobia, making dehydration more likely. On longer trips, make sure you have water for the dog and keep the AC running.

10.) **Use hot weather as an excuse to swim more often!** The best activity you can do in summertime or hot weather is swimming. Instead of walking the dog, take the dog on a swim! If you hold them and allow them to take you around the pool, it becomes a powerful bonding experience for the two of you, similar to the walk.



The Kimbull's Bulldogs

Rescue News

Rescue and Adoptions continue to be busy through the summer, with one dog placed in June and two in July. August has Zeus scheduled for home trial mid-month and a fifth bully is being interviewed as we go to press. Charlotte was one of our July adoptions, and she is pictured here. This six year old female was an owner-relinquished bully that just needed more attention and affection than her former family could provide and she is getting plenty of both with her new owner, Barbara Oakley. Another rescue, "Boy" came to us from one of the county shelters and was renamed "Obie" by his new adoptive family. Having healed from his entropion (eye) surgery and a couple weeks of pampering by the Ludington's (foster care) he's really getting to know his new family including some young children to play with. If you are interested in volunteering for any rescue services or want to adopt a rescue dog, contact Megan Lilly lilliorum@msn.com or Elaine Feinstein Buldawg@cox.net.



Check out this incredibly promising herbal arthritis pain-relief product

No single product can be considered a cure-all for every canine musculoskeletal ailment. That said, DGP (short for "Dog Gone Pain") is a great product to try as a first resort for those dogs with mobility/arthritis issues, and whose guardians do not want to assume the risk of the side effects of corticosteroids or NSAID's (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs).



DGP enhances the lives of severely arthritic dogs on many levels. In the majority of the dogs sampled (93 percent), DGP was judged by the dog owners to be as or more effective as the NSAIDs and pain medications the dogs had been given prior

The main caution to dog owners who are considering DGP for their dogs is to make sure to initially limit the dog's physical activity once he has been on DGP for a few days, until he gets used to feeling good. Often arthritic dogs feel so much better, that they over exercise and end up in pain, with muscle soreness and stiffness. This can be avoided if the dog's activity is moderated.

For more information and research results about DGP, see doggonepain.com
or call (800) 714-9698

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

phone (559-689-3551, bfisher@sti.net)

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



Dear Fang,

My dog, Bubbles, is really well trained. She will sit and lie down when I tell her to and will come when I call her, well most of the time, but when we go to the park or the beach she ignores me completely and acts like she doesn't even know me. What can I do.

Perplexed

Dear Perplexed,

When your dog pays no attention to you when there are distractions there could be two problems. The first is that your dog is seldom taken anywhere and is so excited to be out that you are no longer important and the second is a relationship problem. You are not the most important thing in your dog's life. You love your dog and she loves you but that relationship is very shallow. When you and your dog are truly connected then she will check in with you wherever you are and keep a portion of her attention on you.

Betty used to take my great, great granddaughter, Storm, to the rescue day at the fair where she was loose to interact with the public. She would stay within 20' of Betty and every few minutes look at her to be sure she was still there. About every 10 minutes she would come back to her for a few pats and a treat then back to greeting the public. This is an example of a good relationship. Storm loved to meet people but keeping contact with Betty was equally important.

Training and working with your dog is a way of fostering a better relationship. There are a number of books on the market now. One source is www.dogwise.com. Ian Dunbar's books on training are one recommendation. I would recommend that you don't let Bubbles off lead until you establish a better relationship and better control. 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.

Lookin' for a puppy ?

Please make sure you buy one from a reputable breeder, who is a member in good standing, with a Bulldog Club of America affiliate club. See www.theb-ca.org website for more info. or this club's breeder referrals.



Confirmation Shows

ALL-BREED SHOWS Showing dogs is a sport in which the thrill of competition combines with the joy of seeing beautiful dogs. At an all-breed dog show, the focus lies in the dog's conformation, or overall appearance and structure. Judges examine the dogs and rank them in accordance to how close each compares with a mental image of the "perfect" dog as described in the breed's official standard. Structure, temperament and movement are assessed, as well as the dogs' abilities to perform the function for which the breed was developed. The official written standards are maintained by each breed's parent club and published in the AKC's The Complete Dog

Book. Dogs are judged in a process of elimination that results in the selection of one Best of Breed dog, which then competes against other Best of Breed dogs for Best in Show, the ultimate award.

SPECIALTY SHOWS Specialty shows are limited to dogs of a specific breed (i.e. bulldogs) or grouping of breeds (i.e. terriers or toys), in which only the designated breed/s may compete.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP Junior showmanship, or junior handling classes, are offered at most all-breed and specialty dog shows. The competition allows young fanciers, the future of the sport, to compete in arenas that measure the handlers' skills-not the dog's qualities.

Judges conduct the junior competition in a manner similar to that of conformation breed judging. Juniors will stack their

dogs (pose their dogs to best advantage), present them to the judge, move them in prescribed patterns; and they may be asked questions about their dogs to demonstrate knowledge of the specimen. Junior showmanship is open to exhibitors between the ages of 10 and 18. A junior handler can only exhibit dogs owned by the junior handler, or his or her father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, grandfather or grandmother, including the step- and half- relations; or by a member of the junior handler's household. Successful competition demands dedication from the junior handler, and the support of a caring adult. Most juniors come from families that exhibit dogs, or they have another adult that supports their efforts. Juniors need support and guidance, but the experience can be a

Meet The Members



Gwen, Naomi & CJ

Naomi Bell

I am relatively new to the club. I've only been a member since 2005, when we got our first bulldog Guenevere. I had wanted one since I was 16 years old, when my high school friend had one named Catfish John. I had fallen in love with the breed. Now, we have 2 bullies! The newest member of our family is a puppy named C.J. (Captain Jack).

This year I am a board member and the editor of the club newsletter. I attend, somewhat regularly, the Thursday night

obedience/socialization classes held in Santee at Tom & Elsa White's house. It's fun to get together with club members regularly and watch the dogs play. I have also enjoyed organizing events, like this year's Bully Fools Day Picnic.

My family and I live in Santee. I am a Middle School teacher for the Cajon Valley Union School District. My school is out in the Harbison Canyon/Blossom Valley area of East County. My husband is a cement mason. He does concrete driveways, sidewalks, etc.

I have two sons, Corey & Shawn. Corey is an Air Force computer programmer, stationed in Nebraska. Shawn is a senior at West Hills High School this year.

Advertisements & Breeder Referrals



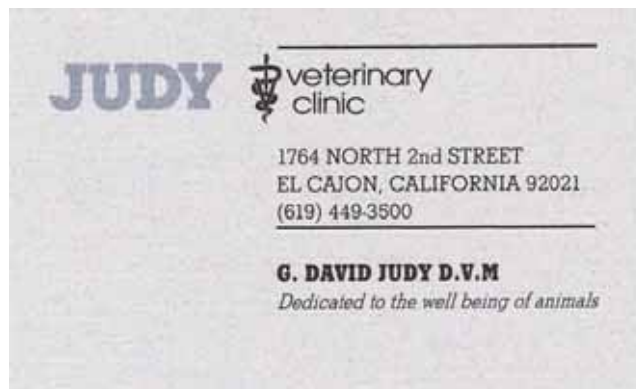
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An advertisement for the Bullaritaville event. The text at the top reads: "Las Vegas Bulldog Club invites you to BULLARITAVILLE". Below the text is a photograph of a bulldog wearing a straw hat, sunglasses, and a colorful Hawaiian shirt, sitting next to a glass of red drink. The text below the photo reads: "BCA Div. III & LVBC October 6-8, 2006", "These specialties are being held outdoors at: -St. Tropez Hotel Resort- 455 E. Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV (702) 369-5400 --or-- (800) 666-5400", "*Please say you are with the bulldog group when calling", "•Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, BCA Div. III Specialty: Class Judge: Van Blevins---Sweeps Judge: Rhonda Cavett", "•Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, LVBC Specialty: Class Judge: Elizabeth Hugo---Sweeps Judge: Jeff Elliott", "•Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, LVBC Specialty Class Judge: Pat Ropp---NO SWEEPS on Sunday", "Show Chairperson: Carol Santoro, 1690 Windview Ct., Henderson, NV 89014 (702) 456-3058 CS3697@aol.com", "Show Secretary: Jean Ryser, 2875 Montessouri St., Las Vegas, NV 89117 (702) 876-1951 JustduckyR@aol.com", and "Design by SittingBullies.com".





August Picnic 2006

The Club's August Picnic was held Sunday, August 13th at Dusty Rhodes Park in Ocean Beach. The attire was Luau apparel; grass skirts, lava lavas, hibiscus, coconut shells and lei's. The event was coordinated by Angela Estrada, Corina Cauldren and Geri DiMeglio. It included tiki torches and food from Panda Express. Bulldog Rescue held their auctions, both silent and aloud. Skip was the auctioneer, while Megan & Elaine manned the booth. Items available included bulldog figures, clothing (both canine & human), collars and leashes, and bulldog stationery. The rescue organization also received a very generous donation from Tom & Elsa White. They donated the prize money recently earned by their show dogs, Sir Homerun Charlie & Miss Ce Ce Rider. The weather was perfect and a good time was had.

The next picnic, our Halloween bash, will be held in October. You still have plenty of time to get your babies a costume.



God and Dog

On the first day of creation, God created the dog.

On the second day, God created man to serve the dog.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the dog.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labour for the good of the dog.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that dog might, or might not, retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but He had to walk the dog.



Does your dog continually rub his eyes or face, sneeze and have watery discharge? He may have an allergy.

"

Dogs can be allergic to many substances including pollens, grass and other plants, wool, feathers and dust. Bathe your dog frequently to remove **allergens** on his coat. Vacuum your house frequently. Remove plants that may produce pollen.

" Home air filters and air cleansing devices may help alleviate your dog's allergic condition.

" **Home Remedies:** To clean crusty or irritated eyes, make a soothing saline solution. Mix 1/4 cup sea salt with 1 cup distilled or filtered water.

" For irritation or injury: Pour 1 cup boiling water over 1 teaspoon eyebright (herb). Add 1/4 teaspoon salt and let steep for 15 minutes. Strain the liquid into a clean glass container or bottle. Use to clean the eyes. Avoid contaminating the liquid. Keeps for 2 days.

" For yellowish discharge: Pour 1 cup boiling water over 1/4 teaspoon golden seal powder. Add 1/4 teaspoon salt and let steep for 15 minutes. Strain the liquid into a clean glass container or bottle. Use to clean the eyes. Avoid contaminating the liquid. Keeps for 2 days.

" Colloidal silver, available at health food stores, can soothe and heal minor eye irritations. Place a drop in the eye and clean with sterile cotton. Place another drop in the eye after cleaning.

Bathing an animal frequently can cause irritation if a **regular** shampoo is used. Organic products, like Aubrey's Organimals, will not cause any extra irritation because it does not contain any detergents, chemicals or pesticides.



Organimals Pet Shampoo for Dogs

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<http://www.thewholisticpet.com>

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Read the labels of products. Ingredients to avoid are; petrolatum, glyceryl stearate, cetyl alcohol, methyl, propyl paraben. These are all synthetic preservatives or chemicals that can irritate skin.



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A few pictures
from this years
San Diego County Fair

