

Wrinkle Time



MAY 2011

TAKE NOTE!

- Saturday, May 21st at noon is our picnic in the park
- Rescue has five bulldogs right now
- Animal behaviorists can help with those stubborn behavior issues

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The Picnic Is Coming!!!!

Wrinkle Time's Picnic in the Park is May 21st. This is a SATURDAY. We plan to eat at noon so please bring a dish to pass and arrive a little early. You don't want to miss out on any of the dishes! See later page in the newsletter because we need volunteers!



Picnic Time

Help! Help! Help!

HELP! Please help! We need help for the Picnic in the Park on Saturday, May 21st. Some of the things we need:

- ◇ Three people to bring ice (5-10 pounds)
- ◇ Five people to bring plastic forks (packages of 50 each)
- ◇ Three people to arrive 45 minutes early to help set up
- ◇ Three people to stay and help clean up
- ◇ Two people to bring fans and extension cords
- ◇ Someone to run the Pin the Tail on the Bulldog game for the kids
- ◇ Someone to set up and run the Agility/Obstacle/Olympic course (see last page)
- ◇ Three people to bring 100 paper plates each
- ◇ Three stopwatches we can borrow during the events
- ◇ A ramp we can borrow for the Obstacle course
- ◇ Two helpers to time (stopwatch) the Dress Your Bulldog Game



From Nose to Tail

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This section is intended for questions and answers (as well as opinions) about what has worked best in your house for things from nose wrinkles to tear stains to tail pockets. Keep in mind this is not veterinary advice and what works for one bulldog may not work for the next.

This Month's Question:

7 mo old Bulldog gnawing (sic) sheetrock so it indents wall, eats off wooden outlet cover and now broke off 4 slats in our door. How to control? He will be shown in ring so neuter isn't an option.

7 mo old Bulldog possessive towards our Cavalier regarding his toys, bones and treats. He will take over toys our other dog has and will hold a stiff stance and bark once at our Cavalier if he thinks she's too close to bone. He's okay with humans messing with his toys and dog food while he's at it. What to do that won't get in way of training him to show in ring.

7 mo Bulldog seems to not know his own strength when playing with our Cavalier. He makes her yelp and she squeals when he bites her tail and ear. Is this normal? Is there anything I should do?

- Just from what I read, sounds like your bulldog needs more supervision, more boundaries and more appropriate things to do. Make sure he has appropriate things to chew on when he is in his kennel. Kennel him when you cannot directly watch him. If he begins doing something inappropriate while you are watching him correct him then give him the RIGHT thing to chew on and praise him.
- I've never had a problem with teaching a dog basic obedience and showing them in the show ring. One thing to do differently is to teach them to STAND while heeling rather than sit while heeling.
- Exercise him. Walks are great for redirecting that puppy energy.
- Contact an animal behaviorist—not just a trainer. Behaviorists usually come to your home to assess what is going on in the pack
- Take some training classes. You'll both learn some things.

•Regarding destruction: If your Bulldog is being destructive, you are giving it too much freedom. Crate him with a good chew toy that he likes when you are not able to supervise him.

Once he is older he can safely be given more freedom, but if you continue to let him destroy things, you will be allowing him to learn a lot of bad habits that will be a lot harder to break as time goes on. You have to supervise him more closely. He is still a puppy, even if he does look almost grown. You can also try putting on some "muscle rub" like Ben Gay on wood furniture that he tries to chew on. It grips better than Bitter Apple and usually the smell alone is enough to keep a puppy from chewing on it.

•Regarding action possessiveness: Show dogs need manners the same as a "pet", if not more so as they are expected to behave under stressful, noisy conditions. Take him to a good puppy kindergarten class or a basic obedience class at an obedience training center...not the kind that PetSmart or PetCo offers.

Those have too many distractions and the training area is too small to do any real good, in my opinion. They can learn basic obedience even if they are going to conformation training class. Your Bulldog is behaving in a dominant manner towards the Cavalier. Even if the Cavalier is smaller, it should rank over a puppy. You may be inadvertently reinforcing this belief. The older dog should always be fed first, petted first, etc. Look into the "no free lunch" training methods. You can find a lot of info for free online if you Google it. Also you should purchase the booklet *How To Be The Leader Of The Pack* by animal behaviorist Patricia McConnell PhD. It is a fast read, and inexpensive, but lots of good info.

•Regarding your other dog: Your puppy seems to naturally dominant as most puppies don't challenge older dogs at such a young age. He is in need of some consistent discipline or you may find yourself with a doggie juvenile delinquent.

Your puppy doesn't seem to have been taught "bite inhibition". They usually learn this from their mothers and littermates. For whatever reason, your Cavalier isn't teaching your puppy manners, so you will have to do it. Get a squirt bottle and put in some water and a little vinegar. Teach him some sound that is a warning if he crosses a line. Most trainers suggest the "Uh uh" sound rather than "NO". It should be a phrase not used in normal conversation. Warn him with the "UH Uh" sound and then squirt him in the shoulder with the spray if he picks on the other dog. The smell is unpleasant to them, but doesn't hurt them

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and is usually enough to make them learn to respect the "Uh uh" warning. They usually learn pretty quickly that UH uh means they'd better stop what they are doing.

Is there anything I should do?

Get your dog to a training class ASAP. You might also want to contact an animal behaviorist for advice. They come to your house and give you "lessons" on how to train your dog. Well worth the money if you can afford it.



You
Wrote
the
Caption

Jasper

Helmet! I demand a helmet!

I'd rather be fishing

Are you sure we can't vacation in Florida?

Tell Santa I want to return my Christmas gift.

Can't.....hold.....on.....much.....loooooonnnnnnggggeerrrrr....."

Chicks dig big dawgs on snowmobiles.

Really? You thought this was a good idea, did you?

June in Minnesota can be brutal.

Mooooommmmmmm!

Do you really think I drive this thing?

Now, this is the life.

Take the picture already I want to this thing for a spin.

Daddy, please be careful, I might fall off.

Weeeeeeee this is great fun, but I'm freezing my tail off.

I think I prefer a sleigh like Santa.

Backseat drivers always spoil the fun.

WRINKLE TIME



Drake Beautiful Bulldog Contest

Smile! | 32nd Annual Drake Relays Beautiful Bulldog Contest

<http://xfinity.comcast.net/slideshow/news-beautifulbulldogcontest/11/>

Copy and paste the link for this year's photo show!



Braggs

On May 28th Happy Birthday to Comedy, Thomas, August and Spanky, they are 2 years old—Sheryll

You Musta Been a Beautiful Baby...



Up to 2 dogs in one session, \$5 for each additional dog, kid or grandma.

That way we get to eat and relax with all of you and we get to play with the dogs. :-) -Winick Photography

We will also

put the unedited photos on line for additional orders.

\$10 of every session will be donated to the Love-a-Bull rescue.

The sessions will start at 1pm.



Get That Bully Mug Photographed!

It is that time of year, spring, yeah! That means that Winick Photography is doing their mini session at the picnic. \$25 Includes 1 high resolution image with a 5 x 7 print release form.

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all of you who have children that are a bit hairier than others and walk on four paws!

This is for the mothers who have sat up all night with sick dogs in their arms, wiping up barf laced with edible and inedible things and saying 'It's okay baby, Mommy's here.'

Who have sat on the floor for hours on end soothing dogs who can't be comforted.

This is for all the mothers who show up at work with dog hair on their suits and poop bags in their purse, coat pocket, pants pocket and all other pockets.

For all the mothers who make their own dog food and treats.

And all the mothers who DON'T.

This for the mothers who help the new mothers deal with the loss of their litter. And the mothers who help them cope when they are given new homes.

This is for the mothers whose priceless art collections consists of ribbons and photos.

And for all the mothers who froze their buns off, sweated gallons and swatted away bees to watch their precious prance into a ring and achieve 2nd place and then jump around as

though they had won best in show.

This is for all the mothers who yell at their dogs in the park and firmly tug the leash to get their attention.

And for all the mothers who count to ten because they realize how animal abuse happens.

This is for all the mothers who go to the special pet stores to collect the proper treats, food and toys no matter that it take 3 stops and 50 stoplights.

This is for all the mothers who taught their dogs to sit, come and stay.

And for all the mothers who opted for sit.

This is for all the mothers who teach their dogs agility and obedience and actually understand that it needs to be FUN!

This is for every mother who automatically sucks in their breath when she can't see a leash on a dog in the non-fenced front yard.

Then relaxes when she realizes that the dog is sitting on it.

This is for all the mothers who took their dog to the vet assuring them that there would be no needles only to be told they need a blood sample.

For all the mothers whose dog has gone missing and was returned, because she had

the forethought to have a chip put between its shoulders.

What makes a good Mother anyway?

Is it patience? Compassion? Ever available treats?

The ability to answer the door, hold back the dog and deal with a phone call all at the same time?

Or is it in her heart?

Is it the ache you feel when you walk out the door to your job every Monday through Friday knowing that 2 eyes are boring into your back?

The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread when you hear the sounds of heaving at 2:00 a.m.?

Years later, the guilt that won't go away when you have no other choice but to put your friend down?

The emotions of motherhood are universal and so this is for you all. For all of us...

Hang in there. In the end we can only do the best we can. Tell them everyday that we love them. And pray and never stop being a Dog Mom.

Author unknown

...for all the mothers who show up at work with dog hair on their suits...



BCARN—MN Rescue



Sophie

BCARN – MN Rescue Update:

We currently have five Bulldogs in rescue in Minnesota. Ruben has found a new home and is doing well. We found him a home in a semi-rural area where dog walkers are infrequent and can't get close to the house, so we are pretty confident Ruben will have no more incidents of territory guarding. Still in need of a home is Tess. We have someone interested in her, so hopefully she will

be on her way to a new home soon.

Ruben's sidekick "Sophie" is ready for a new home, but we are still evaluating applications for her. She's a little cuddle bug. She loves climbing up into a person's lap and laying her head on your shoulder. That is when she isn't licking your face and ears. She can be a little dominant around some female dogs, so she'd probably do best in a home with a male dog, rather than female. She is in good healthy and super cute. She's on the smaller size and is pretty easy going.

Two young female Bulldogs were picked up as strays in Maplewood. They had been picked up last summer as strays, but this time around, the owner said he had sold the dogs and would not claim them. However, he said he could not recall the new owner's name or

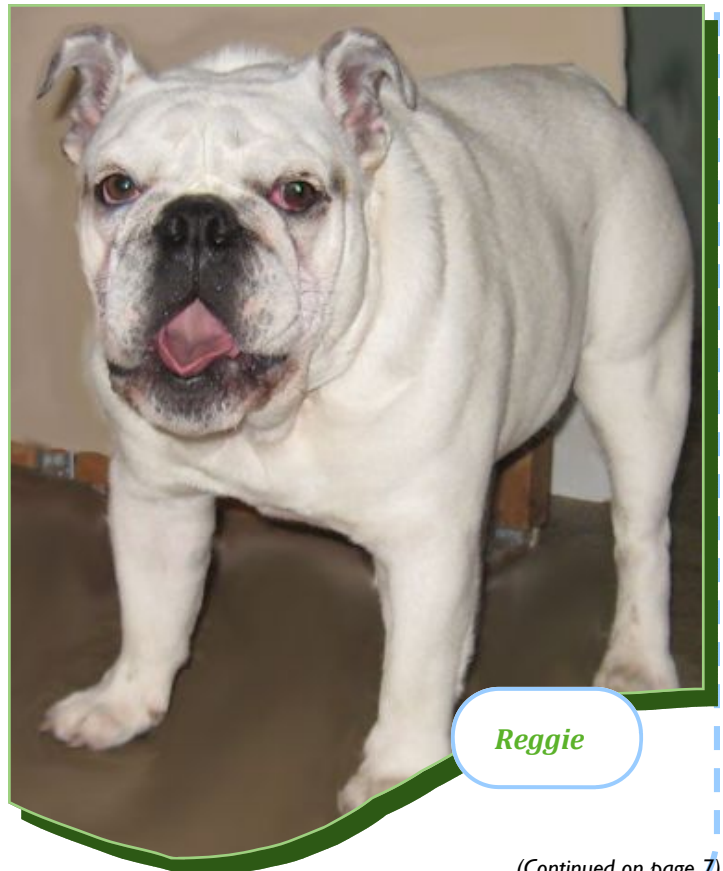
phone number and no one ever showed up to claim them. So our info about these two girls before they came into rescue is limited to their names. We have Sophie (the 2nd) and Amber. They are estimated to be under two years of age, but over the age of one. Both are very sweet dogs and get along well with other dogs. Amber is fine with the foster home cats and Sophie has been great around the children she's been introduced to while at her foster home. You can read more about them on the BCARN rescue website if you go to:

www.rescuebulldogs.org Be-

cause they are both young, we have received a lot of inquires about them and hope to have them in forever homes soon.

Sophie II and Amber have now been spayed, wormed, vaccinated and checked for heartworm. Sophie also received entropion surgery on both eyes as both of her lower lids were rolling inward. They will also be micro-chipped before placement. They are house-trained and crate trained. Both dogs flinch easily and act very submissive, so we suspect their former owner was pretty heavy handed in dealing with

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Reggie

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More from BCARN—MN Rescue



received very little attention.

Reggie is a sweet boy, but starving for attention and in need of some discipline and obedience training. Reggie will go in next week to be neutered, vaccinated and checked for heartworms. He too, will require eye surgery. He

has a “cherry eye” that needs to be taken care of. Otherwise, Reggie seems to be in very good health. He will make someone a great companion once he has been taught some manners.

Here is a final reminder...if you have any items you'd like to donate to our silent auction to be held at the Wrinkle Time “Picnic In The Park” on Saturday, May 21st you can bring your items directly to the picnic. If you have nothing to donate, bring along a check blank or cash to the picnic and bid generously. Thanks to all of you who have contributed in some way to Bulldog Rescue. Big or small, all donations whether they are items donated or purchased or donations of time and talents, all are greatly appreciated. On behalf of Bulldogs in need, we thank you!

A few months' back, artist Jessie Marianiello of Stray Dog Arts, held an art exhibition and in conjunction with the exhibition she held a raffle fundraiser with proceeds to go to our local Bulldog rescue group. Her efforts resulted in a check in the amount of \$120 for BCARN -- Minnesota. We are very appreciative of Jessie's thoughtfulness and want to thank her for donation to our rescue.

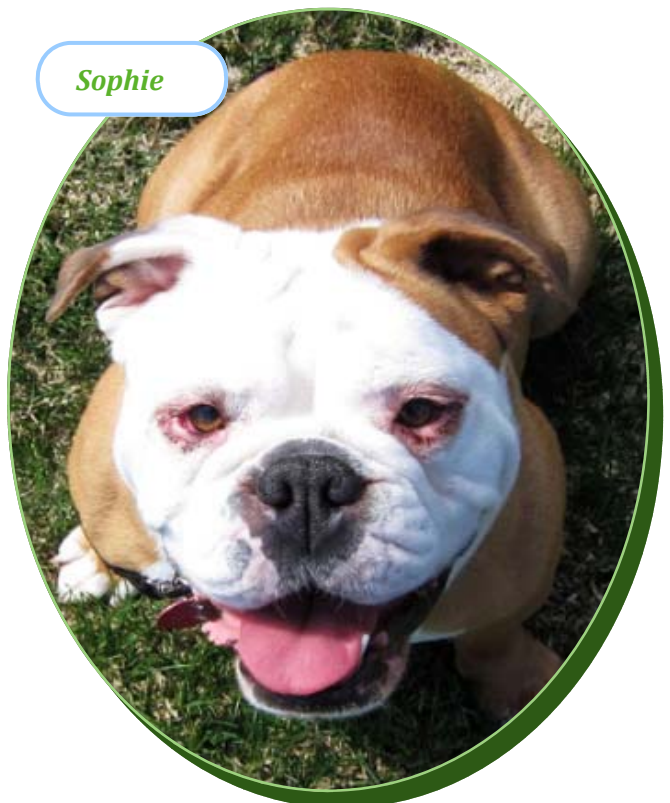
I'd also like to thank Jenny Lentch for her donation of a bunch of soft pillow beds for the rescue doggies. Reggie likes his lot. Some of our rescue Bullies are surrendered with their own beds and toys. Whatever the owners donate goes along with the dog to their new home. But in many cases, they come with nothing, so it is nice for them to have a blanket or bed that has their scent on it that can go with them to their new home.

For more information about Bulldog Rescue and BCARN, go to: www.rescuebulldogs.org

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them. The families that adopt these two sweet girls will have to be patient with them until they learn to trust their new surroundings.

Our latest rescue addition is another youngster. Reggie is only 8 months old. Although we do have some paperwork on him, such as his age and his breeder, we don't have much more than that. A co-worker knew Deb had adopted Cupid from our rescue group and said she knew of someone who had to give up his Bulldog as his mother was fed up with the puppy in her house. Kind of “he goes or you go” scenario, it sounded like. Well, the co-worker showed up one night at Deb's work place with Reggie in tow. Seems Reggie was stuck down in the basement most of the time and





No Bull...Just Fun!

Game In Jeopardy!

If you recall I sent an email after the 2010 picnic stating we had damage to the obstacle course. After that email I got one person who began collecting items for the game. She has items she is willing to loan to Wrinkle Time for the day. I still do not have someone who is willing to SET IT UP and RUN it. I will provide prizes. If I don't hear from you by May 10th we will cancel this game this year.



YOU WRITE THE CAPTION



Watch Your Dog!

Just a reminder to keep an eye on your dogs when you are at our gatherings. You are responsible for their behavior when you are out in public. Wrinkle Time assumes no liability at gatherings. You assume the same liability you would at any other public event as Wrinkle Time does not screen attendees.



I'm Reading Up On Good Behavior