



Wrinkle Time

SEPTEMBER 2011

Back to School!

You know your bulldog could go back to school too! Take an obedience class or learn a new thing like rally or agility. It will be fun and a bonding exercise for you and Bully. This is a great fall-into-winter idea! Ask your vet, your pet store, or friends for recommendations on training centers.



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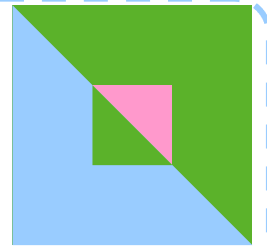
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No Bull...Just Fun

UPCOMING GATHERING DATES

November 6th at 1 pm (Halloween Party!)

roads 5 and 42 in Burnsville, MN.



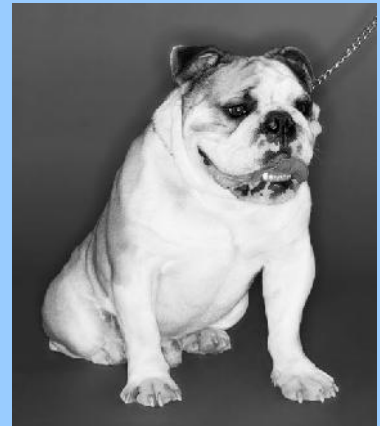
BRAGS

At the Bismarck Kennel Club show on August 4th Spanky won a 5 point major taking Best of Winners and Best of Opposite. On August 7th Spanky took a 3 point major taking Best of Opposite. This win made him a Champion.—Sheryll

In July Spanky tested for Therapy Dog. He is certified as a Therapy Dog International. He is going with Olivia to Lakeview Hospital to visit. They just love seeing him and has a hard time believing that he could be Olivia's Grandson. — Sheryll

Dino's (Pantheon Special Agent of WestOak) been on a roll! He got a major in Bismarck, 1 point in Albert Lea followed by 2 points in Lake Elmo! Dino was bred by Dianne and Dana Huntington. Dino owns Karen & Chris.

Phin got Best of Winners and Best of Breed on Sunday, Aug. 14 at the Albert Lea show. —Christy





You Wrote
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Caption

Thanks for the
photo Kirk!

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**Teach you to steal my pillow
You may be older but I'm heavier
It is the rare 2 butted bulldog!**

**I always wanted to be a conjoined twin.
This is NOT how you play hide and seek!
Mom get the plunger we have a problem!
What smell?
Two butts are better than one.
Smell what the Rock is cooking!
Now this is what I call a tempurpedic
bed!
STOP wiggling!!!!----- I can't sit still .
Thanks for the boost.
He ain't heavy he's my brother.**

I don't remember this bed being so lumpy??

**Ha!! And you think my BREATH smells bad?! I'll give you something that
smells bad!!!**

**THAT WAS MY SPOT, I JUST GOT A DRINK, IF YOU DON'T MOVE I WILL SIT
HERE AND IRRITATE YOU UNTIL YOU LEAVE.**

**I wondering if this is what it's like to be homeless living in a cardboard
box?**

Can you see it?! Do you think I should go to the vet to have it checked?

Listen partner...this bed ain't big enough for the two of us!

When giving birth some of these pups can be so doggone BIG

I am going to sit on your head until you give me the cookie!

I told you there's nothing left when you're neutered.

**I am going to count to 3, if you don't move I am going to fart on you. 1...
2...**

Bunk Beds, we don't need no stinking bunk beds.

Hmmm, I wonder where Frank is, I haven't seen him all day.

Sheeze, how can I sleep when my pillow snores.

Don't look now, this is the scariest part.

SAY 'UNCLE' SAY IT!!!!!!

Have you seen the cat?

Have you seen the remote?

**A new meaning to doggy style
(mmmmmmppphh.....)**

Have you seen my ball?

Where's the gerbil?

Cloning disaster

There, smell that one

The Truth of the Matter –

I've heard various stories though the years from people as to why some breeders aren't more supportive of local rescue groups. I'd like to address a few of these comments today to set the record straight. I cannot speak on behalf of other rescue organizations, but all Bulldog rescue groups that are affiliated with the Bulldog Club of America Rescue Network (BCARN) have to follow the same guidelines. Other groups may have other rules.

Here are some of the comments I've heard:



Rescue groups spend too much money trying to fix dogs that have too many things wrong with them.

How much is “too much money”? This is, of course, subjective. Many people who don't own Bulldogs would say that we all have spent too much money on our dogs. I'm sure we all agree that our Bulldogs are worth every penny we've spent on them. So how much is “too much money to fix” a rescue dog? Back when members of our local group met to discuss whether there was a need for rescue in Minnesota, we agreed that we did not want to euthanize a dog simply because we couldn't afford to pay for veterinary services that would result in giving that dog a good quality of life. However, we also realized that we would not have endless resources so we had to devise some “rules” to follow in regards to deciding how much to spend and under what conditions.

When it came to surgical fixes, we knew that we could not afford to spend considerable amounts of money to address chronic health issues for senior dogs that might be considered unadoptable even after surgical intervention. We didn't want to have to turn away adoptable dogs because we spent all of our resources on a dog that did not have the odds in its favor. So in those cases, we depend on our “rescue vet” to advise us as to whether we should invest in a dog with a poor prognosis. Unfortunately, we have had to euthanize a few dogs that had multiple, chronic health issues.

No one wants to be the one to decide to end a dog's life. It doesn't matter if you have only known that dog for years or a few hours, a person still feels terrible about it. However, the reality is that for some of these dogs, the kindest thing you can do for it is to end its suffering...and yes, sometimes that occurs because the dog's former owner was either unable or unwilling to handle it themselves.



Rescue groups try too hard to save every dog and don't want to admit that a lot of the dogs that come into rescue have unsound temperaments. Dogs are placed that should have been put to sleep.

We try very hard to make sure only temperamentally sound dogs are placed. Some dogs do come into rescue with behavioral issues because of poor or inadequate training; often because their owners were new to the breed and did not have any mentoring from the breeder of their dog. Owners often wait too long to get advice and assistance and believe their dogs are “broken” rather than admit they created their “problem dogs”. If it is a training issue, we will work with these dogs until they are trustworthy. We have had some dogs in foster care for many months for evaluation and retraining to make sure that they are safe to rehome.

Some dogs in rescue are there because of circumstances not of their making, not because they are “bad dogs”. Many rescue Bulldogs have great temperaments. Some just have never had much in the way of training and respond well to training while in foster care and do great in new homes with more experienced owners.



Rescue groups won't euthanize unsafe dogs because there is too much “red tape” involved to put them down.

Local BCARN “chapters” have the authority to euthanize dogs without requiring permission from the parent organization. There are no forms (red tape) to fill out to euthanize a dog. It is up to local rescue groups to decide if a particular dog should be euthanized. It is up to the rescue volunteer and the attending veterinarian to decide if this is an

appropriate action. However, BCARN volunteers do have criteria we must follow when it comes to euthanasia. The BCARN Code of Ethics requires that volunteers euthanize any dog that bites or shows signs of unstable temperament. The following are quotes from the BCARN Guidelines.

Every BCA Rescue Network Member is expected to observe the following:

- **EVALUATE THE TEMPERAMENTS OF ALL RESCUED BULLDOGS AND EXERCISE GOOD JUDGMENT IN PLACING RESCUED BULLDOGS IN SUITABLE HOMES. NEVER KNOWINGLY PLACE A VIOIOUS OR TEMPERAMENTALLY UNSOUND BULLDOG IN AN ADOPTIVE HOME OR PLACE A BULLDOG IN AN UNSUITABLE ENVIRONMENT THAT COULD LEAD TO THE HARM OF THE DOG OR A MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD OR COMMUNITY.**
- **RECOGNIZE THAT NOT ALL BULLDOGS CAN BE SAVED AND ARRANGE FOR HUMANE EUTHANASIA AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF RESCUED BULLDOGS DEEMED NOT TO BE ADOPTABLE DUE TO UNSOUND TEMPERAMENTS OR SEVERE MEDICAL CONDITIONS.**

A RESCUER WHO KNOWINGLY PLACES A BULLDOG WHO MAY HARM A PERSON PUTS THE RESCUE NETWORK AT EXTREME RISK OF LOSING LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE. RESCUERS SHOULD BE WELL-VERSED IN CANINE BEHAVIOR TO EASILY RECOGNIZE ANY "WARNING SIGNS" OF AGGRESSION THAT THE DOG MAY BE SENDING.

As unpleasant as it is, we have had to euthanize some Bulldogs that come into our rescue for unsound temperaments. Some of these dogs were good dogs 90% of the time, but if they can't be trusted 100% of the time, we simply can't place them. As sad as it is, that is the reality. Not every rescue story has the classic happy ending, but we try our best to make sure that every dog that is placed goes to a home that is appropriate for it and that the home it goes to will be it "forever home".

Silent Auction News!

We will hold a silent auction at the November 6th Wrinkle Time to raise funds for Bulldogs in rescue. If you have any items to donate, please contact either Marcia (shortlilme@msn.com) or Rita (rita@reingoldbulldogs.com) to make arrangements. Or just bring them along with you the day of the auction.

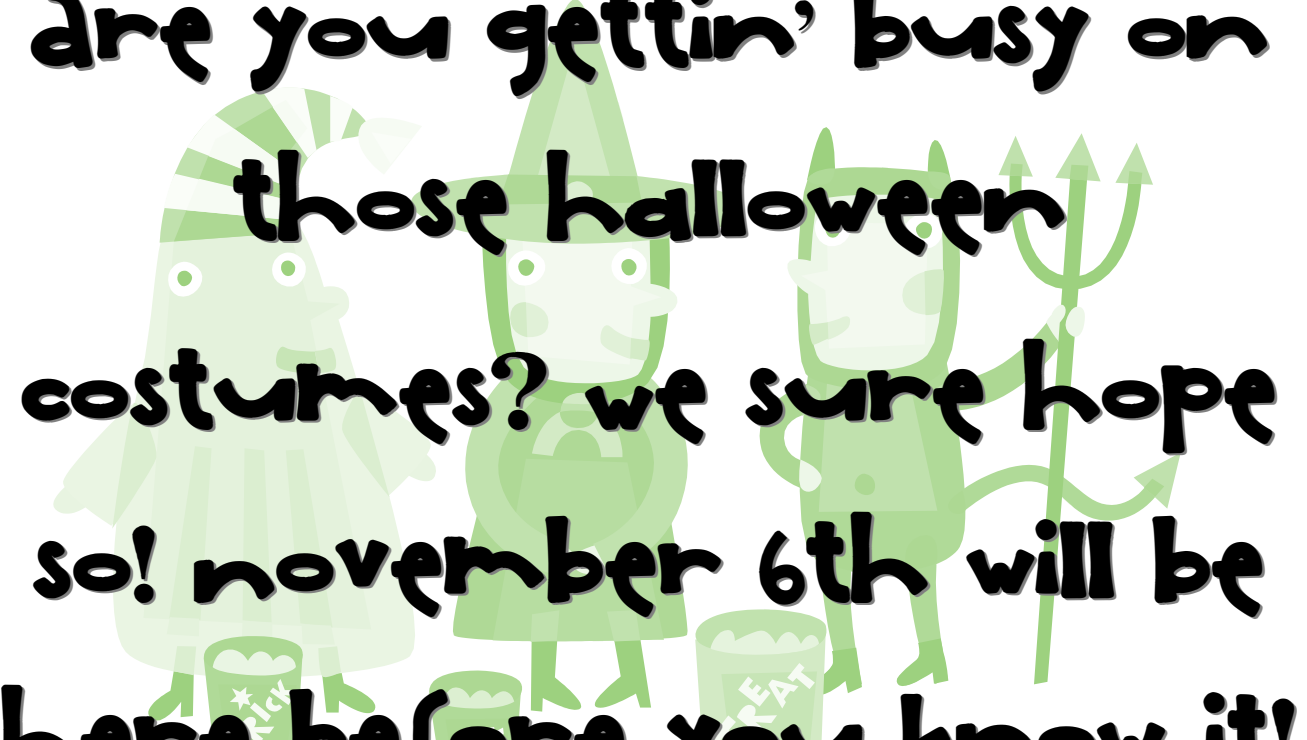
Be sure to bring your checkbooks (cash is good too!) to the next Wrinkle Time as we hope to have many Bulldog-related items for you to bid on. Thanks to all who support Bulldog Rescue!

Editor's note: I, personally, have embroidered a few things for the silent auction. I'm sure more goodies will be donated in the future so please support rescue and get some amazing bulldog items at the same time!



Does anyone have experience being a therapy dog? I have a reader who is interested in it. If you would like to talk to another bulldogger about therapy dogs please email me and I'll put ya' all in touch with each other! karen@pantheonbulldogs.com

are you gettin' busy on those halloween costumes? we sure hope so! november 6th will be here before you know it!



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Please
send your captions to karen@pantheonbulldogs.com

Wrinkle Time

Have you ever been to a pet psychic? If so and you would be willing to share your experience please email us! We'd like to know how it went and what you thought.

Yes, I have been to a pet psychic. When Olivia had her litter as the puppies got a little older she was getting rough with them. She loved her puppies but started to push them around. The Pet Psychic said that she was getting upset because they were starting to get around and she wanted to keep them together and close to her. Olivia was a young Mom and the psychic said I should help her and show her how to take care of them. Sure enough she was right. I started to show Olivia what to do and reassure her that it was ok for the puppies to move around and Olivia was real good with the puppies after that. I am a person doesn't want to think a psychic could be right but as usual she proved me wrong. So in this case the psychic was good. -S

Yes, I have gone to a pet psychic...twice...the same woman actually. I guess I was testing to see if she would tell me the same thing twice...or believing in that in my dogs (both living & the one on the bridge) could "talk" to me. I heard what I wanted to believe for the one on the bridge...and of course when the tears came, I'm guessing that gave her the "in" to continue telling me what I wanted to hear. "He is happy where he is now." "He's not mad at you." "He's no longer in pain." etc.

For those living she didn't really give me any insight as to my questions that I couldn't have gotten from other bulldoggers/search on the internet/common sense...she's eating things she shouldn't because she's bored. He just doesn't like car rides...plain as that.

Would I do it again? Probably, but with a different psychic for sure & I would try to contain myself so no "give aways" were obvious (ie tears, watch what I say, etc). -J

I took Andy to a psychic fair for \$1/minute talk with an animal psychic.

I didn't have a "problem" -- I just wanted to see what she could tell me.

I did not give her much information and phrased my questions so as not to "lead" her in any specific direction. Most of the questions below are mine, asked after an open session on whatever "Andy wanted me to know".

Unfortunately, she saw me walk in the door, with excited Andy entering first, and allowing him to greet people, including one woman who sat down on the floor to pet him. That started her off on an obedience angle that wasn't what I was looking for, so I had to get her past that. It was fun, yielded some information that has been helpful, included a few explanations that make all too much sense, as well as several common sense items, and was entertaining. Andy was very calm afterwards on the way home and when we got home.

What does Andy want me to know?


He needs consistency. He gets confused when you sometimes make him do things one way, and at other times it's different. Tap him with your foot to get his attention back to you, so he doesn't get to that "Red Zone". Remember that energy travels from me down the leash to him. If your having fun, he's having fun. If your nervous, he's nervous. He likes his snuggle time with you. He's concerned about something to do with a caffeine rush. It's not healthy for you. Do you drink coffee? What do you drink? You should switch to regular, not Diet. Diet's not healthy for you.

Any Pain? Health issues? knees?

allergies: like his food?

His food is OK. He likes his treats, some better than others. The colored ones sometimes upset his tummy. Organic treats would be good. Make your own. Bowel issues. He likes peanut butter. His skin is dry. He needs olive oil, 1 Tablespoon/day on his food. Fish oil is good, but dogs don't eat fish, and their breath smells like fish after eating fish oil. Will also keep him regular. Go ahead and give him the acidophilus. No Melaluca. Use organic carpet cleaner. Wash his paws. They burn sometimes. Eyes & teeth good. Breathing good.

What does he enjoy doing? Dog Park? PetsMart? Class? How /does he know where we're

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going? Dog class? Bulldog meeting? Vet office? IA? He knows where you're going almost before you do. Dogs live in the Animal Realm. He can see my projections of where we're going. He really likes the Walks.

What does he do during the day when I'm gone to work? Does he even get off his chair? He does his job -- watching the house. And he'd like to be thanked once in a while for doing his job. There's a spirit in your house. He comes to check on Anne. It's someone who passed 5-10 years ago, who knew bulldogs & appreciated bulldogs.

Therapy dog sound interesting?

Needs consistency. Tap him with your foot to keep his attention.

Does he visit others in the nursing home, or just your Dad? When lying with head in the hallway, he's watching the spirits. Lots of spirits in nursing homes, so he must not be scared by the spirits.

Vacation : if I go without him, does he want to stay at home / board in the Vet's kennel?
another kennel? where?

Need to leave him with a person as consistent as me, or a kennel who understands bulldogs. Show the person his routine.

Barking: excited, any way we can shorten this? Happy Dance just fine

Watch me, sit & wait for praise, consistency, respectful for Alpha Before you come home, think of him with the toy in his mouth.

What's up with Hammers?

You will need to lie him down beside a hammer, on his side, totally submissive.

You need to leave hammers lying around the house until he gets used to them and knows they won't hurt him. In a past life, a hammer fell down and hit him on the head.

What's up with running water for my showers and baths?

He can't see you to protect you.

Would he like to share our home with another dog?

A Friend would be nice. One like him -- a bulldog. A female, maybe older, not a puppy. A darker color, opposite of him. A red brindle and white. He will choose the Friend. Love at first site. He will be the Alpha.

Favorite toys?

He not only knows the names of his toys, He's very smart: he knows its color and he'd spell it for you, if you asked him.

Meet & Greet:

Tell people to wait to pet him until I give him the OK. "Wait" "Greet" command.

Clicker would work. "Forward" ?

Needs boundaries. Enter & leave first. Go and then invite him in. Don't let him greet on his own -- wait for my approval.

Italian & Genovese influence from past. Speaks with his hands. Taurus/ Taurean. 300 PSI pressure with his jaw. Not really like small children. Doesn't want to be around cats. Good sense of humor, beautiful personality. "Friend" is another dog. "Family" is a group of friends. Doesn't want her giving away his secrets.

Needs a Treadmill or to Pull someone on a skateboard or skates, or pull a wagon. Would help his knees.

Or Pull with harness, even attach a rope to a wall. -A

We are on Facebook!

No Bull...Just Fun!



www.wrinkletime.org

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

Ice cubes are a cheap treat!

SOLUTION



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