

Wrinkle Time

July 2007

Upcoming Gathering Dates:

Date: July 29th

Time: 1 pm

Location: Pet Supplies Plus

Date: September 23rd

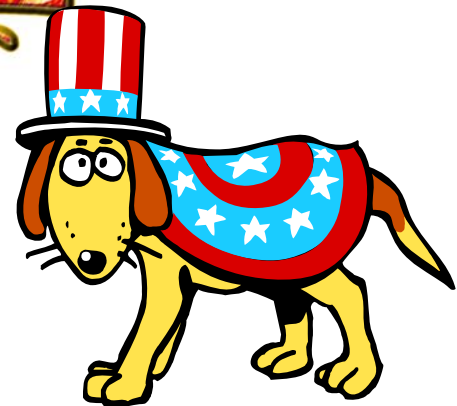
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No Bull. Just fun.



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best
and
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Little boys taste *much* better than ice cream!
One way or another I'm going to get some of that BBQ.
You won't need a bath when I'm done with you.
I love you soooooo much Bennett
Let me get that ice cream off your face.
Good job buddy, now I won't have to wash my face before supper. I can tell mom my face is *already* washed.
I Love You!
That ice cream you ate tastes soooo good
Undying love.
And they called it puppy love...
He kind of tastes like chocolate!!
Leftovers, are tasty!
Little Timmy runs out of kleenex.
Mmmmm...boy flavor! Yummy!
new germ fighting tool
I love peanut butter flavored lip balm.
let me get the last of the pudding.
I know I am not a French bulldog, but the French do know how to kiss.
I love leftovers, even if I got to lick this kids face to get them.
Love is a many splendored thing.
Kid face – better than ice cream!

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Common dog myths

By: Dr. Debra Primovic

1. Dogs should have a litter before they are spayed.

This is not true. Dogs that have a litter before they are spayed are not better for it in any way. In fact, spayed dogs are at lower risk for breast cancer and uterine infections.

2. Dogs are sick when their noses are warm.

The temperature of a dog's nose does not indicate health or illness. It also does not indicate if they have a fever. There is an "old wives tale" that cold wet noses indicate good health and that warm or dry noses indicate a fever or illness. The only accurate method to access a dog's temperature is to take it with a thermometer. Normal dog temperature is 100.5 to 102.5 degrees F.

3. Mutts are always healthier than purebred dogs.

This is not true. Both mutts and purebred dogs can be either healthy or unhealthy. However, mutts *generally* do not have many of the genetic diseases that may be common in purebred lines.

4. All dogs like to be petted on their heads.

Some dogs do like to be petted on their heads but many do NOT.

5. Happy dogs wag their tails.

This may be true but aggressive dogs often wag their tails too. There are several physical body motions and cues that help dogs communicate their intent. A wagging tail can mean either agitation or excitement. A dog that wags his tail slowly and moves his entire rear end or crouches down in the classic "play bow" position is usually demonstrating a friendly wag. Tails that are wagged when held higher, tails that "twitch" or a wagging tail held over the back may be associated with aggression.

6. Only male dogs will 'hump' or lift their leg to urinate.

This is not true. Female dogs, especially dominant female dogs, will lift their leg to urinate and "hump" other dogs or objects. This can be true even in spayed female dogs.

7. Table scraps are good for dogs.

Some table scraps such as bones and pieces of fat can be dangerous to some pets. Dogs may not digest the bones and the fat may cause gastrointestinal problems such as pancreatitis.

8. Garlic prevents fleas.

Garlic has NOT been proven helpful for flea control. Large amounts of garlic can even be harmful.

9. Household "pet dogs" don't need trained.

This is not true. Every dog should be trained.

10. Dogs eat grass when they are sick.

Dogs descended from wild wolves and foxes that ate all parts of their "kill". This included the stomach contents of many animals that ate berries and grass. Many scientists believe grass was once part of dog's normal diet and eating small amounts of grass is normal.

11. Dogs like tasty food.

Dogs have very poor taste buds and eat primarily based on their sense of smell.

12. Licking is Healing.

It is natural for a dog to lick its wound but this not necessarily always "healing". Too much licking can actually prohibit healing.

13. Dogs will let you know when they are sick.

This is not true. Dogs generally are very good at hiding that they are sick by survival instinct, thus not to appear vulnerable to "prey". Often by the time they show you that they are sick, their disease or condition is quite advanced.

14. Dogs that are mostly indoors don't need heartworm prevention.

This is not true. Indoor pets are also at risk for heartworm disease. Heartworm disease is spread by mosquitoes, which can come inside.

15. Dogs eat rocks, lick concrete or eat their or another animals stools because of nutrient imbalances.

No one knows why dogs eat "stuff" that they should not eat. Some veterinarians believe that some dogs that eat "things" may be trying to get attention or acting out of boredom. It is important for dogs to eat a well balanced diet that will fulfill their dietary and nutrient requirements and have plenty of opportunities for play and exercise.

16. Dogs don't need housebroken – they naturally know where to go.

Oh...if only this were true. You need to train your dog on where to go. This preferably happens when you start at a young age and give your dog positive encouragement for jobs well done.

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Last month's You Write the Caption

We had some good ones that came in after I had to publish. I just had to share!

One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila, floor.....

One Word...Raspberries!

good deeds

Last month we reported that Killian had found a new home and just recently Love-a-Bull Rescue rehomed another Bullie boy. Major is a four year old Bulldog who is quite social and generally a real sweetheart. However, when his former owners' nine month old baby started crawling, Major would bark and lunge at it. The Mom was worried that the baby could get hurt and felt it would be best for Major to live with another family that could provide a home where there were no little children to make him nervous and uneasy. Fortunately, Major is great with older kids and anybody taller than eye level he is fine with, so finding him a new home that was more suited for him turned out not to be that difficult.



We did not have to post Major on the BCARN website because we had someone already ready and waiting for a suitable rescue dog. Carrie was interested in adopting Killian, but contacted our rescue group after another family had already been approved to adopt Killian. Fortunately, all of Carrie's children are grown and she is home all day so Major will get plenty of attention. So even though it was obvious that Major's former owners were very emotionally attached to Major and hated to part with him, they decided it was better to have Major rehomed than to take any chances he might hurt the baby. They didn't think it was fair to Major to keep him separated so much of the time now that the baby was becoming more mobile.

Major has been in his new home almost a week now and so far things seem to be going just fine. It is the BCARN policy that the new owners have 30 days to keep the dog and still receive a full refund of their adoption donation should the rescue dog not work out in their home. When they sign the adoption contract, they have to agree to return the dog to our rescue group if at any point they are no longer able to care for the dog. Carrie has said that Major was adjusting well to life in his new home and we are optimistic that we have found Major his "forever home".

Talented Bulldog!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziDeUbifKIM&mode=related&search>

There is also some footage at www.skateboardingbulldog.com

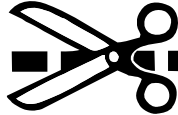
Thanks Bill!



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10 ways to "please" your bulldog

1. Please avoid long separations. Time is important to me because I only live for 10 - 15 years. I want to be with you as much as possible.
2. Please have patience with me. I'm not Einstein, just a dog that loves you and is trying hard to understand what you want.
3. Please don't hold a grudge if I do something bad. I'll try harder.
4. Please don't hit me in anger. I can't hit back - but I can bite - and neither of us wants that.
5. Please don't shut me up when company visits. You have lot of friends who might like me. I only have you.
6. Please talk to me as often as you can. I may not always understand you, but I love to hear your voice.
7. Please understand that everything you do, teaches me something. I remember a lot more than you think, especially how you treat me.
8. Please pay attention to my health. It's hard for me to tell you when I'm not feeling well.
9. Please take care of me when I get old. You'll get old someday too.
10. Please be with me when it's my time to go. It will be easier for me if you are there because no matter what -- I love you.



POISON?

You can call your vet or the ASPCA's
**Animal Poison Control Center at
888-426-4435.**

The call is free, but the consult fee is \$55. Be sure you can provide information like what you think he ate, when, age, weight, sex, chronic medical conditions, and symptoms.

patriotic but scared

Most Pets Do NOT Enjoy Independence Day!

Even the most patriotic pet isn't thrilled with our customary way of celebrating Independence Day.

In fact the loud noises and bright flashes of a fireworks display can be downright terrifying to a dog or cat. It's best to leave your pet at home with the curtains drawn and soft music playing on the radio when you go out to enjoy the pyrotechnic performance. Make sure your dog has a safe and secure crate that she can retreat to if the noise outside becomes too much.



For dogs that are really rattled by the holiday commotion, you might want to try using a product that releases dog appeasing pheromones (D.A.P.). These are similar to the chemical signals female dogs use to sooth their puppies. Test have shown D.A.P. to be very effective in calming canine anxieties.

If you must take your dog to watch the fireworks, be sure he or she is closely supervised and securely leashed at all times. The bright lights and loud noises of a Fourth of July celebration can be disorienting for a dog, leading even a normally calm pet to behave irrationally. This can lead to unexpected irritability, soiling or running away. SO even if your dog is normally ok on his own during normal outings to the lake or park, keep him leashed on the Fourth of July.

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taking a poll

This is a new feature for Wrinkle Time Newsletter.

Did you ever want to know what others do with their bulldogs? Any answers to this will be anonymous, as will questions submitted.

Do you take your bully to the groomer?
Do you trim your bulldog's whiskers? Why or why not?

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