



Wrinkle Time

December 2006

Upcoming Gathering Dates:

***January 7th, 2007 (belated holiday party)**

Time: 1 pm

Location: Pet Supplies Plus in Burnsville MN

No Bull. Just fun

W-R-I-N-K-L-E-T-I-M-E



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**And all
through the
house, not a
creature was
stirring...**



Holiday Hazards Word Find

h n a u t p s s j e o g e l c m e z e i
y d e c p y y b s b x x t q m o a g d k
o a d u o q m l z u t f k m t x l f k r
c s u t c a c u l e v h u e z a c s c p
r a e n b g b b n o h w l t w c o x p z
f l n o o m z s c s h t v w y a h u n q
g m r d t f i r a d s b h y i s o x s k
m s t y l o g t e i i h c s h e l r r n
c b k z n e a q m u w w a a f y s e u u
o v p c a e s m h n d t l a x x s t s r
h s o p n k o s n w i y i s j m u a g h
p r g q t i y m b n n k j b w n e l q k
d n x r a t d k s u q x s t x h l o g k
a w n a i t t e s n i o p y g n k c v p
z y v f n j l s k w s l w l e f o o c k
q s u e y y r e j x m s e o h k e h m x
x o n b v f v p z p f e i q f h r c c d
p m q o o l n u n v r n u y b q z u v e
y b r k c m j a s l d u b r a u f u t i
q o r n a m e n t s t i k q o q p y f b

Word List

alcohol
bulbs
cactus
candles
chocolate
extensioncord
holly
mistletoe
ornament
poinsettia
tinsel
toys
turkeyskin

holiday hazards part II

...Turkey skin! It is high in fat and I've heard that vet clinics see a lot of pancreatitis in dogs after Thanksgiving because owners give dog the leftover turkey skin, but it is too rich for the dogs if they aren't used to it and they get sick from it.
(Thanks to Rita for this submission)

Mistletoe, poinsettia, cactus and holly are poisonous to pets. Don't leave them in the reach of pets.

Well meaning people may give your pet toys which aren't durable enough for the type of "chewer" he/she is. Make sure you look at the toys before giving them to Bully.

Be very careful with ornaments and bulbs on the lower part of your tree. They look like toys! Ornaments can break and cut your Bully or be eaten by Bully! Tinsel can get caught in the digestive tract. Consider putting a tree up higher than the reach of Bully or putting a barrier up so Bully can't get to tree.

Extension and electrical cords are not good chew toys! They can result in electrical burns and shock.

Speaking of toys, make sure small parts of your children/grandchildren's toys don't end up in Bully's mouth.

Some decorations are peppermint scented. It smells just like food so Bully may try to eat it.

Candles, including Menorah, can be tipped by dogs jumping up to investigate. Obviously hot wax and flames can burn your dog as well.

Just say no to alcohol, chocolate, and cigarette butts! No, we know you wouldn't feed them to Bully but Bully could reach ash trays. Remember that wrapped presents under the tree (say, of chocolate) still smell like chocolate to Bully. A little wrapping paper won't deter him!

Keep a schedule that is as close to normal as possible. While you may thrive on a house full of people, your Bully may not. He may need a break in a quiet room with a favorite bone or his bed.

None of these things can substitute for supervision. In all the holiday chaos don't forget to watch your Bully!



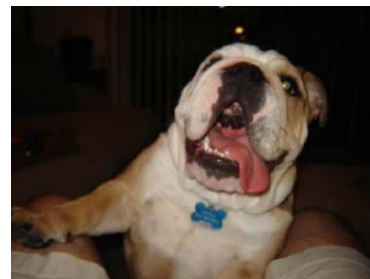
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dog food labels

Part 2

by Clyde Lewis

Understanding dog food labels is almost as easy as learning Egyptian hieroglyphics, but not quite. Actually it is not impossible, but you cannot take them at face value. Hopefully this will help you to make a better informed purchase. And we need to be the advocate for our pups. The federal government has very little requirements for pet food manufacturers. The Federal Government requires that pet food manufacturers give their address, accurately identify the product, provide net quantity, and correctly list the ingredients. But they are not required to list the ingredients in any particular order. Although some states do require this. And are not subject to quality control laws. Some peace of mind can be found by looking for the AAFCO label on pet food, but this does not necessarily mean the food is good. But just that it is properly labeled. The good news is that the competitive dog food market, and informed buyers are driving up the quality of commercial foods. We need to be educated about animal nutrition to make the best decision on what our particular breed needs to be healthy. One thing to find out is how the manufacturer verified the foods adequacy for the particular life stage (puppy, adult, etc.). The two testing methods are feeding trials, which is best, or by chemical analysis, not as good. Even though feeding trials are best. All you are guaranteed is that some dogs have eaten the food for six months without dying or becoming sick. A chemical analysis tries to show that the food contains the same basic chemical composition as foods that have been tested. The chemical analysis testing saves money for the manufacturer. Even though a feeding trial is better this is an example of a feeding trial.



1. Eight dogs older than one year must begin the test.
2. In the beginning all of the dogs must be of normal weight and in good health.
3. A simple four panel blood test is taken from each dog at the start and conclusion of the test.
4. The dogs must eat only the food being tested for six months.
5. During the test none of the dogs can die, or be removed from the trial due to nutritional reasons.
6. The dogs finishing the test cannot lose more than 15% of their body weight.
7. Six of the eight dogs starting the trial must finish.

Thats it. The test does not take into consideration the differences among breeds or other important factors. It is also not multigenerational. So all we really learned is that an AAFCO labeled food that has had feeding trials wont kill your dog. But it does not mean that it is nutritionally complete either. A vet that understands your particular breed is one of our best resources for what nutrients our dog needs. Then all we have to do is to go out and wade through the sea of available foods to find the one offering the best nutritional components.

Now what does the label mean on an AAFCO labeled food.

MEAT Labels

If the food has the word beef, chicken, fish, or lamb. It must be 95% beef, chicken, or whatever meat it is claiming exclusive of water needed for processing.

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Even with the water it must be 70% meat. These products will typically have simple names like "Tonkas Beef Food for Dogs". The same is true for the other meats as well. This will only be found in canned foods. No dry kibble is 95% meat.

Dinner Labels

If the word dinner, or something similar like entrée or platter is used each featured ingredient must be between 25 and 94% of the total ingredients. For example "Tonkas Woodchip Dinner for Dogs" must be at least 25% woodchips.

With Labels

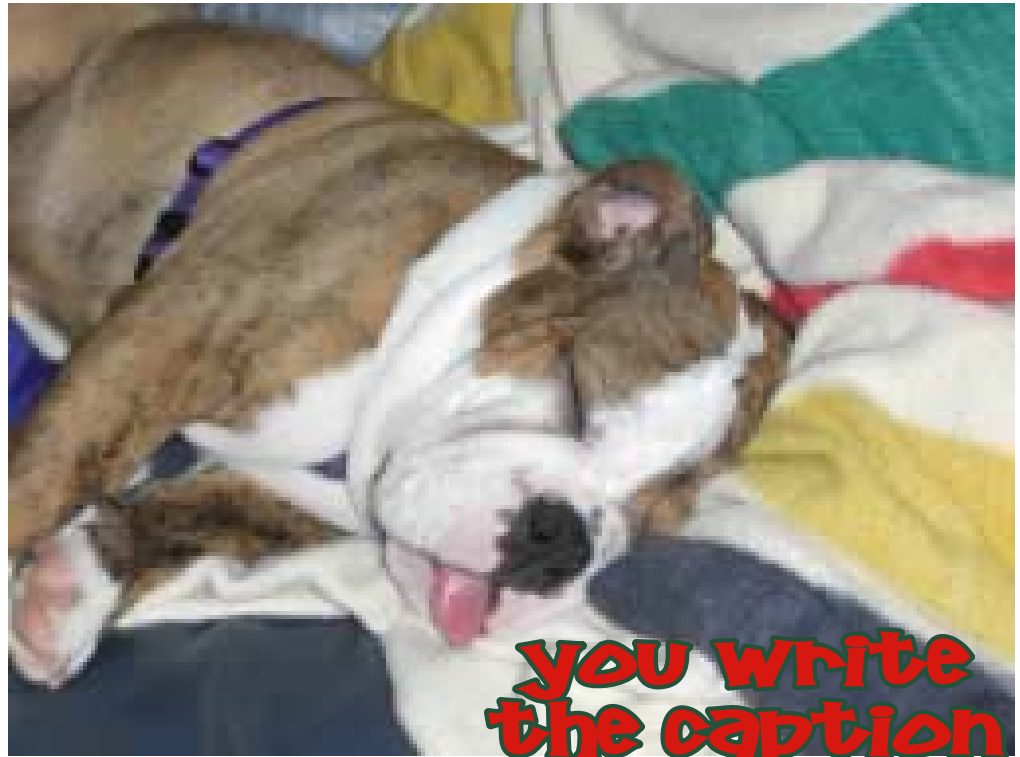
Now if the word with is used, the named ingredient must make up at least 3% of the total ingredients. For an example "Tonkas Woodchip Dinner for Dogs With Onions" must contain 3% onions. "Tonkas Woodchip Dinner for Dogs With Onions and Cheese" must contain 3% onions and 3% cheese as well as at least 25% woodchips. Yummy.

Flavor Labels

If the label says "beef flavor", rather than "beef" it only has to have enough beef to be taste detectable. The word flavor must appear in letters as large as those of the named ingredient.

Now that we are all running for our dogs food bag. Take a deep breath and relax. If our dogs have been eating it and are healthy. There is no need to switch foods yet. Next time we will play chemistry lesson and look at the different vitamins and minerals that our dogs need to help them thrive.

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I'm a scurvy dog
aaaaargh.

I'm going to wait
here while you pre-
pare my supper.

Go ahead...see if
you can take my
bone.

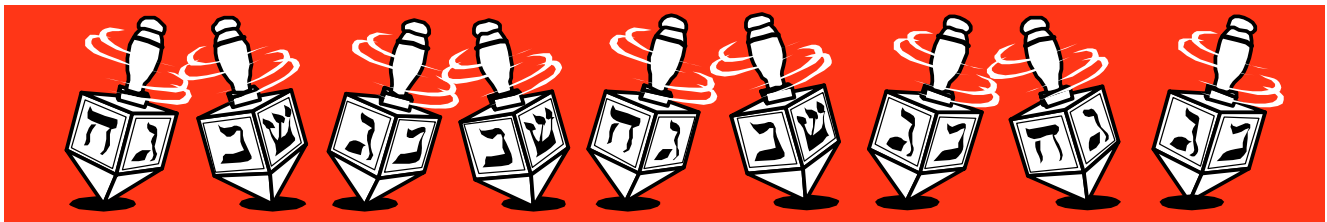
MINE! MINE!
MINE!

**you wrote
the caption**

Ack..I bi' ma tounge

A guy can work up a sweat chewing.

happy holidays



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good deeds

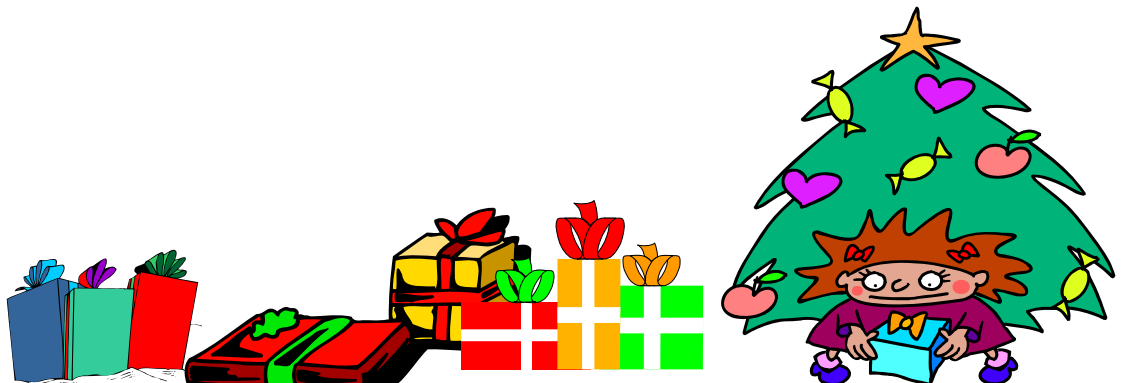


Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue currently has a Bulldog in need of a forever home. Rosie will be six years old this month. She's been in her home for almost that long and is coming into rescue because of another baby in the house. Rosie is very dominant with small children so we're looking for a home for her without any kids. Rosie is house-broken and obedience trained. If you are interested in Rosie, please go to the BCARN website and fill out an application. The website is: www.rescuebulldogs.org

Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue is a small rescue group, and it will be getting even smaller soon. Lissa Steenerson will soon be leaving our group in an official capacity. Lissa has done some great things for rescue dogs in Minnesota and we want to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation for all she has accomplished for rescue Bulldogs in this area in the past couple of years. We are really going to miss Lissa's involvement in our group. She has helped many Bulldogs start new lives with loving families when others turned their backs on them. We wish her all the best.

If you think you might be interested in helping out with rescue, please contact us and we would be happy to explain what steps there are to become involved with our group. There are different aspects of rescue that you could help with and you would not be required to participate in all areas. Every little bit helps. We would hate for rescue to come to a halt in Minnesota due to lack of volunteers. With Lissa leaving, we will be losing a big part of our rescue effort. More volunteers are needed if we are to continue doing an adequate job of rehoming rescue Bulldogs in Minnesota. Please consider helping out in this area, we would really appreciate it. Thank you.

For more info please contact Rita Guthmiller: rita@reingoldbulldogs.com 952-873-3037 or Marcia Tieg: shortlillme@msn.com 952-445-6836.



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a puppy's prayer



A PUPPY'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,
The king-size bed is soft and deep..
I sleep right in the center groove
My human being can hardly move!

I've trapped her legs, she's tucked in tight
And here is where I pass the night
No one disturbs me or dares intrude
Till morning comes and "I want food!"

I sneak up slowly to begin
My nibbles on my human's chin.
For the morning's here and it's time to play
I always seem to get my way.

So thank you Lord for giving me
This human person that I see.
The one who hugs and holds me tight
And shares her bed with me at night!
--Author Unknown

